



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

June 7, 2021

Shawnda Deane, Treasurer
Americans for Decency and Democracy

Response Due Date
June 28, 2021

Re: ADR 1026 (RAD 21L-30)
Americans for Decency and Democracy and Shawnda Deane, Treasurer (C00756635)

Dear Shawnda Deane:

The Federal Election Commission (FEC or Commission) referred a compliance issue to the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (ADR Office) for processing. The referral by the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) was based on a review of reports filed by Americans for Decency and Democracy which reflect a possible failure to comply with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

The FEC established the ADR Program to provide an informal means for resolving matters that come before the Commission and to facilitate negotiations directly with Americans for Decency and Democracy and Shawnda Deane, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee). The ADR Program provides Respondents with an opportunity to negotiate settlement of a matter that is mutually agreeable. The negotiations occur prior to any Commission consideration of whether there is reason to believe a violation has occurred. If negotiations are successful, the resulting settlement would conclude the matter.

The Commission, in referring the matter to the ADR Office, determined that the case is eligible for processing in the ADR program. If Respondents decide to participate in the ADR Program, you must: 1) indicate in writing a willingness to have your case submitted for ADR processing; 2) agree to participate in the bilateral interest based negotiations; and 3) waive the statute of limitations while the matter is being processed under the FEC's ADR program.

The issues referred to the ADRO, and the focus of our subsequent negotiations are summarized as follows:

The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred Americans for Decency and Democracy and Shawnda Deane, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to timely file one (1) 24-Hour Report supporting two (2) independent expenditures totaling \$50,135.29 disclosed on the 2021 30-Day Post-Runoff Report.

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The Committee filed a Form 99 (Miscellaneous Electronic Submission) on March 22, 2021, stating that the failure to file the 24-Hour Reports was caused by miscommunication with the vendor. In addition, the Committee states that it has since implemented measures to ensure future compliance.

If after reviewing this letter and the enclosed ADR Frequently Asked Questions, which describe the ADR program, Respondent(s) would like to participate in ADR processing, you need to affirmatively indicate that on the enclosed Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR form. **Failure to respond affirmatively within fifteen (15) business days from the date of this letter will be taken as a notice of disinterest in the program and your case will be dropped from further consideration for ADR.** In that event, your case will be sent to the FEC's Office of General Counsel for further processing, and the likelihood that the Committee will be audited during the next election cycle will increase.

This matter has been designated as **ADR 1026**. Please refer to this number in future correspondence with the FEC. If you have questions about the ADR Program, please contact the ADRO at my direct dial as indicated below

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosa Marshall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rosa" and last name "Marshall" clearly distinguishable.

Rosa Marshall
Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office