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SENSITIVE**MEMORANDUM**

March 30, 2021

TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement
ADR 986 - Democratic Progress and Jeffrey Carson,
Treasurer (C00744813)

RESOLUTION TERMS: Develop and certify implementation of a compliance operations manual; certify that individuals responsible for Committee compliance participated in an FEC training; and pay a civil penalty of \$4,600.

Attached for your review is a signed Negotiated Settlement pertaining to ADR 986 (RAD 20L-25). The ADR Office received this referral on November 23, 2020.

SUMMARY: The Reports Analysis Division (RAD) referred Democratic Progress and Jeffrey Carson, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for failing to disclose debts totaling \$122,480 on the 2020 12-Day Pre-Primary Report filed on May 20, 2020. The Committee filed an amended report disclosing the debts on July 15, 2020.

The Committee filed a Form 99 (Miscellaneous Electronic Submission) on September 21, 2020 stating the additional debts disclosed on the Pre-Primary Report were related to independent expenditures that had been previously reported on 24-Hour Reports filed on May 19, 2020. During negotiations, the Committee

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stated the failure to disclose the debts on the 2020 12-Day Pre-Primary Report was the result of a misunderstanding of reporting requirements for independent expenditures that have not yet been paid. Additionally, the Committee notes it has since corrected its practice to avoid similar errors from occurring in the future.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached Negotiated Settlement of Democratic Progress and Jeffrey Carson, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.