



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

SENSITIVE

MEMORANDUM

February 14, 2025

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer
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FROM: Patricia C. Orrock *PCO*
Chief Compliance Officer

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement
ADR 1186 - VDUSS PAC and Lauren Decot Lee, Treasurer
(C00590489)

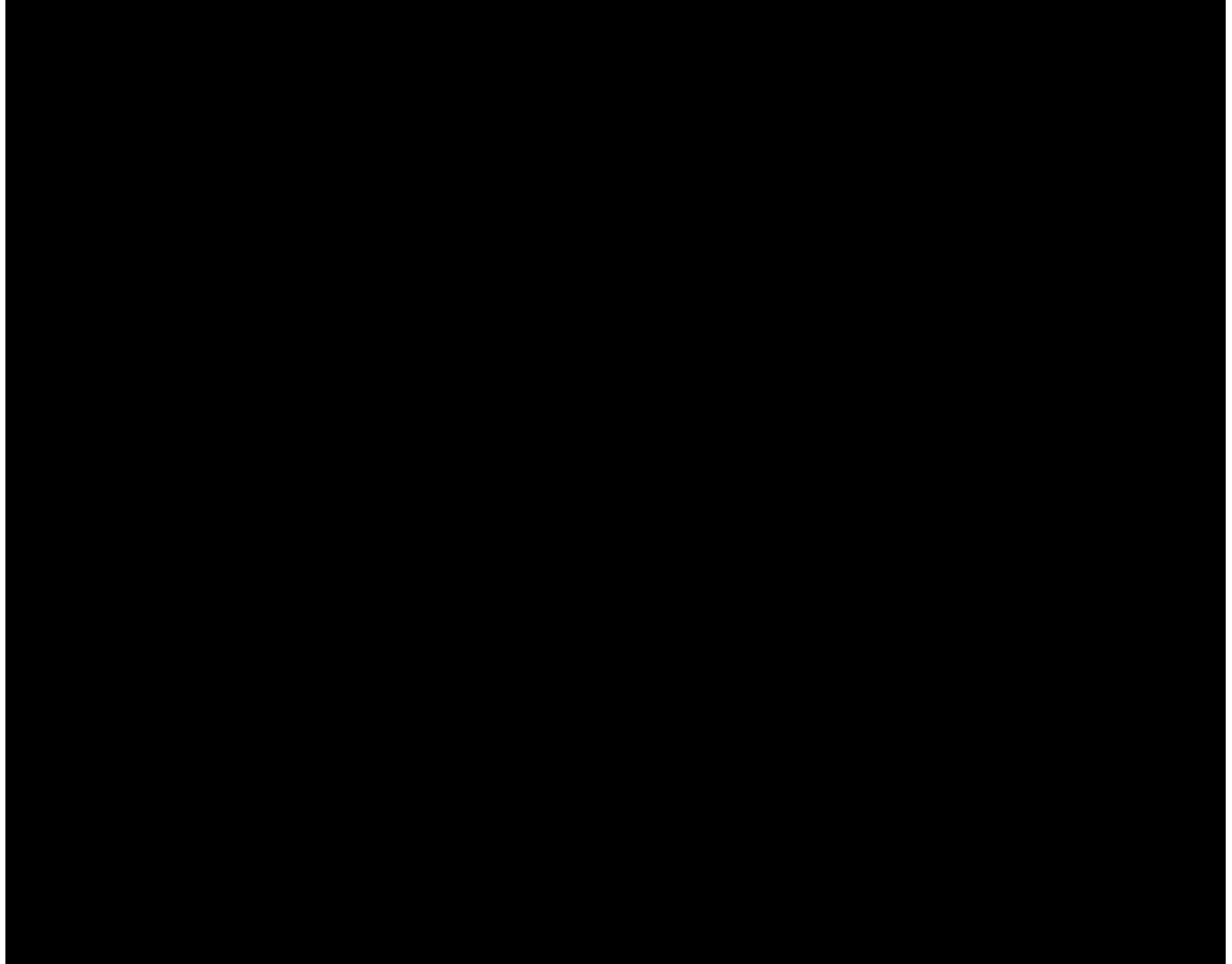
RESOLUTION TERMS: Pay a \$14,875 civil penalty and work with Commission staff
to terminate political committee status and reporting
obligations.

Attached for your review is a signed Negotiated Settlement pertaining to ADR 1186 (RAD 24L-34). The ADR Office received this referral from the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) on October 1, 2024.

SUMMARY: RAD referred VDUSS PAC¹ and Lauren Decot Lee, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to remedy excessive and prohibited 2022 primary and general election contributions, totaling \$198,490.04, within the permissible timeframe. All of these contributions have been remedied outside of the permissible timeframe.

¹ On November 21, 2023, the Committee filed an Amended Statement of Organization (Form 1) to convert the committee type from a Principal Campaign Committee to a Political Action Committee. On October 31, 2023, the Committee filed an Amended Form 1 changing its name from Val Demings for U.S. Senate to VDUSS PAC.

During negotiations, the Committee stated it was unable to identify excessive contributions within the permissible period largely due to a software issue. In response, the Committee stated it ceased using the software to process contributor information after the 2022 election concluded and ultimately refunded all contributions at issue, albeit untimely. The Committee filed a termination report on August 21, 2024, because it stated it had fulfilled its purpose and wished to terminate its political committee status.



RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached Negotiated Settlement of VDUSS PAC and Lauren Decot Lee, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.