

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C.

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MEMORANDUM

April 29, 2025

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer

Staff Director

FROM: Patricia C. Orrock PCO

Chief Compliance Officer

Krista J. Roche

Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement

ADR 1197 - Kumar for Congress and Gary Tasser, Treasurer

(C00695866)

RESOLUTION TERMS: Certify that a representative participated in an FEC training

program; and pay a civil penalty of \$1,756.33.

Attached for your review is a signed Negotiated Settlement pertaining to ADR 1197 (RAD 24L-51) and ADR 1199 (RR 23L-41 and MUR 8152). The ADR Office (ADRO) received RAD 24L-51 from the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) on December 10, 2024. ADRO received RR 23L-41 and MUR 8152 from the Office of General Counsel (OGC) on January 15, 2025, in accordance with a Commission vote.

SUMMARY: RAD referred Kumar for Congress and Gary Tasser, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) in RR 23L-41 for failing to disclose all financial activity on the 2022 12-Day Pre-General Report. The Committee filed an Amended 2022 12-Day Pre-General Report which disclosed additional disbursements totaling \$70,100.

RAD referred Respondents in RAD 24L-51 for failing to remedy 2024 general election contributions, totaling \$46,300, within the permissible timeframe. All of the contributions have been remedied, albeit untimely.

On January 11, 2023, Mary McMillan filed a Complaint alleging, in part, that \$19,900 in contributions were misattributed in the 2022 election cycle.

On August 9, 2023, Tamara Fagin filed a Complaint alleging that Rishi Kumar failed to file a Statement of Candidacy designating Kumar for Congress as his principal campaign committee for the 2023-2024 election cycle, despite meeting the statutory requirements as a candidate. The Complaint also alleges that the Committee misreported its election-cycle-to-date receipts on its 2023 July Quarterly Report by \$3,438.

During negotiations, Respondents stated, and RAD confirmed, that all issues described above have been remedied. Respondents further stated that they are committed to compliance and have implemented additional procedures to ensure timely and accurate reporting in the future. Specifically, after the treasurer prepares each report, another staff member performs an internal audit and bank reconciliation before reports are forwarded to the Candidate for additional review and approval to file.





RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Approve the attached Negotiated Settlement of Rishi Kumar, Kumar for Congress and Gary Tasser, Treasurer.
- 2. Approve the appropriate letters.
- 3. Close the file on these matters.