

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

In the Matter of a Complaint by  
John Torrenti Jr., Old Saybrook

File No. 2007-373

AGREEMENT CONTAINING CONSENT ORDER  
FOR VIOLATIONS OF  
CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES § 9-622

This agreement, by and between Donald Brodeur Jr., (hereinafter referred to as "Respondent") of the Town of Old Saybrook, County of Middlesex, State of Connecticut and the authorized representative of the State Elections Enforcement Commission, is entered into in accordance with § 9-7b-54 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and § 4-177(c) of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

In accordance herewith, the parties agree that:

1. Respondent served as the treasurer of the "Committee to Elect Dan Moran," a candidate committee formed to fund the municipal campaign of Dan Moran, First Selectman candidate in the November 6, 2007 Town of Old Saybrook municipal election.
2. On August 29, 2007, Nina Rubin made a contribution in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to the "Committee to Elect Dan Moran." On September 19, 2007, Matthew Rubin, Hadass Rubin and Robert Rubin each made a contribution in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to the "Committee to Elect Dan Moran."
3. General Statutes § 9-611 provides in pertinent part:

(a) **No individual shall make a contribution** or contributions to, for the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary, or **any candidate's campaign for election, to the office of** (1) Governor, in excess of three thousand five hundred dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of two thousand dollars; (3) **chief executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand dollars**; (4) state senator or probate judge, in excess of one thousand dollars; or (5) state representative or any other office of a municipality not previously included in this subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars. The limits imposed by this subsection shall be applied separately to primaries and elections. [Emphasis added.]

4. General Statutes § 9-622 provides in pertinent part:

The following persons shall be guilty of illegal practices . . . :

(10) Any person who solicits, makes or receives a contribution that is otherwise prohibited by any provision of this chapter;


5. The Respondent received and deposited contributions from the above named individuals that were in excess of the permissible contribution limits for a candidate for the office of First Selectman. The receipt of each excessive contribution by the Respondent constitutes a violation of General Statutes § 9-622(10).
6. The Respondent returned five hundred dollars to each of the four contributors on October 18, 2007, refunding the excess amount of the contributions that the four individuals made.
7. The Respondent admits all jurisdictional facts and agrees that this agreement and Order shall have the same force and effect as a final decision and Order entered after a full hearing and shall become final when adopted by the Commission. The Respondent shall receive a copy hereof as provided in Section 9-7b-56 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.
8. It is understood and agreed that this agreement will be submitted to the Commission at its next meeting and, if it is not accepted by the Commission, it is withdrawn by the Respondents and may not be used as an admission in any subsequent hearing, if the same becomes necessary.
9. The Respondent waives:
  - (a) Any further procedural steps;
  - (b) The requirement that the Commission's decision contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law, separately stated; and
  - (c) All rights to seek judicial review or otherwise to challenge or contest the validity of the agreement or Order entered into pursuant to this agreement.
10. Upon the Respondents' agreement with the Order hereinafter stated, the Commission shall not initiate any further proceedings against him pertaining to this matter.

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) on or before March 12, 2008 and shall henceforth strictly comply with § 9-622, General Statutes.

Dated: 2/25/08

For the State of Connecticut

BY: 

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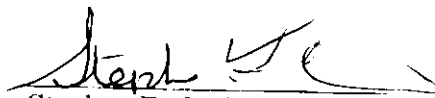
The Respondents

Dated: 2/18/08



Donald Brodeur Jr.  
Old Saybrook, CT

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008 at Hartford, Connecticut



Stephen F. Cashman, Chair  
By Order of the Commission