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**MEMORANDUM**

April 26, 2019

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer *AP by MAH*  
Staff Director

FROM: Patricia C. Orrock *PCO*  
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SUBJECT: ADR 892 The Congressman Joe Barton Committee and  
Kristin Barton, Treasurer, Recommendation to Approve  
Negotiated Settlement

RESOLUTION TERMS: work with Commission  
staff to terminate political committee status and reporting  
obligations.

Attached for your review is a signed Negotiated Settlement pertaining to ADR 892 (RAD 18L-33). The ADR Office received this referral on November 5, 2018.

**SUMMARY:** The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred The Congressman Joe Barton Committee and Kristin Barton, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to timely refund or redesignate 2018 General Election contributions totaling \$49,062.50 within the permissible timeframe after the candidate withdrew from the 2018 Texas Primary Election. All contributions have been refunded, albeit untimely.

In a Form 99 (Miscellaneous Electronic Submission) filed on August 3, 2018, the Respondents stated that they were unaware of the requirement to return contributions and that funds were returned upon notification from RAD. In addition, Respondents contend that former Congressman Barton does not plan to

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run for federal office in the future and would like to terminate the committee upon the resolution of this matter.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve the attached negotiated settlement of The Congressman Joe Barton Committee and Kristin Barton, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.