FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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## BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
	)	MUR 7048
Cruz for President and Bradley S. Knippa	)	
in his official capacity as treasurer; Stand	)	
for Truth, Inc. and D. Eric Lycan in his	)	
official capacity as treasurer; Senator	)	
Rafael Edward "Ted" Cruz; J. Keet	)	
Lewis	)	

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, Laura E. Sinram, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on April 09, 2019, the Commission took the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

- 1. Failed by a vote of 2-2 to:
  - a. Find reason to believe that J. Keet Lewis violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e) and 11 C.F.R. §300.61.
  - b. Enter into conciliation with J. Keet Lewis and Cruz for President and Bradley S. Knippa in his official capacity as treasurer prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
  - c. Approve the Conciliation Agreement subject to directing the Office of General Counsel to add J. Keet Lewis.
  - d. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis subject to directing the Office of General Counsel to add the reason to believe finding against J. Keet Lewis and an explanation therefore.

Commissioners Walther and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Hunter and Petersen dissented.

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## 2. Decided by a vote of 4-0 to:

- a. Find reason to believe that Cruz for President and Bradley S. Knippa in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e) and 11 C.F.R. § 300.61.
- b. Enter into conciliation with Cruz for President and Bradley S. Knippa in his official capacity as treasurer prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
- c. Take no action at this time as to the allegation that J. Keet Lewis violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e) and 11 C.F.R. § 300.61.
- d. Take no action at this time as to the allegation that Senator Ted Cruz violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e) and 11 C.F.R. § 300.61.
- e. Find no reason to believe that Cruz for President and Bradley S. Knippa in his official capacity as treasurer violated 11 C.F.R. § 102.17.
- f. Find no reason to believe that Stand for Truth, Inc. and D. Eric Lycan in his official capacity as treasurer violated 11 C.F.R. § 102.17, and close the file as to them.
- g. Approve the Conciliation Agreement, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated March 5, 2019.
- h. Approve the Factual & Legal Analyses, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated March 5, 2019, subject to the edits described at the table by Commissioner Hunter.
- i. Approve the appropriate letters.

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

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Attest:

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Deputy Secretary of the Commission