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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement
ADR 1063 - GRASSROOTS DEMOCRATS HQ and
Melissa Grant, Treasurer (C00707091)

RESOLUTION TERMS: Develop and certify implementation of a process to track receipt of, and response to, communications with the Commission; perform an annual internal audit and reconciliation for two years; certify that a representative of the Committee participated in an FEC training; and pay a civil penalty of \$3,250.

Attached for your review is a signed Negotiated Settlement pertaining to ADR 1063 (AD 21-17). The ADR Office received this referral on November 4, 2021.

SUMMARY: The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred GRASSROOTS DEMOCRATS HQ and Melissa Grant, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for a series of reporting errors and other FECA violations during the 2019-2020 election cycle. The Committee's errors included, among other items: mathematical discrepancies and excessive, prohibited, and other impermissible contributions/transfers.

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On December 16, 2021, the Committee filed amendments to the 2020 30 Day Post-General and the 2020 Year-End Reports to correct its outstanding 2019-2020 election cycle reporting errors. RAD reviewed the filings and determined that no further corrective action is required. During negotiations, the Committee stated that its reporting issues were the result of challenges faced with its reporting software.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached Negotiated Settlement of GRASSROOTS DEMOCRATS HQ and Melissa Grant, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.