



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20463

MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: MURs 7546 and 7898 (Virgin Islands Republican Party)
Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation

On November 14, 2018, the Commission found reason to believe in MUR 7546 (formerly MURs 7546, 7547 and 7548, the latter two of which were merged with MUR 7546) that Virgin Islands Republican Party and John Canegata in his official capacity as treasurer¹ (“VIGOP” or the “Committee”) violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(4)(H)(iii), (b)(8), and (g)(2) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 104.3(d) and 104.4 in connection with various reports filed in 2016 and 2017 by (1) failing to timely file 48-Hour Reports for independent expenditures totaling \$509,457.53 that were disclosed on monthly reports; (2) failing to disclose \$126,168.56 in independent expenditures on monthly reports for which 48-Hour Reports had been previously filed; and (3) failing to properly disclose \$539,417.96 in debts.²

¹ At the time of the reason-to-believe finding, the Committee’s treasurer was Scott Mackenzie. John Canegata replaced Mackenzie as treasurer on December 20, 2019. V.I. Republican Party, Amended Statement of Organization (Dec. 20, 2019), <https://docquery.fec.gov/pdf/886/201912209166665886/201912209166665886.pdf>.

² Cert. ¶ 1(d)-(f) (Nov. 14, 2018); Factual & Legal Analysis (“F&LA”) at 9, MURs 7546, 7547, 7548 (V.I. Republican Party).

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Under these circumstances, we believe that this negotiated settlement represents an acceptable resolution of this matter. Therefore, we recommend that the Commission accept the signed conciliation agreement and close the file.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Accept the attached signed conciliation agreement with Virgin Islands Republican Party and John Canegata in his official capacity as treasurer;
2. Approve the appropriate letters; and
3. Close the file.