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**MEMORANDUM**

November 2, 2009

TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: ADR 521 Republican Party of Orange County (Federal) and Mark W. Bucher, Treasurer, Informational Memo on Assignment

The Reports Analysis Division referred RAD 09L-41 for processing on October 21, 2009, and the ADR Office designated the referral ADR 521. We included a summary and discussion of the referral for your information. We anticipate initiating communication with Respondents in ADR 521 on November 6, 2009. Please contact Lynn Fraser if you have any questions or concerns before then.

**Summary of Case:** The Reports Analysis Division referred the Republican Party of Orange County (Federal) and Mark W. Bucher, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for a series of reporting errors and other FECA violations during the 2008 election cycle. A political committee may be referred if, after an internal review of reports filed by the committee, the Commission determines the reports do not meet the threshold requirements for substantial compliance with the FECA. The Committee's errors included, among other things: excessive, prohibited and other impermissible contributions or transfers, mathematical discrepancies, failure to properly itemize contributions from individuals, Federal Election Activity/Levin funds and allocated federal and non-federal activity.

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