

RALPH J. PERFETTO

NEW YORK STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEEMAN
DEMOCRATIC DISTRICT LEADER
60th ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

October 26, 2006

Jeff S. Jordan, Supervisory Attorney
Complaints, Examination & Legal Admin.
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR # 5838

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am writing to you in reply to your letter of October 17, 2006 addressed to the Treasurer of the Friends of Ralph J. Perfetto as a result of the complaint of Vincent Ignizio, Chairman of the Richmond Republican County Committee, 58 New Dorp Plaza, Staten Island, NY 10306, alleging that Section II. Item B. FSH (Friends of Stephen Harrison) has accepted contributions from an unregistered committee.

FSH lists two receipts from Friends of Ralph Perfetto (FRP), one for \$750.00 and another for \$812.81, on its 2006 July Quarterly Report (21/46). However, FRP is not registered with the Commission despite having contributed over \$1,000.00 this year. 11CFR , 100.5(a); 102.1(d). Ralph Perfetto has also contributed \$530.28 as an individual to FSH.

That allegation is true. My committee is registered with the New York State Board of Elections NYSBOE). I had never contributed to a federal campaign in the past, and had inquired of the legal counsel of the NYSBOE and was informed that it was permitted as long as the candidate ran in the district that I represent on the NYS Committee. The \$750.00 was for a fundraising dinner @ \$250.00 per person. I attended with my wife, Phyllis O'Neil-Perfetto, and our treasurer Mary Forestiere. The \$812.81 was to reimburse FSH the cost of printing designating petitions. I had sent a check for that amount to the Brooklyn Democratic Organization (BDO) for printing the petitions, but was informed by the BDO that Mr. Harrison should pay for them, and that I should reimburse him. I complied. The \$530.28 was for the first fundraiser for FSH in which I was the host. I gave him a money order for \$500.00 since the FSH fund wasn't set up yet. The \$30.28 cents was a receipt for wine for the fundraiser as an in-kind contribution.

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As for the allegation that FRP was terminated as a committee with the NYSBOE in 1997. Nor has FRP filed any reports as an active committee, with that body as required by the NYSBOE since that time is untrue. I have filed with the NYSBOE at the required filing periods, and always on time. My reports were always filed under my initial registered number: 02681, thereafter it was change by the NYSBOE to: K2004P-0012. I am enclosing a copy of my filing page for the last period. Please note the time stamp from the NYSBOE.

We were unaware, nor were we informed that when one contributes to a federal candidate from a NYSBOE registered committee that it was also to be registered with the Federal Election Commission.

That is my true explanation for what transpired. It was not meant to cause difficulty for Ms. Alice Harrison and the FSH, nor cast any doubt on the candidacy of Stephen A. Harrison, and my treasurer, Ms. Mary Forestiere.

Sincerely,



Ralph J. Perfetto

cc: Ms. Alice Harrison, FSH
Ms. Mary Forestiere, FRP



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STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL
Please use one form for each Respondent/Client
FAX (202) 219-3923

MUR # _____

NAME OF COUNSEL: _____

FIRM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE- OFFICE (____) _____

FAX (____) _____

The above-named individual and/or firm is hereby designated as my
counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications
from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

10/26/06
Date

Ralph J. Peretto
Respondent/Client Signature

STATE COMMITTEEMAN
Title

RESPONDENT/CLIENT FRIENDS OF RALPH J. PERETTO
(Please Print)

MAILING
ADDRESS: _____

BROOKLYN, NY 11209

TELEPHONE- HOME

BUSINESS (____) _____

Information is being sought as part of an investigation being conducted by the Federal Election Commission and the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) apply. This section prohibits making public any investigation conducted by the Federal Election Commission without the express written consent of the person under investigation

STATE OF NEW YORK
BOARD OF ELECTIONS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT – COVER PAGE

ELECTION YEAR 2006	FILER ID K-2004P-0012	STATEMENT NUMBER FROM BELOW**	STATEMENT PERIOD DATES FROM 1.16.06 TO 7.15.06
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IDENTIFICATION YOU MUST TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY IN BLACK OR BLUE INK

FRIENDS OF RALPH PERFETTO
Name of Candidate or Committee

Residing Address of Treasurer – number and street

BROOKLYN, NY 11209
State Zip

CHECK BOX IF MAILING ADDRESS HAS CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT

FORESTIERE, MARY
Committee Treasurer Name (Last) (First)

THIS COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED BY THE CANDIDATE? ☒ YES ☐ NO

RALPH J. PERFETTO
Candidate Name
60TH A.D.
Office/District/Candidate Being Supported

TYPE OF REPORT

STATEMENT IS BEING FILED BY:

- ☐ Party Committee ☒ Constituted Committee
☐ Candidate ☐ Political Committee
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 32 day Pre General | 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Periodic Jan. 15, 19__ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11 day Pre General | 11 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Periodic July 15, 2006 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 27 day Post General* | 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> 24 hour notice |

Campaign material or a disclaimer must be submitted with Post-Election statements.

Termination Report (you cannot terminate if any funds or debts remain)

Amendment Report Date of original report ____/____/____

Treasurer Resignation Report: Copy of letter of resignation attached.

VERIFICATION

Must have original signature – sign in black or blue ink only

I state that the information contained in this statement is in all respects true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief

MARY FORESTIERE
Name – Print or type
TREASURER

Mary Forestiere
Signature

Date Signed

Phone Number

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