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MUR #5642

GEORGE SOROS

Summary

RESPONDENTS: Soros, George; Columbus Metropolitan Club, Inc.; Fenton Communications, Inc.; Fenton, David; World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

COMPLAINANT: Flaherty, Peter T.

SUBJECT: Express Advocacy; Reporting

DISPOSITION: The Commission failed by a vote of 3-3 to: a) Authorize the Office of General Counsel to file suit against George Soros. b). Approve the appropriate letter.

The Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 a) Take no further action and close the file in MUR 5642. b) Approve the appropriate letter.

2. REDACTED

The Commission decided by a vote of 4-1 on an amended pre-meeting tally, to take the following actions in MUR 5642: 1. Find probable cause to believe that George Soros violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(c) and 11 C.F.R. § 109.10. 2. REDACTED 3. Approve the appropriate letters.

The Commission failed by a vote of 3-3 to pass a motion to: a) Find reason to believe that George Soros violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(c) and 11 CFR § 109.10 by failing to report independent expenditures. b) Find reason to believe that George Soros violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(c) and 11 CFR §

109.10 by reporting independent expenditures late.c) Approve the factual and legal analysis, as recommended in the General Counsel's Report dated March 3, 2006.

The Commission decided by a vote of 5-1 to:a) Authorize the use of compulsory process in this matter, including the issuance of interrogatories, document subpoenas, deposition subpoenas and orders.b) Approve the appropriate letters.

The Commission decided by a vote of 6-0

to:a).....REDACTED.....find no reason to believe that the Columbus Metropolitan Club violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, or the Commission's regulations in MUR 5642.b).....REDACTED.....find no reason to believe that the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, or the Commission's regulations in MUR 5642.c).....REDACTED..... find no reason to believe that David Fenton and Fenton Communications violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, or the Commission's regulations in MUR 5642.

The Commission decided by a vote 5-1 to: Find reason to believe that George Soros violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(c) and 11 CFR § 109.10 by failing to report independent expenditures, except, limit the reason to believe finding to the issues associated with the mailing lists, and modify the factual and legal analysis accordingly.

Disposition

Disposition	Penalty	Respondent	Citation
No Reason to Believe		Columbus Metropolitan Club, Inc.	
		Fenton Communications, Inc.	
		Fenton, David	
		World Affairs Council of Philadelphia	
Probable Cause to Believe Finding/No Further Action		Soros, George	2 U.S.C. <u>§434(c)</u> 11 CFR <u>109.10</u>

Documents

Type	Date	Document
Complaint, Responses, Designation of Counsel and Extensions of Time	07/21/2005	Supplement to Complaint 163 KB
	04/06/2005	Designation of Counsel from George Soros 34 KB
	03/24/2005	Response from George Soros 220 KB
	03/16/2005	Response from World Affairs Council of Philadelphia 928 KB
	03/04/2005	Response from Columbus Metropolitan Club 1 MB
	02/17/2005	Grant of Extension of Time to Columbus Metropolitan Club 29 KB
	02/14/2005	Request for Extension of Time from George Soros 35 KB
	02/14/2005	Designation of Counsel and Request for Extension of Time from Columbus Metropolitan Club 135 KB
	02/08/2005	Response and Designation of Counsel from World Affairs Council of Philadelphia 89 KB
	01/15/2005	Complaint 2 MB
General Counsel Reports, Briefs, Notifications and Responses	12/15/2008	Notification to David Fenton and Fenton Communications, Inc. 36 KB
	12/15/2008	Notification to World Affairs Council of Philadelphia 39 KB
	12/15/2008	Notification to Columbus Metropolitan Club 37 KB

Type	Date	Document
	12/15/2008	Notification to George Soros 38 KB
	12/15/2008	Notification to National Legal and Policy Center 60 KB
	09/25/2007	General Counsel's Report #3 466 KB
	05/31/2007	Response from George Soros 982 KB
	04/30/2007	Notification with General Counsel's Brief to George Soros 361 KB
	05/23/2006	Notification with Factual and Legal Analysis to George Soros 297 KB
	03/03/2006	First General Counsel's Report 1 MB
Certifications	11/18/2008	George Soros 28 KB
	10/10/2007	George Soros 24 KB
	04/18/2006	George Soros; Fenton Communications; World Affairs Council of Philadelphia; Columbus Metropolitan Club; David Fenton 77 KB
Statement of Reasons	03/10/2009	Commissioner Ellen L. Weintraub 155 KB
	01/22/2009	Vice Chairman Matthew S. Petersen and Commissioners Caroline C. Hunter and Donald F. McGahn II 429 KB
	01/02/2008	Chairman Robert D. Lenhard and Commissioner Ellen L. Weintraub 211 KB
	12/31/2007	Vice Chairman David M. Mason and Commissioner Hans A. von Spakovsky

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Participants

Relationship	Name
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	World Affairs Council of Philadelphia
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