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Funny story. The @FEC puts out a "Weekly Digest" of everything we do, an immensely helpful public resource. Check it out, and subscribe, here:

<https://t.co/a4yomX2yEJ>

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This week, I published a "Draft Interpretive Rule Concerning Prohibited Activities Involving Foreign Nationals" on the <https://t.co/mzijOnYRLg> web site:

<https://t.co/pf3ByC8AnZ>

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GOP FEC Commissioner Caroline Hunter took the altogether unprecedented step of objecting to its being added to the Digest and blocked publication of the whole Digest as a result.

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I always thought these anti-regulatory people liked the First Amendment well enough. I guess they think it's just for corporations.

I'm not fond of anyone trying to suppress my speech.

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And I think the public should absolutely not miss out on this week's Digest. So! Because Commissioner Hunter has blocked the Commission from publishing the FEC's Weekly Digest, I have decided to publish the information myself here on Twitter.

Here it is:

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Information from the @FEC's Weekly Digest

Week of September 23 - 27, 2019

Commission meetings and hearings

The Commission voted to cancel the executive session scheduled for September 24 and the open meeting scheduled for September 26.

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<https://t.co/IXmYTeei76>

Enforcement

The Commission made public five closed cases and one Statement of Reasons, as follows. For more information, see the case documents in the Enforcement Query System: <https://t.co/laGyCbZICW>

MURs 6960 & 6991

<https://t.co/vvNppL9tYo>

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COMPLAINANTS: National Republican Congressional Committee; and Republican National Committee

RESPONDENTS: Roger A. Stone; and SW Technologies, LLC d/b/a Advocacy Data (SWT)

SUBJECT: The complaints alleged that SWT, a political marketing firm, and Stone,...

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...SWT's founder, president and CEO, violated the sales and use provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the Act), by compiling a commercial mailing list using the names and ...

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addresses of contributors obtained from FEC disclosure reports, which was then used to make solicitations.

DISPOSITION: The Commission entered into a conciliation agreement providing for SWT to pay a civil penalty of \$25,000 and dismissed the allegations as to Stone.

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MUR 7508

<https://t.co/mSJqZGuXvt>

COMPLAINANT: Robert Secaur

RESPONDENTS: Friends of Sherrod Brown and Judith Zamore, in her official capacity as treasurer (the Committee); and Whirlpool Corporation (Whirlpool)

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SUBJECT: The complaint alleged that Whirlpool made and the Committee accepted a prohibited in-kind corporate contribution when Whirlpool employees were depicted in a Committee campaign advertisement.

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DISPOSITION: The Commission dismissed the allegations and closed the file. The Commission noted that the record indicated that Whirlpool specifically declined the Committee's request to film on its property and requested that the Committee ...

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...clarify that the appearance of the Whirlpool logo and employees in the ad did not amount to an endorsement by Whirlpool.

MUR 7545

<https://t.co/cS8fMeJBKL>

@FEC 15/

COMPLAINANT: FEC-Initiated

RESPONDENT: Tea Party Majority Fund and Scott B. Mackenzie, in his official capacity as treasurer (TPMF)

SUBJECT: In the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, the Commission initiated proceedings to determine ...

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...whether there was reason to believe TPMF failed to provide supporting schedules on its disclosure reports for independent expenditures totaling over \$1.8 million made during the 2016 election cycle, including disclosure of debts and filing of 48-Hour Reports.

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DISPOSITION: The Commission entered into a conciliation agreement providing for TPMF to amend its reports to reflect independent expenditures and debts accurately at all times and to pay a civil penalty of \$100,000.

MUR 7611

<https://t.co/NEcIB8v0lg>

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COMPLAINANT: FEC-Initiated

RESPONDENT: American Delta Party and Suzan Korth, in her official capacity as treasurer (the Committee)

SUBJECT: In the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, the Commission initiated proceedings ...

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...to determine whether there was reason to believe the Committee received an excessive contribution of \$25,000 from an individual and a \$7,000 prohibited contribution from a limited liability corporation disclosed on its 2016 August Monthly Report.

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DISPOSITION: The Commission entered into a conciliation agreement providing for the Committee to pay a civil penalty of \$5,500.

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<https://t.co/wgbGkBqnGC>

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(Comite Pierluisi, Inc. and Hector Del Rio Jimenez, in his official capacity as treasurer) The Commission made public a Statement of Reasons by former Commissioner Lee E. Goodman, dated September 6, 2017: <https://t.co/XNpuFU3eJO>

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Administrative Fines

The Commission made public seven closed cases, as follows. For more information, see the case documents in the Enforcement Query System: <https://t.co/RtWzJs9Fcx>

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Eric for Us and Elizabeth Perez, in her official capacity as treasurer. The Commission made a final determination and

assessed a civil penalty of \$445.

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3483

Daniel Freilich for Congress and Sondra Tova Freilich, in her official capacity as treasurer. The Commission made a final determination and assessed a civil penalty of \$291.

[@FEC 25/](#)

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Angie Chirino for Congress and Jorge Mirabent, in his official capacity as treasurer. The Commission made a final determination and assessed no civil penalty.

[@FEC 26/](#)

3485

Deedra 2018 for US Senate and Marlene Binnion, in her official capacity as treasurer. The Commission made a final determination and assessed a civil penalty of \$630.

[@FEC 27/](#)

3486

Committee to Elect Tahirah Amatul-Wadud and Yasmin Temprow, in her official capacity as treasurer. The Commission made a final determination and assessed a civil penalty of \$1,702.

[@FEC 28/](#)

3488

Mindi for Congress and Justin Messmer, in his official capacity as treasurer. The Commission made a final determination and assessed a civil penalty of \$1,387.

[@FEC 29/](#)

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Jill Stein for President and Steven Welzer, in his official capacity as treasurer. The Commission made a final determination and assessed a civil penalty of \$728.

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Litigation

Level the Playing Field, et al. v. FEC (Case No. 19-5117)

<https://t.co/QMd56ZFd8X>

On September 26, Independent Voter Project, Admiral James Stavridis, Senator Joseph Robert Kerrey, Senator Joseph Isadore Lieberman, the Honorable Clarine Nardi Riddle, ...

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...the Honorable David M. Walker, and the Honorable Christine Todd Whitman filed an Amici Curiae Brief in support of Appellants [ <https://t.co/lorggT7MGU> ]; FairVote and the Coalition for Free and Open Elections filed an Amici Curiae Brief in support of...

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...Plaintiffs-Appellants [ <https://t.co/NdKUxswHU1> ]; and Nonprofit Leaders, Scholars and Practitioners filed a Corrected Amici Curiae Brief [ <https://t.co/GWdbikw0sq> ] in support of Plaintiffs-Appellants in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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Libertarian National Committee v. FEC (Case No. 19-234)

<https://t.co/QarJgkEjCw>

On September 24, The Cato Institute [ <https://t.co/6CgDESoFTm> ], The Institute for Free Speech [ <https://t.co/C2699pTgZS> ], and ...

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...the Goldwater Institute [ <https://t.co/koDXDPZx8G> ] filed Amici Curiae Briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court in support of Petitioner.

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Outreach

On September 23, Chair Ellen L. Weintraub discussed the role and work of the Commission with students from Fairport High School in Rochester, NY.

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On September 26, the Commission issued the Statistical Summary of Six-Month Campaign Activity of the 2019-2020 Cycle: <https://t.co/Zk5YTCBIVE>

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Oversight hearing

Chair Weintraub, Commissioner Caroline C. Hunter, and Commissioner Steven T. Walther each provided written testimony [ <https://t.co/zLbOczstz4T> ] to the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on House Administration.

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A hearing before the Committee originally scheduled for September 25 has been postponed until an as yet undetermined later date.

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Commissioners' statements

On September 26, Chair Weintraub issued a statement [ <https://t.co/RyJM1vQj64> ] on a Draft Interpretive Rule Concerning Prohibited Activities Involving Foreign Nationals.

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Upcoming Commission meetings and hearings

October 16: The Commission is scheduled to meet in executive session: <https://t.co/FFRU0EEOF7>

October 17: The Commission is scheduled to hold an open meeting: <https://t.co/yX8nZKW8Ct>

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Meeting dates are subject to change. Please contact the Press Office the week of the scheduled meeting for confirmation.

Upcoming reporting due dates

October 15: October Quarterly reports are due. <https://t.co/S6rWUNrshe>

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For more information on quarterly reporting dates, refer to the 2019 Quarterly Reporting page of the Commission website.

October 20: October Monthly reports are due.

<https://t.co/O2x69dM4yr>

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For more information on monthly reporting dates, refer to the 2019 Monthly Reporting page of the Commission website.

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Upcoming educational programs

On October 2, Commission staff will host reporting and FECFile webinars for candidate committees:

<https://t.co/WRtqO3xIj0>

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On October 29-30, the Commission will host a Regional Conference in San Diego, CA for candidates, political parties, and political action committees: <https://t.co/KVK5WmysNF>

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Additional research materials

FEC Notify

Want to be notified by email when campaign finance reports are received by the agency?

Sign up here: <https://t.co/4ti6EUxIPw>

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Additional research materials about the agency, campaign finance information, and election results are available through the Library section of the Commission website.

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Printed copies of the 2019 edition of Title 11 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) are available [<https://t.co/8RexUvazAb>]. Contact the Commission's Information Division at (202) 694-1100 or (800) 424-9530 (press 6, when prompted) ...

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...to order printed copies of the CFR at no charge. You may also email the Information Division to place an order at [info@fec.gov](mailto:info@fec.gov).

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The 2019 Combined Federal State Disclosure and Election Directory is available [<https://t.co/qXAkH8b9UI>].

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This publication identifies the federal and state agencies responsible for the disclosure of campaign finances, lobbying, personal finances, public financing, candidates on the ballot, election results, spending on state initiatives and other financial filings.

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To order a printed copy, please contact the FEC's Public Records Office at 800/424-9530 (option 2) or 202/694-1120, or send an email to [pubrec@fec.gov](mailto:pubrec@fec.gov).

Federal Elections 2016: Election Results for the U.S. President, the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of ...

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...Representatives is available [ <https://t.co/EMcpGnsucT> ]. The data was compiled from the official vote totals published by state election offices. To order a printed copy, please contact the FEC's Public Records Office at 800/424-9530 (option 2) or 202/694-1120,

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...or send an email to [pubrec@fec.gov](mailto:pubrec@fec.gov).

The FEC Record is available as a continuously updated online news source: <https://t.co/eJvFsf4doy>

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...to watch instructional videos that have been designed to help candidates and committees comply with federal campaign finance laws. Note that the FEC is not currently available through other social media platforms at this time.

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