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MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: ADR 832 Democratic Party of New Mexico and Robert Lara,
Treasurer, Informational Memo on Assignment

The Office of General Counsel transferred RR 17L-10 on July 18, 2017, and the ADR Office designated the referral as ADR 832. The EPS Report is placed in the VBM folder for your review. We include a summary and discussion of the referral for your information. We anticipate initiating communication with Respondents in ADR 832 on August 3, 2017. Please contact Krista Roche if you have any questions or concerns before then.

Summary of Case: RAD referred Democratic Party of New Mexico and Robert Lara, Treasurer, (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to disclose all financial activity on its 2016 September Monthly Report. On December 6, 2016, the Committee filed an Amended 2016 September Monthly Report disclosing an additional \$600,000 in disbursements.

The Committee contends that this error was inadvertent and went unnoticed because both the receipt and disbursement of this sum was initially unreported, creating a situation in which the cash-on-hand in the report and the bank statements reconciled and the errors were not immediately evident. As these receipts and disbursements were for joint fundraising, the sums were reported timely by two other committees.

