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Via Electronic Mail

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> RE: MUR 8190 (AR 22-05) Aníbal Comisionado 2020

Dear Mr. Rodríguez Díaz:

On February 21, 2024, the Federal Election Commission accepted the signed conciliation agreement and civil penalty submitted on your client's behalf in settlement of a violation of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). Accordingly, the file has been closed in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. *See* Disclosure of Certain Documents in Enforcement and Other Matters, 81 Fed. Reg. 50,702 (Aug. 2, 2016). Information derived in connection with any conciliation attempt will not become public without the written consent of the respondent and the Commission. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B).

Enclosed you will find a copy of the fully executed conciliation agreement for your files. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1022.

Sincerely,

Lisa J. Stevenson Acting General Counsel

Gordon King
BY: Gordon King

Attorney

Enclosure
Conciliation Agreement

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Aníbal Comisionado 2020)		, and all	200
and José Luis Mendoza in his official)		- 2	20
capacity as treasurer)		125	27
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CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated pursuant to information ascertained by the Federal Election Commission in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. The Commission found reason to believe that Aníbal Comisionado 2020 and José Luis Mendoza in his official capacity as treasurer ("Respondent" or "Committee") violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a) of the Commission's regulations by misstating its receipts in calendar year 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and Respondent, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

- I. The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this Agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(A)(i).
- II. Respondent has had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.
 - III. Respondent enters voluntarily into this Agreement with the Commission.
 - IV. The pertinent facts and law in this matter are as follows:

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- 1. The Committee is the principal campaign committee for Aníbal Acevedo-Vilá, a candidate in the 2020 election cycle for Puerto Rico's Resident Commissioner delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives. José Luis Mendoza is the Committee's treasurer.
- 2. The Act requires committee treasurers to file reports of receipts and disbursements in accordance with the provisions of 52 U.S.C. § 30104. These reports must include, among other things, the total amount of receipts, including the appropriate itemizations, where required. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b); 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a).
- 3. The Committee overstated reported receipts by \$44,455 in calendar year 2020.
- V. Respondent violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a) by misstating receipts in calendar year 2020.
 - VI. Respondent will take the following actions:
- 1. Respondent will pay a civil penalty to the Commission in the amount of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000), pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(5)(A).
- 2. Respondent will cease and desist from committing violations of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(b) and 11 C.F.R. § 104.3(a).
- VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this Agreement. If the Commission believes that this Agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.
- VIII. This Agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed the same and the Commission has approved the entire Agreement.

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IX. Respondent shall have no more than 30 days from the date this Agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this Agreement and to so notify the Commission.

X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained within this written Agreement shall be enforceable.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lisa J. Stevenson

Acting General Counsel

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Associate General Counsel

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FOR THE RESPONDENT:

(Name) José Luis Mendoza

(Position) Treasurer

Aníbal Comisionado 2020

January 11, 2024

Date