



1 in the primary election, the Watts Committee refunded the \$900 overpayment.<sup>4</sup> The Watts  
2 Committee did not submit a response to the Complaint.

3           Based on its experience and expertise, the Commission has established an Enforcement  
4 Priority System using formal, pre-determined scoring criteria to allocate agency resources and  
5 assess whether particular matters warrant further administrative enforcement proceedings. These  
6 criteria include (1) the gravity of the alleged violation, taking into account both the type of activity  
7 and the amount in violation; (2) the apparent impact the alleged violation may have had on the  
8 electoral process; (3) the complexity of the legal issues raised in the matter; and (4) recent trends in  
9 potential violations and other developments in the law. This matter is rated as low priority for  
10 Commission action after application of these pre-established criteria. Given that low rating, the  
11 remedial actions of the Respondents, and the low dollar amount involved, we recommend that the  
12 Commission dismiss the Complaint consistent with the Commission's prosecutorial discretion to  
13 determine the proper ordering of its priorities and use of agency resources.<sup>5</sup> We also recommend

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<sup>4</sup> Lee Watts for Congress, Termination Report at 12 (May 25, 2022) (showing a \$900 refund to the Henning Committee).

<sup>5</sup> *Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821, 831-32 (1985).

1 that the Commission close the file and send the appropriate letters.

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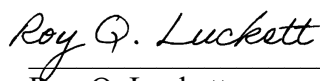
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