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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION 2016 OCT 21 AM 11: 41

In the Matter of )  
 ) MUR 6880  
Carolina Rising, Inc. )

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CERTIFICATION

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on October 18, 2016, the Commission took the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

1. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to:
  - a. Find reason to believe that Carolina Rising, Inc. violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30102, 30103, and 30104 by failing to organize, register, and report as a political committee or, in the alternative to find reason to believe that Carolina Rising, Inc. violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(f) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.20 by failing to disclose the donors behind its advertising.
  - b. Direct the Office of General Counsel to prepare a Factual and Legal Analysis consistent with these findings.
  - c. Authorize the use of compulsory process in this matter.
  - d. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, and Petersen dissented.

2. Failed by a vote of 3-3 to:
  - a. Find no reason to believe that Carolina Rising, Inc. violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(f) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.20.
  - b. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated September 12, 2016.
  - c. Approve the appropriate letters.

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d. Close the file.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, and Petersen voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub dissented.

3. Decided by a vote of 4-1 to:

Close the file.

Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, and Ravel voted affirmatively for the decision. Commissioner Weintraub dissented. Commissioner Walther was absent and did not vote.

Attest:

October 21, 2016

Date

Shawn Woodhead Werth

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Secretary and Clerk of the Commission

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