



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

December 4, 2020

Mardell Sarkela, Treasurer
Renewable Resources Hauling PAC
565 Jacoby Street
San Rafael, CA 94901

Response Due Date
12/28/2020

Re: ADR 983 (P-MUR 639)
Renewable Resources Hauling PAC and Mardell Sarkela, Treasurer (C00557843)

Dear Mardell Sarkela:

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 Office of General Counsel (P-MUR 639) was based on a *sua sponte* submission filed by Renewable Resource Hauling PAC - Marin Resource Recovery Center, which reflects 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 Renewable Resource Hauling PAC - Marin Resource Recovery Center and Mardell Sarkela, 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:

On September 10, 2020, a *sua sponte* submission was filed by Renewable Resource Hauling PAC - Marin Resource Recovery Center and Mardell Sarkela, Treasurer ("the Committee"), with Marin Resource Recovery Center (collectively,

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“Respondents”). According to the Submission, the Committee received prohibited and excessive corporate contributions during the last five years totaling \$25,000.

Respondents state that they have retained a professional, experienced compliance firm to take over the accounting and reporting for the Committee, as well as refunded \$5,000 as corrective actions to remedy this matter.

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 983**. 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,

Rosa Marshall
Assistant Director
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office