



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Jhamarcus A. Pharaoh

July 28, 2020

Athens, GA 30605

RE: MUR 7612

Dear Mr. Pharaoh:

The Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in your complaint received on May 20, 2019. On July 21, 2020, based upon the information provided in the complaint, and information provided by the respondents, the Commission decided to exercise its prosecutorial discretion to dismiss the allegations as to Ready for Kamala Harris and Kyantwon Stephens, and close its file in this matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on July 21, 2020. A copy of the General Counsel's Report, which more fully explains the basis for the Commission's decision, is enclosed.

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).

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Lisa J. Stevenson
Acting General Counsel

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff S. Jordan".

BY: Jeff S. Jordan
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure
General Counsel's Report

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY SYSTEM

DISMISSAL REPORT

MUR: 7612

Respondents: Ready for Kamala Harris
(the “Committee”),
Keyantwon Stephens

Complaint Receipt Date: May 20, 2019

Response Date: September 13, 2019

EPS Rating:

**Alleged Statutory
Regulatory Violations:**

52 U.S.C. § 30103(a)
11 C.F.R. § 102.1(d)

The Complaint alleges that Respondents used his name as treasurer on the Committee’s Statement of Organization without his permission.¹ The custodian of records and designated agent for the Committee, Keyantwon Stephens, indicates that the Committee raised no money and he intends to terminate the Committee.² Stephens does not directly address whether Complainant consented to serve as treasurer of the Committee, but implies that the issue involves an interpersonal dispute.³

Based on its experience and expertise, the Commission has established an Enforcement Priority System using formal, pre-determined scoring criteria to allocate agency resources and assess whether particular matters warrant further administrative enforcement proceedings. These criteria include (1) the gravity of the alleged violation, taking into account both the type of activity and the amount in violation; (2) the apparent impact the alleged violation may have had on the

¹ Compl. at 1 (May 20, 2019). The Complaint attaches an Identity Theft Report the Complainant filed with the Federal Trade Commission. Compl. at Ex. A.

² Resp. at 1 (Sept. 13, 2019).

³ *Id.* The Reports Analysis Division sent a verification letter to the Committee on December 9, 2019, and requested information by no later than January 13, 2020. See <https://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/704/201912090300052704/201912090300052704.pdf#navpanes=0>. As of January 14, 2020, the Committee had not responded and, pursuant to the Commission’s policy, the Committee has been placed on the unverified filers section of the Commission’s website.

electoral process; (3) the complexity of the legal issues raised in the matter; and (4) recent trends in potential violations and other developments in the law. This matter is rated as low priority for Commission action after application of these pre-established criteria. Given that low rating and the Respondents' assertion that the Committee has not received or spent funds, we recommend that the Commission dismiss the Complaint consistent with the Commission's prosecutorial discretion to determine the proper ordering of its priorities and use of agency resources. *Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821, 831-32 (1985). We also recommend that the Commission close the file and send the appropriate letters.

Lisa J. Stevenson
Acting General Counsel

Charles Kitcher
Acting Associate General Counsel

1.21.20
Date

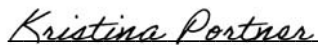
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