



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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BY ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

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RE: MUR 7512
Citizens to Elect Carl Wilson
Friends of Dallas Heard
Friends of David Brock Smith
Friends of Duane Stark
Friends of Gary Leif
Friends of Tim Freeman
Knute for Governor

Dear Mr. Lindsay:

On October 19, 2018, and November 8, 2018, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, Citizens to Elect Carl Wilson, Friends of Dallas Heard, Friends of David Brock Smith, Friends of Duane Stark, Friends of Gary Leif, Friends of Tim Freeman, and Knute for Governor, of a Complaint and an Amended Complaint alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Copies of the Complaint and Amended Complaint were forwarded to your clients at the time.

The Commission considered the Complaint and Amended Complaint on July 13 and July 15, 2021, but was equally divided on whether to take no action at that time regarding the allegations that, and equally divided on whether to find no reason to believe that, Citizens to Elect Carl Wilson, Friends of Dallas Heard, Friends of David Brock Smith, Friends of Duane Stark, Friends of Gary Leif, and Friends of Tim Freeman knowingly accepted or received prohibited foreign national donations. The Commission was also equally divided on whether to dismiss the allegations, and equally divided on whether to find no reason to believe, that Knute for Governor violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) by knowingly accepting or receiving prohibited foreign national donations. Accordingly, on July 15, 2021, the Commission closed its file in the matter.

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Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Disclosure of Certain Documents in Enforcement and Other Matters, 81 Fed. Reg. 50,702 (Aug. 2, 2016). A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission's decision is not required in this matter, but if one is issued, it will be provided to you.

If you have any questions, please contact Thaddeus H. Ewald, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Allen". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mark Allen
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