

21L-30

REPORTS ANALYSIS DIVISION REFERRAL
TO
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION OFFICE

DATE: May 19, 2021

ANALYST: Kevin McQueen

- I. COMMITTEE: Americans for Decency and Democracy
(C00756635)
Shawnda Deane, Treasurer
1787 Tribute Road, Suite K
Sacramento, CA 95815
- II. RELEVANT STATUTE: 52 U.S.C. § 30104(g)(1)
11 CFR § 104.4(c)

III. BACKGROUND:

Failure to Provide Supporting Schedules (Failure to Timely File 24-Hour Reports)

Americans for Decency and Democracy (“the Committee”) failed to timely file one (1) 24-Hour Report to support two (2) independent expenditures totaling \$50,135.29 disclosed on the 2021 30-Day Post-Runoff Report, made after the 20th day but more than 24 hours before the day of the 2021 Senate Runoff Election in the state of Georgia (Attachment 2).

On January 5, 2021, the Committee filed one (1) 24-Hour Report to support two (2) independent expenditures totaling \$50,135.29, disseminated December 30, 2020 (Image 202101059394540253).

On January 30, 2021, the Committee filed its 2021 30-Day Post-Runoff Report, covering the period from December 17, 2020, through January 25, 2021. The report included a Schedule E (Itemized Independent Expenditures) disclosing seven (7) independent expenditures totaling \$428,376.41 made in support of and in opposition to four (4) Federal candidates (Images 202101309418297775-78).

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On March 16, 2021, a Request for Additional Information (RFAI) was sent to the Committee referencing the 2021 30-Day Post-Runoff Report. The RFAI noted that the Committee may have failed to timely file one (1) or more of the required 24-Hour Reports for independent expenditures disclosed in the report. A chart was included with the RFAI identifying the two (2) independent expenditures, totaling \$50,135.29, for which a 24-Hour Report had not been timely filed (Images 202103160300111184-86).

On March 22, 2021, the Committee filed an FEC Form 99 (Miscellaneous Electronic Submission) in response to the RFAI, which stated, in part:

“It is noted that there was an independent expenditure that was filed late. We did not receive confirmation of the launch date of 12/30/20 for the digital ads from the vendor until the evening of 01/04/21. Due to this, the digital ad expense did not get timely reported within 24 hours. The 24 hour report was filed the next day, 01/05/21, after receiving confirmation of the launch date. The committee has implemented measures to ensure that this oversight is not repeated in the future” (Image 202103229441826196).

On April 27, 2021, the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) Analyst called Kim Lutz, an agent of the Committee, about the issue on the Committee's 2021 30-Day Post-Runoff Report regarding late 24-Hour Reports. The Analyst stated the issue may be referred to another Commission office for potential further action. The Analyst noted that Committee had already responded by filing the FEC Form 99 but that the Committee could file another FEC Form 99 with additional clarifying information, if they wished (Attachment 3).

To date, no further communications have been received from the Committee regarding this matter.

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MS-T			3/22/2021	1	202103229441826195				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MS-T			3/22/2021	1	202103229441826196				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RQ2	30R	N	3/16/2021	3	202103160300111184	12/17/2020	1/25/2021	3/16/2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F3XN	30R	N	1/30/2021	14	202101309418297765	12/17/2020	1/25/2021		\$150,733	\$279,500	\$428,415	\$1,817	\$50,000	-	\$50,000
F24N	24		1/5/2021	1	202101059394540253				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals										\$279,500	\$428,415				

O-Index (2019-2020)															
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RQ1		N	9/17/2020	2	202009170300085967			9/17/2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RQ2	30G	N	12/20/2020	2	202012200300099256	10/15/2020	11/23/2020	12/20/2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RQ2	12R	N	3/11/2021	3	202103110300110957	11/24/2020	12/16/2020	3/11/2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F3XN	Q3	N	10/15/2020	44	202010159294154455	1/1/2020	9/30/2020		\$0	\$26,082	\$1,030	\$25,052	\$97,122	-	\$97,122
F3XA	Q3	A	12/22/2020	44	202012229393458410	1/1/2020	9/30/2020		\$0	\$26,082	\$1,030	\$25,052	\$98,739	-	\$98,739
F3XN	12G	N	10/22/2020	13	202010229335428528	10/1/2020	10/14/2020		\$25,052	\$185,050	\$43,167	\$166,935	\$104,122	-	\$104,122
F3XA	12G	A	12/22/2020	13	202012229393458460	10/1/2020	10/14/2020		\$25,052	\$185,050	\$43,167	\$166,935	\$105,739	-	\$105,739
F3XN	30G	N	12/3/2020	30	202012039340808493	10/15/2020	11/23/2020		\$166,935	\$346,590	\$509,568	\$3,957	\$60,000	-	\$60,000
F3XN	12R	N	12/22/2020	11	202012229393458480	11/24/2020	12/16/2020		\$3,957	\$257,500	\$110,723	\$150,733	\$428,241	-	\$428,241
F1N		N	8/27/2020	5	202008279267014868				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F24N	48		9/25/2020	1	202009259284970330				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F24N	48		9/10/2020	1	202009109267132271				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F24N	48		10/8/2020	1	202010089285066105				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F1A		A	10/3/2020	4	202010039285005853				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F24N	48		10/2/2020	1	202010029285003940				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F24N	48		10/16/2020	1	202010169297134955				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F24N	24		10/18/2020	1	202010189297191178				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F24N	24		10/24/2020	1	202010249336528464				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F24A	24		10/25/2020	1	202010259336529236				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F24N	24		10/28/2020	2	202010289336633349				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F24N	24		10/31/2020	1	202010319336677315				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F24N	24		11/3/2020	1	202011039336743829				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F24N	48		12/9/2020	1	202012099366522485				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F24N	48		12/18/2020	2	202012189393375966				-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals										\$815,223	\$664,489				

O-Index (2017-2018)															
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No records were found for this cycle.

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 2021 30-Day Post-Runoff Report, received 1/30/2021

24-Hour Report Not Timely Filed

Name of Payee	Date of Dissemination (Schedule E)	Expenditure Amount	Candidates Opposed and Supported	State and Date of Election	24-Hour Report Filed
Rally Campaigns	12/30/2020	\$25,067.65 <i>24-Hour Report Required</i>	David Perdue	Georgia – 2021 Runoff (1/5/21)	1/5/2021
Rally Campaigns	12/30/2020	\$25,067.64 <i>24-Hour Report Required</i>	Jon Ossoff	Georgia – 2021 Runoff (1/5/21)	1/5/2021