

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Coalition for Better Communities

Case No.: FEC 17-206

TO: Coalition for Better Communities
Ken Forbes, Chair
PO Box 924859
Princeton, FL 33092-4859

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **March 13, 2018 at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **Augustus B. Turnbull Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola Street, Room 103, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.**

Failure to appear in accordance with this notice will constitute a waiver of your right to participate in the hearing. Continuances will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

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See further instructions on the reverse side.

Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
February 26, 2018

Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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If this is an **informal hearing**, it will be conducted pursuant Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes; Chapter 28 and Commission Rule 2B-1.004, Florida Administrative Code. At the hearing, the Commission will decide whether the Respondent committed the violation(s) charged in the Order of Probable Cause. The Respondent will be permitted to testify. However, the Respondent may not call witnesses to testify.

Respondent may argue why the established facts in the Staff Recommendation do not support the violations charged in the Order of Probable Cause. At Respondent's request, the Commission may determine whether Respondent's actions in the case were willful. The Respondent may also address the appropriateness of the recommended fine. If Respondent claims that his limited resources make him unable to pay the statutory fine, *he must provide the Commission with written proof of his financial resources* at the hearing. A financial affidavit form is available from the Commission Clerk.

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STATE OF FLORIDA
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,**

Case No.: FEC 17-206

v.

**Coalition for Better Communities PC,
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 28, 2017, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On September 18, 2017, 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 October 29, 2016, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before October 29, 2016, that Respondent would not be filing a 2016 D1 Report on the prescribed due date.

Count 2:

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Count 3:

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Count 5:

On or about March 10, 2017, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before March 10, 2017, that Respondent would not be filing a 2017 M2 Report on the prescribed due date.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on November 28, 2017.



M. Scott Thomas, Chairman
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel
Coalition for Better Communities, 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.

To request a hearing, please send a written request to the Commission Clerk, Donna Ann Malphurs. The address of the Commission Clerk is 107 W. Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050. The telephone number is (850) 922-4539. The Clerk will provide you with a copy of Chapter 28-106, *Florida Administrative Code*, and other applicable rules upon request. No mediation is available.

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NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **November 28, 2017 at 10:00 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **412 Knott Building, Pat Thomas Committee Room, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.**

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Florida Elections Commission
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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 complaint in this case recommending that there is **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 August 3, 2017, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation.

1. On May 18, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Division of Elections ("Division") alleging that Coalition for Better Communities PC ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. Respondent filed its Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees form with the Division on January 8, 2016. Ken Forbes was identified as Respondent's chairman and treasurer. (ROI Exhibit 1)¹

3. By letter dated January 14, 2016, Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent a letter to Respondent notifying it that the name of the organization had been placed on the Division's active committee list as a political committee. The letter advised Respondent that all political committees 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 access to the EFS. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)²

4. Ms. Bronson's January 14, 2016 letter further advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms were on the Division's website and directed Respondent to print a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Political Committee Handbook* ("Handbook"), the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and other documents. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 3)

¹ The Report of Investigation shall be referred to herein as "ROI."

² Kristi Reid Bronson is now known as Kristi Reid Willis.

5. On June 27, 2017, the Executive Director sent Respondent notification that Commission staff would investigate the following alleged violations:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, for each of the following reporting periods, Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the reporting periods:

- 2016 D1
- 2016 D2
- 2016 D3
- 2016 D5
- 2016 M2³

6. Page 26 of the Handbook states:

When there has been no reportable activity in the campaign account during a reporting period (no funds expended or received) the filing of the report is waived. The political committee shall notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

A notice of no activity filed with the Division must be filed electronically using the Division's electronic filing system. (Emphasis in original)

(Section 106.0705, F.S.)

(ROI Exhibit 3, pages 1 and 4)

7. Pages 12, 13, 45, and 46 of the *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* ("Guide") explain the steps a political committee should take to notify the Division in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed for the reporting period using the EFS. Specifically, at the top of page 13, the Guide instructs the user to click the box next to "Waiver" if there is no financial activity to report. (ROI Exhibit 4)

³ There was a scrivener's error in the notification. The referral alleged Respondent failed to timely file a notice of no activity for 2017 M2 reporting period rather than the 2016 M2 reporting period. However, Respondent was on notice that staff was investigating Respondent's failure to timely file a notice of no activity for the 2017 M2 reporting period when it received a copy of the complaint on May 31, 2017. (Attachments A and B)

8. Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, provides:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, in any reporting period during which a candidate or political committee has not received funds, made any contributions, or expended any reportable funds, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. However, the next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed, and any candidate or political committee not reporting by virtue of this subsection on dates prescribed elsewhere in this chapter **shall notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.** (Emphasis added)

9. The table below reflects Respondent's untimely written notifications to the Division:

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2016 D1	10/22/16 – 10/28/16	10/29/16	11/01/16	3
2016 D2	10/29/16	10/30/16	11/01/16	2
2016 D3	10/30/16	10/31/16	11/01/16	1
2016 D5	11/01/16	11/02/16	11/03/16	1
2017 M2	02/01/17 – 02/28/17	03/10/17	03/16/17	6

(ROI Exhibit 5; Attachment A, pages 2 and 3; and Attachment C)

10. Investigator Smith attempted to call Respondent's treasurer four times without success. Each time Investigator Smith called, he got an immediate busy signal as if the phone number was no longer in service. (ROI Exhibit 7)

11. "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).

12. The above facts show Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. Ken Forbes is Respondent's chairman and treasurer. Respondent failed to notify its filing officer in writing on the prescribed due date for the 2016 D1, 2016 D2, 2016 D3, 2016 D5, and 2017 M2 Report that it had no reportable activity and would not be filing a report for the applicable reporting period.

Based on the foregoing, I recommend that the Commission find probable cause to charge Respondent with the following violations:

Count 1:

On or about October 29, 2016, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before October 29, 2016, that Respondent would not be filing its 2016 D1 Report on the prescribed due date.

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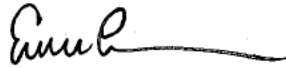
Count 4:

On or about November 2, 2016, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before November 2, 2016, that Respondent would not be filing its 2016 D5 Report on the prescribed due date.

Count 5:

On or about March 10, 2017, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before March 10, 2017, that Respondent would not be filing its 2017 M2 Report on the prescribed due date.

Respectfully submitted on September 18, 2017.



Eric M. Lipman
General Counsel

I have reviewed this Staff Recommendation on the 18th day of September 2017.



Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director

**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
FEC NOTICE FORM**

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2017 MAY 18 P 3:26

To FEC from Division of Elections

STATE OF FLORIDA
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Name:	Coalition For Better Communities - PC
Account Number:	65142
Chairperson:	Ken Forbes
Treasurer:	Ken Forbes
Registered Agent	Ken Forbes

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(2), Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, has occurred based upon repeated late filings or failure to file notifications to the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date under s. 106.07(7).

2016 D1

2016 D2

2016 D3

2016 D5

2017 M2

Sent By: Kristi Reid Bronson

Date: May 16, 2017 *KRB*

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ATTACHMENT A. *page 1*

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA
County of Leon


Kristi Reid Bronson, 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. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
2. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
3. Coalition For Better Communities - PC (65142) is a Political Committee registered with the Division. On January 8, 2016, Mr. Ken Forbes filed the DSDE 5 and DSDE 6 with the Division of Elections indicating that he was the chairperson and treasurer for the committee. (See attached documents and acknowledgment letter.)
4. The 2016 D1 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 29, 2016. Mr. Forbes failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Forbes filed a notification of no activity on November 1, 2016. (See attached letter and file receipt.)
5. The 2016 D2 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 30, 2016. Mr. Forbes failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Forbes filed a notification of no activity on November 1, 2016. (See attached letter and file receipt.)
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7. The 2016 D5 campaign treasurer's report was due on November 2, 2016. Mr. Forbes failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Forbes filed a notification of no activity on November 3, 2016. (See attached letter and file receipt.)

ATTACHMENT A, page 2

8. The 2017 M2 campaign treasurer's report was due on March 10, 2017. Mr. Forbes failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Forbes filed a notification of no activity on March 16, 2017. (See attached letter and file receipt.)

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 16th day of May, 2017.


Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known _____



ATTACHMENT A, page 3



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

March 27, 2017

Ken Forbes, Treasurer
Coalition For Better Communities - PC
P. O. Box 924859
Homestead, FL 78660-1940

PAC 65142

Dear Mr. Forbes:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of March 10, 2017, was not filed until March 16, 2017. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

ATTACHMENT A, page 4



Treasurer Report Status

ID: **65142**

Name: **Coalition For Better Communities - PC**

Report: 2017 - M2 - 34

Print Date: **5/15/2017 4:30:05 PM**

Election: 2018 General Election

Covers: 2/1/2017-2/28/2017

Amended Waiver

Due: 3/11/2017

Filed: **3/16/2017 2:44:48 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **3/16/2017**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'

ATTACHMENT A, page 5



FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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Suite 224 Collins Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050
Telephone: (850) 922-4539
Fax: (850) 921-0783
www.fec.state.fl.us; fec@myfloridalegal.com

May 24, 2017

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Ken Forbes, Chair
Coalition for Better Communities - PC
P.O. Box 924859
Princeton, FL 33092-4859

RE: Case No.: FEC 17-206; Respondent: Coalition for Better Communities - PC

Dear Mr. Forbes:

On May 18, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission received the enclosed complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. Section 106.25(2), Florida Statutes, states:

The respondent shall have 14 days *after receipt* of the complaint to file an initial response, and the executive director may not determine the legal sufficiency of the complaint during that time period.

If you choose to file a response to the complaint, please send it to my attention at the address listed above. To ensure that we receive your response in a timely manner, you may also want to send it via e-mail to my attention at fec@myfloridalegal.com. You will be notified by letter whether the complaint is determined to be legally sufficient.

Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you notify us of a new address.

Pursuant to section 106.25, Florida Statutes, complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapter 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, are confidential until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause. The confidentiality provision does not apply to the person filing the complaint. However, it does apply to you, the Respondent, unless you waive confidentiality in writing.

ATTACHMENT B, page 1

Following benefits:
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The confidentiality provision does not preclude you from seeking legal counsel. However, if you retain counsel, your attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Commission before any member of the Commission staff can discuss this case with him or her.

For additional information, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Commission's website (www.fec.state.fl.us) or contact us via email at fec@myfloridalegal.com.

Sincerely,

Erin Riley

Deputy Agency Clerk

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Enclosure: Complaint w/attachments

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**2016 Calendar of Reporting Dates for
Political Committees/Independent Expenditure-Only Organizations that file with the Division of Elections**

Cover Period	Report Code	Due Date
12/01/15 - 12/31/15	2015 M12	01/11/16
01/01/16 - 01/31/16	2016 M1	02/10/16
02/01/16 - 02/29/16	2016 M2	03/10/16
03/01/16 - 03/31/16	2016 M3	04/11/16
04/01/16 - 04/30/16	2016 M4	05/10/16
05/01/16 - 05/31/16	2016 M5	06/10/16
01/01/15 - 12/31/15*	2015 MUC*	07/01/16

06/01/16 - 06/24/16	2016 P1	07/01/16
06/25/16 - 07/01/16	2016 P1A	07/08/16
07/02/16 - 07/08/16	2016 P2	07/15/16
07/09/16 - 07/15/16	2016 P2A	07/22/16
07/16/16 - 07/22/16	2016 P3	07/29/16
07/23/16 - 07/29/16	2016 P4	08/05/16
07/30/16 - 08/05/16	2016 P5	08/12/16
08/06/16 - 08/12/16	2016 P6	08/19/16
08/13/16 - 08/25/16	2016 P7	08/26/16
08/26/16	2016 P7A	09/02/16

08/27/16 - 09/02/16	2016 G1	09/09/16
09/03/16 - 09/09/16	2016 G1A	09/16/16
09/10/16 - 09/16/16	2016 G2	09/23/16
09/17/16 - 09/23/16	2016 G2A	09/30/16
09/24/16 - 09/30/16	2016 G3	10/07/16
10/01/16 - 10/07/16	2016 G4	10/14/16
10/08/16 - 10/14/16	2016 G5	10/21/16
10/15/16 - 10/21/16	2016 G6	10/28/16

10/22/16 - 10/28/16**	2016 D1**	10/29/16**
10/29/16**	2016 D2**	10/30/16**
10/30/16**	2016 D3**	10/31/16**
10/31/16**	2016 D4**	11/01/16**
11/01/16**	2016 D5**	11/02/16**
11/02/16**	2016 D6**	11/03/16**

10/22/16 - 11/03/16***	2016 G7***	11/04/16***
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11/04/16 - 11/30/16	2016 M11	12/12/16
12/01/16 - 12/31/16	2016 M12	01/10/17

* If not reported as individual contributions when received, a political committee must report contributions that comprise multiple uniform contributions from the same person aggregating no more than \$250 per calendar year, collected by an organization that is the affiliated sponsor of the political committee. The report must list the name, address, and occupation of the person making the contribution; however, the occupation need not be listed if the aggregate contribution from the person is \$100 or less.

** These reports need only contain information on all previously unreported contributions received as of the preceding day; however, expenditures can be reported if desired.

*** If expenditures for 10/22/16 - 11/02/16 have already been reported during the daily reports, do not duplicate expenditures in this report.

2017 Calendar of Reporting Dates

Candidates, Political Committees and
Electioneering Communications Organizations
registered with the Division of Elections

<u>Cover Period</u>	<u>Report Code</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
01/01/17 – 01/31/17	2017 M1	02/10/17
02/01/17 – 02/28/17	2017 M2	03/10/17
03/01/17 – 03/31/17	2017 M3	04/10/17
04/01/17 – 04/30/17	2017 M4	05/10/17
05/01/17 – 05/31/17	2017 M5	06/12/17
01/01/2016 – 12/31/2016	2016 MUC* (PC Only)	06/30/17
06/01/17 – 06/30/17	2017 M6	07/10/17
07/01/17 – 07/31/17	2017 M7	08/10/17
08/01/17 – 08/31/17	2017 M8	09/11/17
09/01/17 – 09/30/17	2017 M9	10/10/17
10/01/17 – 10/31/17	2017 M10	11/13/17
11/01/17 – 11/30/17	2017 M11	12/11/17
12/01/17 – 12/31/17	2017 M12	1/10/18

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer

Case Number: FEC 17-206

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.

Respondent: Coalition for Better Communities PC

Complainant: Division of Elections

Respondent Type:

Candidate

Political Committee

I. Preliminary Information:

1. An appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on January 8, 2016. (Ex. 1)

2. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on Respondent's DS-DE 6 on January 14, 2016 advising Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Political Committee Handbook*, and the Calendar of Reporting Dates. (Ex. 2)

3. The acknowledgement letter also states, "An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports" and provides the telephone number for the Division's EFS Help Desk.

4. The *Political Committee Handbook* discusses filing a Notice-of-no-activity when there is no activity to disclose on page 26. (Ex. 3)

5. Pages 12, 13, 45, and 46 of the *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* discuss how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, page 13 instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose. (Ex. 4)

6. In a telephone interview on April 2, 2015, Kristi Reid-Bronson clarified that once the waiver box is chosen and a new report is opened as shown on Page 12, the only available option on the report summary screen will be "Go To File Report" as shown on Page 13. Choosing "Go To File Report" will take the user directly to the screens where the chairman/treasurer PINS are entered as shown on Pages 45 and 46.

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

7. Respondent's filing history reflects the untimely filed notifications summarized below. (Ex. 5)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2016 D1	10/22/16 – 10/28/16	10/29/16	11/01/16	3
2016 D2	10/29/16 – 10/29/16	10/30/16	11/01/16	2
2016 D3	10/30/16 – 10/30/16	10/31/16	11/01/16	1
2016 D5	11/01/16 – 11/01/16	11/02/16	11/03/16	1

2017 M2	02/01/17 – 02/28/17	03/10/17	03/16/17	6
8. Respondent's chairman did not submit a response to the referral.				
9. During the course of the investigation, I reviewed Respondent's filing history. Campaign reports and/or notification-of-no-activity have been timely filed beginning with the 2016 M1 reporting period, (01/01/16 – 01/31/16), until the 2016 D1 reporting period. (Ex. 5)				
III. FEC History:				
10. Respondent has not had any prior cases before the Commission ¹ .				
Conclusion:				
11. I attempted to contact Respondent's chairman on a number of occasions to give him an opportunity to discuss the allegations in the referral. Additionally, an affidavit was mailed to the chairman on July 12, 2017. As of the date of this report, Respondent's chairman has not returned my calls, nor has he returned an affidavit.				
12. In a previous case involving Respondent's chairman, he acknowledged that he has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, as well as the <i>Political Committee Handbook</i> . (Ex. 6)				
13. The Investigative Phone Log is included with this report. (Ex. 7)				
SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:		<i>Keith Smith</i>	Date:	<i>08/03/17</i>

¹ Respondent's chairman has been the chairman and/or treasurer of two local political committees who have had prior cases before the Commission.

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Coalition for Better Communities PC -- FEC 17-206

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Exhibit 1	DS-DE 6
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Exhibit 3	Pg 26 – Political Committee Handbook
Exhibit 4	Pgs 12,13,45,46 – Political Committee EFS User's Guide
Exhibit 5	Respondent's filing history
Exhibit 6	Pgs from previous case involving R's chairman
Exhibit 7	Phone Log

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR
POLITICAL COMMITTEES**
(Sections 106.011(1) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

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Original Appointment of Treasurer Reappointment of Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

1. Committee or Organization COALITION FOR BETTER COMMUNITIES - PC	2. Telephone (786) 410-5564
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3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer KEN FORBES	4. Email (optional)	5. Telephone (optional) ()
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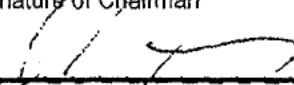
6. Mailing Address
P. O. BOX 924859 - PRINCETON, FL 33092-4859

7. Street Address
1085 N. E. 42 AVE - HOMESTEAD, FL 33033

8. The following bank has been designated as the Primary Depository Secondary Depository

9. Name of Bank FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SOUTH FLORIDA	10. Street Address 1550 NORH KROME AVENUE
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11. City HOMESTEAD	12. State FL	13. Zip Code 33030
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14. Signature of Chairman X 	15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type) KEN FORBES
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Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

I, **KEN FORBES**, do hereby accept the appointment as
(Please Print or Type)

treasurer or deputy treasurer for **COALITION FOR BETTER COMMUNITIES**
(Committee or Organization)

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S
ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED ARE TRUE.

EXHIBIT

12/30/2015 **X** 
Date Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

January 14, 2016

Ken Forbes, Chairperson
Coalition for Better Communities
Post Office Box 924859
Princeton, Florida 330924859

Dear Mr. Forbes:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Coalition for Better Communities**, which were placed on file in our office on January 8, 2016. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **February 10, 2016**. The report will cover the period of January 1-31, 2016 (M1). All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains the committee's initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. The chairperson, campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting this password from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using these credentials, unless the Division is notified that your credentials have been compromised.

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>
Identification Number: 65142

EXHIBIT 2 (1 of 3)

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/

FLORIDA
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Ken Forbes, Chairperson
January 14, 2016
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Pin Numbers

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update information. The enclosed sealed envelopes contain your confidential pin numbers.

Each political committee chairperson is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that the password is forgotten or lost. When you enter the campaign account screen, there will be a drop down box where you pick a question (such as *What is your mother's maiden name?*) and supply an answer. All passwords and answers to questions are stored as encrypted data and cannot be viewed by Division staff and given out over the phone. Please notify the Division if your credentials have been compromised.

Timely Filing

All reports must be completed and filed through the EFS not later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight, Eastern Standard Time, 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, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date is subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per 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 chairperson and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

Ken Forbes, Chairperson
January 14, 2016
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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: Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, *Political Committee 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 Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/ljr

Enclosures

EXHIBIT 2 (303)

2016 Political Committee Handbook

Florida Department of State
Division of Elections
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250
850.245.6240

(Rev. 01/27/2016)

Political Committee Handbook

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Unless the electronic filing requirements of Section 106.0705, Florida Statutes, apply, reports shall be filed no later than 5 p.m. of the day designated. A report postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight of the day designated is deemed timely filed. A report received by the filing officer within 5 days after the designated due date that was delivered by the U.S. Postal Service is deemed timely filed unless it has a postmark indicating the report was mailed after the designated due date. A certificate of mailing obtained from and dated by the U.S. Postal Service at the time of mailing or a receipt from an established courier company, which bears a date on or before the date on which the report is due, is proof of mailing in a timely manner. Reports filed with the Division through the Electronic Filing System (EFS) are due no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date. (See Chapter 12, Electronic Filing of Campaign Reports.)

(Sections 106.07, 106.0705 and 106.141, F.S.)

Penalty for Late Filing

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

(Section 106.07(8), F.S.)

Notice of No Activity

When there has been no reportable activity in the campaign account during a reporting period (no funds expended or received) the filing of the report is waived. The political committee shall notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date. The next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed.

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

A notice of no activity filed with the Division must be filed electronically using the Division's electronic filing system.

(Section 106.0705, F.S.)

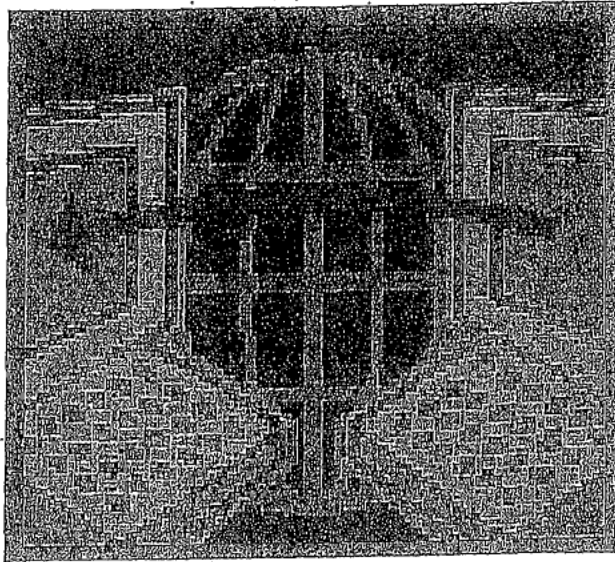
Special Election Reports

When a special election is called to fill a vacancy in office, all political committees making contributions or expenditures to influence the results of the special election shall file campaign treasurers' reports with the filing officer on the dates set by the Department of State pursuant to Section 100.111, F.S.

When an election is called for an issue to appear on the ballot at a time when no candidates are scheduled to appear on the ballot, all political committees making contributions or expenditures in support of or in opposition to such issue shall file reports on the 18th and 4th days prior to such election.

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Political Committee EFS User's Guide



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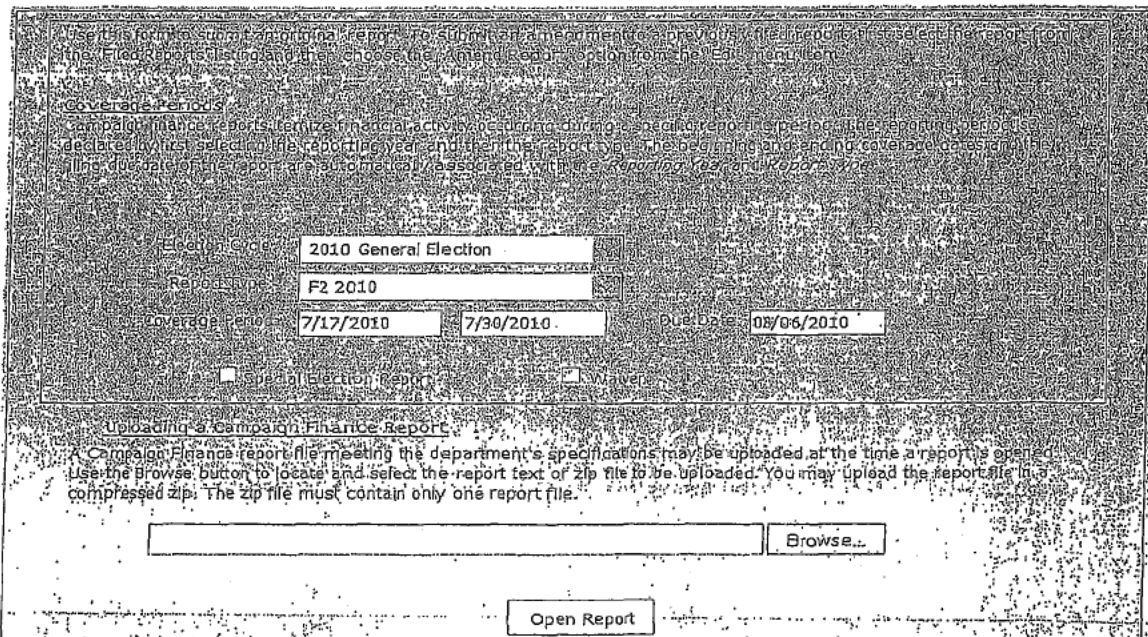
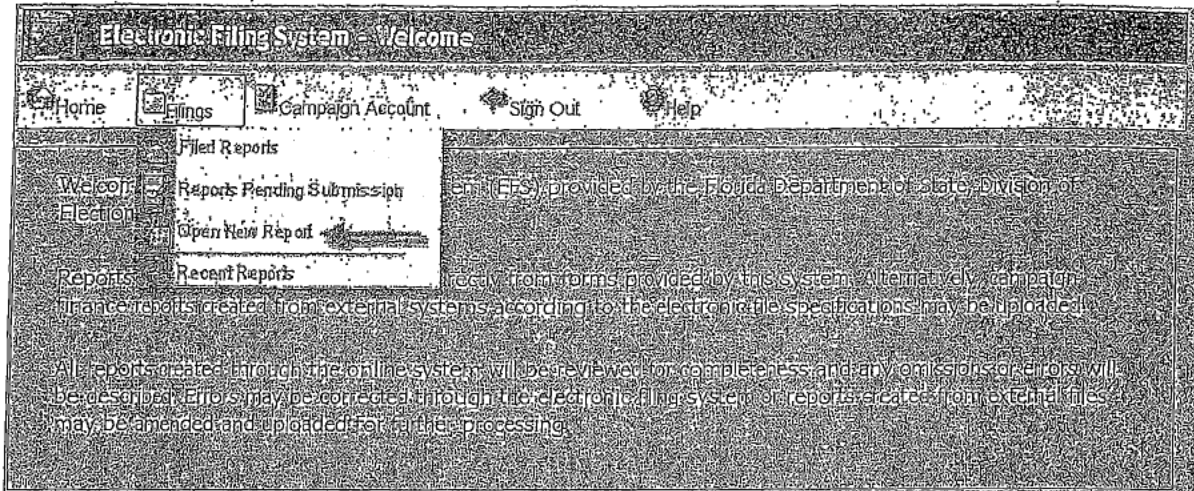
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Create a New Report by Data Entry

From the Welcome screen, click  and then .



Click  arrow next to Election Cycle. Scroll to the cycle associated with the report you are entering.

Click  arrow next to Report Type select report type corresponding to the correct cover period and due date.

The Cover Period dates will automatically fill in based on the Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates.

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The Due Date will automatically fill in based on the Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates.

If this report is for a special election, click the box next to Special Election Report. (If no special elections are scheduled this option will not be available.)

*****NOTE*****

If this report is a waiver of report (no activity), click the box next to Waiver.

Election Cycle:	2010 General Election	
Report Type:	FZ 2010	
Coverage Period:	7/17/2010	7/30/2010
Due Date:	08/06/2010	
<input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete Detail Records <input type="checkbox"/> Waiver		

Click at the bottom of the screen. A Report Detail screen (view only) will appear. This screen will not indicate any activity until individual detail data is entered, saved and a review is performed.

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EXHIBIT 4 (406)

File the Report

If the **Review Status** is Updated Detail – Needs Review the report has not been reviewed since the last update. (See page 39 for instructions on how to submit the report to the system for review.)

If the status of the report is Complete Detail Records, you are ready to file the report.

Report: 2010 - F3 - 26 2010 General Election Coverage: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010 Due: 8/20/2010

Waiver Complete Status: **Complete Detail Records**

File Date: Review Status: **Reviewed**

Status: **Data Entry** Last Review: **8/19/2010 3:56:42 PM**

Transactions: **Review** **Recalculate** **Go To File Report** **Append File** **Delete Report** **Save**

Contributions	Del. Amount	Expenditures	Del. Amount
Cash and Checks	0.00	Other	251.00
Debit	0.00	Transfer to Off. Acct.	4479.00
Other	0.00	Total Expend.	4730.00
Total Contributions	0.00	Other Distributions	210.00
In Kind	0.00		

Review Status:

Created: 8/19/2010 2:01:35 PM ID: 50552 Last Modified: 8/19/2010 3:56:42 PM BY: 50552

Click on **Go To File Report**

The chairperson enters his or her PIN, and then selects **Report Approved**

NOTE: A PIN is the same as your signature attesting to the validity of the report.

Step 1: Enter the candidate/chairperson PIN.

Step 2: Select the 'Report Approved' button.

Report: 2010 - F3 - 26 Coverage Period: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010 Due: 8/20/2010

Review Status: **Reviewed** Original Amended

Waiver

PIN for Candidate/Chairperson: **Report Approved**

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If there is more than one treasurer, click on the drop down and select the treasurer that is filing the report.

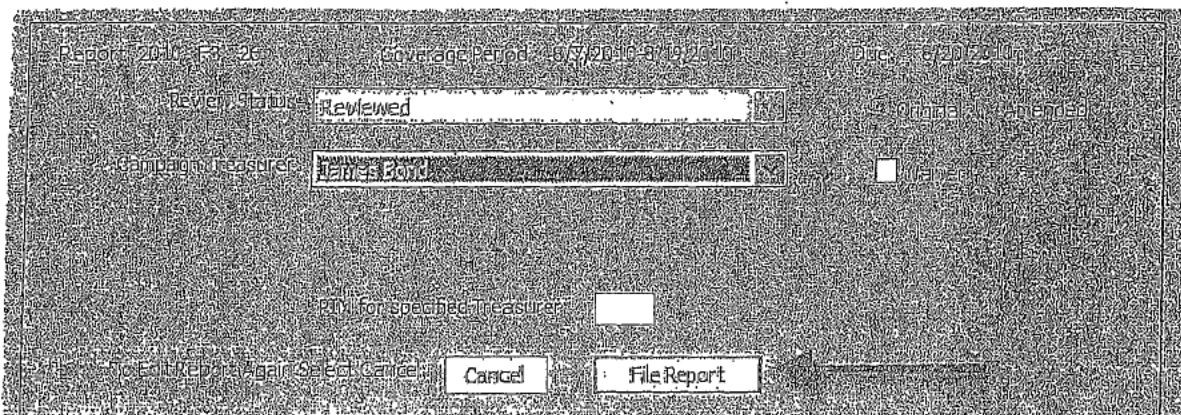


A screenshot of a web interface showing a dropdown menu for 'Campaign Treasurer'. The selected name is 'AMESBORN'. A left-pointing arrow is visible to the right of the dropdown.

The treasurer enters his PIN and then clicks



A rectangular button with the text 'File Report' inside.



A screenshot of a report filing form. At the top, it shows 'Report: 2010 FR 26', 'Coverage Period: 6/30/2010-8/19/2010', and 'Due: 6/20/2010'. Below this, there are several fields: 'Review Status' is set to 'Reviewed'; 'Campaign Treasurer' is a dropdown menu with 'AMESBORN' selected; 'Official' is set to 'Amended'; and 'PIN for specified Treasurer' is an empty text box. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'File Report'. A link 'Go Edit Report Again Select Cancel' is also visible.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If changes need to be made after a chairperson PIN is entered, the treasurer must undo the chairperson PIN validation before the system will allow changes. See page 49 for instructions.

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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Name:

Pol Action Comm Name: Coalition For Better Communities - PC

Account: 65142

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
6/12/2017	M5	6/1/2017						
5/10/2017	M4	5/2/2017						
4/10/2017	M3	4/6/2017						
3/10/2017	M2	3/16/2017	FEC	6	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
2/10/2017	M1	2/6/2017						
1/10/2017	M12	1/9/2017						
12/12/2016	M11	12/7/2016						
11/4/2016	D6	11/3/2016						
11/4/2016	G7	11/4/2016						
11/2/2016	D5	11/3/2016	FEC	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/1/2016	D4	11/1/2016						
10/31/2016	D3	11/1/2016	FEC	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/30/2016	D2	11/1/2016	FEC	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/29/2016	D1	11/1/2016	FEC	3	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/28/2016	G6	10/24/2016						
10/21/2016	G5	10/18/2016						
10/14/2016	G4	10/10/2016						
10/7/2016	G3	10/3/2016						
9/30/2016	G2A	9/29/2016						
9/23/2016	G2	9/22/2016						
9/16/2016	G1A	9/14/2016						
9/9/2016	G1	9/8/2016						
9/2/2016	P7A	9/1/2016						
8/26/2016	P7	8/26/2016						
8/19/2016	P6	8/15/2016						
8/12/2016	P5	8/8/2016						
8/5/2016	P4	8/1/2016						
7/29/2016	P3	7/25/2016						
7/22/2016	P2A	7/19/2016						
7/15/2016	P2	7/11/2016						
7/8/2016	P1A	7/5/2016						
7/1/2016	P1	6/29/2016						
6/10/2016	M5	6/6/2016						
5/10/2016	M4	5/5/2016						
4/11/2016	M3	4/6/2016						
3/10/2016	M2	3/5/2016						
2/10/2016	M1	2/5/2016						

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**Florida Department of State
Division of Elections**

Coalition For Better Communities - PC

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. If all contributions for a reporting period are less than 1 dollar Then they may not be displayed.

Contributions							
	Filing Period	Monetary	Loans	InKind	Expend	Other	Transfers
W	01/01/2016 - 01/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/01/2016 - 02/29/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/01/2016 - 03/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2016 - 04/30/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	05/01/2016 - 05/31/2016	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
○	06/01/2016 - 06/24/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00
○	06/25/2016 - 07/01/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/02/2016 - 07/08/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	07/09/2016 - 07/15/2016	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	07/16/2016 - 07/22/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.13	0.00	0.00
W	07/23/2016 - 07/29/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/30/2016 - 08/05/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/06/2016 - 08/12/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	08/13/2016 - 08/25/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
○	08/26/2016 - 08/26/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	130.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/27/2016 - 09/02/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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	09/03/2016 - 09/09/2016						
○	09/10/2016 - 09/16/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/17/2016 - 09/23/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/24/2016 - 09/30/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/01/2016 - 10/07/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/08/2016 - 10/14/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/15/2016 - 10/21/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/22/2016 - 10/28/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/29/2016 - 10/29/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/30/2016 - 10/30/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/31/2016 - 10/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/01/2016 - 11/01/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/02/2016 - 11/02/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/22/2016 - 11/03/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	11/04/2016 - 11/30/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/01/2016 - 12/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2017 - 01/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/01/2017 - 02/28/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/01/2017 - 03/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2017 - 04/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/01/2017 - 05/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
⊙	All Dates (Totals)	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,741.13	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

Select Sort Order

Select Output Type

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Case No.: FEC 07-192

Respondent: Kentward C. Forbes

Complainant: John S. Wade, Jr.

On June 18, 2007, the Florida Elections Commission received a sworn complaint alleging that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. The Commission staff investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, prohibiting a campaign treasurer from certifying to the correctness of a campaign treasurer's report that is incorrect, false, or incomplete; 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 was the last campaign treasurer of record for the now defunct South Bay Community Political Action Committee¹. Respondent was appointed campaign treasurer on November 11, 2004; he filed a termination report on behalf of the political committee on January 10, 2006.

2. Complainant was the complainant in two cases (FEC 06-206 and 06-334) against Respondent and his political committee, "Committee Against Useless Self-serving Efforts PAC," also known as "The CAUSE." Additionally, a third complaint (FEC 06-403) was filed against Mr. Forbes and his political committee, "The CAUSE," by someone other than Complainant in this case.

3. According to a newspaper article included as part of the complaint in FEC 06-206, Respondent filed a petition with the clerk of the circuit court's office for the recall of Patricia Wade. Subsequently, the recall effort was terminated. Complainant is the husband of Patricia Wade. Mrs. Wade represents the Miami-Dade County Community Council, Area 14/146.

II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes:

4. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the elections laws by certifying to the correctness of campaign treasurer's reports that are incorrect, false, or

¹ South Bay Community PAC registered with the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections office as an issues-only committee on May 20, 2003.

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67. As to information concerning the alleged falsely reported information and information concerning the alleged failure to report information, please refer to Tables 2 and 13.

68. No record was found to indicate that Respondent has previously violated this section of the election laws.

69. In addition, Complainant alleged that the political committee, registered as an issues-only committee, supported political candidates in the 2004 elections without having filed a notice of change pursuant to Section 106.03(4), Florida Statutes. However, due to the two-year statute of limitations, I did not investigate this allegation. The 10-day requirement to file the notice, pursuant to Section 106.03(4), Florida Statutes, would have occurred approximately 34 months prior to the date Complainant filed his complaint.

70. Complainant also alleged that the political committee accepted a number of campaign contributions in excess of \$500 while supporting candidates. However, due to the two-year statute of limitations, I did not investigate this allegation. Complainant's complaint was received on June 18, 2007, not less than 31 months after the date of the contributions at issue.

Conclusion:

71. I attempted to contact Respondent on a number of occasions for the purpose of inquiring of him whether he had any questions or comments about the case; however, as of the date of this report, he has not returned my phone calls.

72. Maria Acosta reported that she has no record on file in her office where Respondent was provided with a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes or the *Committee and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. She explained that he could have picked up a copy on his own while visiting the supervisor of elections office or he could have downloaded a copy from the Internet.

73. In an affidavit, Respondent stated that he has never been a candidate for public office but he has served as the campaign treasurer on three separate occasions for candidates seeking the office of Community Council. Respondent was asked what action had he taken to determine his responsibilities under Florida's election laws. He stated, "Ethic Training and Handbook."

74. Respondent attested that he does not possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes but that he has read the law. Further, he attested that he does not possess a copy of the *Committee and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* but he has read the handbook.

75. As previously addressed, Respondent was the chairman of the political committee, The CAUSE, in FEC 06-206, in a complaint filed by Complainant in this case. At its February 16 and 17, 2007 meeting in Tallahassee, the Florida Elections Commission found probable cause that Respondent violated Sections 106.03(2), and 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

76. Also, Respondent was the chairman of the political committee, The CAUSE, in FEC 06-334 and FEC 06-403. At its February 16 and 17 meeting in Tallahassee, the Florida Elections Commission found probable cause that Respondent violated Sections 106.19(1)(d), and

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**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
PHONE LOG
Case No.: FEC 17-206**

Respondent: Coalition for Better Communities - PC

Complainant: Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** 07/11/17 @ 2:05 p.m.
Name: Ken Forbes - Chairman
Phone #: 786-410-5564
Summary: I tried calling Mr. Forbes at the telephone number provided on various forms filed with the Division. An immediate busy signal perhaps signaling that the number is no longer in service.
Memo to File? No
Entered by: KS
2. **Date and time:** 07/11/17 @ 2:57 p.m.
Name: Ken Forbes - Chairman
Phone #: 786-410-5564
Summary: I tried calling Mr. Forbes again. Same as entry #1.
Memo to File? No
Entered by: KS
3. **Date and time:** 07/13/17 @ 11:42 a.m.
Name: Ken Forbes - Chairman
Phone #: 786-410-5564
Summary: I tried calling Mr. Forbes; immediate busy signal.
Memo to File? No
Entered by: KS
4. **Date and time:** 08/01/17 @ 2:50 p.m.
Name: Ken Forbes - Chairman
Phone #: 786-410-5564
Summary: I tried calling Mr. Forbes; same as other times calling.
Memo to File? No
Entered by: KS
5. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Memo to File? No
Entered by:
6. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050
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www.fec.state.fl.us; fec@myfloridalegal.com

June 27, 2017

Coalition for Better Communities PC
Attn: Ken Forbes, Chair
Post Office Box 924859
Princeton, FL 33092-4859

RE: Case No.: FEC 17-206; Respondent: Coalition for Better Communities PC

Dear Mr. Forbes:

On May 18, 2017, 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, for each of the following reporting periods, Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the reporting periods:

- 2016 D1
- 2016 D2
- 2016 D3
- 2016 D5
- 2016 M2

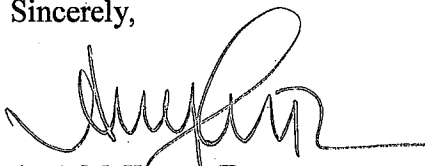
When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to you at the above address. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will make a written recommendation (Staff Recommendation or SR) to the Commission as to whether there is probable cause 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

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 **Keith Smith**, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,



Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director

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**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
FEC NOTICE FORM**

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2017 MAY 18 P 3 26

To FEC from Division of Elections

STATE OF FLORIDA
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Name:	Coalition For Better Communities - PC
Account Number:	65142
Chairperson:	Ken Forbes
Treasurer:	Ken Forbes
Registered Agent	Ken Forbes

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(2), Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, has occurred based upon repeated late filings or failure to file notifications to the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date under s. 106.07(7).

2016 D1

2016 D2

2016 D3

2016 D5

2017 M2

Sent By: Kristi Reid Bronson

Date: May 16, 2017

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KRB

AFFIDAVIT


STATE OF FLORIDA
County of Leon

Kristi Reid Bronson, 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. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
2. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
3. Coalition For Better Communities - PC (65142) is a Political Committee registered with the Division. On January 8, 2016, Mr. Ken Forbes filed the DSDE 5 and DSDE 6 with the Division of Elections indicating that he was the chairperson and treasurer for the committee. (See attached documents and acknowledgment letter.)
4. The 2016 D1 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 29, 2016. Mr. Forbes failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Forbes filed a notification of no activity on November 1, 2016. (See attached letter and file receipt.)
5. The 2016 D2 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 30, 2016. Mr. Forbes failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Forbes filed a notification of no activity on November 1, 2016. (See attached letter and file receipt.)
6. The 2016 D3 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 31, 2016. Mr. Forbes failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Forbes filed a notification of no activity on November 1, 2016. (See attached letter and file receipt.)
7. The 2016 D5 campaign treasurer's report was due on November 2, 2016. Mr. Forbes failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Forbes filed a notification of no activity on November 3, 2016. (See attached letter and file receipt.)

8. The 2017 M2 campaign treasurer's report was due on March 10, 2017. Mr. Forbes failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Forbes filed a notification of no activity on March 16, 2017. (See attached letter and file receipt.)

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 16th day of May, 2017.


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

November 4, 2016

Ken Forbes, Treasurer
Coalition For Better Communities - PC
P. O. Box 924859
Homestead, FL 78660-1940

PAC 65142

Dear Mr. Forbes:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of October 29, 2016, was not filed until November 1, 2016. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Reid Bronson".

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

 Treasurer Report StatusID: **65142**Name: **Coalition For Better Communities - PC**

Report: 2016 - D1 - 24

Print Date: **5/15/2017 4:28:30 PM**

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 10/22/2016-10/28/2016

 Amended Waiver

Due: 10/29/2016

Filed: **11/1/2016 1:46:10 PM**File Status: **Filed Report**Reviewed: **10/28/2016**Review Status: **Reviewed**Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Ken Detzner
Secretary of State
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

November 4, 2016

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KRB Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

 **Treasurer Report Status**

ID: 65142		Name: Coalition For Better Communities - PC	
Report: 2016 - D2 - 25		Print Date: 5/15/2017 4:29:14 PM	
Election: 2016 General Election			
Covers: 10/29/2016-10/29/2016		<input type="checkbox"/> Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waiver	
Due: 10/30/2016			
Filed: 11/1/2016 1:49:41 PM		File Status: Filed Report	
Reviewed: 11/1/2016		Review Status: Reviewed	
Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found			
File Method: Web Filed		<u>Number of Detail Records</u>	
Entry Method: Web Data Entry		Contributions: 0	
Pending Queued Items: 0		Expenditures: 0	
		Fund Transfers: 0	
		Distributions: 0	
To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'			



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

November 15, 2016

Ken Forbes, Treasurer
Coalition For Better Communities - PC
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Homestead, FL 78660-1940

PAC 65142

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

 **Treasurer Report Status**

ID: 65142 **Name: Coalition For Better Communities - PC**

Report: 2016 - D3 - 26

Print Date: **5/15/2017 4:29:26 PM**

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 10/30/2016-10/30/2016

Amended Waiver

Due: 10/31/2016

Filed: **11/1/2016 1:54:20 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **11/1/2016**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

November 15, 2016

Ken Forbes, Treasurer
Coalition For Better Communities - PC
P. O. Box 924859
Homestead, FL 78660-1940

PAC 65142

Dear Mr. Forbes:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of November 2, 2016, was not filed until November 3, 2016. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristi Reid Bronson".

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: **65142** Name: **Coalition For Better Communities - PC**

Report: 2016 - D5 - 28

Print Date: **5/15/2017 4:29:47 PM**

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 11/1/2016-11/1/2016

Amended Waiver

Due: 11/2/2016

Filed: **11/3/2016 7:03:45 AM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **11/3/2016**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

March 27, 2017

Ken Forbes, Treasurer
Coalition For Better Communities - PC
P. O. Box 924859
Homestead, FL 78660-1940

PAC 65142

Dear Mr. Forbes:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of March 10, 2017, was not filed until March 16, 2017. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: 65142		Name: Coalition For Better Communities - PC	
Report: 2017 - M2 - 34		Print Date: 5/15/2017 4:30:05 PM	
Election: 2018 General Election			
Covers: 2/1/2017-2/28/2017		<input type="checkbox"/> Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waiver	
Due: 3/11/2017			
Filed: 3/16/2017 2:44:48 PM		File Status: Filed Report	
Reviewed: 3/16/2017		Review Status: Reviewed	
Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found			
File Method: Web Filed		<u>Number of Detail Records</u>	
Entry Method: Web Data Entry		Contributions: 0	
		Expenditures: 0	
Pending Queued Items: 0		Fund Transfers: 0	
		Distributions: 0	
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STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

(PLEASE TYPE)

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1. Full Name of Committee

COALITION FOR BETTER COMMUNITIES - PC

Telephone (786) 410-5564

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)

P. O. BOX 924859 - PRINCETON, FL 33092-4859

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)

1085 N. E. 42 AVENUE - HOMESTEAD, FL 33033

2. Affiliated or Connected Organizations (includes other committees of continuous existence and political committees)

Name of Affiliated or
Connected Organization

Mailing Address

Relationship

NONE

3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee

STATEWIDE - To support causes, candidates, political committees, political parties, grassroot and ECO(s) that advocate better municipal governance and services.

4. Nature of Organization or Organization's Special Interest (e.g., medical, legal, education, etc.)

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

5. Identify by Name, Address and Position, the Custodian of Books and Accounts (include treasurer's name)

Full Name

Mailing Address

Committee Title or Position

KEN FORBES

P. O. BOX 924859

TREASURER

6. List by Name, Address and Position, Other Principal Officers, Including Officers and Members of the Finance Committee, If Any (Include chairman's name)

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
KEN FORBES	P. O. BOX 924859 PRINCETON, FL 33092-4859	CHAIRMAN

7. List by Name, Address, Office Sought and Party Affiliation Each Candidate or Other Individual that this Committee is Supporting (if none, please indicate)

Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party
TO BE DETERMINE (TBD)			

8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting: TBD

List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing: TBD

9. If this Committee is Supporting the Entire Ticket of a Party, Give Name of Party

TBD

10. In the Event of Dissolution, What Disposition will be Made of Residual Funds?

DONATED TO OTHER TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION

11. List all Banks, Safety Deposit Boxes, or Other Depositories Used for Committee Funds

Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SOUTH FLORIDA	1550 NORTH KROME AVENUE HOMESTEAD, FL 33030

12. List all Reports Required to be Filed by this Committee with Federal Officials and the Names, Addresses and Positions of Such Officials, If Any

Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of Official	Mailing Address
FORM 8871	01/15/2016	IRS	OGDEN, UT 84201
FORM 990	05/15/2017	IRS	OGDEN, UT 84201

STATE OF FLORIDA MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

I, KEN FORBES, certify that the information in this Statement of

Organization is complete, true and correct.

X

Signature of Chairman of Political Committee

12/30/2015

Date

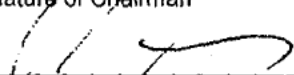
**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR
POLITICAL COMMITTEES**
(Sections 106.011(1) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

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CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

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Original Appointment of Treasurer Reappointment of Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

1. Committee or Organization COALITION FOR BETTER COMMUNITIES - PC		2. Telephone (786) 410-5564	
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer KEN FORBES		4. Email (optional)	
5. Telephone (optional)		()	
6. Mailing Address P. O. BOX 924859 - PRINCETON, FL 33092-4859			
7. Street Address 1085 N. E. 42 AVE - HOMESTEAD, FL 33033			
8. The following bank has been designated as the <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Depository			
9. Name of Bank FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SOUTH FLORIDA		10. Street Address 1550 NORH KROME AVENUE	
11. City HOMESTEAD		12. State FL	13. Zip Code 33030
14. Signature of Chairman X 		15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type) KEN FORBES	

Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

I, **KEN FORBES**, do hereby accept the appointment as
(Please Print or Type)
 treasurer or deputy treasurer for **COALITION FOR BETTER COMMUNITIES**
(Committee or Organization)

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S
ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED ARE TRUE.

12/30/2015

Date

X 

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

January 14, 2016

Ken Forbes, Chairperson
Coalition for Better Communities
Post Office Box 924859
Princeton, Florida 330924859

Dear Mr. Forbes:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Coalition for Better Communities**, which were placed on file in our office on January 8, 2016. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **February 10, 2016**. The report will cover the period of January 1-31, 2016 (M1). All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains the committee's initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. The chairperson, campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting this password from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using these credentials, unless the Division is notified that your credentials have been compromised.

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>
Identification Number: 65142

Ken Forbes, Chairperson
January 14, 2016
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Pin Numbers

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update information. The enclosed sealed envelopes contain your confidential pin numbers.

Each political committee chairperson is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that the password is forgotten or lost. When you enter the campaign account screen, there will be a drop down box where you pick a question (such as *What is your mother's maiden name?*) and supply an answer. All passwords and answers to questions are stored as encrypted data and cannot be viewed by Division staff and given out over the phone. Please notify the Division if your credentials have been compromised.

Timely Filing

All reports must be completed and filed through the EFS not later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight, Eastern Standard Time, 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, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date is subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per 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 chairperson and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

Ken Forbes, Chairperson
January 14, 2016
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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: Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, *Political Committee 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 Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/ljr

Enclosures

*Committee
Tracking
System*

**Coalition For Better Communities
- PC**

Type: Political Committee

Status: Active

Address: Post Office Box 924859
Princeton, FL 33092

Phone: (786)410-5564

Chairperson: Ken Forbes

Treasurer: Ken Forbes
P. O. Box 924859
Homestead, FL 786601940

Registered Agent: Ken Forbes
1085 Northeast 42 Avenue
Homestead, FL 330330000

Purpose:

Affiliates:

Campaign Finance Activity

Campaign Documents