



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC

January 10, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Ambrosia Ferree, Treasurer
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RE: MUR 8104
Henry Martin for Congress

Dear Ms. Ferree:

On January 24, 2023, the Federal Election Commission notified you in your official capacity as treasurer for Henry Martin for Congress of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (“the Act”). A copy of the complaint was forwarded to you at that time.

Upon further review of the allegations contained in the complaint, the Commission, on December 9, 2024, voted to dismiss this matter effective January 10, 2025. Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record today. *See* Disclosure of Certain Documents in Enforcement and Other Matters, 81 Fed. Reg. 50,702 (Aug. 2, 2016).

If you have any questions, please contact Rocelyn Halili, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Aaron Rabinowitz

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Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure:

Enforcement Priority System Dismissal Report

1 **BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**
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3 **ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY SYSTEM**
4 **DISMISSAL REPORT**
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6 **MUR 8104**

Respondent: Henry Martin for Congress and
Ambrosia Ferree in her official
capacity as treasurer

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10 **Complaint Receipt Date:** January 18, 2023

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12 **Response Date:** August 11, 2023

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16 **Alleged Statutory/**

17 **Regulatory Violations:** 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a), (b)
18 11 C.F.R. §§ 104.1(a), 104.3
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20 The Complaint alleges that Henry Martin for Congress and Ambrosia Ferree in her
21 official capacity as treasurer (the “Committee”), the principal campaign committee of 2022
22 congressional candidate Henry Martin,¹ violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as
23 amended (the “Act”), when the Committee’s reported ending cash on hand balance in its 2022
24 Pre-Primary Report failed to match its beginning cash on hand balance in its subsequent 2022
25 October Quarterly Report, reflecting an unexplained increase of \$30,554.03.² In Response, the
26 Committee states that it does not “fully understand the issue,” claiming that its “reports have
27 been consistent.”³

28 Based on its experience and expertise, the Commission has established an Enforcement
29 Priority System using formal, pre-determined scoring criteria to allocate agency resources and

¹ Henry Martin for Congress, Amended Statement of Organization (Sept. 19, 2022).

² Compl. at 1 (Jan. 18, 2023).

³ Resp. at 1 (Aug. 11, 2023). The Reports Analysis Division issued several Requests for Additional Information to the Committee, requesting that it explain the discrepancy. *E.g.*, RFAI, 2022 April Quarterly Report (Oct. 4, 2022), <https://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/830/202210040300154830/202210040300154830.pdf>. To date, the Committee has not provided a response.

1 assess whether particular matters warrant further administrative enforcement proceedings. These
 2 criteria include (1) the gravity of the alleged violation, taking into account both the type of
 3 activity and the amount in violation; (2) the apparent impact the alleged violation may have had
 4 on the electoral process; (3) the complexity of the legal issues raised in the matter; and (4) recent
 5 trends in potential violations and other developments in the law. This matter is rated as low
 6 priority for Commission action after application of these pre-established criteria. Given that low
 7 rating, and the low dollar amount at issue, we recommend that the Commission dismiss the
 8 Complaints consistent with the Commission's prosecutorial discretion to determine the proper
 9 ordering of its priorities and use of agency resources.⁴ We also recommend that the Commission
 10 close the file and send the appropriate letters.

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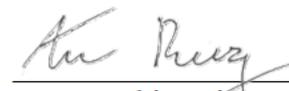
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Lisa J. Stevenson
 Acting General Counsel

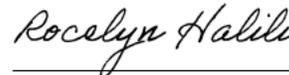
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⁴ *Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821, 831-32 (1985).