



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20463

August 7, 2009

Cornelius D. Murray, Treasurer  
Friends of Phil Steck  
39 North Pearl St., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Albany, NY 12211

Re: ADR 506(RAD 09L-29)  
Friends of Phil Steck and Cornelius D. Murray, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Murray:

The Reports Analysis Division of the Federal Election Commission (FEC or Commission) determined that matters arising from its recent review of reports filed by Friends of Phil Steck warranted further examination for possible violation of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. The Commission, thereafter, reviewed the file and assigned this matter to the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Office (ADR Office) for processing.

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 Friends of Phil Steck and Cornelius D. Murray, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee). The ADR Program provides Respondents with an opportunity to negotiate, and if necessary, mediate 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 and/or mediation 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 Program, i.e., negotiation and/or mediation, you must: 1) indicate in writing a willingness to have your case submitted to the ADR process; 2) agree to participate in the bilateral negotiations and if necessary, mediation; 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:

RAD referred Friends of Phil Steck and Cornelius D. Murray, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for a failure to disclose all financial activity on their 2008 12 Day Pre-Primary Report and their 2008 October Quarterly Report. The Committee filed a 2008 12 Day Pre-Primary Report

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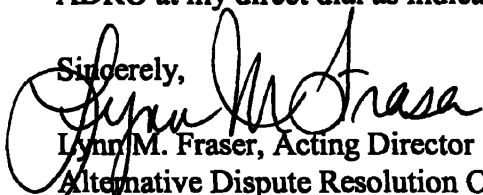
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on August 28, 2008. The Committee filed several amended 8 12 Day Pre-Primary Reports beginning on October 25, 2008, which resulted in additional disbursements of \$94,987.16. The Committee filed a 2008 October Quarterly Report on October 15, 2008. The Committee filed several amended 2008 October Quarterly Reports beginning on December 29, 2008, which resulted in additional disbursements of \$92,706. Respondents replied to inquiries from RAD that the omissions in disbursements on both reports resulted from overlooked or incorrect entries in disbursements

If after reviewing this letter and the enclosed brochure, which describes the ADR program, Respondent(s) would like this case selected for 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 of receipt 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 506**. 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,



Lynn M. Fraser, Acting Director  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office  
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Enclosures: Brochure  
Commitment to Submit Matter to ADR  
Designation of Representative/Counsel