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MEMORANDUM

September 11, 2006

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Patrina M. Clark
Staff Director *me*

FROM: Lynn M. Fraser, Acting Director *LMF*
Alternative Dispute Resolution Office

SUBJECT: ADR 341 Erickson for Congress and Craig McQuarrie, Treasurer,
Recommendation to Dismiss

On July 14, 2006, the ADR Office received MUR 5747 from the Office of General Counsel ("OGC") to review and determine its appropriateness for ADR processing. Based on that review, we recommend that it be closed. Following the procedures approved by the Commission on March 3, 2003, this matter will be closed by the ADR Office if the Commission approves the recommendation in this Memorandum. OGC concurs in the description of this matter, and that it not be returned to OGC for further action.

ADR Case: 341

Source No. MUR 5747

Respondents:
Erickson for Congress
Craig McQuarrie

Respondents' Rep.:
Craig McQuarrie

Complainant: Democratic Party of
Oregon

Committee Name: Erickson for Congress

OGC Case Open Date: 5/15/06

Committee Type: Authorized

Date Forwarded to ADRO: 7/14/06

District #/or State: OR 5th C.D.

[Redacted]

Election - Won/Lost: Won Primary

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Election Cycle: 2006

Summary of Complaint: The complaint alleges that Erickson for Congress and Craig McQuarrie, in his official capacity as Treasurer, ("Respondents" or the "Committee") filed a

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false 2006 April Quarterly Report, as they failed to disclose all the Committee's financial activity. The complaint goes on to allege that Respondents spent at least \$1,000 for advertising in the Oregon's Voters' Pamphlet, and the Committee was required to pay the fee no later than March 9, 2006.

Respondents' Reply: Respondents contend that they did not report the expenditure made by the candidate because they believed they were not required to, as the Committee had not yet received contributions, or made expenditures, in excess of \$5,000. Respondents contend further that they filed an amended 2006 April Quarterly Report on May 3, 2006 disclosing the debt from the candidate.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Dismiss ADR 341 (MUR 5747), and close the file.**
- 2. Approve the appropriate letters.**