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MEMORANDUM

April 9, 2007

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Patrina M. Clark *hm*
Staff Director *for*

Margarita Maisonet *hm*
Chief Compliance Officer

FROM: Deborah Ruth Kant, Director *DRK*
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

SUBJECT: ADR 383 Idaho State Democratic Party and Stephanie Astorquia, Treasurer
Recommendation to Assign

On March 12, 2007, the ADR Office received RR 07L-06 to review and determine its appropriateness for ADR processing. Based on that review, we determined that the case is appropriate for ADR, and recommend that it be assigned to the ADR Office. The ADR Analysis includes a statement of the issues, a summary and analysis of the case, an explanation of the factors supporting assignment to ADR and potential settlement terms if the case is assigned to ADR. In addition, the ADR Case Analysis Report has been reviewed by the Office of General Counsel, which concurs in the description of the case. If the Commission concurs in the recommendation, this case description will be provided to Respondents, as part of ADR Office's notification package sent to Respondents.

ADR # 383

Source RR 07L-06

Respondents:
Idaho State Democratic Party.
Stephanie Astorquia, Treasurer

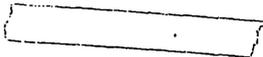
Respondents' Representative:
Stephanie Astorquia

Referral: RAD

Committee Name: Idaho Democratic Party

Date Forwarded to ADRO: 02/09/07

Committee Type: Unauthorized



Election Cycle: 2006

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Summary and Analysis of Case: Treasurers of political committees are required to report all financial activity, including receipts. If party committees, other than national party committees, finance political activity in connection with both federal and non-federal elections, they may establish separate federal and non-federal accounts to pay for these activities under the allocation rules set forth in the regulations. State and local party committees must pay all allocable expenses (the federal and non-federal shares) from the federal account and then may transfer funds from the non-federal account to the federal account to cover the non-federal share of the allocable expenses.

In this case, the Respondents (“the Committee”) disclosed additional receipts of \$52,200 in their amended 2006 June Monthly Report, a 95% increase over the financial activity disclosed in the original report. The Committee filed its original report on June 20, 2006 and filed an amended report disclosing the additional receipts on October 19, 2006. The Respondents explained that while conducting an internal audit, they transposed numbers reporting two \$26,100 transactions as \$21,600. Respondents further stated that once they corrected this error, they inadvertently failed to re-key the corrected information into the FEC file software. The increased receipts reflected transfers for allocable expenses from the Committee’s non-federal account to its federal account for the non-federal share of these expenses. The Committee apologized for this error and further explained that newly-implemented audit procedures would avoid similar errors in the future prior to the filing of FEC reports.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Assign ADR 383/RR 07L-06 to the ADR Office.

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