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MEMORANDUM

March 19, 2024

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer
Staff Director *AP*

FROM: Patricia C. Orrock *PCO*
Chief Compliance Officer

Krista J. Roche *KJR*
Director, ADR Office

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement
ADR 1149 - Brighter Future PAC and
Shayne Thoman, Treasurer (C00793380)

RESOLUTION TERMS: Certify that a representative of the Committee participated
in an FEC training and pay a civil penalty of \$12,725.

Attached for your review is a signed Negotiated Settlement pertaining to ADR 1149 (RAD 23L-64). The ADR Office received this referral from the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) on October 31, 2023.

SUMMARY: RAD referred Brighter Future PAC and Shayne Thoman, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to disclose all financial activity on its 2022 July Quarterly Report. On May 24, 2023, the Committee filed an Amended 2022 July Quarterly Report which disclosed \$412,515.53 in additional receipts and \$585,498.29 in additional disbursements.

On August 8, 2023, the Committee filed an FEC Form 99 (Miscellaneous Electronic Submission) stating that administrative and technical errors occurred during the process of transitioning the committee type from a principal campaign committee to a political action committee. Respondents further explained that the original 2022 July Quarterly Report was inadvertently filed on an FEC Form 3

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instead of the intended FEC Form 3X. Consequently, the Committee's filing software failed to include the receipts and disbursements in the original report. Upon identifying the error, the Committee filed the Amended 2022 July Quarterly Report to appropriately disclose the receipts and disbursements for the reporting period.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached Negotiated Settlement of Brighter Future PAC and Shayne Thoman, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.