

## BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

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MUR 5453

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Salvatore Trovato

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## GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT # 17

**I. ACTIONS RECOMMENDED**

Accept the attached signed conciliation agreement with Salvatore Trovato ("Respondent"); approve the appropriate letters; and close the file.<sup>1</sup>

**II. BACKGROUND**

On May 18, 2004, the Commission found, *inter alia*, reason to believe that Respondent violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(1)(A) and (a)(3) in connection with an excessive contribution he made to the Giordano for US Senate Committee ("the Committee") and authorized an investigation into the matter.<sup>2</sup> On October 17, 2005, the Commission found probable cause to believe that Respondent violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441a(a)(1)(A) and (a)(3), by gifting \$300,000 to his son-in-law, Philip Giordano, in the form of a certificate of deposit which was pledged as direct cash collateral for a bank loan to the Committee. See General Counsel's Report # 13 dated October 12, 2005.

<sup>1</sup> Mr. Trovato is the last remaining respondent in this matter. The Commission has closed the files of 20 other respondents, having conciliated with 10 respondents.

<sup>2</sup> All of the facts in this matter occurred prior to the effective date of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 ("BCRA"), Pub. L. 107-155, 116 Stat. 81 (2002). Accordingly, unless specifically noted to the contrary, all citations to the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), herein are as it read prior to the effective date of BCRA and all citations to the Commission's regulations herein are to the 2002 edition of Title 11, Code of Federal Regulations, which was published prior to the Commission's promulgation of any regulations under BCRA.

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III. DISCUSSION

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**IV. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Accept the attached signed conciliation agreement with Salvatore Trovato.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.

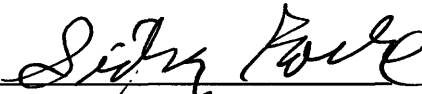
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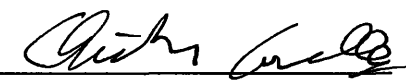
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Attachment:

Conciliation Agreement and copy of check

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