

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

July 18, 2023

Moni Casarez, Treasurer Latinos for America First 10201 Buffalo Speedway; 5225 Houston, TX 77054

> Response Due Date August 4, 2023

Re: ADR 1119 (AR A21-12) Latinos for America First and Moni Casarez, Treasurer (C00685776)

Dear Treasurer:

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 Audit Division was based on a review of reports filed by Latinos for America First which reflect 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 Latinos for America First and Moni Casarez, 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:

The Audit Division referred Latinos for America First and Moni Casarez, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for two (2) findings detailed in the Final Audit Report of the Commission, as approved on June 12, 2023. Finding one (1) states that the Committee understated its receipts and disbursements

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by \$152,815 and \$183,369, respectively, on the original reports filed, prior to audit notification, over the two-year reporting period ending December 31, 2020.

Finding two (2) states that the Committee failed to disclose or inadequately disclosed occupation and/or name of employer information for 129 contributions from individuals, totaling \$39,340.

The Committee filed amended disclosure reports that materially corrected the public record and stated that they have implemented procedures and reorganized to remain compliant moving forward.

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.

This matter has been designated as **ADR 1119**. 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

Rosa Marshall Assistant Director Alternative Dispute Resolution Office