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MEMORANDUM

June 22, 2006

TO: The Commission

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

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

BY: Lynn M. Fraser
Assistant Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: ADR 328 Republican Party of Texas and Christopher Maska, Treasurer,
Recommendation to Assign Case

On May 19, 2006, the ADR Office received RR 06L-11 to review and determine its appropriateness for ADR processing. Based on that review, we determined that the case is appropriate for ADR, and recommend that it be assigned to the ADR Office.

SUMMARY: RAD referred the Republican Party of Texas and Christopher Maska, Treasurer, ("Respondents" or the "Committee") for failing to disclose all financial activity on their 2004 30 Day Post-General Report, and their 2005 February Monthly Report. Specifically, Respondents filed an Amended 2004 30 Day Post-General Report disclosing \$173,619 in additional receipts. Respondents' original 2004 30 Day Post-General Report disclosed \$525,047 in total receipts. On July 22, 2005, Respondents filed the Amended 2004 30 Day Post-General Report disclosing \$698,666 in receipts.

In addition, the Committee filed an Amended 2005 February Monthly Report disclosing \$65,768 in additional receipts, and \$65,985 in additional disbursements. On February 20, 2005, Respondents filed the original 2005 February Monthly Report disclosing total receipts of \$191,027, and \$0 on Line 22 (Transfers to Affiliated/Other Party Committees). On October 21, 2005, Respondents filed an Amended 2005 February Monthly Report disclosing

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\$256,795 in additional receipts, and \$65,985 on Line 22 (Transfers to Affiliated/Other Party Committees).

In response to RFAs sent to Respondents inquiring as to the discrepancies in financial activity, the Committee filed miscellaneous electronic submissions stating that the omissions were due to coding errors in its financial software.

Attached for the Commission's review is the ADR Case Analysis Report, along with copies of the EPS Rating and ADR Rating reports. The ADR Case Analysis Report includes an analysis of the case and a description of the issues that the ADR Office anticipates addressing if the case is assigned to ADR. In addition, the ADR Case Analysis Report has been reviewed by the Office of General Counsel, which concurs in the description of the case.

If the Commission concurs in the recommendation, the above case description will be provided to Respondents as part of ADR Office's notification package sent to Respondents.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **Assign ADR 328/RR 06L-11 to the ADR Office.**

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ADR CASE ANALYSIS REPORT

ADR Case: 328

Respondents:

Republican Party of Texas
Christopher Maska, Treasurer

RAD Referral: 06L-11

Respondents' Rep.: Christopher Maska

Date Forwarded to ADRO: 05/19/2006

Committee Type: State Party

Date Reviewed by ADRO: 06/01/2006

Committee Name:
Republican Party of Texas

District & State: TX

Election Won-Lost: ---

Election Cycles: 2004, 2006

Summary of Referral: RAD referred the Republican Party of Texas and Christopher Maska, Treasurer, ("Respondents" or the "Committee") for failing to disclose all financial activity. Specifically, Respondents filed an Amended 2004 30 Day Post-General Report disclosing \$173,619 in additional receipts. Respondents filed their original 2004 30 Day Post-General Report, disclosing \$525,047 in total receipts, on December 2, 2004. Respondents filed the Amended 2004 30 Day Post-General Report disclosing \$698,666 in receipts on July 22, 2005.

In addition, the Committee filed an Amended 2005 February Monthly Report disclosing \$65,768 in additional receipts, and \$65,985 in additional disbursements. Respondents filed the original 2005 February Monthly Report disclosing total receipts of \$191,027, and \$0 on Line 22 (Transfers to Affiliated/Other Party Committees), on February 20, 2005. Respondents filed an Amended 2005 February Monthly Report disclosing \$256,795 in additional receipts, and \$65,985 on Line 22 (Transfers to Affiliated/Other Party Committees), on October 21, 2005.

Respondents' Reply to RAD: In response to RFAs sent to Respondents on the additional receipts and additional disbursements disclosed on the Amended 2004 30 Day Post-General Report and the Amended 2005 February Monthly Report, Respondents contended that the omissions were due to errors in software coding.

Recommendation:

Assign to ADRO

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