

# DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF NEW MEXICO

Diane D. Denish, Chair  
Michael Olguin, Vice-Chair

April 22, 1999

Mr. Donald E. Campbell, Esq.  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 200463

BY FACSIMILE: #202-219-3923

RE: MUR 4752  
Democratic Party of New Mexico  
Thomas Atcitty, Treasurer

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COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF GENERAL  
COUNSEL  
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Dear Mr. Campbell:

We are in receipt of the FEC letter dated March 25, 1999. As a response to the letter and its enclosures, it is appropriate to advise you that the Democratic Party of New Mexico recently changed officers. Mr. Atcitty remains as the Treasurer, however, I am the newly elected Chair of the Party.

I was only made aware of the above matter by our FEC advisory attorney, Neil Reiff, on April 20, 1999. Mr. Reiff had was not designated as counsel in this matter by the previous chair and therefore was not obligated to advise me of the matter. He did so as a result of my inquiry about other matters. It is now my intention to designate Mr. Reiff as our counsel in this matter. Related to these matters I have two requests:

\*We would like to request an extension of 20 days for conciliation negotiations in this matter. (May 10) This extension will allow me to look into the matter more thoroughly.

\*Please advise me if, as Party Chair, I may sign the Statement of designation of Counsel or if it must be signed by the current Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer. As I mentioned to you, our Party Treasurer is frequently unavailable and lives in a very rural area. Never the less, I am in the process of appointing a new assistant Treasurer to ease Mr. Atcitty's path, and will do that as soon as possible.

I look forward to your response and thank you for your attention to this inquiry.

Sincerely,



Diane D. Denish

Cc: Neil Reiff  
Sandler & Reiff, P.C.