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SUBJECT: Informational Memo on Assignment
ADR 1177 - Marvin Abney for Congress and Michael J. Tsandilas,
Treasurer (C00839126)

The Office of General Counsel transferred MUR 8151 for processing on August 9, 2024, in accordance with a vote from the Commission. The ADR Office designated the referral ADR 1177. This office intends to notify Respondents after five business days. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the ADR Office.

Summary of Case: On August 1, 2023, the Rhode Island Republican State Central Committee filed a Complaint alleging that Marvin Abney for Congress and Michael J. Tsandilas, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) accepted an excessive contribution in the form of a \$50,000 loan from an individual. RAD later referred Respondents for the same activity in addition to receiving \$550 in apparent prohibited contributions from unregistered organizations for the 2023 Special Primary Election.

In a Response received from the Committee on September 19, 2023, the Committee acknowledged it mistakenly accepted a loan that exceeded contribution limits and stated it subsequently refunded the loan within 16 days of learning of the issue. On September 25, 2023, the Committee filed a Form 99 (Miscellaneous Electronic Submission) stating it had been unable to confirm whether the contributions

received from apparent unregistered organizations were made using permissible funds and stated it would refund the contributions expeditiously.

