



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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Via Electronic Mail Only
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Scott E. Thomas
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RE: MUR 7903
Thomas Chavez

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) received a complaint which indicates your client, Thomas Chavez 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 7903. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

The complaint was not sent to your client earlier due to administrative oversight. Under the Act your client, Thomas Chavez has the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against him in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis 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 complaint until such time as you are notified that the Commission has closed its file in this matter. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 1519.

¹ 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
& Legal Administration
Attn: Christal Dennis, Paralegal
1050 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20463

OR

Email
cela@fec.gov

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If you have any questions, please contact Christal Dennis at (202) 694-1619. For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling complaints.

Sincerely,

Roy Q. Lockett

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