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MEMORANDUM

February 5, 2018

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer *AP*
Staff Director

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

Krista J. Roche *KJR*
Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: ADR 840 Democratic Party of Arkansas and Dawne Vandiver, Treasurer, Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement

RESOLUTION TERMS: Amend relevant 2015-2016 reports to address any inadequate responses and nonresponses to requests for additional information from RAD; certify that a representative of the Committee participated in an FEC conference, webinar, or other program developed in consultation with the FEC's Information Division within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this agreement; and pay a civil penalty of \$10,400.

Attached for your review is a signed negotiated ADR Settlement Agreement pertaining to ADR 840 (RAD 17L-32). The ADR Office received this referral on September 15, 2017.

SUMMARY: The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred the Respondents for a series of reporting errors and other FECA violations during the 2015-2016 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 reporting errors included, among other items: excessive, prohibited, or other impermissible contributions or transfers; mathematical discrepancies; failure to provide supporting schedules; federal election activities/Levin funds, allocated federal and nonfederal activity, and the failure to properly itemize loans.

Recommendation to Approve
Settlement Agreement
ADR 840 (RAD 17L-32)

Respondents contend there were reporting challenges during the 2016 election cycle. Respondents further contend that the Committee made procedural changes to ensure future compliance.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached negotiated settlement of Democratic Party of Arkansas and Dawne Vandiver, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.