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MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Patrina M. Clark
Staff Director

FROM: Margarita Maisonet
Chief Compliance Officer

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Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT ADR 385, It's My Party and Ronald Gravino, Treasurer,
Recommendation To Assign

On March 28, 2007, the ADR Office received RR 07L-04 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. The ADR Office Memorandum includes a statement of the issues, a summary and analysis of the case, and a Recommendation. In addition, the Office of General Counsel reviewed the ADR Memorandum, and concurs in the description of the case.

ADR Case: ADR 385

Source No. RR 07L-04

Respondents:

It's My Party
Ronald Gravino, Treasurer

Respondents' Rep.:

Ronald Gravino

Referral: OGC

Committee Name: It's My Party

OGC Case Open Date: 2/23/07

Committee Type: Unauthorized

Date Forwarded to ADRO: 3/28/07

Election Cycle: 2006

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Summary and Analysis of Case: Treasurers of political committees are required to report all financial activity, including all receipts pursuant to the FECA. In this case, the Respondents¹ filed an amended 2006 July Quarterly Report on October 10, 2006, disclosing additional receipts totaling \$150,511.54. This amount reflects a 195.6% increase from the receipts reported in the original report. The Respondents contend that this error was primarily because the Committee had converted to a new reporting software and the Committee's computers had also crashed, causing a loss of data during this reporting period. According to the Committee, it has instituted a number of corrective measures: among other things, it has installed a new accounting system to track all financial activity and to reconcile all bank records; hired an accountant; hired an experienced compliance specialist to enter all data into the new software; and began a process of amending all reports for errors resulting from the Committee's prior problems.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Assign ADR 385/RR 07L-04 to the ADR Office.