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**SENSITIVE****MEMORANDUM**

October 2, 2024

TO: The Commission

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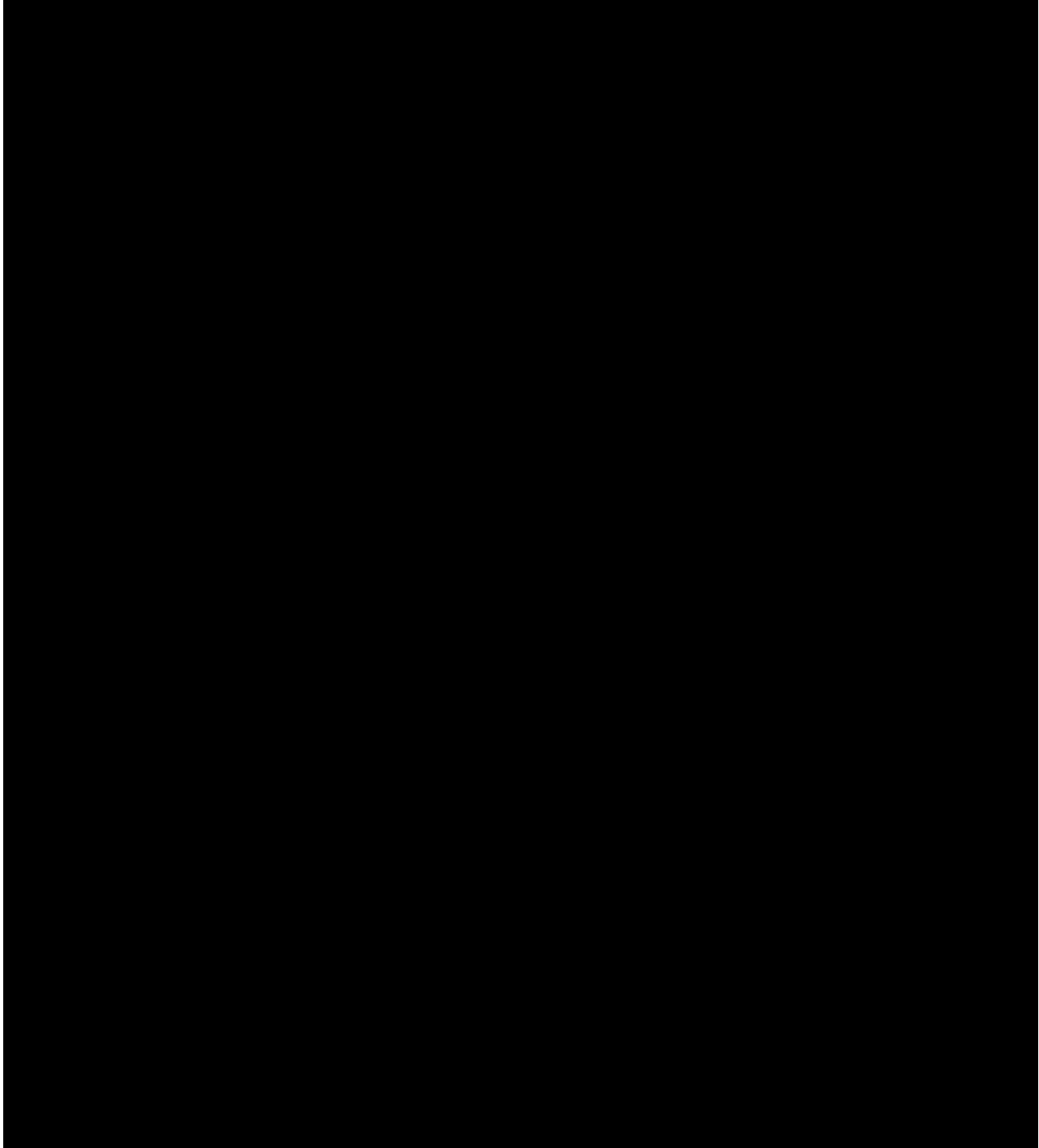
SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement  
ADR 1170 - Lafazan for Congress and  
Alex Leibson, Treasurer (C00797241)

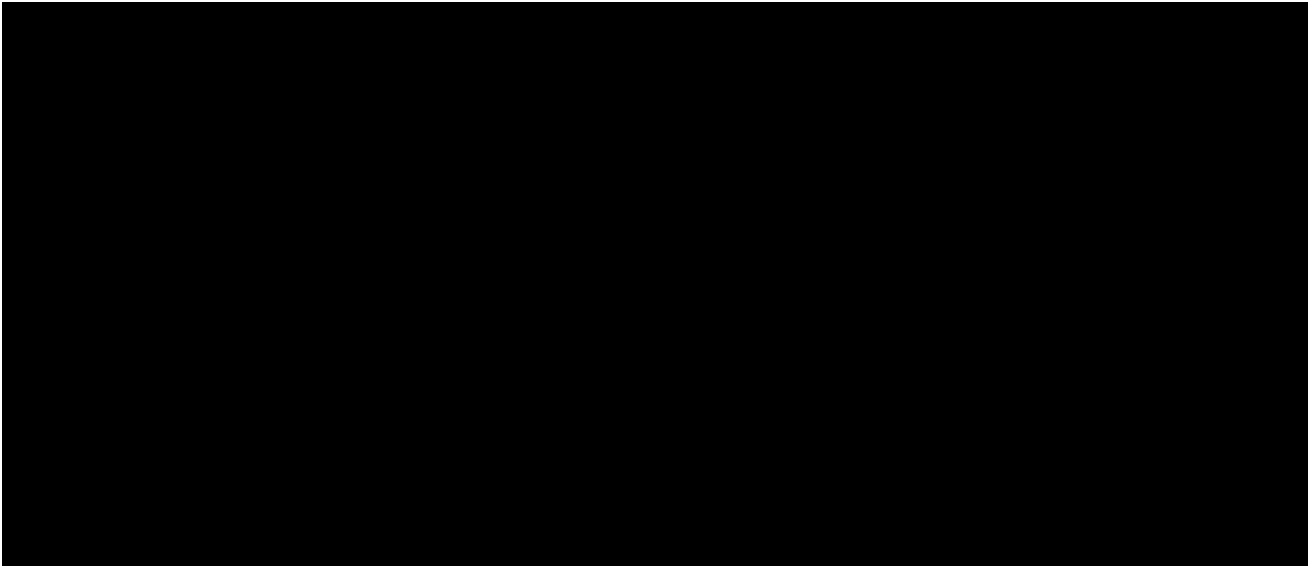
RESOLUTION TERMS: Certify closure of the Committee's federal account and  
terminate its political committee status; and pay a civil  
penalty of \$1,000.

Attached for your review is a signed Negotiated Settlement pertaining to ADR 1170 (RAD 24L-16). The ADR Office received this referral from the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) on May 16, 2024.

**SUMMARY:** RAD referred Lafazan for Congress and Alex Leibson, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to remedy excessive and prohibited 2022 primary and general election contributions, totaling \$23,598, within the permissible timeframes. In addition, the Committee received \$2,600 in contributions, designated for the 2022 general election, that were not refunded within the permissible timeframe of the candidate's primary election loss. The Committee refunded all of these contributions outside of the permissible timeframes.

During negotiations, the Committee stated that its compliance vendor experienced staffing turnover, which may have contributed to its failure to timely refund the contributions at issue. The Committee made efforts to rectify the excessive, prohibited, and general election contributions by refunding and disclosing the refunds on disclosure reports filed in 2022 and 2023. In addition, the Committee stated it intends to terminate its political committee status upon resolution of this matter.





**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve the attached Negotiated Settlement of Lafazan for Congress and Alex Leibson, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.