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FEC Discusses Advisory Opinion Request

WASHINGTON – The Federal Election Commission today discussed an advisory opinion request.

Advisory Opinion Request 2013-18 (Revolution Messaging, LLC). The Commission discussed and voted on two draft advisory opinions based on a request from Revolution Messaging, LLC, but was unable to render an opinion by the required four affirmative votes. The requestor asked whether the proposed mobile phone banner advertisements were exempt from the disclaimer requirement of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended. During the discussion, the Commission heard from counsel and the requestor. Vice Chair Ann M. Ravel and Commissioners Steven T. Walther and Ellen L. Weintraub issued a statement.

Advisory Opinion Request 2014-01 (Solano County United Democratic Central Committee). The Commission held over discussion of a draft advisory opinion based on a request from the Solano County Democratic Central Committee. The requestor asked whether it may use unreported funds remaining in the federal account of its predecessor committee.

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) is an independent regulatory agency that administers and enforces federal campaign finance laws. The FEC has jurisdiction over the financing of campaigns for the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. Senate, the Presidency and the Vice Presidency. Established in 1975, the FEC is composed of six Commissioners who are nominated by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

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