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MEMORANDUM

February 1, 2024

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer *AP*
Staff Director

FROM: Patricia C. Orrock *PCO*
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement
ADR 1137 - Latinos for America First and
Socorro Pinedo, Treasurer (C00685776)

RESOLUTION TERMS: Certify the Committee amended relevant 2021-2022 reports after consultation with the FEC's Reports Analysis Division (RAD); develop and certify implementation of a process to track receipt of, and response to, communications with the Commission; develop and certify implementation of a compliance operations manual which includes internal controls; and pay a civil penalty of \$4,800 in six (6) installments.

Attached for your review is a signed Negotiated Settlement pertaining to ADR 1137 (RAD 23L-49). The ADR Office received this referral on September 19, 2023.

SUMMARY: RAD referred Latinos for America First and Socorro Pinedo, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for a series of reporting errors and other FECA violations during the 2021-2022 election cycle. The Committee's errors included: excessive, prohibited, and other impermissible contributions, failure to provide supporting schedules, and failure to properly itemize contributions from individuals.

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During negotiations, Respondents stated that there were reporting challenges during the 2021-2022 election cycle. Respondents further contend that the Committee made significant procedural changes to ensure future compliance, including appointing a new treasurer and continuing to retain an experienced compliance firm to assist with reporting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached Negotiated Settlement of Latinos for America First and Socorro Pinedo, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.