



April 13, 2020

Via Electronic Mail Only
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RE: MUR 7726

Dear Mr. Elias:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) received a complaint that indicates your clients Hillary for America and Jose Villarreal in his official capacity as treasurer 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 7726. 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 your clients 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

Please note that you have a legal obligation to preserve all documents, records, and materials relating to the subject matter of the referral until such time as you are notified that the Commission has closed its file in this matter. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

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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

Federal Election Commission
Office of Complaints Examination
and Legal Administration
Attn: Christal Dennis, Paralegal
1050 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20463

*OR***Email**

CELA@fec.gov

As indicated in the FEC's Notice found at https://www.fec.gov/resources/cms-content/documents/website_notice_regarding_status_of_FEC_operations_3-17-20.pdf, the office's mailroom is not processing correspondence at this time and, therefore, we strongly encourage you to file your response via email.

If you have any questions, please contact Christal Dennis at (202) 694-1519 or toll free at 1-800-424-9530. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's preliminary procedures for processing possible violations discovered by the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff S. Jordan".

Jeff S. Jordan
Assistant General Counsel
Complaints Examination &
Legal Administration