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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
Debbie Lesko; Debbie Lesko for) MURs 7327, 7337 and 7344
Congress and Ashley Ragan in her)
official capacity as treasurer; Re-Elect)
Debbie Lesko for Senate; Conservative)
Leadership for Arizona and Tim Sifert in)
his official capacity as treasurer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Laura E. Sinram, recording secretary of the Federal Election Commission executive session, do hereby certify that on July 23, 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 Conservative Leadership for Arizona and Tim Sifert in his official capacity as treasurer improperly reported funds received from Re-Elect Debbie Lesko for Senate.
 - b. Find reason to believe that Conservative Leadership for Arizona and Tim Sifert in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30120 and 11 C.F.R. § 110.11.
 - c. Direct the Office of General Counsel to draft corresponding Factual and Legal Analyses for these reporting and disclaimer violations.
 - d. Approve the use of compulsory process to investigate.

Commissioners Walther and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Hunter and Petersen dissented.

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2. Failed by a vote of 3-1 to:

- a. Merge MUR 7327 into MUR 7337.
- b. Find reason to believe that Debbie Lesko and Re-Elect Debbie Lesko for Senate violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e)(1)(A) by transferring funds that were not subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and used in connection with a federal election.
- c. Find reason to believe that Conservative Leadership for Arizona and Tim Sifert in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e)(1)(A) by receiving and spending funds that were not subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and used in connection with a federal election.
- d. Take no action at this time on the allegation that Conservative Leadership for Arizona and Tim Sifert in his official capacity as treasurer improperly reported funds received from Re-Elect Debbie Lesko for Senate.
- e. Find no reason to believe that Conservative Leadership for Arizona and Tim Sifert in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(g) in MUR 7344 by failing to file 24-Hour or 48-Hour Reports of independent expenditures.
- f. Take no action at this time on the disclaimer allegations in MUR 7344 against Conservative Leadership for Arizona and Tim Sifert in his official capacity as treasurer.
- g. Take no action at this time as to Debbie Lesko for Congress and Ashley Ragan in her official capacity as treasurer.
- h. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis for Debbie Lesko and Re-Elect Debbie Lesko for Senate, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated June 11, 2019 except
 - i. Strike the paragraph on page 8 of 10, lines 3-16, and
 - ii. Have a conforming edit reflecting the change recommended at the table by Chair Weintraub.
- i. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis for Conservative Leadership for Arizona and Tim Sifert in his official capacity as

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treasurer, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated June 11, 2019 except

- i. Have a conforming edit reflecting the change recommended at the table by Chair Weintraub.
- j. Approve the use of compulsory process.
- k. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Hunter, Petersen, and Walther voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioner Weintraub dissented.

3. Failed by a vote of 2-2 to:

Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis for Debbie Lesko and Re-Elect Debbie Lesko for Senate, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated June 11, 2019, with the change deleting the word "because" as described earlier at the table.

Commissioners Walther and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Hunter and Petersen dissented.

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

- a. Merge MUR 7327 into MUR 7337.
- b. Find reason to believe that Debbie Lesko and Re-Elect Debbie Lesko for Senate violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e)(1)(A) by transferring funds that were not subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and used in connection with a federal election.
- c. Find reason to believe that Conservative Leadership for Arizona and Tim Sifert in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30125(e)(1)(A) by receiving and spending funds that were not subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and used in connection with a federal election.
- d. Find no reason to believe that Conservative Leadership for Arizona and Tim Sifert in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52

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U.S.C. § 30104(g) in MUR 7344 by failing to file 24-Hour or 48-Hour Reports of independent expenditures.

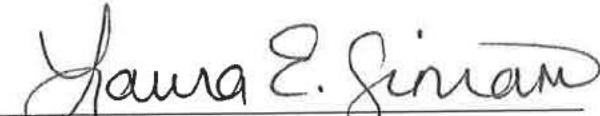
- e. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis for Debbie Lesko and Re-Elect Debbie Lesko for Senate, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated June 11, 2019, and last circulated by Vice Chairman Petersen's Office on July 23, 2019 and as described at the table:
 - i. Striking the paragraph on page 8 of 10, lines 3-16, and
 - ii. Making the following edit on page 8 of 10, line 18:
 1. Add a period behind "prohibited",
 2. Strike "because", and
 3. Capitalize 'neither'.
- f. Approve the Factual and Legal Analysis for Conservative Leadership for Arizona and Tim Sifert in his official capacity as treasurer, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated June 11, 2019, except
 - i. Make similar edits to the Factual and Legal Analysis for Conservative Leadership for Arizona and Tim Sifert in his official capacity as treasurer as described in items 4(e)(i) and (ii).
- g. Approve the use of compulsory process.
- h. Approve the appropriate letters.

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

Attest:

7/29/19

Date



Laura E. Sinram
Acting Secretary and Clerk of the
Commission