



**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20463

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**VIA EMAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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RE: MUR 7681 (VoteVets, *et al.*)

Dear Ms. Arnold:

The Federal Election Commission has considered the allegations contained in your complaint and supplements dated January 21, February 14, and March 9, 2020, but there was an insufficient number of votes to find no reason to believe or dismiss the allegations as to VoteVets and Rick Hegdahl in his official capacity as treasurer (“VoteVets”) and VoteVets Action Fund. There were also insufficient votes to find no reason to believe that Cal Cunningham and Cal for NC and Steve Mele in his official capacity as treasurer violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the “Act”) and Commission regulations by knowingly accepting excessive contributions. The Commission was also equally divided on whether to find reason to believe as to allegations that VoteVets violated the Act or Commission regulations by making and failing to report excessive or prohibited contributions and that VoteVets Action Fund violated the Act or Commission regulations by making excessive contributions. Accordingly, on February 17, 2022, the Commission closed the file in this matter. A Statement of Reasons providing a basis for the Commission’s decision will follow.

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).

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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). If you have any questions, please contact Laura Conley, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650 or [lconley@fec.gov](mailto:lconley@fec.gov).

Sincerely,

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