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MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Robert J. Costa *RJC*
Acting Staff Director

FROM: Allan D. Silberman *AS*
Director, ADR Office

SUBJ: **ADR 263** – Walcher for Congress and Lon Carpenter, Treasurer
Recommendation to Approve Settlement Agreement

Attached for your review is a signed negotiated ADR settlement agreement pertaining to **ADR 263 (RR 05L-22)**, Walcher for Congress and Lon Carpenter, Treasurer (the "Respondents"). This matter was opened on June 10, 2005 and assigned to the ADR Office on June 29, 2005.

The Reports Analysis Division determined that Respondents, i.e., Walcher for Congress and Lon Carpenter, Treasurer, failed to disclose additional debt totaling \$100,794.51, a 13,145% increase over the amount disclosed on the Committee's original 12 Day Pre-Primary Report. Respondents' initial 12 Day Pre-Primary Report, filed on July 29, 2004, disclosed \$761.00 in debt. An amended report, filed on August 25, 2004, disclosed the same amount of debt. However, a later amended 12 Day Pre-Primary Report, filed on December 1, 2004, disclosed a debt of \$100,794.51. Respondents initially reported that they did not understand how to account for primary election expenses that were not due until after the date of the election. They subsequently advised that the volunteers who filed the reports lacked understanding of how to account for expenses incurred in the primary election. Respondents also advised that they were unaware of the incurred expenses until the bills arrived during the general election.

Recommendations:

- 1) Approve the attached negotiated agreement with Walcher for Congress and Lon Carpenter, Treasurer
- 2) Send the appropriate letters.
- 3) Close the file on this matter.

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