

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION Washington, DC 20463

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RE: Advisory Opinion Request 2016-13

Dear Messrs. Torchinsky and Roberts:

This letter responds to your letter dated September 19, 2016, requesting an advisory opinion on behalf of Martins for Congress. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the Commission has concluded its consideration of your advisory opinion request without issuing an advisory opinion.

The Commission released two public drafts of advisory opinions in response to your request. On October 3, 2016, the Commission released for public comment Draft A, and on October 11, 2016, the Commission made public Draft B. These documents are available on the Commission's website. Under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, the affirmative vote of four members of the Commission is required for the Commission to render an advisory opinion. *See* 52 U.S.C §§ 30106(c), 30107(a)(7); *see also* 11 C.F.R. § 112.4(b). The Commission has not reached four affirmative votes, and thus was unable to render an opinion in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact Neven Stipanovic, an attorney in this Office, at 202/694-1650.

Sincerely,

(signed) Adav Noti Associate General Counsel