

## **FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION** Washington, DC

**MEMORANDUM** 

TO:

The Commission

FROM:

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 **SUBJECT:** MUR 8262 (Orange County Republican Executive Committee)

Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation Agreement

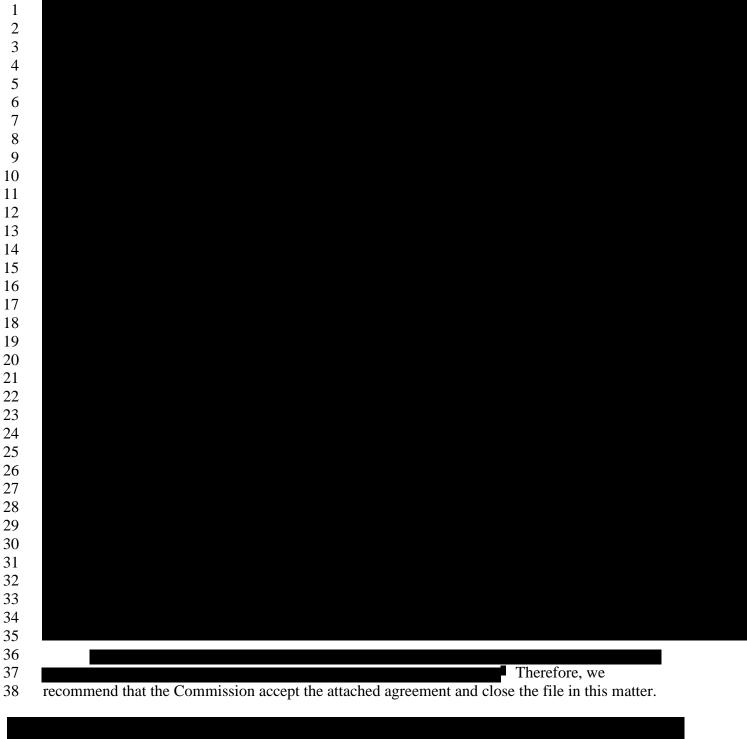
 On May 14, 2024, the Commission found reason to believe that Orange County Republican Executive Committee and Wade Bailey in his official capacity as treasurer (the "Committee") violated: (1) 52 U.S.C. § 30116(f) and 11 C.F.R. § 110.9 by knowingly accepting excessive contributions, totaling \$15,600; (2) 52 U.S.C. § 30118(a) and 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(d) by knowingly accepting a corporate contribution of \$350; and (3) 11 C.F.R. § 103.3(b) by accepting a contribution of \$20,000 from an unregistered organization without ascertaining whether the underlying funds complied with the limitations and prohibitions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). The Commission also voted to enter into preprobable cause conciliation with the Committee. Attached is a negotiated conciliation agreement with the Committee, signed by the Committee's chairperson, which would resolve the violations. We recommend that the Commission accept the signed agreement.

Certification ¶ 2.b, c, d (May 17, 2024).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id.* ¶ 2.f.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Attach. 1.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS:

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- 1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with Orange County Republican Executive Committee and Wade Bailey in his official capacity as treasurer;
- 2. Approve the appropriate letter; and
- 3. Close the file.



