

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Ryan Morales

Case No.: FEC 19-131

TO: Ryan Morales
10321 Alameda Alma Road
Clermont, FL 34711

Division of Elections
500 S Bronough Street, Room 316
Tallahassee, FL 32399

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission **on February 23, 2021 at 8:30 am, EST**, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard.

Please note that because of COVID-19, this will be a virtual meeting conducted by remote video or teleconference. Enclosed you will find additional details on joining the video conference via GoToWebinar, 9-Digit Webinar ID 627-359-707, or via teleconference by dialing (877) 309-2071 and entering the meeting access code 324-720-215, when prompted. If you wish to speak before the Commission, you will need to appear by webcam and will be sworn in remotely. Please be advised that the Commission will consider multiple cases, so you will need to wait until your case is considered. If you have any questions, please contact Commission staff at (850) 922-4539.

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
February 2, 2021

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Commission Meeting February 23, 2021 at 8:30AM via GoToWebinar and OpenVoice

In order to participate in the public portion of the February 23, 2021, Florida Elections Commission meeting, please follow the instructions below:

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And your email address
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While this is a public meeting and advanced registration is not mandatory, we ask that if you plan to attend via Video Conference or Teleconference, that you notify our office in advance. This will give the Commission the opportunity to organize the agenda as efficiently as possible. It will be the goal of the Commission to hear cases in which parties are present, first, in order to reduce the standby time of the parties in attendance.

You can call or email our office of your intent to participate or of any questions you may have regarding this meeting. Please provide the case number(s) of interest, when contacting our office.

Thank you,

Commission Staff

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,

Case No.: FEC 19-131

vs.

Ryan Morales,
Respondent.

ORDER CONTINUING CASE

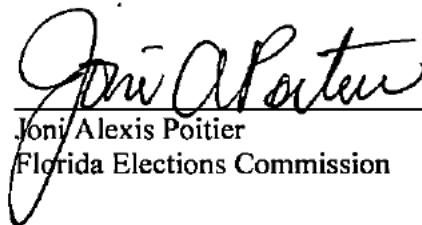
THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 1, 2020, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Respondent filed a Motion to Continue ("Motion") the hearing. The Commission reviewed Respondent's Motion, staff had no objection to Respondent's Motion, and the Commission being otherwise fully advised in the premises, it is hereby

ORDERED and **ADJUDGED** that Respondent's Motion to Continue is **GRANTED**.

This matter is continued until the next available meeting of the Florida Elections Commission.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on December 1, 2020.



Joni Alexis Poitier
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel
Ryan Morales, Respondent
Division of Elections, Complainant

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Clermont, FL 34711

Division of Elections
500 S Bronough Street, Room 316
Tallahassee, FL 32399

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
November 9, 2020

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ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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**Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,**

Case No.: FEC 19-131

v.

**Ryan Morales,
Respondent.**

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ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 19, 2019, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On October 9, 2019, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff's Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation(s):

Count 1:

On or about September 20, 2018, Ryan Morales violated Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes, when he failed to file the campaign's 2018 Termination Report reflecting the disposition of all remaining campaign funds within 90 days after being eliminated as a candidate.

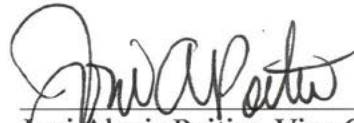
Count 2:

On or around September 20, 2018, Ryan Morales violated Section

106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when he deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's 2018 Termination Report.

The Commission finds that there is **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on November 19, 2019.



Joni Alexis Poitier, Vice Chair
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Stephanie J. Cunningham, Assistant General Counsel
Ryan Morales, Respondent
Division of Elections, Complainant

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING

As the Respondent, you may elect to resolve this case in several ways. First, you may elect to resolve this case by consent order where you and Commission staff agree to resolve the violation(s) and agree to the amount of the fine. The consent order is then presented to the Commission for its approval. To discuss a consent order, contact the FEC attorney identified in the Order of Probable Cause.

Second, you may request an informal hearing held before the Commission, if you do not dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to make written or oral arguments to the Commission concerning the legal issues related to the violation(s) and the potential fine. At the request of Respondent, the Commission will consider and determine willfulness at an informal hearing. Otherwise, live witness testimony is unnecessary.

Third, you may request a formal hearing held before an administrative law judge in the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), if you dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to present evidence relevant to the violation(s) listed in this order, to cross-examine opposing witnesses, to impeach

any witness, and to rebut the evidence presented against you.

If you do not elect to resolve the case by consent order or request a formal hearing at the DOAH or an informal hearing before the Commission within 30 days of the date this Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission, the case will be sent to the Commission for a formal or informal hearing, depending on whether the facts are in dispute. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the referral in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Sections 106.141(1), and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes**, and **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on September 19, 2019, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On March 7, 2019, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections (“Division” or “Complainant”), alleging that Ryan Morales (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
2. Respondent was a 2018 candidate for State Senator, District 22. Respondent’s Statement of Candidate form (“DS-DE 84”) was filed on March 6, 2018. (ROI Exhibit 3)¹
3. By letter dated June 27, 2019, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provisions:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2018 candidate for State Senator, District 22, may have failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2018 termination reporting period.

Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2018 candidate for State Senator, District 22, failed to timely file his 2018 Termination Report reflecting the disposition of all remaining campaign funds.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2018 candidate for State Senator, District 22, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in his 2018 Termination Report, as required by Chapter 106.

¹ The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as “ROI.”

4. On March 6, 2018, Respondent filed his Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form ("DS-DE 9") appointing Ronald Ruiz as treasurer for his campaign. (ROI Exhibit 2)

5. By letter dated March 20, 2018, Kristi Reid Willis, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received his DS-DE 9 and that his name was placed on the 2018 active candidate list. (ROI Exhibit 4)

6. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all candidates filing reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system ("EFS"), and provided Respondent with a user identification number and initial password to grant access to the EFS. The letter further advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms were available on its website and directed Respondent to print out Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 4)

Alleged Violation: Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes

7. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida's election laws by failing to timely file the campaign's 2018 Termination Report.

8. Respondent did not qualify and was eliminated as a candidate. Respondent was required to dispose of the funds on deposit in his campaign account and file the campaign's 2018 Termination Report within 90 days after being eliminated as a candidate.

9. On September 21, 2018, November 7, 2018, and November 20, 2018, the Division sent letters notifying Respondent that his report had not been received. The notifications were returned undeliverable as Respondent's PO Box was closed. (ROI Exhibits 6 & 8) The Division's records show that staff emailed and telephoned Respondent on several occasions to remind Respondent that his report had not been filed and to provide instructions on how to update his address with the Division. (ROI Exhibit 7)

10. A subpoena was issued to Respondent's designated campaign depositories to ascertain whether any financial activity occurred during the relevant reporting period, i.e., June 23, 2018 – September 20, 2018. Wells Fargo was unable to locate an account in Respondent's name. (ROI Exhibit 12) Respondent's bank records from Trustco Bank show one or more contributions in the amount of \$400 (transfer from PayPal) and 15 expenditures totaling \$723.99. (ROI Exhibit 16; Attachment A)

11. Respondent stated that he was unclear of the process with regard to the final report. He stated that the problem stemmed from the fact that he was told by the Division that he had \$1,981 in his campaign account when he only had \$11. (ROI Exhibit 9) On July 26, 2019, Respondent filed the campaign's 2018 Termination Report. (ROI Exhibit 10) The report was 309 days late. Respondent was not assessed an automatic fine for the late filing of the report as this matter was already referred to the Commission. (Attachment B)

12. As it appears that Respondent had reportable financial activity during the relevant reporting period, Respondent was required to file the campaign's 2018 Termination Report within 90 days after being eliminated as a candidate, but failed to do so.

Alleged Violation: Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes

13. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida's election laws by falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's 2018 Termination Report.

14. Based on the above analysis, Respondent had reportable financial activity during the relevant reporting period. Therefore, Respondent was required to disclose the financial activity on the campaign's 2018 Termination Report.

15. To date, Respondent has not disclosed the \$1,123.99 in financial activity but rather disclosed an \$11 expenditure which is not supported by Respondent's bank records. (ROI Exhibits 11 & 16; Attachment A) With regard to Respondent's deliberate failure to include information on the campaign's report, he may have failed to disclose the campaign's financial activity as some of the funds were not disposed of properly pursuant to sections 106.141(4)(a), and 106.11(5), Florida Statutes, but were spent at gas stations, grocery stores, and restaurants, and as the campaign account was overdrawn in violation of section 106.11(4), Florida Statutes. (ROI Exhibit 16)

16. Respondent deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's 2018 Termination Report.

Alleged Violation: Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes

17. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida's election laws by failing to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed for the 2018 Termination reporting period.

18. Based on the above analysis, the campaign was not required to submit a notice of no activity for the 2018 Termination reporting period as there was reportable financial activity that Respondent was required to disclose on his 2018 Termination Report.

19. "Probable Cause" is defined as reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. *Schmitt v. State*, 590 So. 2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reasonable man to reach the conclusion that an offense has been committed. *Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles v. Favino*, 667 So. 2d 305, 309 (Fla. 1st DCA 1995).

20. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a 2018 candidate for State Senator, District 22. Respondent failed to file the campaign's 2018 Termination Report within 90

days after being eliminated as a candidate. Respondent deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's 2018 Termination Report. Respondent was not required to notify the filing officer that he would not be filing his 2018 Termination Report because the campaign had reportable financial activity.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes**, and find **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating the following:

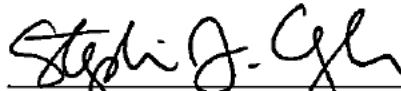
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Count 2:

On or around September 20, 2018, Ryan Morales violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when he deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's 2018 Termination Report.

Respectfully submitted on October 9, 2019.



Stephanie J. Cunningham
Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 9th day of October 2019.



Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

NY FLORIDA SENATOR INC

Statement Date 7-16-18
 Account Number [REDACTED]

-----CHECKS PAID-----			
No. Date	Amount	No. Date	Amount
9999 6-29	200.00	9999* 6-26	160.00

-----DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY-----					
Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
6-17		6-22	200.00	6-25	600.00
6-26	440.00	6-28	225.46	6-29	14.91
7-03	53.09-	7-05	98.99-	7-10	123.99-

-----INTEREST SUMMARY-----	
Interest Paid this Year	.00
Interest Withheld this Year	.00
Average Current Balance	31.76
Average Collected Balance	31.76

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WWW.TRUSTCOBANK.COM
 IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE PRIVACY POLICY BY
 MAIL PLEASE CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-800-670-3110

Attachment A



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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Candidate Name: Ryan Morales

Name:

Account: 70536

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
9/20/2018	TR	7/26/2019	CLO	309	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/29/2018	P1	12/5/2018						
6/11/2018	M5	6/9/2018						
5/10/2018	M4	5/10/2018						
4/10/2018	M3	4/10/2018						

Attachment B

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Case No.: FEC 19-131**

Respondent: Ryan Morales

Complainant: Division of Elections

Pursuant to Section 106.25(2), Florida Statutes, on March 7, 2019, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received information from the Division of Elections (“Division”) that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Commission staff, therefore, investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a political committee that did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to notify timely the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed; and

Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes, failure to timely file a report reflecting the disposition of all remaining campaign funds; and

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, prohibiting a person or organization from falsely reporting or deliberately failing to report information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

I. Preliminary Information:

1. Respondent, Ryan Morales, was a 2018 candidate for State Senator, District 22. He was disqualified on June 22, 2018 after failing to submit the Candidate Oath (form DS-DE 301SL) to the Division. Records show this form was later filed on June 25, 2018 along with Respondent’s request that the Division reconsider his disqualification. The request was denied. To review Respondent’s correspondence and DS-DE 301SL form, please see Exhibit 1.

2. Complainant is the Division.

3. Respondent’s filing officer is Kristi Reid Willis, Chief of the Bureau of Election Records.

4. On March 6, 2018, Respondent’s Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form (DS-DE 9) was filed with the Division, appointing Ronald Ruiz and Wells Fargo as campaign treasurer and bank, respectively. The DS-DE 9 form is attached as Exhibit 2.

5. Also, on March 6, 2018, Respondent's Statement of Candidate form (DS-DE 84) was filed with the Division, designating Mr. Morales' office candidacy for District 22's State Senator. The DS-DE 84 form is included as Exhibit 3.

6. On March 20, 2018, Ms. Willis acknowledged receipt of Respondent's filed documents and stated that Mr. Morales' name would appear on the "2018 active candidate list." The letter also stated that all candidates filing reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system (EFS). The Division provided EFS access by including a user ID, website link, and PIN number for Respondent's treasurer. This letter is included as Exhibit 4.

7. The Division's acknowledgment letter also advised Respondent that the Division's publications and reporting forms are available at their website, including: Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, *Political Candidate and Treasurer Handbook*, and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*. The Division emphasizes: "it is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow [these] requirements."

8. On June 22, 2018, Respondent re-filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form (DS-DE 9), naming Tammy Morales (Respondent's wife) as treasurer. At this time, Respondent also changed the campaign account from Wells Fargo to Trustco Bank. The updated DS-DE 9 form is attached as Exhibit 5.

II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:

9. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to timely file a 2018 TR campaign report or otherwise provide the filing officer a notification-of-no-activity because no financial activity occurred during the reporting period.

10. On September 21, 2018 and November 7, 2018, the Division sent letters for the purpose of notifying Respondent and his treasurer that he was overdue to file either a 2018 TR or a notification-of-no-activity; the deadline was September 20, 2018. These notices were sent to Respondent's address on the DS-DE 9 form, but both were returned to sender, as shown by items attached as Exhibit 6.

11. Beginning October 4, 2018, the Division tried multiple times to contact Respondent about returned mail, as noted in paragraph 10. On February 20, 2019, Respondent called the Division about the ongoing issue. The Division's log of contact attempts is included as Exhibit 7.

12. On November 20, 2018, the Division sent a Final Notice to Respondent and his treasurer regarding the 2018 TR report. The notice was returned to the Division on November 29, 2018. The letter and its proof of return are attached as Exhibit 8.

13. On July 5, 2019, Respondent stated he had not filed the 2018 TR because he was confused by the Division's claims about a \$1,981 campaign deficit, whereas his records only showed a negative balance of \$11. Respondent's explanation is provided in the Affidavit of Background Information ("Affidavit"), attached as Exhibit 9.

14. On July 26, 2019, Respondent filed the 2018 TR and provided a time- and date-stamped report receipt, received via USPS on July 29, 2019. This item is included as Exhibit 10.

15. Respondent updated the 2018 TR to include an \$11 expenditure on June 28, 2018, noted as "payback of in-kind donation to DelPuma." On his Affidavit, Respondent lists DelPuma Consulting Group, ("DelPuma") as his employer; Secretary of State ("State") records show it is also Mr. Morales' private business. The 2018 TR and State filings are attached as Exhibit 11.

III. Alleged Violation of Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes:

16. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to timely file the 2018 TR and disclose the disposition of any remaining campaign funds. To this end, I drafted subpoenas for both Respondent's noted campaign depositories: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and Trustco Bank.

17. On July 19, 2019, Investigator Cedric Oliver served a subpoena on Wells Fargo, Respondent's first-designated campaign depository. By August 2, 2019, Wells Fargo responded that they were unable to locate any accounts associated with Respondent, which contradicts Respondent's first DS-DE 9 form, filed March 6, 2018. The subpoena and bank letter are attached as Exhibit 12.

18. On July 23, 2019, a subpoena was served on Jeffrey Jontz, Esq., registered agent for Respondent's second-designated depository: Trustco Bank. Bank records received on August 2, 2019 show Respondent and his wife opened an account on April 14, 2018 but did not report it to the Division until June 22, 2018. The subpoena and affidavit of service are attached as Exhibit 13.

19. Campaign treasurer, Ronald Ruiz, was not listed as a signatory on the Trustco account. Respondent stated Mr. Ruiz had already withdrawn owing to a family emergency.¹ The Trustco signature page and pertinent section of the Affidavit are attached as Exhibit 14.

20. Respondent entitled the Trustco account, "My Florida Senator, Inc." Respondent also registered this entity name with the State, as shown by documents included as Exhibit 15.

21. On July 26, 2019, Respondent filed the 2018 TR, wherein he recorded an \$11 repayment to DelPuma on June 28, 2018 as "payback of in-kind donation." Bank records give no evidence of this \$11 adjustment. The Trustco billing statement and campaign finance activity are attached as Exhibit 16.

22. Following disqualification, Respondent's outstanding Trustco balance was exhausted at gas stations, fast-food restaurants, and retail stores, as previously shown in Exhibit 16. These remaining expenses do not appear related to the campaign, as outlined in Table 1:

Debit Date	Expenditure To	Purchase Details	Amount
6/25/18	Love's Country (Lee, FL)	Fuel and/or Food Items	\$35.02
6/25/18	Shell Oil (Wildwood, FL)	Fuel and/or Food Items	\$35.00
6/26/18	Racetrack (Clermont, FL)	Fuel and/or Food Items	\$32.00
6/26/18	GoDaddy.com (AZ)	Web hosting	\$21.35
6/26/18	WalMart (Clermont, FL)	Undisclosed retail items	\$7.32
6/27/18	McDonald's (Clermont, FL)	Fast-food restaurant	\$11.64
6/27/18	Lucky's Grocery (Clermont, FL)	Grocery items	\$72.21

¹ During our call on July 5, 2019, Respondent stated that Mr. Ruiz flew to Colombia to handle a family emergency.

6/26/18	Donut King (Minneola, FL)	Fast-food	\$10.55
6/29/18	Waffle House (Davenport, FL)	Restaurant	\$32.00
7/1/18	Shell Oil (Clermont, FL)	Fuel and/or Food Items	\$9.90
TOTAL			\$266.99

23. On July 10, 2018, Respondent's Trustco account was assessed \$97.00 in insufficient funds' fees and extended overdraft charges.

24. Records suggest that Respondent did not bring the campaign account current prior to its closure.

IV. Alleged Violation of Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:

25. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information in the 2018 Termination Report. In order to analyze this issue, I further reviewed all previously referenced bank records and all campaign reports on file with the Division.

26. On June 22, 2018, the same date Respondent was disqualified, he also deposited \$200 in the Trustco campaign account. On June 25, 2018, a further \$400 was deposited from the My Florida Senator Paypal account. These deposits were not disclosed in Respondent's 2018 TR, filed July 26, 2019, but only appear in Respondent's Trustco bank statements, previously included as Exhibit 16.

27. Respondent's Trustco statement for the period beginning June 18, 2018 and ending July 16, 2018, shows deposits and debits totaling \$600 and \$698.99, respectively. A review of Respondent's 2018 TR, covering the time span June 23, 2018 to September 20, 2018, does not show any record of these deposits or debits. Rather, the only item reported during this period is the \$11 "in kind" reimbursement to DelPuma on June 28, 2018.

28. On June 28, 2018, Respondent's account posted a \$21.35 payment to GoDaddy.com (initiated on June 26, 2018), the only perceivable billing cycle item with potential campaign relevance. The payment, for website hosting, was not listed on the 2018 TR.

29. Respondent did not report to the Division any debits or deposits that occurred during the billing cycle extending from June 18, 2018 to July 16, 2018.

Conclusions:

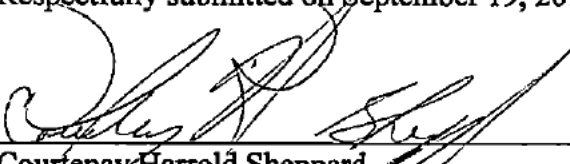
30. On April 15, 2018, Respondent recorded a \$250 contribution from Jonathan Bradley in the 2018 M4 report. On August 16, 2018, the Division received a letter from Respondent, explaining that Mr. Bradley made the donation via an "online donation system." Aside from the campaign report and Respondent's letter, there is no further financial trace of these funds in the Trustco Bank records. The 2018 M4 report and Respondent's August 18, 2018 letter are included as Exhibit 17.

31. Aside from Jonathan Bradley's \$250 donation, all campaign reports filed with the Division show Respondent's campaign-related financing consisted entirely of in-kind donations

from DelPuma.² This does not correspond with Respondent's Trustco Bank records, which reflect \$600 in deposits between June 22, 2018 and June 25, 2018. Only \$400 of this (received June 25, 2018) is recorded as deriving from Respondent's campaign-related Paypal account.

32. On July 5, 2019, I questioned Respondent about the numerous pieces of returned mail and the status of his post office ("PO") box. To this end, Respondent explained that his PO box lease expired around June 28, 2018. Per my request, Respondent provided an email generated by the United States Postal Service (USPS) with these details, which is attached as Exhibit 18.

Respectfully submitted on September 19, 2019.



Courtenay Harrold Sheppard
Investigation Specialist

Current address of Respondent	Current address of Complainant
Ryan Morales 11307 Cypress Dr. Clermont, FL 34711	Division of Elections 500 S. Bronough St – Room 316 Tallahassee, FL 32399
Name and Address of Filing Officer:	
Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records 500 S. Bronough St. – Room 316 Tallahassee, FL 32399	

Copy furnished to: Cole Kekelis, Investigations Manager

² As previously noted in paragraphs 15 and 21, DelPuma Consulting, LLC is Respondent's personal business.

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Ryan Morales -- FEC 19-131

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Exhibit 16	Trustco Statement (June-July 2018) & Campaign Finance Activity
Exhibit 17	2018 M4 and Letter Regarding \$250 Contribution (8/16/18)
Exhibit 18	USPS Email Regarding PO Box Lease (6/28/2018)

EXHIBIT 1

HAND DELIVERED

**CANDIDATE OATH -
STATE AND LOCAL PARTISAN OFFICE**

Check applicable one:

- Candidate with party affiliation
- Candidate with no party affiliation
- Write-in candidate

RECEIVED
DEPARTMENT OF
2018 JUN 25 AM 8:21
DIVISION OF

OFFICE USE ONLY

Candidate Oath

(Section 99.021(1)(a), Florida Statutes)

I, RYAN MORALES

(Print name above as you wish it to appear on the ballot. If your last name consists of two or more names but has no hyphen, check box . (See page 2 - Compound Last Names). No change can be made after the end of qualifying. Although a write-in candidate's name is not printed on the ballot, the name must be printed above for oath purposes.)

I am a candidate for the office of Senator 22
(Office) (District #) (Circuit #)

; I am a qualified elector of Lake County, Florida; I am qualified
(Group or Seat #)

under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; I have qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek; and I have resigned from any office from which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Statement of Party

(Section 99.021(1)(b), Florida Statutes)

(Complete Statement of Party only if you are seeking to qualify for nomination as a party candidate.)

I am a member of the _____ Party. I have not been a registered member of any other political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which I seek to qualify; and I have paid the assessment levied against me, if any, as a candidate for said office by the executive committee of the political party, of which I am a member.

Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card): _____

Phonetic spelling for audio ballot: Print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot as may be used by persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form): [Not applicable to write-in candidates.]

Riann Mora Less

X [Signature] (309) 401-1702 Ryan@MyFloridaSenator.com
 Signature of Candidate Telephone Number Email Address
11307 Cypress Dr Clermont FL 34711
 Address City State ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Osceola

[Signature]
Signature of Notary Public
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below.

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 14th
day of June, 2018.



Personally Known: or Produced Identification: _____
Type of Identification Produced: _____

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June 22, 2018

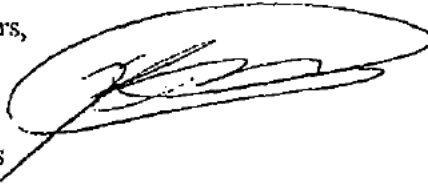
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Request for Appeal of Disqualification

I am requesting reconsideration of my candidacy for Florida District 22 Senate. The Candidate Oath was signed last week and was missing in the packet you received today before noon. I diligently called this morning to ensure you received all documents, and was not informed of this missing item. After reviewing the documents online, I realized this document was missed. A copy follows. I will personally hand deliver on Monday morning

Sincerely yours,

Ryan Morales



Attachment: Copy of Candidate Oath

EXHIBIT 2

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**
(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.

RECEIVED
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
2018 MAR -6 AM 11:00
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Treasurer/Deputy Depository Office Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

Ryan Morales

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

PO Box 121629
Clermont, FL 34712-1629

4. Telephone

(305) 401-1702

5. E-mail address

ryan@myfloridasenator.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

District 22 Senator

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a

Write-In No Party Affiliation _____ Party candidate

9. I have appointed the following person to act as my Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Ronald Ruiz

11. Mailing Address

PO Box 121629

12. Telephone

(305) 609-9595

13. City

Clermont

14. County

Lake

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

34712-1629

17. E-mail address

ronald@myfloridasenator.com

18. I have designated the following bank as my Primary Depository Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

Wells Fargo

20. Address

726 E Hwy 50

21. City

Clermont

22. County

Lake

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

34711

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date

02/22/2018

26. Signature of Candidate



27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Ronald Ruiz, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

02/22/2018

Date



Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

EXHIBIT 3

**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

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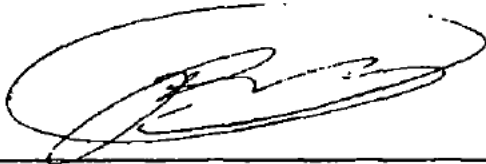
I, Ryan Morales _____

candidate for the office of District 22 Senator _____ ;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of

Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X



Signature of Candidate

3/5/2018

Date

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).

EXHIBIT 4



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

March 20, 2018

Ryan Morales
Post Office Box 121629
Clermont, Florida 34712-1629

Dear Mr. Morales:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Senator, which was placed on file in our office on March 16, 2018. Your name has been placed on the 2018 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **April 10, 2018**. The report will cover the period of March 1-31, 2018 (M3). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

EFS Access

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your filing credentials.

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>

Identification Number: 70536

Timely Filing

All reports filed must be completed and filed through the EFS not later than midnight of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Division of Elections
R.A. Gray Building, Suite 316 • 500 South Bronough Street • Tallahassee, Florida 32399
850.245.6240 • 850.245.6260 (Fax) dos.myflorida.com/elections/



Ryan Morales
March 20, 2018
Page Two

Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Electronic Receipts

The person submitting the report on the EFS will be issued an electronic receipt indicating and verifying the report was filed. Each campaign treasurer's report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath by the candidate and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

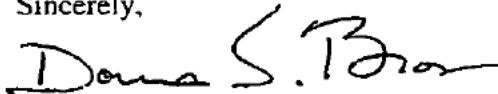
Instructions and Assistance


An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports. The Division of Elections will also provide assistance to all users by contacting the EFS Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



 Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRW/ljr

Enclosures

pc: Ronald Ruiz, Treasurer

EXHIBIT 5

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

RECEIVED
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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.

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1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Treasurer/Deputy Depository Office Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

Ryan Morales

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

PO Box 121629
Clermont FL 34711

4. Telephone

(407) 710-0250

5. E-mail address

ryan@myfloridasenator.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

FL District 22 Senator

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a

Write-In No Party Affiliation _____ Party candidate.

9. I have appointed the following person to act as my Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Tammy Morales

11. Mailing Address

PO Box 121629

12. Telephone

(407) 614-7205

13. City

Clermont

14. County

Lake

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

34712

17. E-mail address

tammy@myfloridasenator.com

18. I have designated the following bank as my Primary Depository Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

Trustco Bank

20. Address

12302 Roper Boulevard

21. City

Clermont

22. County

Lake

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

34711

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date

6/21/18

26. Signature of Candidate

X 

27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Tammy Morales, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

6/21/18

Date

X 

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

EXHIBIT 6



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

September 21, 2018

Ryan Morales
Candidate for State Senator, District 22
PO Box 121629
Clermont, FL 34712-4712

CAN 70536

Dear Mr. Morales:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your termination report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was September 20, 2018.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as \$50 per day until you file your report. The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period. Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines. We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission.
- If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

If you have any questions, please contact the help desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Ronald Ruiz, Treasurer

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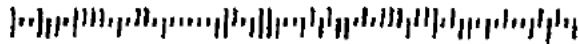


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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Second Notice

November 7, 2018

Ryan Morales
Candidate for State Senator, District 22
PO Box 121629
Clermont, FL 34712-4712

CAN 70536

Dear Mr. Morales:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your termination report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was September 20, 2018.

We mailed, via regular mail, the first notice of the failure to file the above-mentioned report or notification to the address on file with our office on September 21, 2018.

The first notice which we provided to you specifically explained the automatic fine provisions in the law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) for failure to file a required report. Such fines are continuing to accrue for a late-filed report. Also, that notice explained that if no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to provide notification in writing that no reportable activity occurred. Our initial notice further indicated that, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

If you have any questions, please contact the help desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Ronald Ruiz, Treasurer

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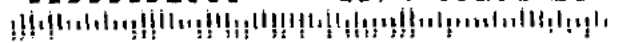
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EXHIBIT 7

HISTORY NOTES
Ryan Morales - 70536

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2/20/2019 4:56:00 PM

ealustria

RE: Returned Mail, pt. 2 Email sent

Dear Mr. Ryan Morales, Candidate for State Senator (70536),

This message is a follow-up to a phone call from the Division regarding the termination report for your 2018 candidacy. Please keep in mind that you have 7 days from today, February 20, 2019, to file the 2018 TR report in the Electronic Filing System (EFS.) I have attached a copy of the Termination Report Memo to assist you in filing your report. For more information, you may refer to Chapter 17 in the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook - PDF which can also be found on the Division of Elections' website at <https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/forms-publications/publications/>.

Additionally, based on past returned mail, you may need to update the contact information for your treasurers. This can be done on EFS in the Campaign Account tab. Select Sequence "1" for primary treasurer and Sequence "2" for deputy treasurer in the Treasurer section when updating each of their information. Remember to enter your PIN and to click "Save" after making any changes.

If you have any questions or need assistance in filing a report, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,
eal

63564

2/20/2019 4:44:00 PM

ealustria

RE: Returned Mail, pt. 2

Around 3:05pm, Zjs relayed a message from Mr. Morales to return his call at (305) 401-1702. At 3:15pm, I spoke with Mr. Morales in reference to his 2018 termination report that was due on Sept. 20, 2018. I told him that he has 7 days from today to file the report and that an informative email will be sent with a copy of the TR Report Memo. He stated that he will file his 2018 TR report on EFS as soon as possible. Also, I told him that he may update his treasurers' contact information in EFS.

The email has been sent to his email address which he verified: <ryan@myfloridasenator.com>. See "RE: Returned Mail, pt. 2 Email sent" for the message.

eal, 02/20/2019

62924

1/25/2019 8:48:00 AM

ealustria

RE: Returned Mail 1/24/2019

At 2:11pm, I left a voicemail message for Mr. Morales regarding several returned mail on the termination report for his 2018 candidacy that was due on September 20, 2018. The final notice for the fail to file letter for his TR report was sent to the candidate and his treasurer, Mr. Ruiz, at their Post Office Box address on November 20, 2018. On January 23, 2018, the final notice that was sent to Mr. Ruiz was returned to our Division. The address of record for Mr. Morales has changed since then, but not for Mr. Ruiz.

Additionally, I mentioned a copy of the returned mail of the final notice was sent to his email address on file on November 29, 2018 as well as a copy of the returned mail of the second notice sent to both him and Mr. Ruiz's email on December 3, 2018. In closing, I provided the phone number for our help line should he have any questions or need assistance in filing his TR report.

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HISTORY NOTES
Ryan Morales - 70536

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12/3/2018 3:29:00 PM

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RE: Returned Mail

Attention Mr. Ryan Morales, Candidate for State Senator (70536),

We have received returned mail from your address of record:

Post Office Box 121629
Clermont, FL 34712

A copy of the returned mail – which contains a second notice on a fail to file letter – is attached for your information and records.

Please update your address with us immediately. You may do so by any the following methods:

- EFS – Log onto your EFS account; go the Campaign Account tab; update address, phone number and/or email address, as needed; enter PIN and Save.

- Mail a signed letter requesting a change of address to:

Bureau of Election Records
Florida Department of State
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 S. Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

- Email a copy of a signed letter requesting a change of address to:

ElecRecords@dos.myflorida.com

- Or FAX to:

(850) 245-6259 or (850) 245-6260

If you have any questions, please contact me at 850-245-6280.

Sincerely,
eal

62075

12/3/2018 3:28:00 PM

ealustria

RE: Returned Mail

Attention Mr. Ronald Ruiz, Treasurer for Candidate Ryan Morales (70536),

We have received returned mail from your address of record:

Post Office Box 121629
Clermont, FL 34712-1629

A copy of the returned mail – which contains a second notice on a fail to file letter – is attached for your information and records.

Please update your address with us immediately. You may do so by any the following methods:

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If you have any questions, please contact me at 850-245-6280.

HISTORY NOTES
Ryan Morales - 70536

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62042	12/3/2018 11:27:00 AM		ealustria
RE: Return Mail			
61989	11/29/2018 2:05:00 PM		ealustria
RE: Returned Mail			
I emailed Mr. Ryan Morales with the attachment of the final notice Fail to File Letter. I will keep making attempts to get in contact with Mr. Morales regarding the returned mail and the email message that was sent to him.			
61479	10/17/2018 1:46:00 PM		dhoward
10/17/2018 - I attempted to make contact with Mr. Ryan Morales in reference to returned mail (fail to File Letter) sent September 21, 2018 and returned on October 16, 2018. Since there was no answer, I had to leave a voice message. Please note that I emailed Mr. Morales a copy of the Fail to File (Termination Report) to the email address provided in CanCom. DLH			
61473	10/17/2018 1:39:00 PM		dhoward
10/17/2018 - Email Sent - DLH			
Ryan Morales, Candidate (70536)			
We have received a returned mail from your address:			
Ryan Morales Candidate For State Senator PO Box 121629 Clermont, Florida 34712			
I have included a copy of the returned mail attached to this email.			
Please update your address with us. You may do so by either logging into EFS and changing it in the Campaign Account section, or by sending us a signed letter stating the address change.			
You may send the signed written letter to:			
Bureau of Election Records Florida Department of State R.A. Gray Building, Room 316 500 S. Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399			
You may email a copy of the letter to: ElecRecords@dos.myflorida.com			
Or by fax to:			
850-245-6259 or 850-245-6260			
If you have any questions, please contact me at 850-245-6280.			
Daryl L. Howard			
61334	10/4/2018 3:01:00 PM		dhoward
10/04/2018 - I attempted to make contact with Ronald Ruiz but since there was no answer, I had to leave a voice message. The call was in reference to returned mail, received on October 4th, 2018. Please note that I emailed Mr. Ruiz a copy of the returned mail (see other notes for details). DLH			

HISTORY NOTES
Ryan Morales - 70536

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61332	10/4/2018 2:51:00 PM		dlhoward
<p>10/04/18 - Email - DLH</p> <p>Ronald Ruiz, Treasurer (70536)</p> <p>We have received a returned mail from your address:</p> <p>Ronald Ruiz, Treasurer for Candidate Ryan Morales Post Office Box 121629 Clermont, Florida 34712</p> <p>I have included a copy of the returned mail attached to this email.</p> <p>Please update your address with us. You may do so by either logging into EFS and changing it in the Campaign Account section, or by sending us a signed letter stating the address change.</p> <p>You may send the signed written letter to:</p> <p>Bureau of Election Records Florida Department of State R.A. Gray Building, Room 316 500 S. Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399</p> <p>You may email a copy of the letter to: ElecRecords@dos.myflorida.com</p> <p>Or by fax to:</p> <p>850-245-6259 or 850-245-6260</p> <p>If you have any questions, please contact me at 850-245-6280.</p> <p>Daryl L. Howard</p>			
60367	8/14/2018 1:07:00 PM		Ejrowlette
<p>Re: Phone voice message from Treasurer</p> <p>While at lunch, I received a voice mail from Mr. Ruiz, treasurer, telling me that the Division would receive a letter today. Ejr</p>			
60364	8/14/2018 10:28:00 AM		Ejrowlette
<p>Re: Attempt to reach candidate via phone</p> <p>Attempted to reach candidate but had to leave a similar voice mail explaining the issue of the audit and how he could send a signed letter explaining the reason for changing the contribution type from cash to check. I told him in my message I have been unable to reach his treasurer. Ejr</p>			
60363	8/14/2018 10:23:00 AM		Ejrowlette
<p>Re: Audit - No response letter yet, Attempt to call Treasurer</p> <p>8/14/18 - No letter yet. Ms. Kristi recommended I call again. I made an attempt to reach Mr. Ruiz, the treasurer, but had to leave a voice mail. I explained the purpose of my call. I told him of how far back this audit issue went, to May of this year. I told him the only issue holding up the closing of this audit was a signed letter from him explaining why he changed a cash contribution from Jonathan Bradley for \$250 from cash to check. I told him that this would be sent to the Fec if we did not hear from him. I gave details on how he could send this letter by way of email to elecrecords email address or fax. I told him if he had any questions to please call as we want to close this audit. ejr</p>			
58047	4/10/2018 11:38:00 AM		mccshellman
<p>Re CRF, called Can, created new PWD and gave it to him 11:00 am.</p>			

EXHIBIT 8



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Final Notice
Delivery Confirmation:

USPS TRACKING # **9114 9014 9646 1760 4305 13**
& CUSTOMER RECEIPT For Tracking or inquiries go to USPS.com
or call 1-800-222-1811

November 20, 2018

Ryan Morales
Candidate for State Senator, District 22
PO Box 121629
Clermont, FL 34712-4712

CAN 70536

Dear Mr. Morales:

A recent review of the Division's records show that the Division has not yet received your termination report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable.

The Division has previously notified you of the unfiled report or notification. Please file your report or notification. If the report or notification is not filed within 7 days of receipt of this letter, the Division will refer this matter to the Florida Elections Commission, which may impose civil penalties of up to \$1000 per violation, apart from that automatic fine provisions of s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) that are applicable only to campaign finance reports.

As we stated in the prior notices, even if you now file the report or notification, the untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

If you have any questions, please contact the help desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Ronald Ruiz, Treasurer

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Ryan Morales
Candidate for State Senator
PO Box 121629
Clermont, FL 34712

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EXHIBIT 9

18. Can you please provide further elaboration on the \$2,000 in-kind campaign contribution made by DelPuma Consulting, LLC on April 6, 2018?

My company provided all the marketing tools used for campaign. We donated the work to campaign

19. Can you please identify any particular skills, knowledge, and/or qualifications that Ronald Ruiz possessed that prompted you to appoint him as the Campaign Treasurer for your 2018 campaign?

His background in budgets & finance. That is what he went to school for

20. Records on file with the Division of Elections indicate that Mr. Ruiz was replaced by Tammy Morales as Campaign Treasurer on or about June 22, 2018. Did this change in personnel impact your campaign in any way?

Yes it did - Ronald was away for a family issue in Colombia unable to complete task in time. We had Tammy step in to help.

21. Can you please list any particular skills, knowledge, and/or qualifications that Tammy Morales possessed that prompted you to appoint her as the Campaign Treasurer for the remainder of your 2018 campaign?

She helps run the finances for Depuma & the house.

22. Why does the 2018 TR remain unfiled? If you have recently filed this report, then please provide supporting documentation. Otherwise, please provide the 2018 TR's current status.

Was unclear of the process for final report. We have filed & uploaded the TR. part of issue stemmed from being told by state that I had \$1981.00 in my account which was false as per my report I only had \$11.00

EXHIBIT 10

**** Report has been Filed ****

ID: **70536** Name: **Ryan Morales**

Report: 2018 - TR - 5

Print Date: **7/26/2019 2:44:35 PM**

Election: 2018 General Election

Covers: 6/23/2018-9/20/2018

Due: 9/20/2018

Waiver

Amended

Filed: **7/26/2019 2:44:35 PM**

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Reviewed: **7/26/2019**

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Pending Queued Items: **0**

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Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 1

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

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EXHIBIT 11



Campaign Expenditures

2018 General Election
 Ryan Morales (NPA)
 State Senator

This information is being provided as a convenience to the public, has been processed by the Division of Elections and should be cross referenced with the original report on file with the Division of Elections in case of questions.
About the Campaign Finance Data Base

Rpt Yr	Rpt Type	Date	Amount	Expense Paid To	Address	City State Zip	Purpose	Typ Reimb
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1 Expenditure(s) Selected

[Query the Campaign Finance Data Base](#)

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AFFIDAVIT OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION
Case Number: FEC 19-131

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF
REVENUE

STATE OF FLORIDA
County of Lake

Ryan Morales, being duly sworn, says:

1. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge.
2. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am currently employed by Delvanna Consulting Group as Marketing Director.

3. Have you ever run for public office? If so, please name the office(s) you ran for and the date(s) of the election(s) you ran in.

No this was my first attempt at anything
of this sort.

4. Have you ever been appointed to act as a campaign treasurer for a candidate? If so, please name the candidate(s) you served as treasurer, the office(s) the candidate ran for, and the dates of the election(s).

No

5. Have you ever held the office of chairperson, treasurer, board member, or other similar position for a political committee? If so, please list the names and addresses of the committees and dates when you held the position.

No



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Florida Limited Liability Company
DELPUMA CONSULTING GROUP LLC

Filing Information

Document Number L17000070735
FEI/EIN Number 82-1037639
Date Filed 03/28/2017
Effective Date 03/27/2017
State FL
Status ACTIVE

Principal Address

11307 Cypress Drive
Clermont, FL 34711

Changed: 04/26/2019

Mailing Address

11307 Cypress Drive
Clermont, FL 34711

Changed: 04/26/2019

Registered Agent Name & Address

MORALES, TAMMY
11307 Cypress Drive
Clermont, FL 34711

Address Changed: 04/26/2019

Authorized Person(s) Detail

Name & Address

Title Partner, Manager

MORALES, TAMMY
11307 Cypress Drive
Clermont, FL 34711

Title Manager

Morales, Ryan

11307 Cypress Drive
Clermont, FL 34711

Annual Reports

Report Year	Filed Date
2018	04/26/2018
2019	04/26/2019

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Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations

EXHIBIT 12



Summons and Subpoenas Department
PO Box 1415 MAC #D1111-016
Charlotte, NC 28201
Voice: (480) 724-2000

July 25, 2019

Assistant General Counsel
Stephanie Cunningham
107 W. Gaines Street
Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Subject: Additional information needed for your Wells Fargo account records request.

Case name: State of Florida v. Re:1913194
Agency reference number: 1913194
Bank reference number: 22167924

Dear Stephanie Cunningham

We received your legal order, and were not able to locate the requested information. So that we can move forward with researching your request, please provide us with additional information as described below within 10 days from the date of this letter.

Please note that our research is limited to accounts at Wells Fargo Bank NA

What you need to do

- * Send us the following information

Unable to locate any accounts for Ryan Morales, per social ending in 7703 and information provided.

- * Mail to

Summons and Subpoenas Department
PO Box 1415 MAC #D1111-016
Charlotte, NC 28201

If we do not receive your information within 10 days from the date of this letter, we will consider our response to your legal order complete.

IF you have questions, please call us at (480) 724-2000 Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dawn Ward

Dawn Ward
Operations Manager
Summons and Subpoenas Department

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: RM

Case No.: FEC 19-131
Subpoena No: 19-131-94

SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM WITHOUT DEPOSITION

THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

TO: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
3400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32301

YOU ARE COMMANDED by the Florida Elections Commission, pursuant to Section 106.26, Florida Statutes, to appear at **107 West Gaines Street, # 224** in Tallahassee, Florida, on **August 2, 2019**, at **10:00 a.m.**, and to have with you at that time and place the following documents:

*****See the back side for additional information**

These documents will be inspected and may be copied at that time. You will not be required to surrender the original items. You may comply with this subpoena by providing legible copies of the documents requested on or before the scheduled date of production. You may mail or deliver the copies to the Commission and thereby eliminate your appearance at the time and place specified above.

You have the right to object to this subpoena by filing a motion to quash or limit the subpoena with the Agency Clerk and in the motion state the grounds relied upon. You are subpoenaed to appear by the attorney whose name appears on this subpoena and unless excused by that attorney or a court, you shall respond to this subpoena as directed.

Pursuant to Section 120.569(2)(f), Florida Statutes, this subpoena does not relate to the legislative duties of the person or committee named above.

THIS SUBPOENA IS CONFIDENTIAL. Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, provides that any person who discloses this subpoena or the contents of this subpoena commits a misdemeanor.

Dated on July 19, 2019



Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

Please provide legible copies of any and all requested documents pertaining to any account opened around February 2018 in Clermont, Florida by Ryan R. Morales (DOB: 9/24/76; PO Box 121629, Clermont, FL 34712 or 11307 Cypress Dr., Clermont, FL 34711) with respect to his 2018 campaign for Florida State Senator, District 22. Mr. Morales' wife, Tammy Morales (DOB: 10/24/75), is also a signatory on the account.

1. Account applications, signature cards, financial statements, and other records utilized in the opening of the account;
2. Copies of all monthly bank statements from the opening of the account through June 30, 2018 or the closing of the account, whichever comes last;
3. All information relating to each deposit (checks, deposit slips, ATM deposits, wires, credit memos, etc.) in the account, including all images that correspond with each deposit from the opening of the account through June 30, 2018 or the closing of the account, whichever comes last;
4. Copies (front and back) of all payment instruments including, but not limited to, checks, transfers, debit memos, wire transfers, and records of debit card transactions drawn on the account from the opening of the account through June 30, 2018 or the closing of the account, whichever comes last;
5. All records disclosing the current status of the campaign account, the final monthly bank statement, and the date when the campaign account was closed, if applicable.

NOTE: If additional information is required to identify the account holder, please contact the investigator.

Contact Attorney:

Stephanie Cunningham, Esq.
107 W. Gaines Street
Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050
PH: (850) 922-4539

Contact Investigator:

Courtenay Harrold Sheppard, Investigation Specialist
107 W. Gaines Street
Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050
PH: (850) 922-4539, extension 113

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: RM

Case No.: FEC 19-131
Subpoena No: 19-131-94


AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

THE STATE OF FLORIDA
County of Leon

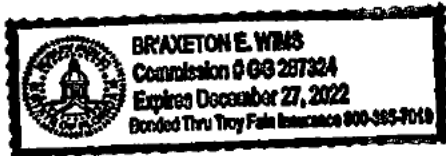
Cedric Oliver, being duly sworn, says:


1. I am not a party to this cause, and I am of majority age.
2. I received the subpoena on July 19, 2019, at 2:30 p.m.
3. I served the subpoena on July 19, 2019 at 3:42 pm ET., by delivering a true copy thereof to Khank Tuong, Service Manager. at Wells Fargo Bank, N.A..
4. I informed the person of the contents of the document.

I hereby swear or affirm that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


Signature of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 22 day of July, 2019




Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced: _____

EXHIBIT 13

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: RM

Case No.: FEC 19-131
Subpoena No: 19-131-93

SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM WITHOUT DEPOSITION

THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

TO: Trustco Bank, A Federal Savings Bank
ATTN: Jeffrey R. Jontz, Esq.
c/o Fishback Dominick
1947 Lee Road
Winter Park, FL 32789

YOU ARE COMMANDED by the Florida Elections Commission, pursuant to Section 106.26, Florida Statutes, to appear at **107 West Gaines Street, # 224** in Tallahassee, Florida, on **August 2, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.**, and to have with you at that time and place the following documents:

*****See the back side for additional information**


These documents will be inspected and may be copied at that time. You will not be required to surrender the original items. You may comply with this subpoena by providing legible copies of the documents requested on or before the scheduled date of production. You may mail or deliver the copies to the Commission and thereby eliminate your appearance at the time and place specified above.

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Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

Please provide legible copies of any and all requested documents pertaining to any account opened in Clermont, Florida by Ryan R. Morales (DOB: 9/24/76; PO Box 121629, Clermont, FL 34712 or 11307 Cypress Dr., Clermont, FL 34711) with respect to his 2018 campaign for Florida State Senator, District 22. Mr. Morales' wife, Tammy Morales (DOB: 10/24/75), is also a signatory on the account.

1. Account applications, signature cards, financial statements, and other records utilized in the opening of the account;
2. Copies of all monthly bank statements from the opening of the account through December 31, 2018 or the closing of the account, whichever comes first;
3. All information relating to each deposit (checks, deposit slips, ATM deposits, wires, credit memos, etc.) in the account, including all images that correspond with each deposit from the opening of the account through December 31, 2018 or the closing of the account, whichever comes first;
4. Copies (front and back) of all payment instruments including, but not limited to, checks, transfers, debit memos, wire transfers, and records of debit card transactions drawn on the account from the opening of the account through December 31, 2018 or the closing of the account, whichever comes first;
5. All records disclosing the current status of the campaign account, the final monthly bank statement, and the date when the campaign account was closed, if applicable.

NOTE: If additional information is required to identify the account holder, please contact the investigator.

Contact Attorney:

Stephanie Cunningham, Esq.
107 W. Gaines Street
Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050
PH: (850) 922-4539

Contact Investigator:

Courtenay Harrold Sheppard, Investigation Specialist
107 W. Gaines Street
Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050
PH: (850) 922-4539, extension 113

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

State of Florida

County of

Elections Commission Court

Case Number: FEC 19-131 Court Date: 8/2/2019 10:00 am

In Re:
RM

For:
Stephanie Cunningham, Esq.
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
107 W. Gaines Street
Suite 224 Collins Building
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

Received by LEGACY LEGAL SERVICE INC on the 23rd day of July, 2019 at 12:56 pm to be served on Trustco Bank, A Federal Savings Bank ATTN: JEFFRY R. JONTZ, ESQ., C/O Fishback Dominick, 1947 Lee Road, Winter Park, FL 32789.

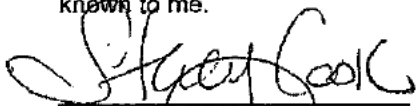
I, JOHN STEELE, being duly sworn, depose and say that on the 23rd day of July, 2019 at 1:37 pm, I:

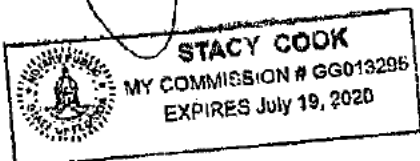
served an **AUTHORIZED** entity by delivering a true copy of the **Subpoena Duces Tecum Without Deposition** with the date and hour of service endorsed thereon by me, to: **Jeffrey Jontz as Attorney** at the address of: **C/O Fishback Dominick, 1947 Lee Road, Winter Park, FL 32789**, who stated they are authorized to accept service for **Trustco Bank, A Federal Savings Bank**, and informed said person of the contents therein, in compliance with state statutes.

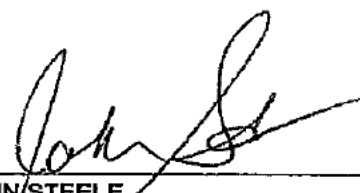
Description of Person Served: Age: 55, Sex: M, Race/Skin Color: White, Height: 5'6", Weight: 165, Hair: Grey, Glasses: N

I do hereby certify that I have no interest in the above action, that I am over the age of eighteen, and that I am a Certified Process Server in the Judicial Circuit in which it was served. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the forgoing affidavit and that the facts stated in it are true. No Notary required Pursuant to F.S. 92.525 (2)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this the 25th day of July, 2019 by the affiant who is personally known to me.


Notary public





JOHN STEELE
CPS # 0136

LEGACY LEGAL SERVICE INC
4521 PGA BLVD
SUITE 210
PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33418
(561) 622-0711

Our Job Serial Number: LLG-2019004306
Ref: 4376

EXHIBIT 14



New Account Input Form


Date: 4/14/18


	Account Number	Rel. Code	Product Type	Cust. Type
Checking	[REDACTED]	06	138	01

MY FLORIDA SENATOR INC
 Account Title
P O BOX 121629
 Mailing Address
11307 CYPRESS DR
 Physical Address
 Additional Title

824491889
 Tax Identification Number
CLERMONT FL 34712
 City, State, Zip
CLERMONT 34711
 City, State, Zip
4077100250
 Business Phone

We hereby signify our assent to the terms and conditions of the Trustco Bank Account Disclosure Notice set forth therein.


 Signature **RYAN MORALES**
 9/24/1976
 Date of Birth #1
FLDL M642720763440 exp 09/26 issued 2/20/2018
 Identification (#1)
 Politically Exposed Person: No
 US Citizen/Resident: Yes/Yes


 Signature **TAMMY MORALES**
 10/24/1975
 Date of Birth #2
FLDL M642810758940 exp 10/21 issued 10/28/2014
 Identification (#2)
 Politically Exposed Person: No
 US Citizen/Resident: Yes/Yes

 Signature
 Date of Birth #1
 / Issued //
 Identification (#3)
 Politically Exposed Person:
 US Citizen/Resident: /

 Signature
 Date of Birth #2
 / Issued //
 Identification (#4)
 Politically Exposed Person:
 US Citizen/Resident: /

NM-522 Branch Initial Deposit: 50.00

Approved by **ANGIE MARQUEE** 

Under penalties of perjury, I/we certify (1) that the number shown on this form is my/our current taxpayer identification number(s) and (2) that I/we are not subject to backup withholding either because I/we have not been notified that I/we are subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividend income or the Internal Revenue Service has notified me/us that I/we are no longer subject to backup withholding.


 Signature **RYAN MORALES**


 Signature **TAMMY MORALES**

 Signature

 Signature

ACCOUNT DISCLOSURES. We have received a copy of the Bank's disclosure statement which explains rights and responsibilities of the depositors and Bank regarding this Account.


 Signature **RYAN MORALES**


 Signature **TAMMY MORALES**

 Signature

 Signature

18. Can you please provide further elaboration on the \$2,000 in-kind campaign contribution made by DelPuma Consulting, LLC on April 6, 2018?

My company provided all the marketing tools used for campaign. We donated the work to campaign.

19. Can you please identify any particular skills, knowledge, and/or qualifications that Ronald Ruiz possessed that prompted you to appoint him as the Campaign Treasurer for your 2018 campaign?

His background in budgets & finance. That is what he went to school for.

20. Records on file with the Division of Elections indicate that Mr. Ruiz was replaced by Tammy Morales as Campaign Treasurer on or about June 22, 2018. Did this change in personnel impact your campaign in any way?

Yes it did - Ronald was away for a family issue in Colombia unable to complete task in time. We had Tammy step in to help.

21. Can you please list any particular skills, knowledge, and/or qualifications that Tammy Morales possessed that prompted you to appoint her as the Campaign Treasurer for the remainder of your 2018 campaign?

She helps run the finances for Depuma & the house.

22. Why does the 2018 TR remain unfiled? If you have recently filed this report, then please provide supporting documentation. Otherwise, please provide the 2018 TR's current status.

was unclear of the process for final report. We have filed & uploaded the TR. part of issue stemmed from being told by state that I had \$1981.00 in my account which was false as per my report I only had \$11.00

EXHIBIT 15

MY FLORIDA SENATOR INC
 PO BOX 121629
 CLERMONT FL 34712

4460626361 HOMETOWN PREMIER BUSINESS

Previous Balance	4-18-18	.00
+Deposits/Credits	1	50.00
-Checks/Debits		.00
-Service Charge		5.00
Current Balance		45.00
Average Current Balance		50.00
Average Collected Balance		50.00

-----DESCRIPTIVE TRANSACTIONS-----

Date	Tracer	Description	Amount
4-18	987	DEPOSIT ON 04/16/18	50.00
5-15	999	SERVICE CHG SYS-GEN	5.00-

-----DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY-----

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
4-18	50.00	5-15	45.00		

* -----INTEREST SUMMARY----- *

Interest Paid this Year	.00
Interest Withheld this Year	.00
Average Current Balance	50.00
Average Collected Balance	50.00

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 MAIL PLEASE CONTACT CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-800-670-3110



Department of State / Division of Corporations / Search Records / Detail By Document Number /

Detail by Entity Name

Florida Not For Profit Corporation
MY FLORIDA SENATOR INC

Filing Information

Document Number	N18000002000
FEI/EIN Number	NONE
Date Filed	02/22/2018
Effective Date	02/21/2018
State	FL
Status	ACTIVE

Principal Address

11307 CYPRESS DR
CLERMONT, FL 34711

Mailing Address

PO BOX 121629
CLERMONT, FL 34712

Registered Agent Name & Address

MORALES, RYAN
11307 CYPRESS DR
CLERMONT, FL 34711

Officer/Director Detail

Name & Address

Title CEO

MORALES, RYAN
11307 CYPRESS DR
CLERMONT, FL 34711

Title CFO

RUIZ, RONALD
11307 CYPRESS DR
CLERMONT, FL 34711

Title COO

MORALES, TAMMY
11307 CYPRESS DR
CLERMONT, FL 34711

**Electronic Articles of Incorporation
For**

N1800002000
FILED
February 22, 2018
Sec. Of State
bnkinsey

MY FLORIDA SENATOR INC

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a Florida not-for-profit corporation, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article I

The name of the corporation is:
MY FLORIDA SENATOR INC

Article II

The principal place of business address:
11307 CYPRESS DR
CLERMONT, FL. US 34711

The mailing address of the corporation is:
PO BOX 121629
CLERMONT, FL. US 34712

Article III

The specific purpose for which this corporation is organized is:
POLITICAL CAMPAIGN FOR FL DISTRICT 22 SENATE

Article IV

The manner in which directors are elected or appointed is:
AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BYLAWS.

Article V

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:
RYAN MORALES
11307 CYPRESS DR
CLERMONT, FL. 34711

I certify that I am familiar with and accept the responsibilities of registered agent.

Registered Agent Signature: RYAN MORALES

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Article VI

The name and address of the incorporator is:

RYAN MORALES
11307 CYPRESS DR

CLERMONT, FL 34711

Electronic Signature of Incorporator: RYAN MORALES

I am the incorporator submitting these Articles of Incorporation and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S. I understand the requirement to file an annual report between January 1st and May 1st in the calendar year following formation of this corporation and every year thereafter to maintain "active" status.

Article VII

The initial officer(s) and/or director(s) of the corporation is/are:

Title: CEO
RYAN MORALES
11307 CYPRESS DR
CLERMONT, FL. 34711 US

Title: CFO
RONALD RUIZ
11307 CYPRESS DR
CLERMONT, FL. 34711 US

Title: COO
TAMMY MORALES
11307 CYPRESS DR
CLERMONT, FL. 34711 US

Article VIII

The effective date for this corporation shall be:

02/21/2018

EXHIBIT 16

MY FLORIDA SENATOR INC
 PO BOX 121629
 CLERMONT FL 34712

[REDACTED] HOMETOWN PREMIER BUSINESS		
Previous Balance	6-17-18	.00
+Deposits/Credits	2	600.00
-Checks/Debits	14	698.99
-Service Charge		25.00
Current Balance		123.99-
Average Current Balance		31.76
Average Collected Balance		31.76

-----DESCRIPTIVE TRANSACTIONS-----			
Date	Tracer	Description	Amount
6-22	207	CUSTOMER DEPOSIT	200.00
6-25	9061817	PAYPAL TRANSFER	400.00
		MY FLORIDA SENATOR	
6-28	28	185542 #981771 0625 587209	35.02-
		LOVES COUNTRY 00003798	
		LEE FL	
6-28	28	185542 #681775 0625 585564	35.00-
		SHELL OIL 57543701809	
		WILDWOOD FL	
6-28	27	185542 #981789 0626 721358	32.00-
		RACETRAC 2315 00023150	
		CLERMONT FL	
6-28	28	184816 #381770 0626 602264	21.35-
		DNH*GODADDY.COM	
		480-5058855 AZ	
6-28	28	185411 #281784 0626 887178	7.32-
		WAL-MART #2695	
		CLERMONT FL	
6-28	27	185814 #881787 0627 725819	11.64-
		MCDONALD'S F2863	
		CLERMONT FL	
6-28	27	POS-DDA #067520 0627 205123	72.21-
		1720 E HYW 50	
		CLERMONT FL	
6-29	19	185812 #181799 0626 741098	10.55-
		DONUT KING MINNEOLA	
		MINNEOLA FL	
7-03	22	185812 #081802 0629 751331	32.00-
		WAFFLE HOUSE 0363	
		DAVENPORT FL	
7-03	22	Pd NSF Prior Day	36.00-
		INSUFFICIENT FUNDS	
7-05	32	185541 #681835 0701 801370	9.90-
		SHELL OIL 575425267QPS	
		CLERMONT FL	
7-05	32	Pd NSF Prior Day	36.00-
		INSUFFICIENT FUNDS	
7-10	999	Daily OD Fee Charge	25.00-

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**Florida Department of State
Division of Elections**

**2018 General Election
Ryan Morales (NPA)
State Senator**

Campaign Finance Activity

Note: The information presented below was obtained from the Committee's/Candidate's Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with the Division of Elections. About the Campaign Finance Data Base.

	Filing Period	Contributions			Expend	Other	Transfers
		Monetary	Loans	InKind			
W	03/16/2018 - 03/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	04/01/2018 - 04/30/2018	250.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,239.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/01/2018 - 05/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/01/2018 - 06/22/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	06/23/2018 - 09/20/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	All Dates (Totals)	250.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,250.00	0.00	0.00

Note: ^(E) indicates that report was filed electronically

X Indicates that detail has not been released

W Indicates that a waiver was filed and **L** Indicates that a loan report was filed

Select Detail Type

Contributions

Select Sort Order

Date(Ascending)

Select Output Type

Display On Screen

Query the Campaign Finance Data Base

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EXHIBIT 17



Campaign Contributions

2018 General Election
 Ryan Morales (NPA)
 State Senator

[About the Campaign Finance Data Base](#)

<u>Rpt Yr</u>	<u>Rpt Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Contributor Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City State Zip</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Typ</u>	<u>InKind Desc</u>
2018	M4	04/06/2018	2,000.00	MORALES RYAN	11307 CYPRESS DR	CLERMONT, FL 34711			
2018	M4	04/15/2018	250.00	BRADLEY JONATHAN	8042 SW 21ST PLACE	DAVIE, FL 33324	DELFINA CONSULTING G WEB DEVELOPER	INX	PAYMENT WEBSITE & ONLIN CHE
			2,250.00						

2 Contribution(s) Selected

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My Florida Senator
Ryan Morales
11307 Cypress Dr
Clermont, FL 34711
ryan@myfloridasenator.com
July 3rd 2018

2018 AUG 16 PM 12:36

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

To Whom this may concern,

This letter is in reference to an error made on my part as the candidate on my filing of a donation made by Jonathan Bradley to my campaign for FL Senator in District 22. I would like to apologize for the mistake as it was my fault for improper filing due to my rush to get the report in on time as my treasurer was out of town at the moment and not able to help. I had received the donation of \$250 through my online donation system but i misclassified it as a cash donation when it should have been a check donation. This was my mistake but as you can see I am very new to this and made a several mistakes thus why I was disqualified from my race. I am hoping you can accept this apology for my mistake on my report and understand that I truly believe this reporting system needs to be updated to include online donations to avoid future mistakes by other candidates who are new to the political system.

Thank you and my apologies for this mistake,
Ryan Morales

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "RM", enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

EXHIBIT 18



Ryan Morales <Info@rm2project.com>

USPS - Your PO Box Payment Failed on our Second Try

1 message

donotreply@usps.com <donotreply@usps.com>
To: ryan@myfloridasenator.com

Thu, Jun 28, 2018 at 11:14 PM



Hello Ryan Morales,

We made another attempt to authorize your credit or debit card payment for the following PO Box and for the second time the transaction was not successful.

Payment amount:	\$52.00
Payment period:	3 months
PO Box number:	121629
Post Office location:	877 W MINNEOLA AVE CLERMONT, FL 34711-9998

To retain your PO Box, you are required to make a payment by the 10th of next month. Go to usps.com/poboxes, and click Renew, which will take you to your Manage Your Account page. Then, click Renew PO Box to make a one-time payment. Your credit card will be stored for future automatic renewals. If you do not make this payment, your PO Box will be closed on the 11th of the month.

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June 27, 2019

Ryan Morales
11307 Cypress Dr
Clermont, FL 34711

RE: Case No.: FEC 19-131; Respondent: Ryan Morales

Dear Mr. Morales:

On March 7, 2019, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violations:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2018 candidate for State Senator, District 22, may have failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2018 termination reporting period.

Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2018 candidate for State Senator, District 22, failed to timely file his 2018 Termination Report reflecting the disposition of all remaining campaign funds.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2018 candidate for State Senator, District 22, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in his 2018 Termination Report, as required by Chapter 106.

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to you at the above address. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will make a written recommendation (Staff Recommendation or SR) to the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to charge respondent with violating Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You will have an opportunity to respond to both the ROI and the SR. The Commission will then hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violations occurred and, if so, the amount

Ryan Morales
June 27, 2019
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of the fine to be imposed. You and the complainant will receive notice at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you **notify us of a new address**. Also, please remember that complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, are **confidential** until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause.

For additional information, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Commission's website (www.fec.state.fl.us).

If you have additional questions, please contact **Courtenay Harrold**, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

To FEC from Division of Elections

Name: Ryan Morales
Account Number: 70536
Treasurer: Ronald Ruiz

The Division of Elections hereby provides this notice to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to Sections 106.07(8)(d), 106.22(7) and 106.25, Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, F.S., has occurred based upon the candidate's alleged failure to file a report after notice as required by section 106.07(8)(d), Florida Statutes, or failure to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report was to be filed as required by Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes.

The following report or notice is outstanding after notification:

2018 TR

Sent By: Kristi Reid Willis
Date: March 4, 2019

KRW

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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Leon

Kristi Reid Willis, being duly sworn, says:

1. I am the Chief of the Bureau of Election Records of the Division of Elections (Division). In that capacity, I oversee the Division's duties related to the filing of campaign finance reports.
2. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
3. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
4. Ryan Morales (70536) was a 2018 candidate for the office of State Senator.
5. On March 16, 2018, Mr. Morales filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division.
6. The 2018 TR campaign treasurer's report was due on September 20, 2018. On September 21, 2018, the Division mailed Mr. Morales notification that the 2018 TR treasurer's report had not been filed.
7. On November 7, 2018, the Division mailed Mr. Morales notification that the 2018 TR treasurer's report had not been filed.
8. On November 20, 2018, the Division mailed Mr. Morales final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2018 TR treasurer's report had not been filed. On November 29, 2018 the final notice arrived at the Division marked return to sender. After numerous attempts the Division was able to contact Mr. Morales by phone and notify him of his failure to file the treasurer's report. (See attached notes and letter.)
9. Mr. Morales did not notify the Division of Elections prior to or on the prescribed reporting date for the 2018 TR report that no report was to be filed.

10. As of March 4, 2019, Mr. Morales has not filed the 2018 TR report.

I hereby swear or affirm that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Kent Reed Willis

Signature of Affiant

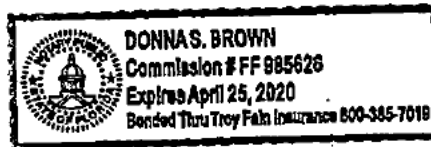
Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 4th day of March, 2019.

Donna S. Brown

Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known





FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Final Notice
Delivery Confirmation:

USPS TRACKING # **9114 9014 9645 1750 4305 13**
& CUSTOMER RECEIPT For Tracking or inquiries go to USPS.com
or call 1-800-222-1811

November 20, 2018

Ryan Morales
Candidate for State Senator, District 22
PO Box 121629
Clermont, FL 34712-4712

CAN 70536

Dear Mr. Morales:

A recent review of the Division's records show that the Division has not yet received your termination report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable.

The Division has previously notified you of the unfiled report or notification. Please file your report or notification. If the report or notification is not filed within 7 days of receipt of this letter, the Division will refer this matter to the Florida Elections Commission, which may impose civil penalties of up to \$1000 per violation, apart from that automatic fine provisions of s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) that are applicable only to campaign finance reports.

As we stated in the prior notices, even if you now file the report or notification, the untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

If you have any questions, please contact the help desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Ronald Ruiz, Treasurer

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street, Rm 316
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

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TO:

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Ryan Morales
Candidate for State Senator
PO Box 121629
Clermont, FL 34712

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RETURN TO SENDER

MORALES

BOX CLOSED
UNABLE TO FORWARD
RETURN TO SENDER

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Ryan Morales - 70536

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63565	2/20/2019 4:56:00 PM		ealustria
<p>RE: Returned Mail, pt. 2 Email sent</p> <p>Dear Mr. Ryan Morales, Candidate for State Senator (70536),</p> <p>This message is a follow-up to a phone call from the Division regarding the termination report for your 2018 candidacy. Please keep in mind that you have 7 days from today, February 20, 2019, to file the 2018 TR report in the Electronic Filing System (EFS.) I have attached a copy of the Termination Report Memo to assist you in filing your report. For more information, you may refer to Chapter 17 in the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook - PDF which can also be found on the Division of Elections' website at https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/forms-publications/publications/.</p> <p>Additionally, based on past returned mail, you may need to update the contact information for your treasurers. This can be done on EFS in the Campaign Account tab. Select Sequence "1" for primary treasurer and Sequence "2" for deputy treasurer in the Treasurer section when updating each of their information. Remember to enter your PIN and to click "Save" after making any changes.</p> <p>If you have any questions or need assistance in filing a report, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280.</p> <p>Sincerely, eal</p>			
63564	2/20/2019 4:44:00 PM		ealustria
<p>RE: Returned Mail, pt. 2</p> <p>Around 3:05pm, Zjs relayed a message from Mr. Morales to return his call at (305) 401-1702. At 3:15pm, I spoke with Mr. Morales in reference to his 2018 termination report that was due on Sept. 20, 2018. I told him that he has 7 days from today to file the report and that an informative email will be sent with a copy of the TR Report Memo. He stated that he will file his 2018 TR report on EFS as soon as possible. Also, I told him that he may update his treasurers' contact information in EFS.</p> <p>The email has been sent to his email address which he verified: <ryan@myfloridasenator.com>. See "RE: Returned Mail, pt. 2 Email sent" for the message.</p> <p>eal, 02/20/2019</p>			
62924	1/25/2019 8:48:00 AM		ealustria
<p>RE: Returned Mail 1/24/2019</p> <p>At 2:11pm, I left a voicemail message for Mr. Morales regarding several returned mail on the termination report for his 2018 candidacy that was due on September 20, 2018. The final notice for the fail to file letter for his TR report was sent to the candidate and his treasurer, Mr. Ruiz, at their Post Office Box address on November 20, 2018. On January 23, 2018, the final notice that was sent to Mr. Ruiz was returned to our Division. The address of record for Mr. Morales has changed since then, but not for Mr. Ruiz.</p> <p>Additionally, I mentioned a copy of the returned mail of the final notice was sent to his email address on file on November 29, 2018 as well as a copy of the returned mail of the second notice sent to both him and Mr. Ruiz's email on December 3, 2018. In closing, I provided the phone number for our help line should he have any questions or need assistance in filing his TR report.</p> <p>eal</p>			

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12/3/2018 3:29:00 PM

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RE: Returned Mail

Attention Mr. Ryan Morales, Candidate for State Senator (70536),

We have received returned mail from your address of record:

Post Office Box 121629
Clermont, FL 34712

A copy of the returned mail – which contains a second notice on a fail to file letter – is attached for your information and records.

Please update your address with us immediately. You may do so by any the following methods:

- EFS – Log onto your EFS account; go the Campaign Account tab; update address, phone number and/or email address, as needed; enter PIN and Save.
- Mail a signed letter requesting a change of address to:
Bureau of Election Records
Florida Department of State
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 S. Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399
- Email a copy of a signed letter requesting a change of address to:
ElecRecords@dos.myflorida.com
- Or FAX to:
(850) 245-6259 or (850) 245-6260

If you have any questions, please contact me at 850-245-6280.

Sincerely,
eal

62075

12/3/2018 3:28:00 PM

ealustria

RE: Returned Mail

Attention Mr. Ronald Ruiz, Treasurer for Candidate Ryan Morales (70536),

We have received returned mail from your address of record:

Post Office Box 121629
Clermont, FL 34712-1629

A copy of the returned mail – which contains a second notice on a fail to file letter – is attached for your information and records.

Please update your address with us immediately. You may do so by any the following methods:

- EFS – Log onto your EFS account; go the Campaign Account tab; update address, phone number and/or email address, as needed; enter PIN and Save.
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62042	12/3/2018 11:27:00 AM		ealustria
RE: Return Mail			
61989	11/29/2018 2:05:00 PM		ealustria
RE: Returned Mail			
I emailed Mr. Ryan Morales with the attachment of the final notice Fail to File Letter. I will keep making attempts to get in contact with Mr. Morales regarding the returned mail and the email message that was sent to him.			
61479	10/17/2018 1:46:00 PM		dlihoward
10/17/2018 - I attempted to make contact with Mr. Ryan Morales in reference to returned mail (fail to File Letter) sent September 21, 2018 and returned on October 16, 2018. Since there was no answer, I had to leave a voice message. Please note that I emailed Mr. Morales a copy of the Fail to File (Termination Report) to the email address provided in CanCom. DLH			
61473	10/17/2018 1:39:00 PM		dlihoward
10/17/2018 - Email Sent - DLH			
Ryan Morales, Candidate (70536)			
We have received a returned mail from your address:			
Ryan Morales Candidate For State Senator PO Box 121629 Clermont, Florida 34712			
I have included a copy of the returned mail attached to this email.			
Please update your address with us. You may do so by either logging into EFS and changing it in the Campaign Account section, or by sending us a signed letter stating the address change.			
You may send the signed written letter to:			
Bureau of Election Records Florida Department of State R.A. Gray Building, Room 316 500 S. Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399			
You may email a copy of the letter to: ElecRecords@dos.myflorida.com			
Or by fax to:			
850-245-6259 or 850-245-6260			
If you have any questions, please contact me at 850-245-6280.			
Daryl L. Howard			
61334	10/4/2018 3:01:00 PM		dlihoward
10/04/2018 - I attempted to make contact with Ronald Ruiz but since there was no answer, I had the leave a voice message. The call was in reference to returned mail, received on October 4th, 2018. Please note that I emailed Mr. Ruiz a copy of the returned mail (see other notes for details). DLH			

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61332	10/4/2018 2:51:00 PM		dihoward
10/04/18 - Email - DLH			
Ronald Ruiz, Treasurer (70536)			
We have received a returned mail from your address:			
Ronald Ruiz, Treasurer for Candidate Ryan Morales Post Office Box 121629 Clermont, Florida 34712			
I have included a copy of the returned mail attached to this email.			
Please update your address with us. You may do so by either logging into EFS and changing it in the Campaign Account section, or by sending us a signed letter stating the address change.			
You may send the signed written letter to:			
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Daryl L. Howard			
60367	8/14/2018 1:07:00 PM		Ejrowlette
Re: Phone voice message from Treasurer			
While at lunch, I received a voice mail from Mr. Ruiz, treasurer, telling me that the Division would receive a letter today. Ejr			
60364	8/14/2018 10:28:00 AM		Ejrowlette
Re: Attempt to reach candidate via phone			
Attempted to reach candidate but had to leave a similar voice mail explaining the issue of the audit and how he could send a signed letter explaining the reason for changing the contribution type from cash to check. I told him in my message I have been unable to reach his treasurer. Ejr			
60363	8/14/2018 10:23:00 AM		Ejrowlette
Re: Audit - No response letter yet, Attempt to call Treasurer			
8/14/18 - No letter yet. Ms. Kristi recommended I call again. I made an attempt to reach Mr. Ruiz, the treasurer, but had to leave a voice mail. I explained the purpose of my call. I told him of how far back this audit issue went, to May of this year. I told him the only issue holding up the closing of this audit was a signed letter from him explaining why he changed a cash contribution from Jonathan Bradley for \$250 from cash to check. I told him that this would be sent to the Fec if we did not hear from him. I gave details on how he could send this letter by way of email to elecrecords email address or fax. I told him if he had any questions to please call as we want to close this audit. ejr			
58047	4/10/2018 11:38:00 AM		mcchellman
Re CRF, called Can, created new PWD and gave it to him 11:00 am.			