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FEC RELEASES SEVEN COMPLIANCE CASES

WASHINGTON -- The Federal Election Commission has made public its final action on seven matters previously under review (MURs). This release contains only summary information. Closed files should be thoroughly read for details, including the FEC's legal analysis of the case. (Please see footnote at the end of this release.) Closed MUR files are available in the Public Records Office.

1. MUR 3638/3578

- RESPONDENTS:**
- (a) National Security Political Action Committee, Elizabeth I. Fediay, treasurer (DC) [3638]
 - (b) Republican Challengers Committee, Robert E. Miller, Jr., treasurer (CA) [3638/3578]
 - (c) Presidential Victory Committee, Robert E. Miller, Jr., treasurer (DC) [3638/3578]
 - (d) Mrs. Wesley West (TX) [3578]
 - (e) Floyd Brown (DC) [3638]
 - (f) Response Dynamics, Inc. (VA) [3638]
 - (g) Direct Response Data Management Service, Inc. (VA) [3638]
 - (h) American Telephone Marketing Group, Inc. (VA) [3638]
 - (i) The Best Lists, Inc. (VA) [3638]
 - (j) American Graphic Design, Inc. (VA) [3638]
 - (k) Mid-America Printing Company, Inc. (VA) [3638]
 - (l) Fulfillment Management Services, Inc. (VA) [3638]
- COMPLAINANT:** Democratic National Committee, Carol Darr, Esq. and Eric D. London, Esq. (DC) [3638/3578]
- SUBJECT:** Corporate contributions; excessive contributions; failure to disclose affiliated committees; failure to report debts accurately; submitted reports signed by someone other than treasurer; failure to report contributions and debts
- DISPOSITION:**
- (a) Probable cause to believe, but took no further action*
[re: corporate contributions]
Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: failure to accurately report debts; failure to disclose affiliated committees; excessive contributions]
 - (b) Probable cause to believe, but took no further action*
[re: corporate contributions]
Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: failure to disclose affiliated committees; excessive contributions]

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- (c) Reason to believe, but to no further action*
[re: excessive contributions; submitted reports signed by someone other than treasurer]
No reason to believe*
[re: failure to report contributions and debts; corporate contributions]
- (d) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: excessive contributions]
Sent admonishment letter.
- (e) Took no action*
- (f-1) Probable cause to believe, but took no further action*
[re: corporate contributions]

2. MUR 3673

RESPONDENTS: (a) Democratic National Committee, R. Scott Pastrick, treasurer (DC)
(b) National Rainbow Coalition, Inc. (DC)
(c) Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. (DC)

COMPLAINANTS: Ralph E. Reed, Jr. on behalf of the Christian Coalition (VA)

SUBJECT: Corporate contributions

DISPOSITION: (a) Conciliation Agreement: \$5,000 civil penalty*
(b-c) Conciliation Agreement: \$5,000 civil penalty*

3. MUR 4308

RESPONDENTS: (a) The Honorable F. Michael Gunn (MS)
(b) Friends of Mike Gunn, Fred Gene Ray, treasurer (MS)
(c) Mike Gunn's Nonfederal Campaign and treasurer (MS)

COMPLAINANTS: Mark J. McCreery (treasurer) on behalf of Pickering for Congress Congressional Campaign Committee (MS)

SUBJECT: Failure to report expenditures; transfer of funds from non-federal campaign to federal campaign; use of non-federal (state) funds; prohibited contributions; failure to file a disclosure; failure to file disclosure report timely; failure to file copy of disclosure report with Mississippi Secretary of State's office; personal use of campaign funds

DISPOSITION: (a) No reason to believe
[re: any violation of the law]

(b) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: failure to report expenditures; transfer of funds from non-federal campaign to federal campaign; use of non-federal (state) funds; prohibited contributions]
Sent admonishment letter.
No reason to believe*
[re: failure to file copy of disclosure report with Mississippi Secretary of State's office; failure to file disclosure report timely]

(c) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
[re: transfer of funds from non-federal campaign to federal campaign; use of non-federal (state) funds; prohibited contributions]

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4. MUR 4311

RESPONDENTS: (a) Vargas for Congress '96, Deanna Liebergot, treasurer (CA)
 (b) Juan C. Vargas (CA) (c) Richard D. Ascoli (CA)
 (d) Ralph Inzunza (CA) (e) The Primacy Group (CA)

COMPLAINANTS: The Honorable Bob Filner, Bob Filner for Congress (CA)

SUBJECT: Failure to accurately report date of disbursement; use of non-federal (local) campaign funds; failure to report expenditure; excessive contributions; failure to file Statement of Candidacy timely

DISPOSITION: (a) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
 [re: failure to accurately report date of disbursement]
 No reason to believe*
 [re: any other violations of the law]
 (b-e) No reason to believe*
 [re: any other violations of the law]

5. MUR 4319

RESPONDENTS: Friends of Bob Carr, Bob Carr, treasurer (MI)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)

SUBJECT: Failure to file 48-hour reports

DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$11,000 civil penalty*

6. MUR 4327

RESPONDENTS: (a) Vargas for Congress '96, Deanna Liebergot, treasurer (CA)
 (b) Bank of Commerce (CA)
 (c) Juan C. Vargas (CA)
 (d) Adrienne D. Vargas (CA)

COMPLAINANTS: The Honorable Bob Filner; Bob Filner for Congress (CA)

SUBJECT: Bank contribution; excessive contribution; failure to report contributions

DISPOSITION: (a) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
 [re: excessive contribution]
 Sent admonishment letter.
 No reason to believe*
 [re: failure to report contributions]
 (a-c) Insufficient votes to find reason to believe*
 [re: bank contribution]
 (d) Reason to believe, but took no further action*
 [re: excessive contribution]
 Sent admonishment letter.

7. MUR 4493

RESPONDENTS: Transport Workers Union Political Contributions Committee, John J. Kerrigan, treasurer (NY)

COMPLAINANT: FEC Initiated (RAD)

SUBJECT: Failure to file disclosure report timely

DISPOSITION: Conciliation Agreement: \$1,600 civil penalty*

*There are four administrative stages to the FEC enforcement process:

1. Receipt of proper complaint
2. "Reason to believe" stage
3. "Probable cause" stage
4. Conciliation stage

It takes the votes of at least four of the six Commissioners to take any action. The FEC can close a case at any point after reviewing a complaint. If a violation is found and conciliation cannot be reached, then the FEC can institute a civil court action against a respondent.

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