

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Liberty Dog

Case No.: FEC 18-081

TO: Liberty Dog
Jennifer Green, Chair
113 East College Avenue, # 300
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **May 15, 2018 at 8:30 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.**

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.

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, which governs your participation as follows:

If you are the Respondent, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission. However, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless you request to be heard or the Commission requests that your case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, your case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are the Complainant, you may attend the hearing, but you will *not* be permitted to address the Commission. In addition, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless the Respondent requests to be heard or the Commission requests that the case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, the case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are an Appellant, and you have requested a hearing, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission.

Please be advised that both confidential and public cases are scheduled to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission on this date. As an Appellant, Respondent or Complainant in one case, you will *not* be permitted to attend the hearings on other confidential cases.

The Commission will electronically record the meeting. Although the Commission's recording is considered the official record of the hearing, the Respondent may provide, at his own expense, a certified court reporter to also record the hearing.

If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Ann Malphurs at (850) 922-4539 or by mail at 107 West Gaines Street, The Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at least 5 days before the hearing.

See further instructions on the reverse side.

Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
April 30, 2018

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

If this is a hearing to consider **an appeal from an automatic fine**, the Filing Officer has imposed a fine on you for your failure to file a campaign treasurer's report on the designated due date and, by filing an appeal, you have asked the Commission to consider either (1) that the report was in fact timely filed; or (2) that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure to file the report timely. You are required to prove your case. If the Commission finds that the report was filed timely or that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure, it may waive the fine, in whole or in part. The Commission may reduce a fine after considering the factors in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes. If the Commission finds that the report was not timely filed and there were no unusual circumstances, the fine will be upheld.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order before a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed and become public. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the case will remain confidential, unless confidentiality has been waived.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order after a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the Respondent will be entitled to another hearing to determine if the Respondent committed the violation(s) alleged.

If this is a **probable cause hearing**, the Commission will decide if there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent committed a violation of Florida's election laws. Respondent should be prepared to explain how the staff in its recommendation incorrectly applied the law to the facts of the case. *Respondent may not testify, call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence at the probable cause hearing.* The Commission will only decide whether Respondent should be *charged* with a violation and, before the Commission determines whether a violation has occurred or a fine should be imposed, Respondent will have an opportunity for another hearing at which evidence may be introduced.

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.

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
CASE REPORT
Case Number: FEC 18-081

NAME: LIBERTY DOG

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 03/16/18

DATE REPORT DUE: 01/26/18 (2018 SP2)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 02/07/18

DATE FILING OFFICER RECEIVED REPORT: 02/07/18

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 12

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$250.00

FINE BASED ON: () NUMBER OF DAYS () 25% OF RECEIPTS (X) 25% OF EXPENDITURES

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$0.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$1,000.00

DATE FIRST NOTIFICATION WAS SENT: 01/30/18

SUMMARY: Liberty Dog is a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair is Jennifer J. Green and its treasurer is Melanie Bostick.

The PC is appealing the fine. According to Ms. Green, the PC originally spoke with the candidate¹ during the fall of 2017 and the intention was to contribute to her 2020 regular election campaign for the Florida Senate and disclose the contribution during the regular report period due on February 12th. Ms. Green added that the PC was notified that the candidate actually applied the contribution to the special election campaign when she changed her candidacy once the Governor called for a Special Election in Senate District 31. Ms. Green further added that once the PC was notified by the Division of Elections on January 30, 2018, "the correct report for the PC for the special election contribution was disclosed and immediately filed."

PRIOR CASES: In FEC 16-445, the PC timely appealed a \$250 fine for the late filing of the 2016 P1 Report, claiming unusual circumstances. At its February 28, 2017 meeting, the members of the Florida Elections Commission found that the PC's unusual circumstances justified its failure to file the report on the designated due date and ordered that the assessed fine be waived in full.

- The 2018 SP2 Report covers the time period from 12/15/17 – 01/25/18.
- The 2018 SP2 Queued-Transaction Report reflects that this report was created on 02/07/18 at approximately 1:59 p.m. before being filed on 02/07/18 at approximately 2:07 p.m.

¹ On October 31, 2017, Lori Berman filed her DS-DE 9 with the Division of Elections seeking the office of State Senate, District 31, in the 2020 general election cycle. On November 8, 2017, she notified the Division that she was changing her candidacy from State Senate District 31, in the 2020 general election cycle to State Senate District 31, in the special primary and special general election recently scheduled by the Governor.

March 15, 2018

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Though the report was immediately corrected, the DOE automatically applied a fine equal to 25% of the contribution for a total of \$250.00 (See *Exhibit #2*). The PC argues that the fine should be dismissed under the above described circumstances as they fall under, or should fall under, *Rule 2B-1.0055 Late-filed Reports; Unusual Circumstances*.

Therefore, the PC and the PC's officers appeal the DOE's fine and request a hearing. Here is the required information required by Rule 2B-1.005 Appeal of Fines Imposed by Filing Officers.

1. The Notice of Appeal has been filed with the FEC, and a copy has been filed with the filing officer which is the DOE, within 20 days of the PC's receipt of notice that a fine is being imposed.
2. This Notice of Appeals contains:
 - a. The name, address and telephone number of the appealing party;

Jennifer Green, Chair
Liberty Dog PC – PAC 65253

Phone: (850) 841-1726
E-Mail: office@libertypartnersfl.com

Mailing Address:
Post Office Box 390
Tallahassee, FL 32302-2302

Street Address:
113 E. College Ave., Ste. 300
Tallahassee, FL 32301

- b. A copy of the notice of imposition of fine issued by the filing officer is submitted as *Exhibit #2*; and
 - c. A request for hearing and a personal appearance before the Commission is desired.

The PC reserves the right to amend this complaint, supplement the record with evidence, and have an attorney enter an appearance.

Sincerely yours,


Jennifer Green
Liberty Dog, Chair

cc: Florida Division of Elections



RE: FEC 18-081 -- Campaign Treasurer's Report due 01-26-18 - Special Election: Senate 31
 Jennifer Green
 to:
 fec@myfloridalegal.com
 03/21/2018 04:58 PM
 Hide Details
 From: Jennifer Green <jennifer@libertypartnersfl.com>
 To: "fec@myfloridalegal.com" <fec@myfloridalegal.com>

1 Attachment



DOE Notice of Fine 3-2-18.pdf

Dear Ms. Malphurs -

I received your letter dated March 19, 2018 regarding FEC 18-081 – Campaign Treasurer's Report due 01-26-18-
 Sepcial Election: Senate 31, notifying me that the request to appeal the fine assessed against the Committee
 was not timely filed. I would like to request that the Commission reconsider its decision regarding my appeal.

Melanie Bostick, Treasurer for the committee attempted to hand-deliver the appeal request on March 15, 2018
 at 4:55 pm. In my calculation, March 15, 2018 would have been one day earlier than the actual due date of "20
 days from the receipt of the notice" from the Division of Elections dated February 23, 2018 (due date should
 have been March 16, 2018). However, once at the Collins building on March 15, 2018, the security personnel
 did not allow Ms. Bostick to go up to the Commission office to hand-deliver the appeal request. Security also
 stated that staff in the Commission office was already gone for the day and would not accept the package for
 delivery either. Therefore, the appeal letter dated and attempted to be delivered on March 15, 2018 was then
 hand-delivered the next day on March 16, 2018 - which would have been timely filed according to the
 requirement of filing the appeal "within 20 days of receipt" of the letter.

Finally, I have attached a second notice of a fine assessed from the Division of Elections that crossed with my
 appeal request letter that Ms. Bostick hand-delivered to the Commission. This second letter also states an
 appeal or fine paid must be done "within 20 days from the receipt of this notice..." It is very difficult to calculate
 when a fine or request for appeal is due because multiple letters were received. One had a mail stamp that was
 four days after the actual date on the letter (meaning, it didn't get mailed on the day the letter was
 generated). Some letters seem to take longer to receive than others. Trying to calculate the due date is
 confusing when I didn't know if it was based on when the letter was placed in my post office box (which is not
 known), or when it was picked up from the post office box. Either way, I thought I had hand-delivered the letter
 a day early. It seems it would be less confusing and easier to comply with if the due date was simply 20 days
 from the date of the letter or even if the letters were sent certified mail. To alleviate this confusion in the
 future, I will be requesting to change the Committee's mailing address to my office street address versus the PO
 Box.

Not timely filing the Campaign Treasurer's Report again was not purposeful, but was lack of knowledge on
 knowing the candidate was applying the contribution toward the special election. We would greatly appreciate
 your positive consideration on this matter and look forward to hearing back from you.

Thank you,

Jennifer J. Green, Chairperson
 Liberty Dog

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Handwritten initials or signature in the top right corner.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

March 2, 2018

Jennifer J. Green, Chairperson
Liberty Dog
Post Office Box 390
Tallahassee, FL 32302-2302

Special Election Report
Senate 31-SP2

PAC 65253

Dear Ms. Green:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on January 26, 2018, was filed on February 7, 2018. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$250.00.

You have 20 days from the receipt of this notice to either:

1. Pay the fine to the Florida Division of Elections (For a candidate only, a fine is not an allowable campaign expenditure and must be paid from personal funds) at:

Florida Division of Elections
R.A. Gray Building, Room. 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-025011

2. Appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission (See Rules 2B-1.005 and 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code) at:

Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150

If you appeal, please send a copy also to the Florida Division of Elections so that you will not receive further notices from the Division about this matter.

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

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Kristi Reid Willis.

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

February 15, 2018

Jennifer J. Green, Chairperson
Liberty Dog
Post Office Box 390
Tallahassee, FL 32302-2302

Special Election Report
Senate 31-SP2

PAC 65253

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

January 30, 2018

Jennifer J. Green, Chairperson
Liberty Dog
Post Office Box 390
Tallahassee, FL 32302-2302

PAC 65253

Special Election Report

Senate 31 SP2
SG1 - March 9
SG2 - April 6

Dear Ms. Green:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was January 26, 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 follows until you file your report:
 - \$50 per day for the first 3 days late
 - \$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late
 - If the required report immediately precedes a primary and general election, the automatic fine is \$500 for each late day.

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: Melanie S. Bostick, Treasurer

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

(1) Liberty Dog (2) 65253
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) Post Office Box 390 Tallahassee FL 32302
Address (number and street) City State Zip Code

Check box if address has changed since last report

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

- Candidate (office sought)
 Political Committee Check If PC has DISBANDED
 Committee of Continuous Existence Check If CCE has DISBANDED
 Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 12/15/2017 To 01/25/2018 Report Type: SP2

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks \$0.00
 Loans \$0.00
Total Monetary \$0.00
 In-Kind \$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures \$1,000.00
 Transfers to Office Account \$0.00
Total Monetary \$1,000.00

(8) Other Distributions

Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss.839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X
Signature

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of Candidate Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X
Signature

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Name: Liberty Dog

Report: 2018 SP2

Period: 12/15/2017

to 01/25/2018

**** Records in Filed Report ****

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
		Type	In-Kind Description	Amend

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED FUND TRANSFERS

Page 1 of 1

Name: Liberty Dog

Report: 2018 SP2

Period: 12/15/2017 to 01/25/2018

**** Records in Filed Report ****

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Nature of Account	Amount Amend

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED DISTRIBUTIONS

Name: Liberty Dog

Report: 2018 SP2

Period: 12/15/2017

to 01/25/2018

**** Records in Filed Report ****

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip	Recipient	Purpose	Amount
		Type	Related Expenditure	Amend

Queued Items for 2018-SP2

Account: 65253

Liberty Dog

Rpt Seq: 46

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	65253	2/7/2018 1:59:16 PM	2/7/2018 1:59:16 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	65253	2/7/2018 2:06:41 PM	2/7/2018 2:06:41 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	65253	2/7/2018 2:07:31 PM	2/7/2018 2:07:31 PM



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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Name:

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Pol Action Comm
Name: Liberty Dog
Account: 65253

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
3/12/2018	M2	3/9/2018						
3/9/2018	SG1	3/9/2018						
2/12/2018	M1	2/12/2018						
1/26/2018	SP2	2/7/2018	APP	12	\$250.00		\$250.00	\$0.00
1/10/2018	M12	1/9/2018						
12/11/2017	M11	12/1/2017						
11/13/2017	M10	11/6/2017						
10/10/2017	M9	10/5/2017						
9/22/2017	M8	9/13/2017						
8/10/2017	M7	8/10/2017						
7/10/2017	M6	7/10/2017						
6/12/2017	M5	6/12/2017						
5/10/2017	M4	5/8/2017						
4/10/2017	M3	4/10/2017						
3/11/2017	M2	3/10/2017						
2/10/2017	M1	2/9/2017						
1/10/2017	M12	1/5/2017						
12/12/2016	M11	12/12/2016						
11/4/2016	D6	11/3/2016						
11/4/2016	G7	11/4/2016						
11/2/2016	D5	11/2/2016						
11/1/2016	D4	11/2/2016	CLO	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/31/2016	D3	10/31/2016						
10/30/2016	D2	10/30/2016						
10/29/2016	D1	10/28/2016						
10/28/2016	G6	10/24/2016						
10/21/2016	G5	10/19/2016						
10/14/2016	G4	10/14/2016						
10/7/2016	G3	10/6/2016						
9/30/2016	G2A	9/30/2016						
9/23/2016	G2	9/20/2016						
9/16/2016	G1A	9/13/2016						
9/9/2016	G1	9/3/2016						
9/2/2016	P7A	9/3/2016						
8/26/2016	P7	8/26/2016						
8/19/2016	P6	8/17/2016						
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	7/18/2016						
7/15/2016	P2	7/11/2016						
7/8/2016	P1A	7/8/2016						
7/1/2016	P1	6/28/2016	CLO	0	\$250.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/10/2016	M5	6/7/2016						

5/10/2016 M4 5/6/2016
4/11/2016 M3 4/8/2016
3/10/2016 M2 3/9/2016

HAND DELIVERED

RECEIVED

17 OCT 31 AM 10:41

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
SECRETARY OF STATE

**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.**

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)

Lori Beth Berman

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

2945 Windswept Drive #105
Lantana, FL 33462

4. Telephone

(561) 715-6402

5. E-mail address

lori@loriberman.com

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

State Senate, District 31

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 Democratic Party candidate.

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

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Lori Berman

11. Mailing Address

2945 Windswept Drive, #105

12. Telephone

(561) 7156402

13. City

Lantana

14. County

Palm Beach

15. State

Florida

16. Zip Code

33462

17. E-mail address

lori@loriberman.com

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

19. Name of Bank

Wells Fargo Bank

20. Address

200 N. Congress Avenue

21. City

Boynton Beach

22. County

Palm Beach

23. State

Florida

24. Zip Code

33426

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

October 30, 2017

26. Signature of Candidate

X *Lori Berman*

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

Lori Berman

do hereby accept the appointment

(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

October 30, 2017

Date

X *Lori Berman*

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

November 1, 2017

The Honorable Lori Beth Berman
2945 Windswept Drive, #105
Lantana, Florida 33462

Dear Representative Berman:

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 October 31, 2017. Your name has been placed on the 2020 active candidate list. **The enclosed Statement of Candidate must be filed within 10 days of filing the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer form.**

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **November 13, 2017**. The report will cover the period of October 1-31, 2017 (M10). 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: 70159

Timely Filing

All reports filed must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, 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

Division of Elections

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Lori Berman
November 1, 2017
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first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

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.

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Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

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HAND DELIVERED

Lori Beth Berman
2945 Windswept Way, #105
Lantana, FL 33462

November 8, 2017

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Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records
Division of Elections
Department of State
Room 316, R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

RE: Special Election SD 31 / Declaration of Candidacy


Dear Ms. Willis:

Currently, I am a candidate for nomination and election to the Florida Senate, District 31, in the 2020 general election cycle. I now intend to seek nomination and election to the Florida Senate, District 31, in the special primary and special general election recently scheduled by the Governor.

I trust that foregoing notification is sufficient to declare my candidacy for nomination and election to the Florida Senate, District 31, in the special primary and special general election recently scheduled by the Governor.

Please let me know, if you have any questions or concerns regarding this notification.

Sincerely,


Lori Beth Berman



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February 16, 2016

Jennifer J. Green, Chairperson
Liberty Dog
Post Office Box 390
Tallahassee, Florida 32302

Dear Ms. Green:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Liberty Dog**, which were placed on file in our office on February 15, 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 **March 10, 2016**. The report will cover the period of February 1-29, 2016 (M2). 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>

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Pin Numbers

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update information. The enclosed sealed envelope provides a confidential pin number for the chairperson. By copy of this letter, confidential pin numbers to access the EFS were sent to the treasurer and deputy treasurer.

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 no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, 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, 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.

Jennifer Green, Chairperson
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Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/zjs

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pc: Melanie S. Bostick, Treasurer



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Political Parties, Affiliated Party Committees, Political Committees, and
Electioneering Communication Organizations

FROM: Kristi Reid Willis, Chief *KRW*
Bureau of Election Records

DATE: November 9, 2017

SUBJECT: Special Election - State Senate, District 31

A special election has been called for the office of State Senate, District 31. The special primary election for this race is scheduled for January 30, 2018. The special election for this race is scheduled for April 10, 2018.

When a special election is called to fill a vacancy in office, all political committees, electioneering communication organizations, political parties and affiliated party committees making contributions or expenditures to influence the results of such special election shall file campaign treasurer's reports with the filing officer on the dates set by the Department of State.

Committees or organizations are required to file special election campaign treasurer's reports **only** if the committee or organization makes a contribution to a special election candidate during the special election reporting periods (see chart on next page) or makes an expenditure to influence the results of the special election.

Please note that activities reported on special election reports are only expenditures that are made to influence the results of the special election. All other activity (e.g., contributions) is reported on the appropriate campaign treasurer's report.

Once a committee or organization has participated in the special election and has filed a special election campaign report, all remaining special election reports must be filed even if there is no further special election activity. If there is no further activity, a waiver must be filed.

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All reports must be filed through the Electronic Filing System (EFS) not later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by this time are late filed and subject to the penalties in Sections 106.07(8) and 106.29, 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 Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

The campaign reporting schedule for this special election is as follows:

<u>Report</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Covered Period</u>
SP1	12/19/17	11/06/17 – 12/14/17
SP2	01/26/18	12/15/17 – 01/25/18
SG1	03/09/18	01/26/18 – 03/02/18
SG2	04/06/18	03/03/18 – 04/05/18
* SG3	05/10/18	04/06/18 – 04/30/18

Contact our office at (850) 245-6280 if you have any questions.

KRW/mcc

* Please note the addition of a close-out report that is due after the election.

Cole Kekelis

From: Willis, Kristi R. <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6:03 PM
To: Cole Kekelis
Subject: RE: Liberty Dog - PAC 65253

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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I have previously sent you a copy of the memo for Senate 31.

Yes, they received a reminder:

1032	PAC	65142	cfbcpc@gmail.com	11/13/2017 14:22	OK
1033	PAC	65160	jordan@jordanssonors.com	11/13/2017 14:22	OK
1034	PAC	65183	mherron@lawfla.com	11/13/2017 14:22	OK
1035	PAC	65200	alexdlp1964@gmail.com	11/13/2017 14:21	OK
1036	PAC	65253	office@libertypartnersfl.com	11/13/2017 14:22	OK
1037	PAC	65255	andrew@grimsleycpa.com	11/13/2017 14:21	OK
1038	PAC	65276	jburns@stroock.com	11/13/2017 14:22	OK
1039	PAC	65276	lboxer@stroock.com	11/13/2017 14:22	OK

From: Cole Kekelis [mailto:Cole.Kekelis@myfloridalegal.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 3:13 PM
To: Willis, Kristi R. <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>
Subject: FW: Liberty Dog - PAC 65253

Ms. Willis:

Ms. Brown was kind enough to provide me the report I needed regarding the Professional Firefighters PAC, but she indicated that the below information relative to the Liberty Dog PAC was something that needed your approval.

Could you provide me the below information when you get a chance?

Thanks,

Cole Kekelis
FEC

From: Brown, Donna S. [mailto:Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:26 PM
To: Cole Kekelis <Cole.Kekelis@myfloridalegal.com>
Cc: Willis, Kristi R. <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>
Subject: RE: Liberty Dog - PAC 65253

Cole – Is this scheduled to be heard next week? This request includes information that requires the Bureau Chief's approval. Kristi will return next Monday.

From: Cole Kekelis [mailto:Cole.Kekelis@myfloridalegal.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 2:39 PM
To: ElecRecords <DOS.ElecRecords@DOS.MyFlorida.com>
Subject: FW: Liberty Dog - PAC 65253

To Whom It May Concern:

I work for the Florida Elections Commission and requested the below information and documentation from Ms. Willis, but have been notified she is out of the office.

I was instructed to forward me inquiry to this email address.

Could you please email me the below items, relative to an automatic fine appeal that I am processing?

Thanks in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

Cole Kekelis
Assistant General Counsel
FEC

From: Cole Kekelis
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 2:29 PM
To: 'Willis, Kristi R.' <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>
Subject: Liberty Dog - PAC 65253

Ms. Willis:

Could you please provide me with the following relative to the above committee's 2018 SP2 report for the Senate 31 special election?

1. Copy of the 2018 SP2 report.
2. Copy of the memo listing the due dates for the Senate 31 special election reports.
3. Confirmation of whether or not the committee was emailed the memo referenced by 2 above.

Thanks,

Cole Kekelis
FEC

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