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# BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Hillary Victory Fund and Elizabeth Jones in her official capacity as treasurer; Hillary Rodham Clinton; Hillary for America and Elizabeth Jones in her official capacity as treasurer; DNC Services Corporation/Democratic National Committee and William Q. Derrough in his official capacity as treasurer: Alaska Democratic Party and Carolyn Covington in her official capacity as treasurer; Democratic Party of Arkansas and Dawne Vandiver in her official capacity as treasurer; Colorado Democratic Party and Rita Simas in her official capacity as treasurer; Democratic State Committee (Delaware) and Helene Keeley in her official capacity as treasurer; Democratic Executive Committee of Florida and Francesca Menes in her official capacity as treasurer; Georgia Federal Elections Committee and Kip Carr in his official capacity as treasurer; Idaho State Democratic Party and Leroy Hayes in his official capacity as treasurer; Indiana Democratic Congressional Victory Committee and Henry Fernandez in his official capacity as treasurer; Iowa Democratic Party and Ken Sagar in his official capacity as treasurer; Kansas Democratic Party and Bill Hutton in his official capacity as treasurer; Kentucky State Democratic Central Executive Committee and M. Melinda Karns in her official capacity as treasurer; Democratic State Central Committee of LA and Sean

MUR 7304, MUR 7331, RAD REFERRAL 17L-36, RAD REFERRAL 17L-46, RAD REFERRAL 17L-48R, RAD REFERRAL 18L-19, RAD REFERRAL 18L-21, RAD REFERRAL 18L-25, AUDIT REFERRAL 17-08R and AUDIT REFERRAL 18-01R

Bruno in his official capacity as treasurer; Maine Democratic Party and Betty Johnson in her official capacity as treasurer: Massachusetts Democratic State Committee and Paul G. Yorkis in his official capacity as treasurer; Michigan Democratic State Central Committee and Sandy O'Brien in her official capacity as treasurer; Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party and Tyler Moroles in his official capacity as treasurer; Mississippi Democratic Party and Ryan Brown in his official capacity as treasurer; Missouri Democratic State Committee and Emily Waggoner in her official capacity as acting treasurer; Montana Democratic Party and Sandi Luckey in her official capacity as treasurer; Nevada State Democratic Party and Jan Churchill in her official capacity as treasurer; New Hampshire Democratic Party and Brian Rapp in his official capacity as treasurer; New Jersey Democratic State Committee and Kelly Stewart Maer in her official capacity as treasurer; Democratic Party of New Mexico and Robert Lara in his official capacity as treasurer; North Carolina Democratic Party – Federal and Anna Tilghamn in her official capacity as treasurer; Ohio Democratic Party and Fran Alberty in her official capacity as treasurer; Oklahoma Democratic Party and Rachael Hunsucker in her official capacity as treasurer; Democratic Party of Oregon and Eddy Morales in his official capacity as treasurer; Pennsylvania Democratic Party and Alexander Reber in his official capacity as treasurer; Rhode ) Island Democratic State Committee and Jeffrey Padwa in his official capacity as treasurer; Democratic Party of South ) Carolina and Kathryn Hensley in her ) official capacity as treasurer; South )

Dakota Democratic Party and Bill Nibbelink in his official capacity as treasurer; Tennessee Democratic Party and Geeta McMillan in her official capacity as treasurer; Texas Democratic Party and Gilberto Hinojosa in his official capacity as treasurer; Utah State Democratic Committee and Peter Corroon in his official capacity as treasurer; Democratic Party of Virginia and Barbara Klear in her official capacity as treasurer; WV State Democratic Executive Committee and Jerry Brookover in his official capacity as treasurer; Democratic Party of Wisconsin and Randy A. Udell in his official capacity as treasurer; WY Democratic State Central Committee and Chris Russell 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 April 25, 2019, the Commission took the following actions in the above-captioned matter:

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

- a. Open a MUR for RR 17L-36 and merge it with MUR 7304.
- b. Open a MUR for RR 17L-46 and merge it with MUR 7304.
- c. Open a MUR for RR 17L-48R and merge it with MUR 7304.
- d. Open a MUR for RR 18L-19 and merge it with MUR 7304.
- e. Open a MUR for RR 18L-21 and merge it with MUR 7304.
- f. Open a MUR for RR 18L-25 and merge it with MUR 7304.

- g. Open a MUR for AR 17-08R and merge it with MUR 7304.
- h. Open a MUR for AR 18-01R and merge it with MUR 7304.

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- j. Find reason to believe that Hillary Victory Fund and Elizabeth Jones in her official capacity as treasurer, Hillary for America and Elizabeth Jones in her official capacity as treasurer, DNC Services Corporation/DNC and William Q. Derrough in his official capacity as treasurer, and the thirty-eight SPCs violated 11 C.F.R. § 102.17(c)(1) and (2).
- k. Find reason to believe that DNC Services Corporation/DNC and William Q. Derrough in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f).
- 1. Find reason to believe that Hillary Victory Fund and Elizabeth Jones in her official capacity as treasurer, DNC Services Corporation/DNC and William Q. Derrough in his official capacity as treasurer, and the thirty-eight SPCs violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and (b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a) and (b).
- m. Find reason to believe the Texas Democratic Party, the Mississippi Democratic Party, the Idaho State Democratic Party, the Nevada State Democratic Party, the Utah State Democratic Committee, the Democratic Party of South Carolina, the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee, and the Kansas Democratic Party violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and (b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a) and (b).
- n. Find reason to believe that DNC Services Corporation/DNC and William Q. Derrough in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 109.20(a) and 109.32.
- o. Find reason to believe that Hillary for America and Elizabeth Jones in her official violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 109.20(a) and 109.32.
- p. Take no action at this time with regard to the alleged violations of 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116(a)(8) and 30122 and 11 C.F.R. §§ 110.4 and 110.6 against all Respondents.

- q. Approve the Factual and Legal Analyses, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated September 28, 2018.
- r. Approve the appropriate letters.

Commissioners Walther and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Hunter and Petersen dissented.

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

## RR 17L-36 (Texas Democratic Party)

- a. Open a MUR in RR 17L-36.
- b. Find reason to believe that the Texas Democratic Party and Gilberto Hinojosa in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and (b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a) and (b).
- c. Enter into conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
- d. Direct the Office of General Counsel to circulate a proposed conciliation agreement
- e. Direct the Office of General Counsel to circulate a Factual and Legal Analysis.

Commissioners Walther and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Hunter and Petersen dissented.

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

MUR # 7597

#### RR 17L-36 (Texas Democratic Party)

- a. Open a MUR in RR 17L-36,
- b. Find reason to believe that the Texas Democratic Party and Gilberto Hinojosa in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and (b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a) and (b).

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- c. Enter into conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
- d. Direct the Office of General Counsel to circulate a proposed conciliation agreement

e. Direct the Office of General Counsel to circulate a Factual and Legal Analysis.

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

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

### RR 17L-46 (Democratic Party of South Carolina)

- a. Open a MUR in RR 17L-46 (Democratic Party of South Carolina).
- b. Find reason to believe that the Democratic Party of South Carolina and Kathryn Hensley in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and (b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a) and (b).
- c. Enter into conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
- d. Direct the Office of General Counsel to circulate a proposed conciliation agreement
- e. Direct the Office of General Counsel to circulate a Factual and Legal Analysis.

Commissioners Walther and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Hunter and Petersen dissented.

MUR # 7598

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

RR 17L-46 (Democratic Party of South Carolina)

- a. Open a MUR in RR 17L-46 (Democratic Party of South Carolina).
- b. Find reason to believe that the Democratic Party of South Carolina and Kathryn Hensley in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and (b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a) and (b).
- c. Enter into conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
- d. Direct the Office of General Counsel to circulate a proposed conciliation agreement

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e. Direct the Office of General Counsel to circulate a Factual and Legal Analysis.

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

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

# RR 18L-25 (Nevada State Democratic Party)

- a. Open a MUR in 18L-25.
- b. Find reason to believe that the Nevada State Democratic Party and Jan Churchill in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and (b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a) and (b).
- c. Enter into conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
- d. Direct the Office of General Counsel to circulate a proposed conciliation agreement

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e. Direct the Office of General Counsel to circulate a Factual and Legal Analysis.

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Federal Election Commission Certification for MURs 7304 and 7331; RAD Referrals 17L-36, 17L-46, 17L-48R, 18L-19, 18L-21, and 18L-25; Audit Referrals 17-08R and 18-01R April 25, 2019

Commissioners Walther and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Hunter and Petersen dissented.

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

MUR # 7599

### RR 18L-25 (Nevada State Democratic Party)

- a. Open a MUR in 18L-25.
- b. Find reason to believe that the Nevada State Democratic Party and Jan Churchill in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and (b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a) and (b).
- c. Enter into conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
- d. Direct the Office of General Counsel to circulate a proposed conciliation agreement
- e. Direct the Office of General Counsel to circulate a Factual and Legal Analysis.

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

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

# AR 18-01R (Utah State Democratic Committee)

- a. Open a MUR in 18-01R (Utah State Democratic Committee).
- b. Find reason to believe that the Utah State Democratic Committee and Peter Corroon in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and (b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a) and (b).
- c. Enter into conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.

- d. Direct the Office of General Counsel to circulate a proposed conciliation agreement
- e. Direct the Office of General Counsel to circulate a Factual and Legal Analysis.

Commissioners Walther and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the motion.

Commissioners Hunter and Petersen dissented.

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

# MUR # 7600

# AR 18-01R (Utah State Democratic Committee)

- a. Open a MUR in 18-01R (Utah State Democratic Committee).
- b. Find reason to believe that the Utah State Democratic Committee and Peter Corroon in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and (b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a) and (b).
- c. Enter into conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
- d. Direct the Office of General Counsel to circulate a proposed conciliation agreement
- e. Direct the Office of General Counsel to circulate a Factual and Legal Analysis.

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

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

MUR # 7601

# AR 17-08R (Kansas Democratic Party)

a. Open a MUR in 17-08R.

- b. Find reason to believe that the Kansas Democratic Party and Bill Hutton in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b)(3)(A) and 11 C.F.R. § 102.17(c)(8)(i)(B).
- c. Enter into conciliation prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.
- d. Direct the Office of General Counsel to circulate a proposed conciliation agreement and to calculate the civil penalty.
- e. Direct the Office of General Counsel to circulate a Factual and Legal Analysis.

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

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

### RR 17L-48R (Mississippi Democratic Party)

- a. Decline to open a MUR in RR 17L-48R.
- b. Refer the Mississippi Democratic Party to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office.

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

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

## RR 18L-21 (Idaho State Democratic Party)

- a. Decline to open a MUR in RR 18L-21.
- b. Refer the Idaho State Democratic Party to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office.

17L-48R, 18L-19, 18L-21, and 18L-25; Audit Referrals 17-08R and 18-01R

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

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

# RR 18L-19 (Massachusetts Democratic State Committee)

- a. Decline to open a MUR in RR 18L-19.
- b. Refer the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office.

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

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

### MUR 7331 (Hillary Victory Fund)

- a.
- b. Close the File.
- c. Send the appropriate letters.

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

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

# MUR 7304 (Hillary Victory Fund)

a. Close the File.

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b. Approve defense of suit in the event that the complainant in this matter subsequently files suit pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8).

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

Commissioner Weintraub dissented.

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

### MUR 7304 (Hillary Victory Fund)

- a. Close the File.
- b. Send the appropriate letters.

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

Attest:

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Laura E. Sinram

Deputy Secretary of the Commission