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**MEMORANDUM**

May 5, 2006

TO: The Commission

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

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

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**SENSITIVE**

SUBJECT: ADR 299 Harris County Republican Party and Larry Hicks, Treasurer,  
Recommendation to Approve Settlement Agreement

Attached for your review is a signed negotiated ADR Settlement Agreement pertaining to ADR 299 (RR 05L-52). This case was opened on September 16, 2005, and was assigned to the ADR Office on October 7, 2005.

**SUMMARY:** RAD referred the Harris County Republican Party and Larry M. Hicks, Treasurer, ("Respondents" or the "Committee") for failing to disclose adequate payments for administrative expenses when they filed their 2004 30 Day Post-General Report. RAD stated that Respondents disclosed a total of \$88,493.49 in disbursements for the reporting period, but failed to disclose adequate payments for administrative expenses. In reply to the RFAI and repeated telephone calls to the Committee, an amended 30 Day Post-General Report was filed on May 18, 2005. The amended report disclosed \$4,720.44 in telephone service on schedule B, and in a text memo the Committee stated "No paid staff member spent more than 25% of his or her time on federal activities." Although RAD explained to Respondents that further disclosure was needed as to administrative costs for such things as rent, no further reports or communications were received on clarifying this issue prior to the referral.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve the attached settlement agreement of Harris County Republican Party and Larry Hicks, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.

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