

VIA EMAIL

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Amanda S. LaForge Joseph E. Sandler Sandler Reiff Lamb Rosenstein & Birkenstock, P.C. 1090 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 750 Washington, DC 20005

RE:

MUR 7647

Chalupa & Associates, LLC

Dear Ms. LaForge & Mr. Sandler:

The Federal Election Commission acknowledges the receipt of your response, dated December 23, 2019, in MUR 7647. This correspondence serves as a formal notice that your client, Chalupa & Associates, LLC, may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). We are again providing you with a copy of the original complaint.

Unless you indicate otherwise within the next 15 days, we will accept your December 23, 2019, response and move forward with this matter. 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

Please note that we will need an executed designation of counsel form from your client in order to further communicate with you on this matter. Please have your client complete the enclosed form. Please note that you and your client 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.

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. *Id.* § 30107(a)(9).

Any correspondence sent to the Commission, such as a response, must be addressed to **one** of the following (note, if submitting via email this Office will provide an electronic receipt by email):

Mail

OR

Email cela@fec.gov

Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination
& Legal Administration
Attn: Kathryn Ross, Paralegal
1050 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20463

If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Ross at (202) 694-1539 or toll free at 1-800-424-9530. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

Jeff S. Jordan

Assistant General Counsel Complaints Examination & Legal Administration