

## BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of )  
 ) PRE-MUR 619 and MUR 7629  
 Vincent Ross Spano; Ross Spano for )  
 Congress and Robert Phillips, III in his )  
 official capacity as treasurer; Karen L. )  
 Hunt; Cary Carreno )

CERTIFICATION

I, Vicktoria J. Allen, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on February 09, 2023, the Commission took the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

1. Failed by a vote of 1-5 to:
  - a. Open a Matter Under Review in connection with Pre-MUR 619 and merge it into MUR 7629.
  - b. Find reason to believe that Cary Carreno violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) by making excessive contributions.
  - c. Find reason to believe that Karen L. Hunt violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) by making excessive contributions.
  - d. Find reason to believe that Vincent Ross Spano violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f) by accepting excessive contributions.
  - e. Find reason to believe that Ross Spano for Congress and Robert Phillips, III in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116(f) and 30104(b)(3) by accepting excessive contributions and misreporting loans.
  - f. Find reason to believe that Ross Spano for Congress and Robert Phillips, III violated 11 C.F.R. § 103.3(b)(3) by failing to make timely refunds of excessive contributions.
  - g. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated October 29, 2019.

- h. Enter into conciliation with Vincent Ross Spano, Ross Spano for Congress and Robert Phillips, III in his official capacity as treasurer, Cary Carreno and Karen L. Hunt prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
- i. Approve the conciliation agreements, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated October 29, 2019.
- j. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioner Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion. Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, and Trainor dissented.

2. Decided by a vote of 6-0 to:

- a. Open a Matter Under Review in connection with Pre-MUR 619 and merge it into MUR 7629.
- b. Dismiss with admonishment that Cary Carreno violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) by making excessive contributions.
- c. Dismiss with admonishment that Karen L. Hunt violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) by making excessive contributions.
- d. Find reason to believe that Vincent Ross Spano violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f) by accepting excessive contributions.
- e. Find reason to believe that Ross Spano for Congress and Robert Phillips, III in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116(f) and 30104(b)(3) by accepting excessive contributions and misreporting loans.
- f. Find reason to believe that Ross Spano for Congress and Robert Phillips, III violated 11 C.F.R. § 103.3(b)(3) by failing to make timely refunds of excessive contributions.
- g. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated October 29, 2019, and authorize any conforming edits.
- h. Enter into conciliation with Vincent Ross Spano, Ross Spano for Congress and Robert Phillips, III in his official capacity as treasurer, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.

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- i. Approve the conciliation agreements, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated October 29, 2019, and authorize any conforming edits.
- j. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Broussard, Cooksey, Dickerson, Lindenbaum, Trainor, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.



Attest:

Vicktoria J  
Allen

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Deputy Secretary of the Commission