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Washington, DC 20463

MEMORANDUM

December 20, 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

SUBJECT: ADR 660 Westsiders for Progress 2012 and Darrel L. Paster, Treasurer, Recommendation to Approve Settlement Agreement

RESOLUTION TERMS: Terminate the political committee status and reporting obligations with the Commission within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this agreement.

Attached for your review is a signed negotiated ADR Settlement Agreement pertaining to ADR 660 (RAD 13L-11). The ADR Office received this referral on September 17, 2013.

SUMMARY: In this case, the Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred Westsiders for Progress 2012 and Darrel L. Paster, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to timely file financial activity on three (3) reports in 2012. The Committee failed to timely file its 2012 12 Day Pre-General, 2012 30 Day Post-General, and 2012 Year-End Reports. The Committee filed all three reports on April 16, 2013 with total receipts of \$61,606.70 and total disbursements of \$52,820.90.

Respondents contend that in September 2012 this Committee was formed to sell buttons and other election paraphernalia at tables set up on neighborhood sidewalks. All funds taken in were used to pay rent on their store-front and buy more buttons to sell. Respondents further contend that the delay in filing the

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reports was that almost immediately after agreeing to serve in September 2012, the Treasurer was called repeatedly to the bedside of a family member who subsequently died in December 2012. In addition, the Treasurer asserts that due to a back injury he had surgery on his spine during this time frame. The Committee wishes to terminate its political committee status.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached settlement agreement of Westsiders for Progress 2012 and Darrell L. Paster, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.