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MEMORANDUM

January 11, 2007

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TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Patrina M. Clark
Staff Director

FROM: Deborah Kant
Director, ADR Office

BY: Lynn M. Fraser
Assistant Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: ADR 362 Craig Romero for Congress, Inc , and Jeff Landry, Treasurer,
Recommendation to Assign

On November 3, 2007 the ADR Office received MUR 5804 to review and determine its appropriateness for ADR processing. Based on that review, we determined that the case is appropriate for ADR, and recommend that it be assigned to the ADR Office. The ADR Recommendation includes an analysis of the case, and a description of the issues that the ADR Office anticipates addressing if the case is assigned to ADR. In addition, the Office of General Counsel reviewed the ADR Recommendation, and concurs in the description of the case.

ADR Case: ADR 362

Source No. MUR 5804

Respondents:
Craig Romero for Congress, Inc.
Jeff Landry, Treasurer

Respondents' Rep.:
Jeff Landry, Esq.

Complainant: Christopher Whittington

Committee Name: Craig Romero for Congress, Inc.

Date Complaint Filed: 8/31/06

Committee Type: Authorized

Date Forwarded to ADRO: 11/3/06

District #/or State: LA 3rd C.D.

Election - Won/Lost: General - Lost

Election Cycle: 2006

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Summary of Complaint: Complainant alleges that Craig Romero for Congress, Inc. and Jeff Landry, Treasurer, ("Respondents" or the "Committee") failed to have the required disclaimers on campaign signs. The Complainant attached several photographs that reflect signs which reflect no disclaimer or statement as to who paid for the signs.

Respondents' Reply: Respondents contend that the signs reflected in the attachments to the complaint were reused from a previous election cycle. Respondents further contend that did not realize there was a problem as the signs were not the subject of a complaint during the previous campaign. Respondents also contend that they don't believe the public was confused by the lack of a disclaimer, that the complaint is *de minimis*, and that steps were taken to add the disclaimer to all signs printed after the issue was brought to their attention.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Assign ADR 362/MUR 5804 to the ADR Office.