

**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20463

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Office of the Commission Secretary  
**FROM:** Office of General Counsel *Ed*  
**DATE:** April 18, 2000  
**SUBJECT:** MUR 4764- General Counsel's Report

The attached is submitted as an Agenda document for the Commission Meeting of \_\_\_\_\_

Open Session \_\_\_\_\_

Closed Session \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCULATIONS**

**SENSITIVE**  
**NON-SENSITIVE**

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72 Hour TALLY VOTE ☒  
24 Hour TALLY VOTE ☐  
24 Hour NO OBJECTION ☐  
INFORMATION ☐

**DISTRIBUTION**

**COMPLIANCE** ☒  
Open/Closed Letters ☐  
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DSP ☐  
**STATUS SHEETS** ☐  
Enforcement ☐  
Litigation ☐  
PFESP ☐  
**RATING SHEETS** ☐  
**AUDIT MATTERS** ☐  
**LITIGATION** ☐  
**ADVISORY OPINIONS** ☐  
**REGULATIONS** ☐  
**OTHER** ☐

APR 14 2000

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

APR 17 2000

In the Matter of )

) MUR 4764

Harris County Democratic Party and )  
Sue Schechter, as treasurer )

**SENSITIVE**

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

I. ACTIONS RECOMMENDED

Approve the attached signed counterproposed conciliation agreement and close the file.

II. DISCUSSION

On June 23, 1998, the Commission found reason to believe that the Harris County Democratic Party and its treasurer ("Respondents") violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.5(a)(1)(i) by improperly transferring a total of \$49,451 from its non-federal account to its federal account for 100% non-federal activity during 1996. On March 14, 2000, the Commission determined to enter into preprobable cause conciliation with Respondents and approved a proposed conciliation agreement with a civil penalty.

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this Office recommends that the Commission accept the signed counterproposed conciliation

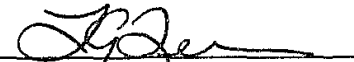
agreement and close the file.

**III. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Accept the attached counterproposed conciliation agreement with the Harris County Democratic Party and Sue Schechter, as treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letter.
3. Close the file.

Lawrence M. Noble  
General Counsel

4/14/00  
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Date

BY:   
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Lois G. Lerner  
Associate General Counsel

**Attachments:**

1. counterproposed conciliation agreement
2. copy of civil penalty check

Staff Assigned: Thomas J. Andersen