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Federal Election Commission

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RE: MUR 7614

Dear Commission:

I'm writing in corresponding to **MUR7614**, my wife, Hui Liu and I, Jon Deng were both named as straw donors for Cindy Yang for donation to the Trump Victory.

The complaint filed against my wife and I being straw donors on behalf of Cindy Yang is fictitious and malicious. It was based on groundless assumptions. It was based on assumptions that I had volunteered at the same organization Cindy Yang later volunteered; I had not shown pictures of us at these events in social media and I had not talked to Miami Herald, so we must be straw donors. These are absolute false assumptions and a witch hunt in today's political environment.

The attached photos and the plane ticket confirmation show that I personally attend these events, and with my guests. I have been a Republican over 20 years, and my voting records show that I had been active in elections. I wanted to meet the president I voted for. Attached are the photos of my event passes at the RNC events and myself being there physically. Additional photos are some of my guests who I invited to attend these events with me. These people I invited had no relationship to Cindy Yang. And I was not a Cindy Yang's guest at these events since I made these donations for myself. This can be verified by Cindy Yang's guest list at these events from Trump Victory.

I like to keep my life private and it's not a crime to not show my pictures in public and brag about it. I had been a volunteer to the Florida Republican Committee at Palm Beach County since 2016 to 2018. I had donated to other Republican candidates and conservative causes in addition to the Trump Victory in the past; these are my citizen's rights. I think it's discriminatory to me as Asian American that a newspaper story can be used as an evidence to accuse someone.

In addition, I have no relationship with Cindy Yang. We know each other from some of the local Chinese American community events. Cindy Yang showed up in 2 or 3 Asian GOP events from 2016-2017 where I was the director for community outreach. And I was first introduced to her by Cliff Li, the director of National Asian GOP.

I had resigned from my post from Asian GOP in October 2017, because I had some health issues. I had a liver operation in late December 2017. I had not worked with Cindy Yang when I was the community out-reach director at the Asian GOP Palm Beach Chapter. Cindy Yang came to her leadership role at Asian GOP Palm Beach Chapter after I left Asian GOP. She worked exclusively with Cliff Li and Xiaoqi Wang, and I wasn't aware of anything happened in Asian GOP after my resignation.

This fact can be confirmed by people in the local Chinese American Community. I had no interaction with Cindy Yang and the people from Asian GOP outside of courtesy greetings at public gatherings after my resignation from the organization. And I wasn't involved with Asian GOP financing or fund raising at any time of my involvement with Asian GOP. Those activities were directly managed by National Asian GOP and Cliff Li. My role there at Asian GOP was outreach only. And I had stopped my active political involvement in 2018 due to my liver surgery.

I was traveling to Atlanta when Miami Herald trying to interview me when my wife answered them in March. Attached is the evidence that I was in Atlanta when Miami Herald came to my house and tried to interview me. At the time, I felt this is my private life and I had nothing to do with Cindy Yang or her activities, I didn't feel like I want to expose my private life to a Newspaper, so I didn't respond to their inquiries, and somehow this become the main evidence that I was linked to Cindy Yang because I didn't talk to them.

I'm asking the commission to dismiss this fictitious complaint against my wife and me, as the complaint is purely based on discriminatory false assumptions that I'm Asian Republican, so I must be working with Cindy Yang.

Sincerely yours

Jon Deng

Hui Liu

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to be 'Hui Liu', written in a cursive style.

6/7/2019

Evidence 1: my passes at these events that we were accused that we didn't attend because we were straw donors.



Evidence 2: My table at Republican Spring 2018 Retreat Eve

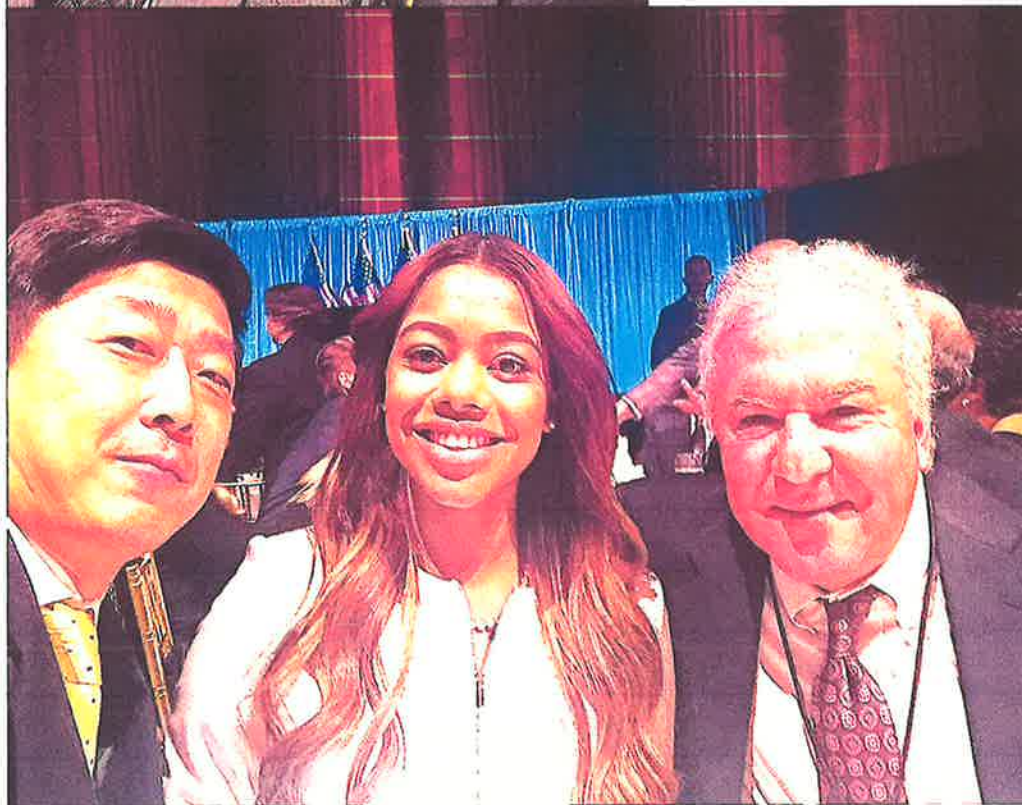


Evidence 3: My photo at early Dec 2017 NY event



Evidence 4:

My guests at early Dec 2017 NY event



Evidence 6: My picture at March 2018 Republican Retreat



Evidence 7: I had my liver surgery in late Dec 2017



Evidence 8: My flight ticket to NY in Nov 2017

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Domestic flights:
check-in and
bag drop closes.

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Evidence 9: My stay at Alpheretta, GA in March when Miami Herald stopped at my home for interviewing

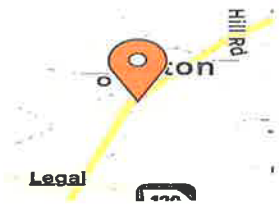
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Summary of Charges

GUEST INFORMATION

Jon Deng

Boca Raton, FL 334984529, US

CHECK-IN

Wed, Mar 13, 2019

CHECK-OUT

Fri, Mar 15, 2019

ROOM NO.

410

GUEST NO.

49543



MEMBER NO.

GROUP NO.





FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MAY 30 2019

Jon Deng

Boca Raton, FL 33498

RE: MUR 7614

Dear Mr. Deng:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint that indicates that you may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 7614. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

The Act affords you the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against you in this matter. If you wish to file a response, you may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath by persons with relevant knowledge. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B) and § 30109(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. Please be advised that, although the Commission cannot disclose information regarding an investigation to the public, it may share information on a confidential basis with other law enforcement agencies.¹

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission. Please note that you have a legal obligation to preserve all documents, records and materials relating to the subject matter of the complaint until such time as you are notified that the Commission has closed its file in this matter. See 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

¹ The Commission has the statutory authority to refer knowing and willful violations of the Act to the Department of Justice for potential criminal prosecution, 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(C), and to report information regarding violations of law not within its jurisdiction to appropriate law enforcement authorities. 52 U.S.C. § 30107(a)(1).