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SENSITIVE**MEMORANDUM**

June 8, 2021

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer
Staff Director *AP*

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

Krista J. Roche *KJR*
Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: Recommendation to Approve Negotiated Settlement
ADR 991 - Leon County Democratic Executive Committee
and Kevin Richard Carpenter, Treasurer (C00766964)

RESOLUTION TERMS: Certify that a representative of the Committee participated in an FEC conference, webinar, or other training program developed in consultation with the FEC's Information Division; designate a compliance specialist; and pay a civil penalty of \$800.

Attached for your review is a signed Negotiated Settlement pertaining to ADR 991 (P-MUR 647). This matter was transferred to the ADR Office from the Office of General Counsel on January 20, 2021.

SUMMARY: On December 14, 2020, a *sua sponte* submission was filed on behalf of Leon County Democratic Executive Committee and Kevin Richard Carpenter, Treasurer, (Respondents or the Committee) stating that as of August 31, 2020, the Committee received over \$5,000 in contributions and therefore, met the registration and reporting requirements of a federal political committee. In September 2020, the Committee also made \$32,648 in independent expenditures for mailings in support of federal candidates participating in the 2020 general election which were required to be disclosed on 48-Hour Reports. On January 21, 2021, the Committee filed a Statement of Organization (FEC Form 1) registering as a local party committee. On January 31, 2021, the Committee filed a 2020 Year-End Report covering January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.

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The Committee states that, as a county-level party organization, it was unaware that its activities could trigger federal reporting obligations. The Committee also states that it only accepted contributions from individuals, and no single contributor donated more than \$1,500. Finally, the Committee states it has taken corrective action by having its records reviewed, consulting with the state party committee, performing an external audit, and proposing changes to its bylaws to require compliance with state and federal campaign finance law.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached Negotiated Settlement of Leon County Democratic Executive Committee and Kevin Richard Carpenter, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.