



**Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463**

August 21, 2007

Jeff Landry
Craig Romero for Congress, Inc.
P.O. Box 11139
New Iberia, LA 70562

Re: ADR # 362
Craig Romero for Congress, Inc. and Jeff Landry, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Landry:

Enclosed is the signed copy of the agreement resolving the complaint filed on August 31, 2006 with the Federal Election Commission ("FEC/Commission") against Craig Romero for Congress, Inc and Jeff Landry, Treasurer ("Respondents"). The agreement for ADR 362 (MUR 5804) was approved by the Commission on August 17, 2007 – the effective date of the agreement.

Note the specific time frames for compliance in paragraph 9 of the agreement. Please forward to this office, a statement confirming Respondent's compliance with the terms listed in paragraph 6 of the aforementioned agreement. The letter should note the dates on which Respondents satisfied each of the terms listed in paragraph 6.

As you are aware, the settlement agreement will be made part of the record that is released to the public. The Commission will also place on the record copies of the complaint, correspondence exchanged between your office and this office prior to our entry into settlement negotiations and reports prepared for the Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. The Commission is obliged by Federal statute to place on the public record documents in closed enforcement and alternative dispute resolution cases; accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Information Office.

This agreement resolves the matter that was brought to the attention of the FEC by the Christopher Whittington regarding an alleged violation of the federal election

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campaign laws. I appreciate your assistance in effectively resolving this matter and bringing the case to a mutually acceptable conclusion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn M. Fraser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lynn" being more prominent.

Lynn M. Fraser, Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office
202-694-1665

Enclosure: Agreement



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Case Number. ADR 362

Source: MUR 5804

Case Name Craig Romero for Congress, Inc

NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT

This matter was initiated by a signed, sworn and notarized complaint filed by Christopher L. Whittington. Following review of the matter, and in an effort to promote compliance with the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, ("FECA") and resolve this matter, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") entered into negotiations with Jeff Landry, Esq. representing Craig Romero for Congress and Jeff Landry, in his official capacity as Treasurer ("the Committee" or "Respondents"). It is understood that this agreement will have no precedential value relative to any other matters coming before the Commission.

Negotiations between the Commission and Respondents addressed the issues raised in this complaint. The parties agree to resolve the matter according to the following terms:

1. The Commission entered into this agreement as part of its responsibility for administering the FECA, and in an effort to promote compliance on the part of Respondents. The Commission's use of alternative dispute resolution procedures ("ADR") is guided by "The Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996," 5 U.S.C. § 572 and is an extension of 2 U.S.C. § 437g.
2. Respondents voluntarily enter into this agreement with the Commission.
3. The complaint alleges that Respondents failed to have disclaimers on campaign signs placed around District 3 in Louisiana.
4. All public communications for which a political committee makes a disbursement must include a disclaimer. If the communication is paid for and authorized by a candidate, an authorized committee of a candidate, or an agent of either of the foregoing, the disclaimer must clearly state that the communication has been paid for by the authorized political committee. 2 U.S.C. § 441d, 11 C.F.R. § 110.11.
5. Respondents acknowledge an inadvertent violation of FECA due to staff using approximately 200 signs left from a previous campaign. Respondents contend that they heard no complaints during the 2004 campaign, and thus did not realize their error. Respondents argue that as soon as they were notified of the omission during the 2006 campaign, however, they had a vendor print


disclaimers to affix to the campaign signs in District 3. In addition, Respondents contend that all campaign communications produced for the 2006 campaign had adequate disclaimers.

6. Respondents assert that the Committee has no funds remaining, and debt of \$4,000. Respondents accept an admonishment for their omission on the signs left from a previous campaign. The Committee immediately corrected the omission diminishing the likelihood the public was confused as to who paid for the signs, and the candidate does not intend to run for federal office again. In an effort to resolve this matter, Respondents agree to work with Commission staff to terminate the Committee.
7. Respondents agree that all information provided to resolve this matter is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge and that they sign this agreement under penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746.
8. The parties agree that if Respondents fail to comply with the terms of this settlement, the Commission may submit any unpaid civil penalty to the U.S. Treasury for collection or undertake civil action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to secure compliance.
9. This agreement shall become effective on the date signed by all parties and approved by the Commission. Respondents shall comply with the terms within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this agreement.
10. This Negotiated Settlement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on ADR 362 (MUR 5804), and effectively resolves the issues identified in paragraph 3 above. No other statement, promise or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party, not included herein, shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Deborah Ruth Kant, Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

By:


Lynn M. Fraser, Assistant Director

8/17/07
Date Signed

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:


Jeff Landry, Esq.
Representing Craig Romero for Congress
and Jeff Landry, Treasurer

8/13/07
Date Signed