



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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VIA EMAIL

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Dr. Johnny Mark Teague
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RE: MURs 7724, 7752
Church at the Cross, *et al.*

Dear Dr. Teague:

On April 7 and June 24, 2020, the Federal Election Commission notified you and the Church at the Cross (the "Church") of Complaints alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. Upon review of the allegations in the Complaints and information provided by you, on May 31, 2023, the Commission determined to dismiss as a matter of prosecutorial discretion the allegations that the Church made, and you knowingly accepted, in-kind corporate contributions in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30118 and 11 C.F.R. § 114.2 in connection with the television ad that aired from February through March 2020 and the use of the Church address and facilities. In addition, the Commission determined to dismiss as a matter of prosecutorial discretion the allegations that the Church violated 52 U.S.C. § 30120 and 11 C.F.R. § 110.11 by failing to include a disclaimer on the television ad and 52 U.S.C. § 30104(f) and 11 C.F.R. 104.20 by failing to disclose information about its electioneering communication to the Commission.

The Commission also found that there is no reason to believe that the Church made, and you knowingly accepted, an in-kind corporate contribution in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30118 and 11 C.F.R. § 114.2 in connection with the Church's Facebook posts and that the Church violated 52 U.S.C. § 30120 and 11 C.F.R. § 110.11 by failing to include a disclaimer on its Facebook posts referencing your candidacy. Accordingly, on May 31, 2023, the Commission closed the file in this matter.

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). If a Statement of Reasons is issued by one or more Commissioners, it will be provided to you.

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If you have any questions, please contact Christine C. Gallagher, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650 or cgallagher@fec.gov.

Sincerely,

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