



**Federal Election Commission
Washington, DC 20463**

MEMORANDUM

April 30, 2010

TO: The Commission

THROUGH: Alec Palmer
Acting Staff Director

FROM: Patricia Carmona
Chief Compliance Officer

Lynn M. Fraser
Director, ADR Office

SUBJECT: ADR 521 Republican Party of Orange County (Federal) and Mark W. Bucher, Treasurer, Recommendation to Approve Settlement Agreement

RESOLUTION TERMS: Develop and implement a receipt and response tracking system for communications from the Commission; develop and implement a best efforts process for staff reference; develop and implement a compliance operations manual for staff reference; and pay a civil penalty of \$2,000.

Attached for your review is a signed negotiated ADR Settlement Agreement pertaining to **ADR 521 (RAD 09L-41)**. The ADR Office received this referral on October 21, 2009.

SUMMARY: The Reports Analysis Division referred the Republican Party of Orange County (Federal) and Mark W. Bucher, Treasurer (Respondents or the Committee) for cumulative errors during the 2008 election cycle which disclosed the Committee was not in substantial compliance with the FECA. A political committee may be referred if, after an internal review of reports filed by the committee, the Commission determines the reports do not meet the threshold requirements for substantial compliance with the FECA. 2 U.S.C. § 437(g).

Respondents contend that while there were reporting deficiencies during the 2008 election cycle, the Committee began steps to correct the record and ensure compliance.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the attached settlement agreement of Republican Party of Orange County (Federal) and Mark W. Bucher, Treasurer.
2. Approve the appropriate letters.
3. Close the file on this matter.