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MEMORANDUM

March 26, 2013

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer *AP*
Staff Director

FROM: Patricia C. Orrock *PCO*
Chief Compliance Officer

Lynn M. Fraser *LMF*
Director, ADR Office

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SUBJECT: ADR 603 Henry Yanez for Congress and James C. Winne, Treasurer, and Lapeer County Democratic Party and Gary Medland, Treasurer, Recommendation to Approve Settlement Agreements

RESOLUTION TERMS: Agreement 1 (HYFC): File all required reports and work with the Commission to terminate the Committee.

Agreement 2 (LCDP): Designate a compliance specialist and develop and distribute a policy document outlining key laws and regulations applicable to LCDP's potential contributions to federal elections, including registration and reporting requirements.

Attached for your review is a signed negotiated ADR Settlement Agreement pertaining to ADR 603 (MUR 6512). The ADR Office received this referral on February 8, 2012.

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SUMMARY: Complainant Randy St. Laurent alleged that Henry Yanez for Congress and James C. Winne, Treasurer, (Respondent HYFC) failed to file reports with the FEC during the 2010 election cycle even though \$7,682.11 in contributions was accepted, and that a contribution in excess of \$1,000 was accepted from an unregistered political committee.

Henry Yanez was a first time candidate, unfamiliar with filing requirements, and contends that he believed the Committee's former treasurer filed all required reports. Mr. Yanez contends that both he and his former treasurer attempted to file the Form 2, but encountered difficulties. Mr. Yanez is no longer a candidate in the 2012 election cycle and has no plans to run for federal office again.

In a second complaint, Randy St. Laurent alleged that Lapeer County Democratic Party and Gary Medland, Treasurer, (Respondent LCDP) violated the law by not registering with the Commission after contributing in excess of \$1,000 to a federal candidate.

Respondent LCDP contends that the Committee's previous leadership made the donation. The present leadership was unaware of the contribution and contends that it will make sincere efforts to avoid an error of this type in the future.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached settlement agreement of Henry Yanez for Congress and James C. Winne, Treasurer.
2. Approve the attached settlement agreement of Lapeer County Democratic Party and Gary Medland, Treasurer.
3. Approve the appropriate letters.
4. Close the file on this matter.

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