



**Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463**

November 25, 2008

Sam R. Crawford
1627 Diamond Loop
Bellingham, WA 98226

Re: ADR 447 (MUR 5946)

Dear Mr. Crawford:

On October 23, 2007, the Federal Election Commission ("FEC" or "Commission") notified Crawford for Council of a complaint alleging certain violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. A copy of the complaint was enclosed with the notification.

After considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission has determined to exercise its prosecutorial discretion and take no further action against the Respondents Crawford for Council. In its memorandum to the Commission, dated February 13, 2008, this office stated:

The FECA prohibits foreign nationals from making contributions, donations, expenditures, independent expenditures or disbursements, directly or indirectly, in connection with a Federal, State, or local election. The Complainant alleges that candidates for local office in the Bellingham, Washington vicinity accepted contributions from foreign nationals.

Specifically, the complaint alleges that that Crawford for Council (Crawford), advocating the re-election of Sam Crawford to the Whatcom County Council, accepted \$300 from Peter and Magdalene Watts, Canadian citizens. The complaint also alleges that Crawford accepted \$300 from Evergreen View Ventures (Evergreen), believed to be a Canadian company owned by Peter and Magdalene Watts.

Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on November 6, 2008.

The FEC is obligated by federal regulations to make a finding to terminate its proceedings public, as well as the basis therefore. 11 C.F.R. § 111.20(b). In addition, the Commission will also place on the record copies of the complaint, correspondence

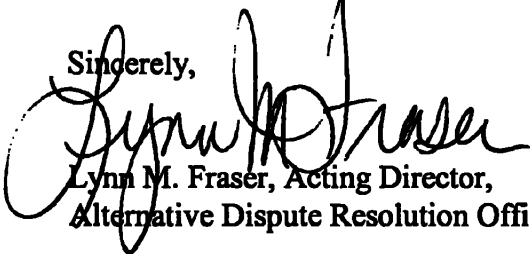
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exchanged between Respondent(s) and the Commission, and reports prepared for the Commission by this office to assist in its consideration of this matter. Accordingly, copies of documents relative to this matter will be forwarded shortly to the FEC's Public Information Office.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please be in touch. My telephone number is 202-694-1665.

Sincerely,



Lynn M. Fraser, Acting Director,
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office