

SENSITIVE

MEMORANDUM

November 27, 2024

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer

Staff Director

Patricia C. Orrock PCO FROM:

Chief Compliance Officer

Krista J. Roche

Director, ADR Office

Rosa Marshall RM

Assistant Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement

> ADR 1173 - Alaska Democratic Party and Monica Southworth, Treasurer (C00191247)

RESOLUTION TERMS: Certify that the Committee performed a reconciliation of the

> Committee's accounts for each required FEC report for one year; certify that a representative of the Committee participated in an FEC training program; and pay a civil

penalty of \$8,300.

Attached for your review is a signed Negotiated Settlement pertaining to ADR 1173 (RAD 24L-23). The ADR Office received this referral from the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) on July 16, 2024.

SUMMARY: RAD referred the Alaska Democratic Party and Monica Southworth, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to disclose all financial activity in its 2023 Year-End Report filed on January 31, 2024. On February 20, 2024, the Committee filed an Amended 2023 Year-End Report disclosing \$370,000 in additional receipts and \$352,500 in additional disbursements that were not disclosed in the original report.

Respondents stated, as previously detailed in a Form 99 (Miscellaneous Electronic Submission), filed on May 14, 2024, that the increase in both receipts and disbursements was unintentional and was due to a clerical issue when the transactions were being uploaded into the Committee's compliance software. Respondents further stated that the Committee has since changed its internal reconciliation process to prevent similar errors in the future.



RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Approve the attached Negotiated Settlement of Alaska Democratic Party and Monica Southworth, Treasurer.
- 2. Approve the appropriate letters.
- 3. Close the file on this matter.