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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Ted Cruz for Senate and Bradley S. Knippa in his official capacity as treasurer; Senator Rafael Edward "Ted" Cruz; Heidi Cruz MURs 7001, 7002, 7003, 7009 and RAD REFERRAL 16L-09

CERTIFICATION

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I, Laura E. Sinram, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on July 31, 2018, the Commission-took-the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

MUR 7002 /

1. Decided by a vote of 4-0 to:

a. Approve the appropriate letters.

b. Close the file as to Heidi Cruz:

Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the

decision.

MURs 7001, 7002, 7003, 7009, and RAD Referral 16L-09

- 2. Failed by a vote of 2-2 to:
 - a. Open a Matter Under Review in RAD Referral 16L-09.
 - b. Find reason to believe that Ted Cruz for Senate and Bradley Knippa in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(3)(E) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(d)(4).

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- c. Find no reason to believe that Senator Cruz violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(3)(E) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(d)(4).
- d. Authorize conciliation with Ted Cruz for Senate and Bradley Knippa in his official capacity as treasurer, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
- e. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis for Ted Cruz and Ted Cruz for Senate, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated May 24, 2018 and as last circulated by the Offices of Commissioners Hunter and Petersen on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 4:28 p.m.
- f. Approve the proposed Conciliation Agreement, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated May 24, 2018.
- g. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Walther and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Hunter and Petersen dissented.

MURs 7001. 7002, 7003, 7009, and RAD Referral 16L-09

3. Decided by a vote of 4-0 to:

MUR# 7455

- a. Open a-Matter-Under-Review in RAD Referral 16L-09.
- b. Find reason to believe that Ted Cruz for Senate and Bradley Knippa in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C.
 § 30104(b)(3)(E) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(d)(4).
- c. Find no reason to believe that Senator Cruz violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(3)(E) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(d)(4).
- d. Authorize conciliation with Ted Cruz for Senate and Bradley Knippa in his official capacity as treasurer, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
- e. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated May 24, 2018 and last circulated by Chair Hunter's Office on July 17, 2018 at 4:28 p.m.

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- f. Approve the proposed Conciliation Agreement, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated May 24, 2018 ;
- g. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the

decision.

Date

Attest:

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Laura E. Sinram Deputy Secretary of the Commission

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