

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF LABOR-MANAGEMENT STANDARDS
WASHINGTON, DC 20210**

DETERMINATION

Determination of a Complaint Filed under Section 458.63 of the Assistant Secretary's Standards of Conduct Regulations (29 CFR 458.63) Issued pursuant to Section 7120(d) of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. 7120(d))

On August 26, 2016, the Secretary of Labor received a complaint alleging violations of Section 458.29 of the Rules and Regulations of the Assistant Secretary issued pursuant to Section 7120(d) of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (CSRA), in the regularly scheduled election of officers conducted on April 16, 2016, by AFGE Local 559 in Orlando, Florida.

Pursuant to Section 458.50 of the Rules and Regulations, the Chief of the Division of Enforcement of the Office of Labor Management Standards (OLMS) caused an investigation to be conducted by the Department of Labor. The investigation disclosed that the conduct of the challenged election may have violated Section 458.29 of the Rules and Regulations in that AFGE Local 559 failed to provide adequate notice of the election in violation of 29 CFR § 452.102. The investigation by OLMS disclosed that many of the combined election notice/ballot packages were mailed to members on March 31, 2016, less than 15 days prior to the date they would have to be mailed back in order to meet the 9:00 a.m. deadline on April 16, 2016.

Apprised of these findings, American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) agreed to conduct a new election of officers under the supervision of the Chief of the Division of Enforcement, in accordance with Section 458.29 of the Rules and Regulations of the Assistant Secretary. The agreed upon remedial election was concluded on March 4, 2017. It is, therefore,

DETERMINED, that there is probable cause to believe that violations of Section 458.29 of the Rules and Regulations occurred which may have affected the outcome of the election conducted by AFGE Local 559 on April 16, 2016, but that these violations have been remedied by the new election, conducted in accordance with Section 458.29, under the supervision of the Chief, Division of Enforcement, OLMS, on March 4, 2017.

Therefore, enforcement proceedings under Section 458.66 of the Rules and Regulations of the Assistant Secretary to set aside the election conducted on April 16, 2016 are not warranted.

Signed this 28th day of March 2017.



Chief, Division of Enforcement

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April 26, 2017

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

The enclosed Determination represents the Department's final disposition of the matter mentioned therein.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Division of Enforcement

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April 26, 2017

Mr. J. David Cox, National President
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Dear Mr. Watts:

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Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Chief, Division of Enforcement

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