



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

June 23, 2023

Via Email

lbaglietto@yahoo.com

Lou Baglietto, Treasurer
Buzz Patterson for Congress
4712 E. 2nd St., #431
Long Beach, CA 90803

RE: MUR 7796
Buzz Patterson for Congress and Louis
Baglietto in his official capacity as
treasurer

Dear Mr. Baglietto:

On June 22, 2023, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement submitted on behalf of Buzz Patterson for Congress and Louis Baglietto in his official capacity as treasurer in settlement of violations of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a), (b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a), (b) provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, regarding the failure to file required reports of receipts and disbursements. Accordingly, the file has been closed 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). Information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt will not become public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B).

Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1021.

Sincerely,

Richard Weiss

Richard L. Weiss
Attorney

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)	
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Buzz Patterson for Congress)	MUR 7796
and Louis G. Baglietto in his)	
official capacity as treasurer)	
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CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated by a signed, sworn, and notarized Complaint. The Federal Election Commission (the “Commission”) found reason to believe that Buzz Patterson for Congress and Louis G. Baglietto in his official capacity as treasurer (the “Committee”) violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a), (b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, amended (the “Act”), and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a), (b) of the Commission’s regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and Respondent, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

- I. The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this Agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(A)(i).
- II. Respondent has had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.
- III. Respondent enters voluntarily into this Agreement with the Commission.
- IV. The pertinent facts and law in this matter are as follows:
 1. The Committee is a political committee within the meaning of 52 U.S.C. § 30101(4).
 2. Louis G. Baglietto is the treasurer of the Committee.

3. Under the Act, each treasurer is required to keep an accurate account of and disclose, among other things, committee receipts, disbursements, and cash-on-hand balances 52 U.S.C. §§ 30102(c), 30104(a), (b). To accomplish this, the Act imposes on committees a series of recordkeeping and reporting requirements to be executed by the committee's treasurer. Among other requirements, the treasurer shall file reports of receipts and disbursements that must specifically identify the cash-on-hand balance at the beginning of the reporting period, the total amount of receipts, and the total amount of disbursements. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b). The Act requires a committee to disclose the name and address of each person who makes a contribution to the reporting committee whose contribution or aggregate contributions value in excess of \$200 together with the date and amount of any such contribution. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(3)(A); *accord* 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a). The Act requires a committee to disclose the name and address of each person to whom an expenditure exceeding \$200 is made, along with the date, amount, and purpose of the particular expenditure. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(5)(A); *accord* 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(b).
4. Debts and obligations, including loans made by the candidate, must be reported continuously until repaid, and are reported as debts owed to or by the committee on Schedule D. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(G), (H), 11 C.F.R §§ 104.3(d); 104.11.
5. The treasurer is required to preserve all records and accounts for three years after the report to which such records and accounts relate is filed. 52 U.S.C. § 30102(c), (d); 11 C.F.R. § 102.9.
6. Between July 2, 2019, and December 31, 2019, the Committee failed to disclose \$10,798.90 of disbursements to LGM Consulting Group, LLC.

7. The Committee reported a \$2,500 personal loan from Buzz Patterson personally to the Committee on September 30, 2019, however no such loan was ever made by Patterson to the Committee.

8. Between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2021, the Committee received and failed to disclose approximately \$233,093.69 in contributions.

9. Between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2021, the Committee made and failed to disclose approximately \$233,086.26 in disbursements.

V. The Committee violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a), (b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a), (b). by failing to file reports of receipts and disbursements, failing to report disbursements, and misreporting a loan.

VI.

1. In ordinary circumstances, the Commission would seek a civil penalty based on the violation outlined in the Agreement. However, the Commission is taking into account that the Committee represents that it intends to terminate, is defunct, has no cash on hand, and has a limited ability to raise any additional funds. Accordingly, the Commission agrees that no civil penalty will be due. If evidence is uncovered indicating Respondent's financial condition is not as represented, a civil penalty of \$72,000 will be immediately due, pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(A).

2. Respondent will cease and desist from violating 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a), (b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a), (b).

3. Respondents will file complete disclosure reports as to all receipts and disbursements for all reporting periods between January 1, 2020, and March 31, 2022.

VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this Agreement. If the Commission believes that this Agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

VIII. This Agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed the same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

IX. Respondent shall have no more than thirty (30) days from the date this Agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this Agreement and to so notify the Commission.

X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or

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oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written Agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lisa Stevenson
Acting General Counsel

BY: **Charles Kitcher**
Charles Kitcher
Associate General Counsel
for Enforcement

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Louis G. Baglietto
For the Committee

6/6/2023
Date