



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Mary Weeks, Treasurer
Weeks2020

May 28, 2021

Goodhue, MN 55027

RE: MUR 7779
Weeks2020
and Mary Weeks, as treasurer

Dear Ms. Weeks:

On August 20, 2020, the Federal Election Commission (“Commission”) notified Weeks2020 and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the “Act”) and Commission regulations. A copy of the complaint was forwarded to the Committee at that time. On May 26, 2021, based upon the information contained in the complaint and additional information provided by respondents, the Commission voted to dismiss allegations that Weeks2020 and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, and Adam Charles Weeks, violated provisions of the Act. The Commission then closed its file in this matter. A copy of the General Counsel’s Report, which more fully explains the basis for the Commission’s decision, is enclosed.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003) and Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General Counsel’s Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg. 66132 (Dec. 14, 2009). If you have any questions, please contact Don Campbell, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Jordan".

Jeff S. Jordan
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure:
General Counsel’s Report

1 **BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**
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3 **ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY SYSTEM**
4 **DISMISSAL REPORT**
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6 **MUR:** MUR 7779

Respondents: Weeks2020

7 and Mary Weeks, as treasurer
8 (the “Committee”)
9 Adam Charles Weeks

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11 **Complaint Receipt Date:** August 14, 2020

12 **Response Date:** September 1, 2020
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16 **Alleged Statutory/
17 Regulatory Violations:**

**52 U.S.C. § 30104;
11 C.F.R. §§ 104.1, 104.3, 104.5**

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19 The Complaint states that Adam Charles Weeks filed a Statement of Candidacy and the
20 Committee filed a Statement of Organization in May 2020, but the Committee has failed to file
21 multiple disclosure reports, including its July Quarterly and Pre-Primary Reports.¹ The Committee
22 asserts that it has not raised or spent the minimum amount necessary to meet the threshold for
23 candidate status, and thus was not required to file reports.²

24 Based on its experience and expertise, the Commission has established an Enforcement
25 Priority System using formal, pre-determined scoring criteria to allocate agency resources and
26 assess whether particular matters warrant further administrative enforcement proceedings. These
27 criteria include (1) the gravity of the alleged violation, taking into account both the type of activity
28 and the amount in violation; (2) the apparent impact the alleged violation may have had on the
29 electoral process; (3) the complexity of the legal issues raised in the matter; and (4) recent trends in

¹ Compl. at 1 (August 14, 2020). The Complaint further alleges that postings on the Committee’s website demonstrates that Weeks “more than likely” crossed the \$5,000 threshold for becoming a candidate under the Act and Commission regulations, and therefore was required to file campaign finance reports. *Id.* at 3-4. Commission records show that the Committee has not filed any campaign finance reports to date.

² Response at 1 (September 1, 2020). The Response states that the Committee has “not come close” to the \$5,000 threshold, and in support of that assertion, it attaches screenshots of bank account records of receipts and disbursements that it contends are from the Committee’s campaign bank account. *Id.* at 1-10. Available information indicates that candidate died on September 21, 2020.

1 potential violations and other developments in the law. This matter is rated as low priority for
2 Commission action after application of these pre-established criteria. Given that low rating and the
3 Respondents' assertion and supporting information that suggests a low level of fundraising and
4 spending, we recommend that the Commission dismiss the Complaint consistent with the
5 Commission's prosecutorial discretion to determine the proper ordering of its priorities and use of
6 agency resources.³ We also recommend that the Commission close the file as to all Respondents
7 and send the appropriate letters.

8 Lisa J. Stevenson
9 Acting General Counsel

12 Charles Kitcher
13 Acting Associate General Counsel

15 05.18.21
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17 Date

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³ *Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821, 831-32 (1985).