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Complaint Filed: February 8, 2018. Response Filed: March 26, 2018.

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² Melvin Russell Oliver is a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives for Georgia's 3rd Congressional District. Committee to Elect Rusty Oliver is Melvin Russell Oliver's principal campaign committee.

1 The Complainant alleges that the Committee failed to file its October 2017 Quarterly Report
2 or its 2017 Year-End Report.³ The Committee asserts that it had not raised or spent more than
3 \$5,000 by the end of 2017, and was therefore not required to file either disclosure report.⁴

4 Within fifteen days of becoming a candidate,⁵ the candidate must designate a principal
5 campaign committee by filing a Statement of Candidacy.⁶ The principal campaign committee must
6 then file a Statement of Organization no later than ten days after designation by the candidate.⁷ If the
7 individual seeking federal office has not attained candidate status, his or her principal campaign
8 committee may choose to, but is not required to, file disclosure reports.⁸

9 There are no available facts showing that the Committee was required to file a 2017 October
10 Quarterly Report or 2017 Year-End Report, and the Committee denies that it passed the reporting
11 threshold for either period. Therefore, we recommend that the Commission find no reason to believe
12 that Committee to Elect Rusty Oliver and Michiel Victor Cameron in his official capacity as treasurer
13 violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) or 11 C.F.R. § 104.1.

14 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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16 1. Find no reason to believe that Committee to Elect Rusty Oliver and Michiel Victor
17 Cameron in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) or 11 C.F.R.
18 § 104.1;
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20 2. Approve the attached Factual and Legal Analysis and the appropriate letters; and
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22 3. Close the file as to all respondents.

³ Compl. at 1 (Jan. 23, 2018); Suppl. Compl. at 1 (Feb. 8, 2018). The Complaint suggests that the candidate was required to file disclosure reports with the Commission because he registered as a candidate and accepted contributions.

⁴ Resp. at 1 (Mar. 26, 2018).

⁵ 52 U.S.C. § 30101(2); 11 C.F.R. § 100.3.

⁶ 52 U.S.C. § 30102(e)(1); 11 C.F.R. § 101.1(a).

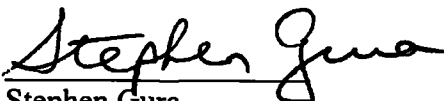
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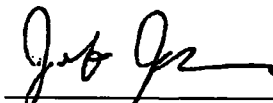
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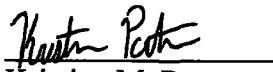
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Attachment:
Factual and Legal Analysis

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

RESPONDENTS: Committee to Elect Rusty Oliver and MUR 7312
Michiel Victor Cameron in his official capacity as treasurer

This matter was generated by a complaint alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (“the Act”) and Commission regulations by the Committee to Elect Rusty Oliver and Michiel Victor Cameron in his official capacity as treasurer (“the Committee”). It was scored as a low-rated matter under the Enforcement Priority System, by which the Commission uses formal scoring criteria as a basis to allocate its resources and decide which matters to pursue.

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