



**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20463

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**TO:** The Commission

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**SUBJECT:** MUR 7271 (Chalupa, *et al.*)

**RE:** Office of General Counsel's Notice to the Commission  
Following the Submission of Probable Cause Briefs

On January 13, 2021, the Office of General Counsel ("OGC") notified counsel for Alexandra Chalupa and Chalupa & Associates, LLC ("Respondents") that it was prepared to recommend that the Commission find probable cause to believe that Respondents violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) by knowingly soliciting an in-kind contribution from a foreign national.<sup>1</sup> OGC's notification included a General Counsel's Brief setting forth the factual and legal basis for the recommendation. On March 15, 2021, Respondents submitted a Reply Brief.

Pursuant to the *Agency Procedure Following the Submission of Probable Cause Briefs by the Office of General Counsel*, 76 Fed. Reg. 63,570 (Oct. 13, 2011), OGC is hereby notifying the Commission that it intends to proceed with the recommendation to find probable cause to believe that Respondents violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, based on the

<sup>1</sup> Email from Saurav Ghosh, FEC, to Amanda La Forge, Sandler Reiff Lamb Rosenstein & Birkenstock, P.C., Counsel for Chalupa and Chalupa & Associates, LLC (Jan. 13, 2021).

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41 factual and legal analysis set forth in the General Counsel's Brief. A copy of this Notice is being  
42 provided to Respondents at the same time that it is circulated to the Commission.  
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44 For the reasons set forth in the General Counsel's Brief, the Commission should proceed  
45 with finding probable cause to believe that Respondents knowingly solicited an in-kind  
46 contribution from a foreign national.  
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48 **RECOMMENDATION:**  
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50 Find probable cause to believe that Alexandra Chalupa and Chalupa & Associates, LLC,  
51 violated 52 U.S.C. § 30121(a)(2) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.20(g) by knowingly soliciting an  
52 in-kind contribution from a foreign national.