



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 8, 2021

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Re: ADR 983 (P-MUR 639)
Renewable Resources Hauling PAC and Mardell Sarkela, Treasurer
(C00557843)

Dear Mr. Werbrock:

On September 10, 2020, the Federal Election Commission (FEC/Commission) received a *sua sponte* submission citing certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and take no action against Renewable Resources Hauling PAC and Mardell Sarkela, Treasurer. In its memorandum to the Commission dated March 19, 2021, this office stated:

Summary and Analysis of Case: Renewable Resource Hauling PAC - Marin Resource Recovery Center and Mardell Sarkela, Treasurer (the Committee) and Marin Sanitary Service d/b/a Marin Resource Recovery Center (collectively, Respondents) filed a *sua sponte* submission dated September 10, 2020, indicating that the Committee received excessive and prohibited receipts from their connected organization totaling \$25,000. Three (3) contributions were made to the Committee, totaling \$15,000 during the 2015-2016 election cycle and \$10,000 during the 2019-2020 election cycle. All transactions were disclosed on reports filed with the Commission. On January 30, 2021, the Committee amended their 2020 October Quarterly Report to disclose a refund to their connected organization totaling \$5,032.66, reducing the overall excessive and prohibited receipts total to \$19,967.34.

According to the submission, the Committee refunded its balance of cash on hand as a corrective measure and it intends to terminate its political committee status upon resolution of this matter. On January 30, 2021, the Committee filed a Termination Report with the Commission.

The ADR Office recommends that the Commission exercise prosecutorial discretion and dismiss the matter which was voluntarily disclosed to the Commission by the Respondents. *Heckler v. Chaney* 470 U.S. 821 (1985).

Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on March 31, 2021.

The FEC is obligated by federal regulations to make a finding to terminate its proceedings public, as well as the basis therefore. 11 C.F.R. § 111.20. In addition, the Commission will also place on the record copies of the complaint, correspondence exchanged between Respondents and the Commission, and reports prepared for the Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. Accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Information Office.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosa Marshall".

Rosa Marshall
Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office