



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

June 14, 2023

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Amy Denton

Houston, TX 77036

RE: MUR 7752
Johnny Teague for Congress
Campaign Committee, *et al.*

Dear Ms. Denton:

This is in reference to the Complaint you filed with the Federal Election Commission on June 22, 2020, concerning the Johnny Teague for Congress Campaign Committee and James Poullard in his official capacity as treasurer (the “Committee”), the Church at the Cross (the “Church”), and Dr. Johnny Mark Teague (collectively “Respondents”). The Complaint was considered along with a separate complaint filed in MUR 7724. Upon review of the allegations in the complaints and information provided by Respondents, on May 31, 2023, the Commission determined to dismiss as a matter of prosecutorial discretion the allegations that the Church made, and Teague and the Committee knowingly accepted, in-kind corporate contributions in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30118 and 11 C.F.R. § 114.2 in connection with the television ad that aired from February through March 2020 and the use of the Church address and facilities and that the Committee failed to report receipt of in-kind contributions in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a) in connection with the television ad and the use of the Church address and facilities. In addition, the Commission determined to dismiss as a matter of prosecutorial discretion the allegations that the Church violated 52 U.S.C. § 30120 and 11 C.F.R. § 110.11 by failing to include a disclaimer on the television ad and 52 U.S.C. § 30104(f) and 11 C.F.R. 104.20 by failing to disclose information about its electioneering communication to the Commission.

The Commission also found that there is no reason to believe that the Church made, and Teague and the Committee knowingly accepted, an in-kind corporate contribution in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30118 and 11 C.F.R. § 114.2 in connection with the Church’s Facebook posts; that the Committee failed to report receipt of an in-kind contribution in violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3 in connection with the Church’s Facebook posts; and that the Church violated 52 U.S.C. § 30120 and 11 C.F.R. § 110.11 by failing to include a disclaimer on

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its Facebook posts referencing Teague's candidacy. Accordingly, on May 31, 2023, the Commission closed the file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Disclosure of Certain Documents in Enforcement and Other Matters, 81 Fed. Reg. 50,702 (Aug. 2, 2016). If a Statement of Reasons is issued by one or more Commissioners, it will be provided to you.

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8). If you have any questions, please contact Christine C. Gallagher, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650 or cgallagher@fec.gov.

Sincerely,

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