

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
Trump Victory and Bradley T. Crate in) MUR 7339, RAD REFERRAL 17L-27R
his official capacity as treasurer;) and RAD REFERRAL 17L-31
Republican National Committee and)
Anthony W. Parker in his official)
capacity as treasurer; Donald J. Trump)
for President, Inc. and Bradley T. Crate)
in his official capacity as treasurer;)
Donald J. Trump; Alabama Republican)
Party and Sallie Bryant in her official)
capacity as treasurer; Republican Party of)
Arkansas and Joel Pritchett in his official)
capacity as treasurer; California)
Republican Party and Mario Guerra in)
his official capacity as treasurer;)
Connecticut Republican Party and)
Warner C. Pyne, III in his official)
capacity as treasurer; Illinois Republican)
Party and Judy A. Diekelman in her)
official capacity as treasurer; Kansas)
Republican Party and Richard L. Todd in)
his official capacity as treasurer;)
Republican Party of Louisiana and)
Dexter Duhon in his official capacity as)
treasurer; Republican Party of)
Minnesota-Federal and Bron Scherer in)
his official capacity as treasurer;)
Mississippi Republican Party and Paul V.)
Breazeale in his official capacity as)
treasurer; Missouri Republican State)
Committee-Federal and Patricia Thomas)
in her official capacity as treasurer; New)
Jersey Republican State Committee and)
April Bengivenga in her official capacity)
as treasurer; NY Republican Federal)
Campaign Committee and Steven Wells)
in her official capacity as treasurer; North)

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Carolina Republican Party and Jason)
Lemons in his official capacity as)
treasurer; North Dakota Republican Party)
and Nicholas Hacker in his official)
capacity as treasurer; Republican Federal)
Committee of Pennsylvania and)
Dakshinamurthy Raja in his official)
capacity as treasurer; South Carolina)
Republican Party and Sharon Thompson)
in her official capacity as treasurer;)
Tennessee Republican Party Federal)
Election Account and Frank Colvett in)
his official capacity as treasurer;)
Republican Party of Virginia Inc. and)
John G. Selph in his official capacity as)
acting treasurer; West Virginia)
Republican Party, Inc. and Michelle L.)
Wilshere in her official capacity as)
treasurer; Republican Party of Wisconsin)
and Andrew Hitt in his official capacity)
as treasurer; Wyoming Republican Party,)
Inc. and Doug Chamberlain 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 in RR 17L-27R and merge it with MUR 7339.
 - b. Open a MUR in RR 17L-31 and merge it with MUR 7339.
 - c. Find reason to believe that Trump Victory and Bradley T. Crate in his official capacity as treasurer, Donald J. Trump For President, Inc. and Bradley T. Crate in his official capacity as treasurer, the Republican National Committee and Anthony W. Parker in his official capacity as treasurer, and the twenty-one state party committees violated 11 C.F.R. § 102.17(c)(1) and (2).

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- d. Find reason to believe that the Republican National Committee and Anthony W. Parker in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f).
- e. Find reason to believe that Trump Victory and Bradley T. Crate in his official capacity as treasurer, the Republican National Committee and Anthony W. Parker in his official capacity as treasurer, and the twenty-one state party committees violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and (b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a) and (b).
- f. Find reason to believe the North Dakota Republican Party and the Wyoming Republican Party, Inc. violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and (b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a) and (b).
- g. Find reason to believe that the Republican National Committee and Anthony W. Parker in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 109.20(a) and 109.32.
- h. Find reason to believe that Donald J. Trump For President, Inc. and Bradley T. Crate in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 109.20(a) and 109.32.
- i. 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.
- j. Direct the Office of General Counsel to draft an appropriate Factual and Legal Analysis based on the findings made in this motion.
- k. 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-31 (Wyoming Republican Party)

- a. Open a MUR in RR 17L-31.
- b. Find reason to believe that Wyoming Republican Party and Doug Chamberlain 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 and to calculate the penalty using 125% of the Administrative Fines Formula.
- 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 # 7603

RR 17L-31 (Wyoming Republican Party)

- a. Open a MUR in RR 17L-31.
- b. Find reason to believe that Wyoming Republican Party and Doug Chamberlain 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.
- d.
- 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. Decided by a vote of 4-0 to:

RR 17L-27R (North Dakota Republican Party)

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- a. Decline to open a MUR in RR 17L-27R.
- b. Refer the North Dakota Republican Party to the Alternative Dispute Resolution Office.

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

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

MUR 7339 (Trump Victory)

- a. Close the file.
- b. Approve defense of suit in the event Complainant in this matter subsequently files suit pursuant to 52 U.S.C. §30109(a)(8).
- c. Send the appropriate letters.

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

Commissioner Weintraub dissented.

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

MUR 7339 (Trump Victory)

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

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

Attest:

4/29/19

Date

Laura E. Sinram

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Deputy Secretary of the Commission