#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

#### In Re: Michael J. Peragine

TO: Michael J. Peragine 6231 PGA Blvd., Unit 104-308 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418 Case No.: FEC 14-173

Patricia Snider 10500 North Military Trail Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

#### NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, November 16, 2016 at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Room 110-S, 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.

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#### See further instructions on the reverse side.

#### <u>Amy McKeever Toman</u>

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission November 1, 2016 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

#### Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

v.

Case No.: FEC 14-173

Michael J. Peragine Respondent.

#### **ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its

regularly scheduled meeting on August 17, 2016, in Tallahassee, Florida.

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):

#### <u>Count 1:</u>

On or about June 9, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes, when he failed to file his Termination Report reflecting the disposition of all remaining funds in his campaign account.

#### Count 2:

On or about June 9, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when he falsely reported, or deliberated failed to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on his Termination Report.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on August 17, 2016.

M. Scott Thomas, Chairman Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel Michael J. Peragine, Respondent Patricia Snider, 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 <u>consent order</u> where you and Commission staff agree to resolve the violation(s)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 <u>informal hearing</u> held before the Commission, if you <u>do not</u> 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 <u>formal hearing</u> 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 righthand 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,

P:/Order of Probable Cause.docx (07/14) FEC Case # 14-173 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.



FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION 107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224 Collins Building Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050 (850) 922-4539

March 1, 2016

Michael J. Peragine 277 Sedona Way Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

#### RE: Case No.: FEC 14-173; Respondent: Michael J. Peragine

Dear Mr. Peragine:

The Florida Elections Commission at its last regularly scheduled meeting was unable to hear this case Therefore, this case has been rescheduled for its next meeting, which is scheduled for May 18-19, 2016 in Tallahassee. A notice of hearing will be mailed approximately 14 days before the hearing

If you have any questions, please contact us at the number listed above or at  $\underline{fec@myfloridalegal.com}$ 

Sincerely,

/s/Amy McKeever Toman

**Executive Director** 

AMT/dam cc: Palm Beach Gardens City Clerk, Complainant

#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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TO: Michael J. Peragine 277 Sedona Way Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418 Case No.: FEC 14-173

Patricia Snider, City Clerk City of Palm Beach Gardens 10500 North Military Ttrail Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

#### **NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, February 17, 2016 at 10:00 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola Street, Room #108, Tallahassee, Florida 32306.

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#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Michael J. Peragine

Case No.: FEC 14-173

#### 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 Sections 106.141(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on December 22, 2015, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation

1 On July 8, 2014, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a sworn complaint from Patricia Snider, Palm Beach Gardens, City Clerk ("Complainant" or "City Clerk") alleging that Michael J Peragine ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes

2 Respondent was an unsuccessful candidate for Palm Beach Gardens City Council, Group 3, in the March 11, 2014 municipal election. Respondent filed his Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form on December 16, 2013, appointing himself as his own treasurer (Attachment A)

3 On March 27, 2015, the Executive Director notified Respondent that staff would investigate the following sections of law:

Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes: Michael J. Peragine, 2014 candidate for Palm Beach City Council, Group 3, failed to timely file his 2014 Termination Report reflecting the disposition of all remaining campaign funds, as alleged in the complaint.

Sections 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: Michael J. Peragine, 2014 candidate for Palm Beach City Council, Group 3, falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, as alleged in the complaint.

4 In her May 27, 2015 affidavit, the City Clerk stated that Respondent was provided with a copy of Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, 2014 Candidate Handbook ("Handbook") and Calendar of Election dates. (ROI Exhibit 10, page 3 and ROI Exhibit 11)<sup>1</sup>

5 Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes, required Respondent to file a Termination Report within 90 days of being eliminated as a candidate. Therefore, Respondent's Termination Report covering the dates of March 7, 2014, to June 9, 2014, was due no later than June 9, 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Report of Investigation shall be referred to herein as "ROI,"

6 On May 23, 2014, the City Clerk sent Respondent an email reminder that his Termination Report ("TR") covering March 7, 2014, to June 9, 2014, was due by June 9, 2014, at 5:00 p m. The email indicates that that Respondent was also reminded that his IR was due by June 9, 2014, during a telephone conversation earlier that day. (ROI Exhibit 1, page 1)

7. Respondent failed to file his TR by June 9, 2014. In a July 3, 2014 email, Respondent requested the City Clerk to send him a "filed copy (stamped)" of his final report for his records. (ROI Exhibit 3)

8 On July 9, 2014, the City Clerk answered Respondent's July 3, 2014, email informing Respondent that he had not yet filed his TR *Id* 

9. Based upon the information above, it appears that Respondent failed to file his Termination Report by June 9, 2014.

#### Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

10. Commission staff also investigated whether Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information on his TR required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

11. Investigator Aulet obtained Respondent's Campaign Account Records for March 7, 2014, to June 9, 2014, the TR reporting period The following table lists the contributions and expenditures that occurred during the 2014 Termination Report reporting period that Respondent deliberately failed to include that was required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes:

Transaction Date	Type of Transaction	Amount
03/10/14	Check #1033 to ASAP Grafix	\$180.20
03/12/14	Debit PayPal	\$428.31
03/13/14	Debit PayPal	\$200.00
03/16/14	Check #1036 to Anita Carbone	\$2,744 66
03/28/14	Check #1040 to Lori Dingers	\$250.00
04/03/14	Check #1041 to Respondent	\$500.00
04/09/14	Check #1043 to Budget Printing	\$1,270.69
05/19/14	Check #1044 to Bill (illegible)	\$2,750.00
05/22/14	Check #1045 to Comcast Spotlight	\$139.90
05/29/14	Deposit	\$2,000.00
05/30/14	Debit Maintenance Fee	\$12.00

(ROI Exhibit 4, pages 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 and ROI Paragraph 12)

12. Investigator Aulet called Respondent six times during her investigation and left a message on Respondent's voice mail each time requesting Respondent to return her call Respondent never responded to Investigator Aulet's messages. Additionally, Respondent chose not to respond to the Affidavit of Background Information that Investigator Aulet sent him (ROI Exhibit 8, Phone Log Entries 3 4, 8, 9, 10, and 11)

13 During a December 17, 2015 phone conversation, the City Clerk told Investigator Aulet that Respondent had not filed his TR. (Exhibit 8, Phone Log Entry 12)

14. "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 1<sup>st</sup> DCA 1995).

15. The facts above show that Respondent was a candidate for the Palm Beach Gardens City Council, Group 3, in the March 11, 2014 municipal election. Respondent was required to file his Termination Report covering the dates of March 7, 2014 to June 9, 2014 on June 9, 2014. On May 23, 2014, the City Clerk spoke with Respondent on the telephone and sent Respondent an email reminding him that his TR was due on June 9, 2014 As of December 17, 2015, Respondent had not filed his TR. Additionally, Respondent deliberately failed to include information on his TR that he was required to report by not filing a TR.

#### Count 1:

On or about June 9, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106 141(1), Florida Statutes when he failed to file his Termination Report reflecting the disposition of all remaining funds in his campaign account.

#### Count 2:

On or about June 9, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when he falsely reported, or deliberated failed to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on his Termination Report. Respectfully submitted on January 11, 2016,

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Eric M. Lipman General Counsel

I have reviewed this Staff Recommendation on the <u>III</u> day of January 2016

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Amy McKeever Yoman Executive Director

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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.		12-16-13A10:41 RCVD			
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#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Case No.: FEC 14-173

#### Respondent: Michael J. Peragine

#### Complainant: Patricia Snider

On July 8, 2014, the Florida Elections Commission received a sworn complaint alleging that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Commission staff investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

Section 106 141(1), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate to file a termination report reflecting the disposition of all remaining funds in his campaign account within 90 days after he withdrew, became unopposed, was eliminated, or elected; 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 a first-time candidate for Palm Beach Gardens City Council, Group 3; he was defeated in the municipal election held on March 11, 2014.

2. Complainant is the Palm Beach Gardens City Clerk, and Respondent's filing officer

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

3. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of election laws by not filing his 2014 Termination Report within 90 days of being defeated in an election after receiving notice that the report was due.

4 Complainant provided with her complaint a copy of an e-mail she sent to Respondent on May 23, 2014, reminding Respondent that his Termination Report covering March 7 to June 9, 2014 was due by June 9, 2014<sup>1</sup> To view a copy of the e-mail, please refer to Exhibit 1

5 Complainant also provided with her complaint a copy of a letter she sent to Respondent via certified mail on June 10, 2014, informing Respondent that his Termination Report covering March 7 to June 9, 2014 was not received by Complainant. The United States

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The e-mail reflects Respondent was also notified of the termination report due date by telephone that same day

Postal Service website reflects the letter was delivered on June 12, 2014. To view a copy of the letter and website printout, please refer to Exhibit 2.

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6 According to additional e-mails provided by Complainant, Respondent e-mailed Complainant on July 3, 2014, requesting that Complainant send him a stamped copy of his "Final Report" for his records. The e-mails further reflect Complainant replied on July 9, 2014, by informing Respondent that she had filed a complaint with the Commission, and that as of the date of the e-mail, Respondent had yet to file the Termination Report. To view a copy of the email exchange between Complainant and Respondent, please refer to Exhibit 3

7. I subpoenaed and reviewed Respondent's campaign account records for the Termination Report cover period of March 7 to June 9, 2014. According to the records, Respondent deposited 2,000 on May 29, 2014, and authorized seven checks between March 10 and May 22, 2014, totaling  $7,835.45^2$  The records further reflect there were debits from Respondent's campaign account on March 12, March 13 and May 30, 2014, totaling 640.31 To view copies of the relevant campaign account records, please refer to Exhibit  $4^3$ 

8 Based upon review of Respondent's campaign account records, it appears Respondent is required to file a 2014 Termination Report disclosing 11 transactions that occurred during the termination report cover period of March 7 to June 9, 2014.

9. No record of Respondent having previously violated this section of law was found

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

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10 I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of election laws by failing to disclose campaign activity during the 2014 Termination Report cover period of March 7 to June 9, 2014.

11. To review the circumstances regarding Respondent's failure to disclose contributions and expenditures, please refer to paragraphs 4 through 8 of this report.

12. Table 1 summarizes the contributions and expenditures that appear to have occurred during the 2014 Termination Report cover period of March 7 to June 9, 2014, according to Respondent's campaign account records (Exhibit 4)<sup>4</sup>

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  It appears Respondent may have accepted contributions after he was defeated in the election However, because Complainant did not have this information at the time the complaint was filed, I did not further investigate this information

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Respondent's campaign account records reflect a deposit on March 10, 2014 in the amount of \$3,652.51, and a deposit on March 12, 2014 in the amount of \$3,150. Based upon review of Respondent's campaign treasurer's report on file, it appears these deposits correspond with contributions that were disclosed on Respondent's 2014 M4 report, the report immediately preceding the 2014 Termination Report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Check numbers 1012 and 1019 were authorized on February 6 and February 26, 2014, respectively It appears they should have been disclosed on reports other than the 2014 Termination Report. After review of Respondent's reports on file it appears they were not. However, because Complainant did not have this information at the time the complaint was filed and therefore did not allege Respondent failed to disclose information on a report other than the

TABLE 1: UNREPORTED TRANSACTIONS DURING TR COVER PERIOD				
Transaction Date	Type of Transaction	Amount		
03/10/14	Check #103.3 to ASAP Grafix	\$180.20		
03/12/14	Debit PayPal	\$428 31		
03/13/14	Debit PayPal	\$200.00		
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05/30/14	Debit Maintenance Fee <sup>5</sup>	\$12.00		
TOTAL		\$10,475.76		

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#### **IV**. **FEC History:**

14 As of the date of this report, Respondent has not had any other cases which have been considered by the Commission

#### **Conclusion:**

15. On July 9, 2014, the Commission sent Respondent a letter via certified mail informing him that it received a complaint alleging violations of Florida's election laws. The letter advised Respondent he had 14 days to respond to the allegations in the complaint; however, the letter was returned to the Commission marked "Unclaimed" by the postal service On December 22, 2014, the letter was re-sent via certified mail and was delivered on December 24, 2014 Respondent did not provide a response to the complaint To view a copy of the Commission's July 9 and December 22, 2014 letters, please refer to Exhibit 5.

16. On March 27, 2015, the Commission sent Respondent a letter informing him that the complaint was found to be legally sufficient and the Commission would be investigating Respondent's alleged failure to file a 2014 Termination Report and alleged failure to include

termination report, I did not further investigate this information. Check numbers 1028, 1029, 1030, and 1032 were disclosed on Respondent's amended 2014 M4 report

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> There was an additional debit for a maintenance fee in the amount of \$12 00; however, this debit occurred on June 30, 2014, which is outside the termination report cover period

information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes The letter advised Respondent he could file a notarized statement providing any information regarding the facts surrounding the allegations. Respondent did not provide a notarized statement regarding the complaint. To view a copy of the Commission's March 27, 2015 letter, please refer to Exhibit 6

17 On May 21, 2015, I mailed Respondent a questionnaire asking that he explain the reason why he has not filed his 2014 Termination Report. As of the date of this report, Respondent has not returned the questionnaire and the questionnaire has not been returned by the postal service as undeliverable. To view a copy of the affidavit, please refer to Exhibit 7

18 I have left several voicemail messages asking Respondent to return my call to discuss the allegations in the complaint As of the date of this report, Respondent has not returned my calls. To view a copy of the Investigator Phone Log, please refer to Exhibit 8

19. Because Respondent has not returned my telephone calls during this investigation, I am unable to ascertain whether he has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and/or the *Candidate* and *Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. Respondent signed his Statement of Candidate form on December 16, 2013. To view a copy of the form, please refer to Exhibit 9

20 Complainant submitted an Affidavit of Filing Officer dated May 27, 2015, in which she attested Respondent was given Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, and the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* on December 16, 2013. To view a copy of the affidavit, please refer to Exhibit 10

21 In her affidavit, Complainant attested that on December 16, 2013, Respondent was also given a copy of municipal election dates. The <u>MARCH 11, 2014 ELECTION</u> <u>TIMETABLE – CANDIDATE COPY</u> reflects the Termination Report for opposed candidates covering the period March 7 through June 9, 2014 was due by 5:00 p m on June 9, 2014 <sup>6</sup> To view a copy of the timetable, please refer to Exhibit 11.

22. In a follow-up telephone interview on December 17, 2015, Complainant stated Respondent still has not filed his 2014 Termination Report.

23. During my investigation of the allegations contained in the sworn complaint, I found that as of May 31, 2015, Respondent's campaign account remained open with a balance of \$140.73; it appears Respondent may have failed to dispose of remaining funds within 90 days of being defeated in the election However, because Complainant did not have this information at the time the complaint was filed, I did not investigate this information.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Respondent had an opponent in the March 11, 2014 municipal election.

Respectfully submitted on December 22, 2015,

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Tracie Aulet Investigation Specialist

Current address of Respondent

Mr Michael J. Peragine 277 Sedona Way Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Name and Address of Filing Officer:

Ms Patricia Snider, City Clerk 10500 North Military Trail Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

**Current** address of Complainant

City of Palm Beach Gardens 10500 North Military Trail Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Ms Patricia Snyder, City Clerk

Copy furnished to:

Mr. David Flagg, Investigations Manager

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#### **Patty Snider**

From:	Patty Snider
Sent:	Friday, May 23, 2014 11:43 AM
To:	'miperagine@gmail.com'
Cc:	'anitahcarbone@gmail.com'
Subject:	Termination Report
Importance:	High

Good morning Michael,

As per our telephone conversation this morning, this is a reminder that your Termination Report covering March 7, 2014 to June 9, 2014 is due to me by Monday, June 9, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thanks,

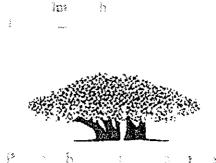


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#### **Patty Snider**

From: To: Sent: Subject: Microsoft Exchange 'anitahcarbone@gmail.com'; 'mjperagine@gmail.com' Friday, May 23, 2014 11:43 AM Relayed: Termination Report

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Subject: Termination Report

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June 10, 2014

Mr. Michael J. Peragine 277 Sedona Way Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Sent via: USPS -- Registered/Return Receipt

Dear Mr. Peragine,

In accordance with Chapter 106, F.S., I notified you on May 23, 2014 via telephone and email and via email to Anita Carbone, Deputy Treasurer, that your termination report covering March 7, 2014 to June 9, 2014 was due by Monday, June 9, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. (attached). I reminded you again on Thursday, June 5, 2014 via telephone.

As of today, the report has not been received, therefore, in accordance with Chapter 106 F.S., any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine as provided in this Chapter for submitting late termination reports.

All fines must be paid from the candidate's personal funds, not campaign funds.

Upon receipt of your report, I will determine the amount owed and notify you accordingly so you may submit your payment made payable to the City of Palm Beach Gardens.

Such fine shall be paid to the filing officer within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment due.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely

Patricia Snider, CMC, City Clerk

Cc: Florida Elections Commission Anita Carbone, 11 Thurston Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

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Patty Snider

From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: Patty Snider Wednesday, July 09, 2014 12:29 PM 'Michael J. Peragine' RE: Filed Copy (stamped) of "Final Report" 070914 response to email.pdf

Michael,

In response to your email below, please see the attached correspondence dated June 10, 2014, which was previously provided to you via USPS registered mail/return receipt. On July 1, 2014, since your termination report remained delinquent, I was left with no other option but to file a sworn complaint with the Florida Elections Commission regarding your failure to timely file your 2014 termination report. To date you have yet to file your termination report. Upon such filing I will determine the fine amount to be assessed and provide notice of same in accordance with state law.

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Please govern yourself accordingly.

Patricia Snider, CMC, City Clerk City of Palm Beach Gardens 561-799-4122

----Original Message----From: Michael J. Peragine [ Sent: Thursday, July 03, 2014 5:02 PM To: Patty Snider Subject: Filed Copy (stamped) of "Final Report"

Patty,

Please email me a filed copy (stamped) of my "Final Report" for my records.

Thank you,

Michael J. Peragine

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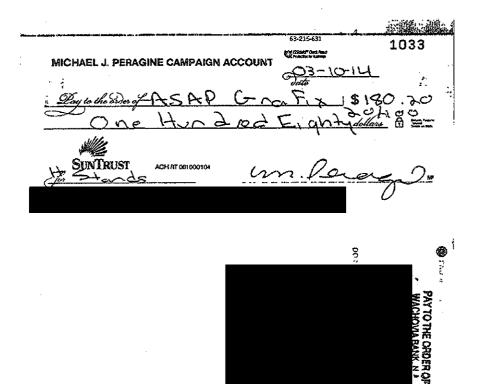


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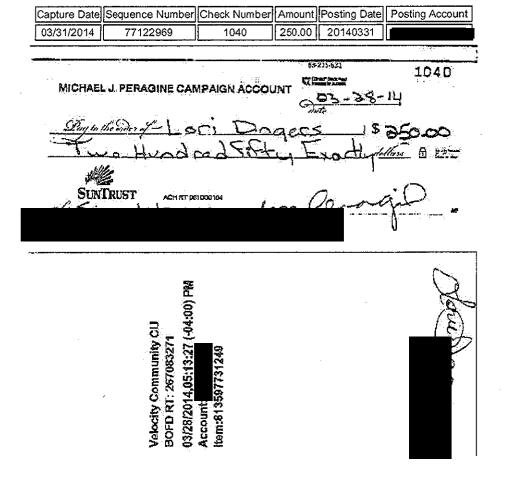


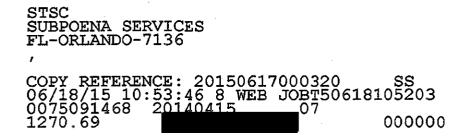
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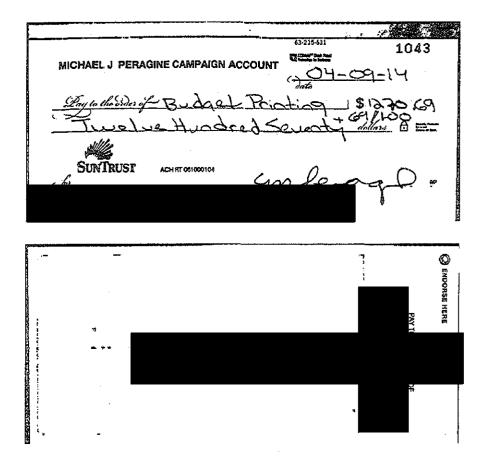


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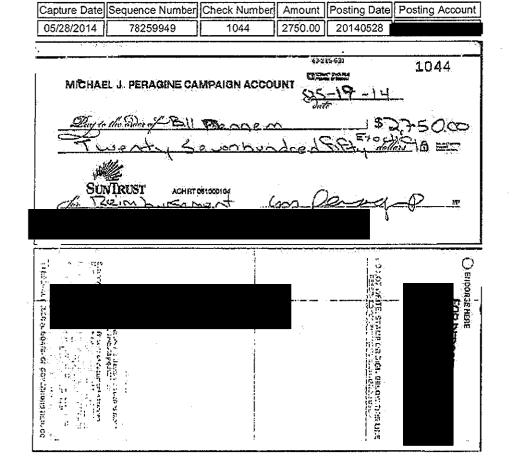
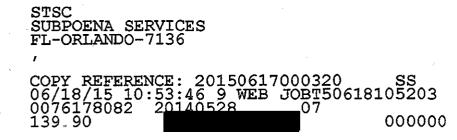


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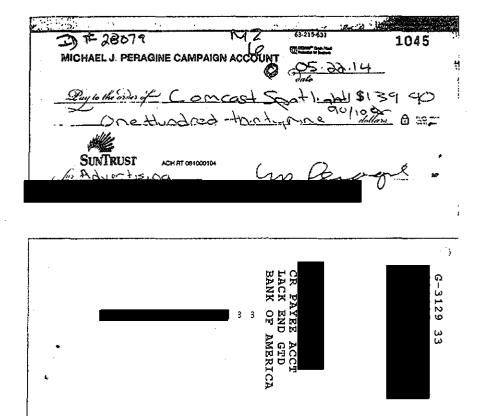


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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION 107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224 Collins Building Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050 Telephone: (850) 922-4539 Fax: (850) 921-0783

December 22, 2014

#### CERTIFIED MAIL 70051820000798071531

Michael J. Peragine 277 Sedona Way Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

## RE: Case No.: FEC 14-173, Respondent: Michael J. Peragine

Dear Mr Peragine:

On July 8, 2014, the Florida Elections Commission attempted to notify you of a complaint that was filed against you However, our notice was returned to us "unclaimed" Therefore, enclosed is a copy of our previous correspondence and the complaint for your review and action

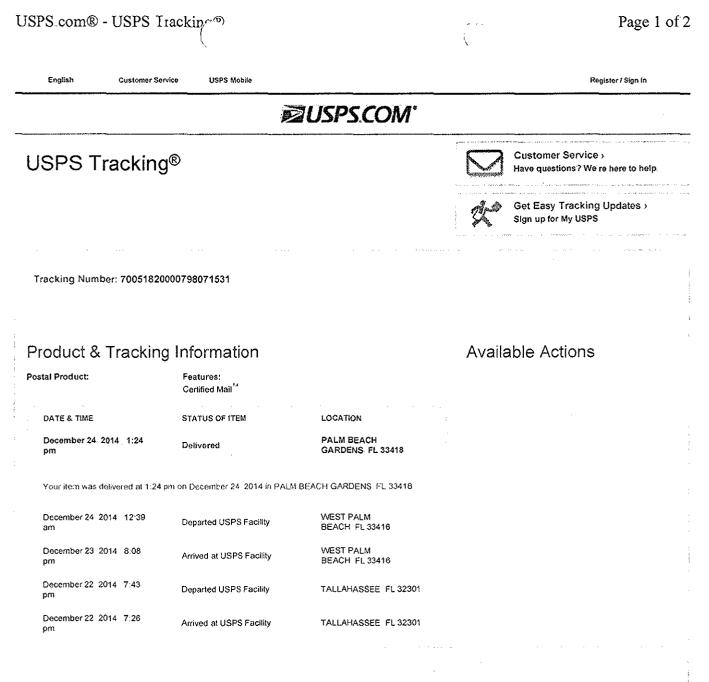
If you have any questions, please contact us at  $\underline{\text{fec}} @myfloridalegal.com}$  or at the number listed above.

Sincerely, /s/ Donna Ann Malphurs Agency Clerk

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July 9, 2014

#### CERTIFIED MAIL 70051820000798048151

Michael J Peragine 277 Sedona Way Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

### RE: Case No.: FEC 14-173, Respondent: Michael J. Peragine

Dear Mr. Peragine:

On July 8, 2014, 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 I receive your response in a timely manner, you may also want to send it via e-mail to my attention, at  $\underline{fec@myfloridalegal.com}$ . You will be notified by letter whether the complaint is determined 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.

Under section 106.25, Florida Statutes, complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, are <u>confidential</u> 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

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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

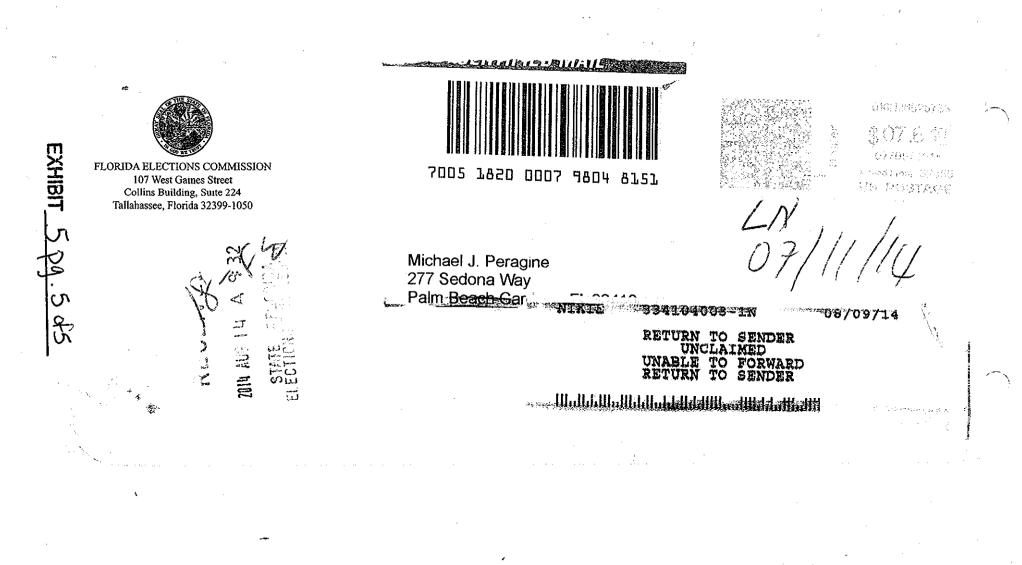
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March 27, 2015

Michael J. Peragine 277 Sedona Way Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

#### RE: Case No.: FEC 14-173; Respondent: Michael J. Peragine

Dear Mr. Peragine:

On July 8, 2014, 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 106.141(1), Florida Statutes: Michael J Peragine, 2014 candidate for Palm Beach City Council, Group 3, failed to timely file his 2014 Termination Report reflecting the disposition of all remaining campaign funds, as alleged in the complaint.

Sections 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: Michael J Peragine, 2014 candidate for Palm Beach City Council, Group 3, falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, as alleged in the complaint

You may respond to the allegations above by filing a notarized statement providing any information regarding the facts and circumstances surrounding the allegations. Your response will be included as an attachment to the investigator's report.

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation will be mailed to you at the above address. You may file a response to the report <u>within 14 days from the date the report is mailed to you</u> Based on the results of the investigation, legal staff will make a written recommendation to the Commission on whether there is probable cause to believe you have violated Chapter 104 or 106, Florida Statutes A copy of the Staff Recommendation will be mailed to you and you may file a response <u>within 14 days from the date the recommendation is mailed to you</u> Your timely filed response(s) will be considered by the Commission when determining probable cause

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The Commission will then hold a hearing to determine whether there is probable cause to believe you have violated Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You and the complainant will receive a notice of hearing at least 14 days before the hearing The notice of hearing will indicate the location, date, and time of your hearing. You will have the opportunity to make a brief oral statement to the Commission, but you will not be permitted to testify or call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence.

At any time before a probable cause finding, you may notify us in writing that you want to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a settlement via consent agreement.

The Report of Investigation, Staff Recommendation, and Notice of Hearing will be mailed to the above address as this letter. Therefore, if your address changes, you must notify this office of your new address. Otherwise, you may not receive these important documents. Failure to receive the documents will not delay the probable cause hearing.

Under section 106.25, Florida Statutes, complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, are <u>confidential</u> 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 unless you waive confidentiality in writing. 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.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tracie Aulet, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,

Amy McKeever Toman Executive Director

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION The Collins Building 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050 (850) 922-4539

May 21, 2015

Mr. Michael J. Peragine 277 Sedona Way Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

**RE: Case No.: FEC 14-173** 

Dear Mr Peragine:

The Florida Elections Commission needs additional information concerning the complaint filed against you with the Commission. Therefore, please complete the attached questionnaire, have it notarized, and return it to me at your earliest convenience but not later than June 4, 2015.

Section 106.26, Florida Statutes, provides the Commission with the power to subpoena witnesses and documents. However, your cooperation in responding to these questions will eliminate the need to subpoena you for deposition at this time.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions. My extension number is 114

Sincerely,

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Tracie Aulet Investigation Specialist

Enclosure: Affidavit of Background Information

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## AFFIDAVIT OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION Case Number: FEC 14-173

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### STATE OF FLORIDA County of

## Michael J. Peragine, being duly sworn, says:

1 This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge

2. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am currently employed by \_\_\_\_\_\_as \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

5 Other than treasurer for Citizens for Ethical Leadership, have you ever held the office of chairperson, treasurer, board member, or other similar position for a political committee, committee of continuous existence or electioneering communications organization? If so, please list the names and addresses of the committees and dates when you held the position

6 Have you ever prepared or signed a campaign treasurer's report? If so, please list the name of the candidate or committee whose report you prepared or signed.

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7. What action have you taken to determine your responsibilities under Florida's election laws?

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	Do you possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes?	🗌 Yes	🗌 No
).	If so, when did you first obtain it?		
0.	Have you read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes?	🗌 Yes	🗌 No
1.	Do you possess a copy of Chapter 104, Florida Statutes?	🗌 Yes	🗌 No
2	If so, when did you first obtain it?	<u></u>	
3.	Have you read Chapter 104, Florida Statutes?	🗌 Yes	🗌 No
[4	Do you possess a copy of the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook?	🗌 Yes	🗌 No
5	If so, when did you first obtain it?		
.6.	Have you read the <i>Candidate and Campaign Treasurer</i> Handbook?	🗌 Yes	🗌 No
7	List any additional materials you received from the Palm Beach (	Bardens Cit	ty Clerk
<b>3</b> .	Is there a reason you have not filed your 2014 Termination Report	? Please ex	kplain:
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### 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 \_\_\_\_\_day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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

Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_ or Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_

I ype of Identification Produced:

Case Investigator: ta

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## FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG Case No.: FEC 14-173

Respondent: Michael J. Peragine

Complainant: Patricia Snider

 Date and time: March 2, 2015 @ 8:22 a m. Name: Complainant Phone #: (561)799-4100
 Summary: I telephoned to speak with Respondent's filing officer in order to determine whether her office ever received a termination report from Respondent. Ms. Snider advised me that they have not received a termination report from Respondent. Memo to File? No Entered by: dbf

- Date and time: May 14, 2015; 12:33 p.m.
   Name: Complainant
   Phone #: 561-799-4122
   Summary: I received a busy signal and could not leave a message.
   Memo to File? No
   Entered by: ta
- 3. Date and time: May 14, 2015; 12:35 p.m. Name: Respondent
  Phone #: 561-444-8158
  Summary: There was no answer; I left a voicemail asking R to return my call. I was calling to discuss complaint
  Memo to File? No
  Entered by: ta
- 4. Date and time: May 14, 2015; 12:36 p.m. Name: Respondent Phone #: 561-691-8848
  Summary: There was no answer; I left a voicemail asking R to return my call I was calling to discuss complaint. Memo to File? No Entered by: ta
- 5 Date and time: May 14, 2015; 12:38 p m
  Name: Complainant
  Phone #: 561-799-4122
  Summary: I introduced myself as the investigator assigned to investigate the complaint filed against R. I asked if R filed his termination report; C stated no. I stated I would be e-mailing her an affidavit of filing officer for her to complete I asked if R had any activity or if it appeared there were surplus funds to be reported on his termination report C stated

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R had "quite a bit of activity" and that she would send me his all of his reports for the campaign. C provided her e-mail address as <u>psnider@pbgfl.com</u>. Memo to File? No Entered by: ta

- 6 Date and time: May 20, 2015; 3:16 p.m.
  Name: Complainant
  Phone #: called me; left voicemail
  Summary: C asked that I return her call at 561-799-4122; C stated she needs clarification regarding item #4 on the affidavit of filing officer
  Memo to File? No
  Entered by: ta
- 7. Date and time: May 21, 2015; 10:12 a.m. Name: Complainant Phone #: 561-799-4122
  Summary: I acknowledged receipt of C voicemail and stated if she accepted any reports on a conditional basis and notified R that his reports needed to be amended then she should provide copies of those requests C stated she hoped to have the affidavit returned to me before the 29<sup>th</sup>. Memo to File? No Entered by: ta
- 8 Date and time: May 21, 2015; 12:21 p m.
  Name: Respondent
  Phone #: 561-342-1258
  Summary: There was no answer; I left a voicemail asking R to return my call. I was calling to discuss complaint.
  Memo to File? No
  Entered by: ta
- 9. Date and time: June 8, 2015
  Name: Respondent
  Phone #: 561-342-1258
  Summary: There was no answer; I left a voicemail asking R to return my call I was calling to discuss complaint
  Memo to File? No
  Entered by: ta
- 10 Date and time: June 29, 2015; 3:17 p m. Name: Respondent
   Phone #: 561-342-1258
   Summary: There was no answer; I left a voicemail asking R to return my call. I was calling to discuss complaint and ascertain whether R was going to return the affidavit. Memo to File? No Entered by: ta
- 11 **Date and time:** December 17, 2015; 2:19 p m

Name: Respondent Phone #: 561-342-1258 Summary: There was no answer; I left a voicemail asking R to return my call I was calling to offer R a final opportunity to discuss the complaint and investigation. Memo to File? No Entered by: ta

12 Date and time: December 17, 2015; 2:21 p.m.
 Name: Complainant
 Phone #: 561-799-4122
 Summary: I was calling to ascertain whether R has ever filed his termination report; C stated he has not C also informed me that R is now the chair for the Palm Beach Gardens political committee
 Memo to File? No

Entered by: ta

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OFFICE USE ONLY STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE (Section 106.023, F.S.) (Please print or type) 12-16-13P02:15 RCVD Peraa I. Michael candidate for the office of  $(i+ \sqrt{Council}, Grow$ have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Strice Snider City Clerk of the City of Palm Beach Gardens do hereby certify that this is a true copy as taken from the Official records of the City of Palm Beach Gardens, City Clerk: Date: 1-22-15 Х Signature of Candidate Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes). DS-DE 84 (05/11) **EXHIBIT** 

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1. Please provide <u>certified copies</u> of the listed items from the following candidate's campaign file: **Michael J. Peragine** 

Check	ITEM
X (Iab a)	Statement of Candidate form for 2014 campaign for Palm Beach Gardens City Council, Group 3.
X (Iab b)	Appointments of Treasurers and Designation of Campaign Depository form for 2014 campaign for Palm Beach Gardens City Council, Group 3.
X (Iab c)	Campaign treasurer's reports, waivers, and amendments for the 2014 campaign for Palm Beach Gardens City Council, Group 3

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X (Tab d)	Addendum requests and pro City Council, Group 3	of of compliance for the 2014 campaign for Palm Beach Gardens
	<u>D (1)</u>	
	<ul> <li>March 5, 2014, 5:2</li> <li>Thursday, March 6,</li> </ul>	5 p m. Email reminder of the deadline to collect contributions is 2014 at midnight and the Campaign Treasurer Report covering due Friday, March 7, 2014 by 5:00 p m
	<u>D (2)</u>	
	Ellis, Deputy City ( Peragine, Anita Car	p m In person a member of the City Clerk's department (Ray Clerk) was asked to document the conversation between Michael bone and Patricia Snider, City Clerk
	his campaign treasu treasurer's report du in front of Patty, say his saved file in his report. (Drop Box access their stored f Michael said he wan never saying when he Patty replied, Micha presented it to me expenditure informa in. You can go and p as long as it is post	el, I have to accept this report since you brought it in and have I will accept it conditionally since it is incomplete, missing all tion. It is now 4:58 pm and I am stamping this incomplete report print out what is missing and mail it tonight before midnight and marked by midnight tonight and you provide a receipt showing Il be considered timely filed.
	1	ked if that was his intention?
	Michael said yes Michael asked, do I h Patty replied, you r treasurer's report, an Michael assured both his report tonight, be	ave to turn in a complete set of forms or just the missing ones. need to turn in the missing forms necessary to complete this d it still has to be checked amendment n Patty and I that he would mail the forms necessary to complete
	•	ived Friday, March 7, 2014 4:58 p.m. (attached)
		ed Wednesday, April 2, 2014 3:54 p m. (attached)
		m Telephone conversation (witnessed and documented by Ray Clerk, City Clerk's Department), between Michael Peragine and Clerk
	received. He said	eragine called about his incomplete report addendum not being he gave it to a postal worker driving a mail truck in his
	the postal worker as He stated that when acknowledging rece He said he received	y after 6pm on March 7 <sup>th</sup> . He said he did not get a receipt since sured him that it would be postmarked and go out that night he received the first certified letter from Patty he thought it was ipt of his addendum and that he was all set. the 2 <sup>nd</sup> certified letter (FEDEX on 3/21/14) and didn't understand since he said he mailed in his report
	He asked why the P He asked how mucl send him a letter a	ost was involved and Patty said because they called and asked. In the fine was and Patty said that she would determine that and fter he turns in a completed report. He said that he took in and then changed the subject.

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	<ul> <li>He said he could get an affidavit from the postal worker and asked if that would prevent the fine Patty told him that he would have to appeal to the division of elections</li> <li>He said he would have to find the forms and have Anita sign them and he would try to be in by 5pm He said he has learned to use Google instead of dropbox.</li> <li>Note: following this conversation with Michael Peragine, I received clarification and confirmation from the Division of Elections that an incomplete report is deemed timely filed, therefore, no fine would be imposed.</li> <li>D (6)</li> <li>April 5, 2014 Palm Beach Post article.</li> </ul>		
Y (Tab a)			
X (Tabe)	Statements of financial interest (Form 1 and Form 6) for 2014 campaign for Palm Beach Gardens City Council, Group 3.		
X (Iab f)	Copy of letter Acknowledging receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for 2014 campaign for Palm Beach Gardens City Council, Group 3. Acknowledgment/receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is provided in the form of a date stamped copy of DS- DE 9 filed with the Filing Officer when a campaign account is opened and/or during qualifying. In addition, copies of all forms outlined in the qualifying packet and all subsequent reports filed with the Filing Officer are provided to the candidate for their records.		
X (Tab g)	Calendar of Reporting Dates given to candidate, if any		
X (Tab h)	Un-redacted copy of candidate qualifying fee check, or any other check from the campaign account made payable to the city clerk's office, if any		
*	Candidate Qualifying Papers		

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2. Please check each item provided to the candidate or his or her staff, and list the <u>date</u> that the item was provided (If the item is published by the Division of Elections, it is unnecessary to provide a copy of the item. If your office published the item, please send a copy of the item with this affidavit.)

Check	ITEM	DATE
Х	Chapter 106, Florida Statutes	12/16/2013
х	Chapter 104, Florida Statutes	12/16/2013
х	Candidate Handbook Please indicate Year _2014_	12/16/2013
x	Political ad and disclaimer supplement	12/16/2013
X	Calendar of Election dates March municipal election date is included on Timeline provided during qualifying	12/16/2013

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x	Any other election related document, Please indicate the title of the	12/16/2013
	related document: 2014 Candidate Handbook	
	$\underline{\text{Tab } 1} =$	
	PBG Candidate Introductory Letter	
	• PBG Notice of Election	
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	<ul> <li>Division of Elections Election Qualifying Forms</li> <li>PBG Qualifying Forms</li> </ul>	
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	<ul> <li>Division of Elections Candidate Petition form</li> </ul>	
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	<ul> <li>Division of Elections Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook</li> </ul>	
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	PBG Chapter 26 Elections from the Code of Ordinances	
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	PBG Sign Code from the Land Development Regulations in the Code of Ordinances	
	<u>Tab 5 =</u>	
	PBG Charter	
	<u>Tab 6 =</u>	
	• Division of Elections Compilation of The Election Laws	
	Tab 7 =	
	Florida Statutes Chapters 97 through 106 and Chapter 119	
	$\underline{Tab 8} =$	
	<ul> <li>Horida Commission on Ethics Guide to Sunshine Amendment and Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees</li> </ul>	

Please list all other written materials provided to the candidate or his or her staff, the date 3. of receipt, and a brief description of the written materials. Did you notify the candidate that the campaign handbook was available on the Division of Elections website?

Written Materials provided to the Candidate:

2014 Candidate Handbook (under Tab 2) received by candidate on December 16, 2013 at ٠ 10:41 a m (candidate checklist attached)

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• 2014 Calendar of Reporting Dates contained in the March 11, 2014 Election Timetable -Candidate Copy (attached)

# B

On the qualifying packet, Michael Peragine selected "Yes" to attending the Logic & ٠ Accuracy (Election system & tabulation equipment test) conducted by the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections (SOE) originally scheduled for Friday, February 21, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. On Friday, February, 14, 2014 at 11:16 a m I emailed him the email from the SOE changing the date and time to Friday, February 28, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. (email attached)

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- <u>C</u>
- On the qualifying packet, Michael Peragine selected "Yes" to attending the Candidate Iraining Workshop conducted by the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections. At the time of qualifying, the date and time was to be determined by the SOE. On Friday, January 17, 2014 at 4:43 p m, I sent Michael Peragine the list of upcoming Candidate Workshops offered by the SOE that contained the link for him to register. Michael Peragine acknowledged my email on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 4:45 p m. (email attached)
- Candidate notified that the campaign handbook was available on the Division of Elections website:
- Yes

4. Pease list all training seminars that were attended by the candidate, along with the <u>date</u> of attendance. If a staff member attended for the candidate, list his name and position. If available, please attach a copy of any attendance sheets from the seminar(s).

As indicated in Item 3 above, Michael Peragine was notified of the Candidate Workshop dates and times along with a link to register. I verified with Amber Sacks, Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections staff member and contact person for Candidate Information that Michael Peragine did not attend any of the Candidate Workshops offered on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, Wednesday, February 5, 2014, or Tuesday, February 18, 2018.

5. Please list the subjects covered during these seminars. If available, please provide a copy of the syllabus and outline for the seminar.

No material provided by the Supervisor of Elections.

6. Other than the contacts you submitted with your complaint regarding the 2014 Termination Report, please list any contacts with this candidate by you or your staff concerning a provision of Chapter 104, Section 105.071, or Chapter 106, *Florida Statutes*. Indicate whether the contact was in person, in writing, or by telephone and the subject matter of the contact. Also, provide copies of any documentation of the contact. Please provide a separate affidavit from any member of your staff who was in contact with this candidate or his or her staff, detailing the subject matter of the contact.

The following attachments are enclosed for your review:

<u>A.</u>

• January 17, 2014, 4:45 p.m. email reminder regarding Candidate Workshop

<u>B.</u>

• February 14, 2014, 11:16 a m. email reminder regarding L&A Test as referenced in Item 3.

<u>C.</u>

- MAY 23, 2014, 11:43 a.m. email reminder that the termination report is due on Monday, June 9, 2014. Email delivery notification attached.
- May 23, 2014 Telephone record from 561-799-4122 to 561-342-1258 at 11:37 a.m. reminding Michael Peragine of termination report due. This call is also referenced in the June 10, 2014 letter to Michael Peragine from Patricia Snider, City Clerk
- June 10, 2104 letter sent certified/return receipt to Michael Peragine notifying him of his failure to file his termination report on the designated due date of Monday, June 9, 2014.

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- June 5, 2014 telephone record from 561-342-1258 to 501-799-4120 as referenced in the June 10, 2014 letter to Michael Peragine from Patricia Snider, City Clerk.
- Proof of delivery of written notice to the mailing/street address on record for Mr. Peragine.
- Domestic Return Receipt and Certified Mail Receipt Article Number 70122920000189579192
- The United States Postal Tracking information indicating the status of the item as delivered on June 12,2014, at 12:24 p.m.

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- July 17, 2014 letter to FEC regarding email from Michael Peragine.
- July 3, 2014, 5:02 p.m. email from Michael Peragine (#1).
- July 9, 2014 12:29 p.m. email response from Patricia Snider, City Clerk to Michael Peragine (#2).
- July 10, 2014 Palm Beach Post article (#3) Michael Peragine cites that his subdivision has been having mail delivery problems as the cause for the report having not been submitted on time. Contained in the same article, Michael Peragine stated that he mailed the termination report to the Clerk Tuesday which would have been June 10, 2014. The correction in the Palm Beach Post (#4 attached) then stated that Michael Peragine mailed it on June 8, 2014 which was a Sunday. Michael Peragine went on to state that he would show the City Clerk the postal receipt to prove it, however, Michael Peragine never produced that receipt.
- July 10, 2014 after reading the Palm Beach Post article, Kenthia White, Municipal Services Coordinator, City Clerk's Department was asked to contact the United States Postal Service located at 3330 Fairchild Gardens Avenue, PBG, FI. This branch is responsible for delivery to Michael Peragine's subdivision and documented the following:
  - On July 10, 2014 at approximately 10:15 a m., I spoke to Denise Young, Supervisor at the Palm Beach Gardens Post Office regarding mail problems in Mirasol/Mirabella Ms. Young asked for the address and the name of the homeowner. I provided her with Mr. Michael Peragine at 277 Sedona Way At the time of the conversation with Ms Young, the contracted postal carrier for Mirasol/Mirabella, Mr. Jean Louissant was in her office. Ms Young asked Mr Louissant if there were any problems delivering mail to Michael Peragine's address. Mr Louissant stated that he delivers mail to Michael Peragine on a daily basis and there have been no problems with Michael Peragine receiving the mail. He further assured me and Ms. Young the mail is being delivered without any issues. Ms. Young stated to me that she will monitor the delivery of the mail to Michael Peragine's address for one week to ensure the mail continues to be properly delivered.
- See 1 d (3) and 1 d (4)
- 7 Has Michael Peragine filed his 2014 Termination Report as of the date of this affidavit?

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# 🗌 Yes 🛛 No

If yes, please provide a copy of the termination report as well as any amendments to the report

8. Please list all late filings of campaign reports by the candidate. Also, provide copies of all correspondence with the candidate concerning the late filings.

## Termination Report covering March 7, 2014 to June 9, 2014 due on June 9, 2014.

- <u>A.</u>
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- Domestic Return Receipt and Certified Mail Receipt Article Number 70122920000189579192
- The United States Postal Tracking information indicating the status of the item as delivered on June 12,2014, at 12:24 p.m.

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Please list all fines paid by the candidate and provide copies of all correspondence 9. concerning the fines.

No fines imposed or paid. Termination report has not been received.

Please list each year the candidate ran for office, the office the candidate ran for, the dates 10. of the elections, and the results of the elections.

Year Candidate Ran: 2014

Office Candidate ran for: Group 3

Date of Election: March 11, 2014

**Results:** Attached

Incumbent: Eric Jablin 3.618 - 51 07%

Opponent: Michael J. Peragine 3,467 – 48 93%

I SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this  $\frac{27^{\circ}}{2}$  day of

2015

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EXHIBIT ||



FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION 107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224 Collins Building Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050 Telephone: (850) 922-4539 Fax: (850) 921-0783

March 27, 2015

Michael J. Peragine 277 Sedona Way Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

#### RE: Case No.: FEC 14-173; Respondent: Michael J. Peragine

Dear Mr Peragine:

On July 8, 2014, 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 106.141(1), Florida Statutes: Michael J Peragine, 2014 candidate for Palm Beach City Council, Group 3, failed to timely file his 2014 Termination Report reflecting the disposition of all remaining campaign funds, as alleged in the complaint.

Sections 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: Michael J Peragine, 2014 candidate for Palm Beach City Council, Group 3, falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, as alleged in the complaint

You may respond to the allegations above by filing a notarized statement providing any information regarding the facts and circumstances surrounding the allegations Your response will be included as an attachment to the investigator's report.

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation will be mailed to you at the above address. You may file a response to the report <u>within 14 days from the date the report is mailed to you</u>. Based on the results of the investigation, legal staff will make a written recommendation to the Commission on whether there is probable cause to believe you have violated Chapter 104 or 106, Florida Statutes A copy of the Staff Recommendation will be mailed to you and you may file a response <u>within 14 days from the date the recommendation is mailed to you</u>. Your timely filed response(s) will be considered by the Commission when determining probable cause

The Commission will then hold a hearing to determine whether there is probable cause to believe you have violated Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You and the complainant will receive a notice of hearing at least 14 days before the hearing. The notice of hearing will indicate the location, date, and time of your hearing. You will have the opportunity to make a brief oral statement to the Commission, but you will not be permitted to testify or call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence

At any time before a probable cause finding, you may notify us in writing that you want to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a settlement via consent agreement.

The Report of Investigation, Staff Recommendation, and Notice of Hearing will be mailed to the above address as this letter. Therefore, if your address changes, you must notify this office of your new address. Otherwise, you may not receive these important documents. <u>Failure to receive the documents will not delay the probable cause hearing</u>.

Under section 106 25, Florida Statutes, complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, are <u>confidential</u> 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 unless you waive confidentiality in writing 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.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact **Tracie Aulet**, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,

Amy McKeever Toman Executive Director

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July 17, 2014

STATE OF FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission Collins Building, Suite 224 107 West Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050 Attn: Donna Malphurs/Agency Clerk

> Re: Failure to File a Report after Notice Sent via: USPS – Certified/Return Receipt

Dear Ms. Malphurs,

On Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at the direction of the Florida Elections Commission, I forwarded a re-signed copy of my Monday, June 23, 2014, letter to Mr. Peragine regarding his failure to file a report after notice. I also attached Form FEC 002 (Rev 05-05-14) and backup material referenced in the original letter.

Since that writing, I have received an email from Mr. Peragine (#1 attached) asking me to email him a filed copy (stamped) of his final report for his records. My response to Mr. Peragine (#2 attached) was that as of Tuesday, July 1, 2014, his report remained delinquent; therefore, I have filed a sworn complaint with the Florida Elections Commission.

On Wednesday, July 9, 2014, the local newspaper, *Palm Beach Post*, contacted me regarding the M4 report covering Saturday, February 22, 2014 to Thursday, March 6, 2014, which had been turned in incomplete. I informed the *Palm Beach Post* that Mr. Peragine would not be fined for this report since an incomplete report is deemed timely filed; however, he may be fined for failure to file his termination report which was due on Monday, June 9, 2014.

Although not accurately reported in the newspaper, after the article was published (#3 attached), the staff writer offered clarification in an email dated July 11, 2014 (#4 attached). In that email, Mr. Peragine informed the *Post* that he mailed his report on Sunday, June 8, 2014, and would show me the postal receipt.

As of this date, I have yet to receive either a receipt or termination report.

Sincerely,

Patricia Snider, CMC, City Clerk

Attachments

## **Patty Snider**

From: Sent: To: Subject:

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Michael J. Peragine [mjperagine@gmail.com] Thursday, July 03, 2014 5:02 PM Patty Snider Filed Copy (stamped) of "Final Report"

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Patty,

Please email me a filed copy (stamped) of my "Final Report" for my records.

Thank you,

Michael J. Peragine

#### Patty Snider

From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: Patty Snider Wednesday, July 09, 2014 12:29 PM 'Michael J. Peragine' RE: Filed Copy (stamped) of "Final Report" 070914 response to email.pdf

Michael,

In response to your email below, please see the attached correspondence dated June 10, 2014, which was previously provided to you via USPS registered mail/return receipt. On July 1, 2014, since your termination report remained delinquent, I was left with no other option but to file a sworn complaint with the Florida Elections Commission regarding your failure to timely file your 2014 termination report. To date you have yet to file your termination report. Upon such filing I will determine the fine amount to be assessed and provide notice of same in accordance with state law.

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Please govern yourself accordingly.

Patricia Snider, CMC, City Clerk City of Palm Beach Gardens 561-799-4122

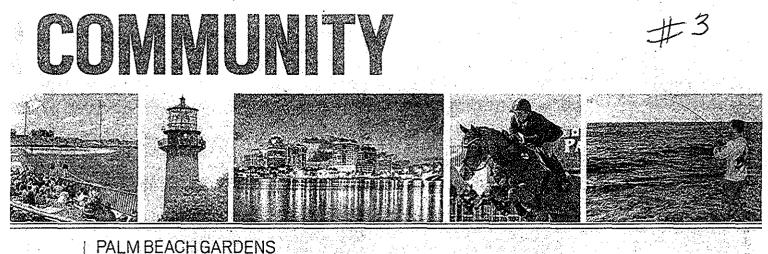
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# By Tony Doris

Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

Former city council candidate Michael Peragine, who faced a fine of at least \$650 for failing to submit a complete campaign finance report on time, filed an amended report and will not be fined, City Clerk Patty Snider said Wednesday.

But she said he might be fined for failing to file other paperwork known as a "termination report," the final accounting of contributions and expenses in his attempt to unseat incumbent Eric Jablin in March.

That report was due Wednesday and state law specifies a fine of \$50 for every day it is late. She said she filed a complaint with the Florida Elections Commission, which will investigate and advise her whether to levy that penalty.

Peragine said he mailed the termination report to the clerk Tuesday and that he will show her the postal receipt to prove it. He said his subdivision, Mirabella at Mirasol, has been having mail delivery problems.

According to Snider, Peragine initially

failed to submit a list of contributions and expenditures from Feb. 22 to March 6. It was due March 7, four days before the municipal election. He submitted an incomplete report at that time, listing only contributions and not expenditures, and did not respond to a letter the clerk sent March 21, requiring that the complete document be filed by March 28.

Ex-council hopeful won't be fined

After she sent a second notice, he submitted an amended report April 2, she said. The elections commission advised her to consider that as being filed on time, she said

Why? "We just kind of went round and round and I did not really get a straight answer," she said.



Peragine

Peragine, a political newcomer, who is president of the Mirabella at Mirasol Homeowners Association, lost the Group 3 race against Jablin by 151 votes out of 7,085 cast According to filings he submitted, he raised a record \$118,360

Peragine continues to attend city council meetings and is leading a petition drive to place two referendum questions calling for council term limits on November ballots

That issue is scheduled to come before the city council today. The council will vote on a resolution authorizing the county supervisor of elections to place the questions on the ballots if Peragine's political committee, Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits, acquires the 3,781 signatures it needs.

The questions ask voters to limit council members to two three-year terms.

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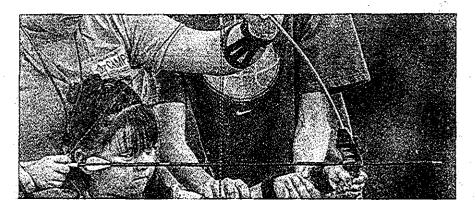
Kids get up-close view of law, officers

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Ranches brings free weeklong camps to kids.

By Patricia Potestades Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

The community center at Lake Worth Village is seeing plenty of police activity this week. But for all the right reasons. The community is one of 16 locations where the Florida Sher-



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# CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

Saturday, July 12, 2014

Because of an editing error, The Palm Beach Post on Thursday had incorrect dates in a story about former Palm Beach Gardens City Council candidate Michael Peragine. A campaign re port that he was accused of failing to file was due June 9, and Peragine said he mailed the report June 8. The error appeared on Page B3 of the Local & Business section.

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## FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Recu July 8,2014 2P 9:54Am 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050

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## **CONFIDENTIAL COMPLAINT FORM**

The Commission's records and proceedings in a case are confidential until the Commission rules on probable cause. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the person against whom the complaint is brought.

## **1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:**

Name: Patricia Snider	Work Phone: (561) 799-4122
Address: 10500 North Military Trail	Home Phone: ()
City: Palm Beach Gardens County: Palm Beach	State: FL Zip Code: 33410

### 2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:

A person can be an individual, political committee, committee of continuous existence, political party, electioneering communication organization, club, corporation, partnership, company, association, or any other type of organization. (If you intend to name more than one individual or entity, please file multiple complaints)

Name of individual or entity: Michael J. Peragine

Address: 277 Sedona V	Vay		Phone: (561) 444-8158 or 561-691-8848
City: Palm Beach Gardens	County: Palm Beach	State: FL	Zip Code: 33410
If individual is a candidate			

Have you filed this complaint with the State Attorney's Office? (check one) Yes V No

## 3. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):

Please list the provisions of The Florida Election Code that you believe the person named above may have violated. The Commission has jurisdiction only to investigation the following provisions: Chapter 104. Chapter 106, and Section 105.071, Florida Statutes. Also, please include:

The facts and actions that you believe support the violations you allege, 1 The names and telephone numbers of persons you believe may be witnesses to the facts, √ A copy or picture of the political advertisements you mention in your statement, A copy of the documents you mention in your statement, and Other evidence that supports your allegations.

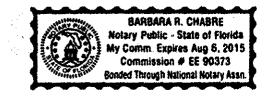
### See letter dated July 1, 2014 with attachments.

Additional materials attached (check one)? Ves

4. <u>OATH</u> STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF <u>PALM BEACH</u>

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

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Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  $\frac{12}{2}$  day of  $\frac{2014}{2}$ 

Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oaths or Notary public.

Barbara K. Chabre\_\_\_\_\_ (Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally known\_\_\_\_\_ Or Produced Identification\_\_\_\_\_

Type of Identification Produced

Any person who files a complaint while <u>knowing</u> that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775 082 and 775 083, Florida Statutes



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July 1, 2014

Florida Elections Commission 107 West Gaines Street Collins Building, Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050 Attn: Amy McKeever Toman, Executive Director

> <u>Re:</u> Mr. Michael Peragine's Failure to File a Report after Notice <u>Sent via:</u> USPS – Certified/Return Receipt

Dear Ms. Toman,

On June 30, 2014, I received your response regarding Mr. Peragine's failure to file his 2014 Termination Report.

In accordance with paragraph three (3) of your letter, attached is my re-signed letter and Form FEC 002 (Rev 05-05-14) with my signature notarized to serve as a complaint in the above-referenced matter. I have also attached all referenced material originally contained in the June 23, 2014, letter. As of today, I still have not had any communication from Mr. Peragine.

Please contact Ray Ellis, Deputy City Clerk at (561) 799-4195 or <u>rellis@pbgfl.com</u> who is a witness to the facts in this complaint.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and please contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely

Patricia Snider, CMC City Clerk

Attachments

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June 23, 2014

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In accordance with Chapter 106, I am providing you with notification of Mr. Michael Peragine's failure to file a report after notice.

The following attachments are enclosed for your review:

- 1) Email reminder and email delivery notification dated May 23, 2014, 11:43 a.m.
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- 3) Proof of delivery of written notice to the mailing/street address on record for Mr. Peragine. Domestic Return Receipt and Certified Mail Receipt Article Number 70122920000189579192.
- 4) The United States Postal Tracking information indicating the status of the item as delivered on June 12, 2014, at 12:24 p.m.

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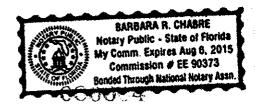
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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Patricia Snider, CMC City Clerk





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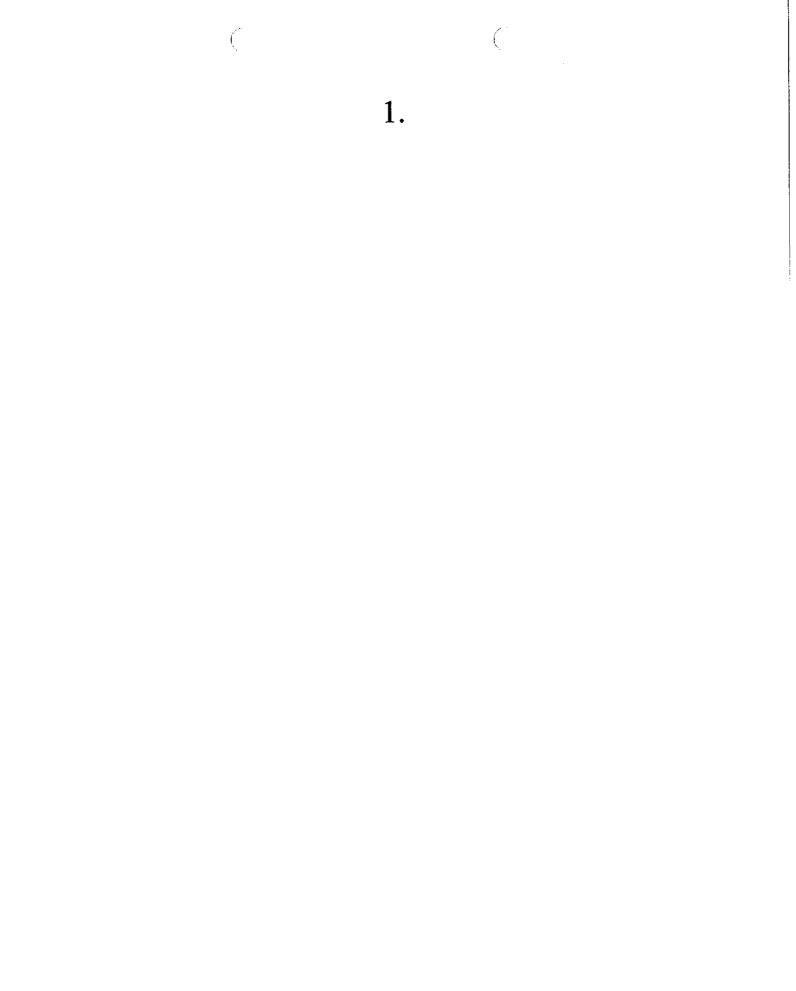
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Sincerely

Patricia Snider, CMC City Clerk



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# **Patty Snider**

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Cc:	'anitahcarbone@gmail.com'			
Subject:	Termination Report			
Importance:	High			

Importance:

Good morning Michael,

As per our telephone conversation this morning, this is a reminder that your Termination Report covering March 7, 2014 to June 9, 2014 is due to me by Monday, June 9, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thanks,

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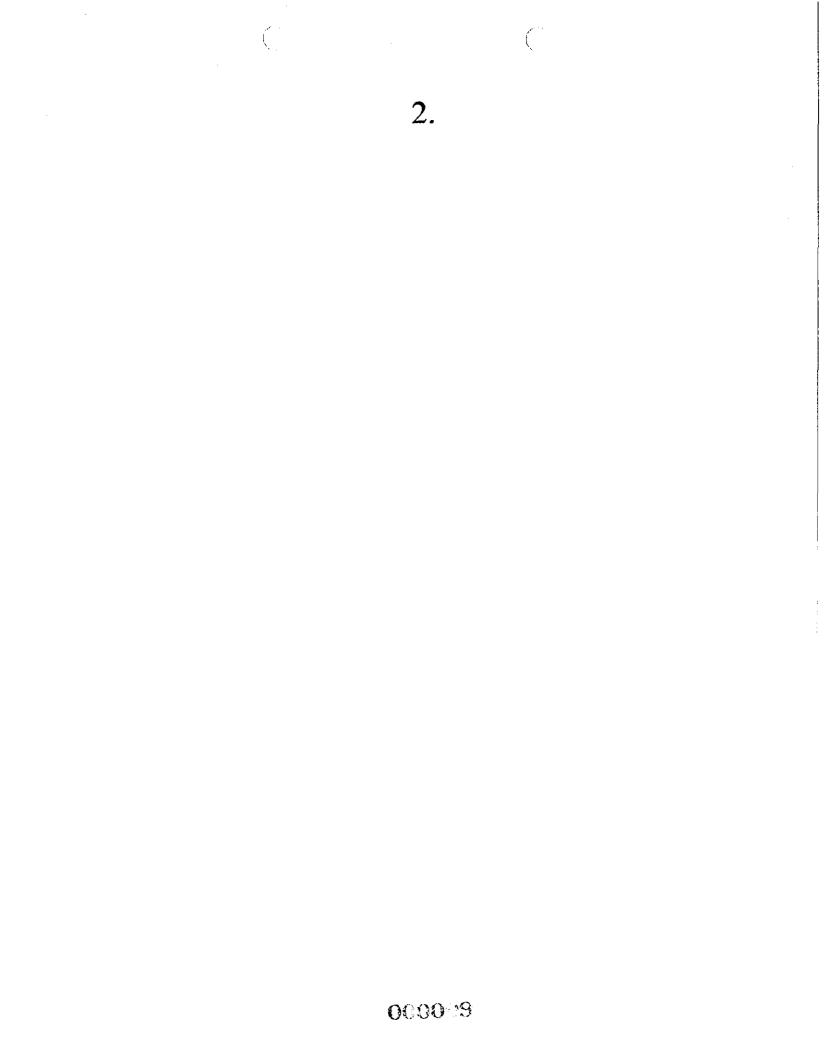
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Subject: Termination Report





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June 10, 2014

Mr. Michael J. Peragine 277 Sedona Way Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Sent via: USPS - Registered/Return Receipt

Dear Mr. Peragine,

In accordance with Chapter 106, F.S., I notified you on May 23, 2014 via telephone and email and via email to Anita Carbone, Deputy Treasurer, that your termination report covering March 7, 2014 to June 9, 2014 was due by Monday, June 9, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. (attached). I reminded you again on Thursday, June 5, 2014 via telephone.

As of today, the report has not been received, therefore, in accordance with Chapter 106 F.S., any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine as provided in this Chapter for submitting late termination reports.

All fines must be paid from the candidate's personal funds, not campaign funds.

Upon receipt of your report, I will determine the amount owed and notify you accordingly so you may submit your payment made payable to the City of Palm Beach Gardens.

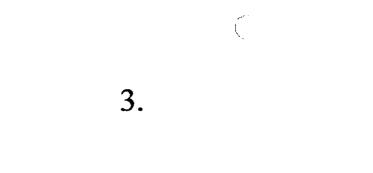
Such fine shall be paid to the filing officer within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment due.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely

Patricia Snider, CMC, City Clerk

Cc: Florida Elections Commission Anita Carbone, 11 Thurston Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

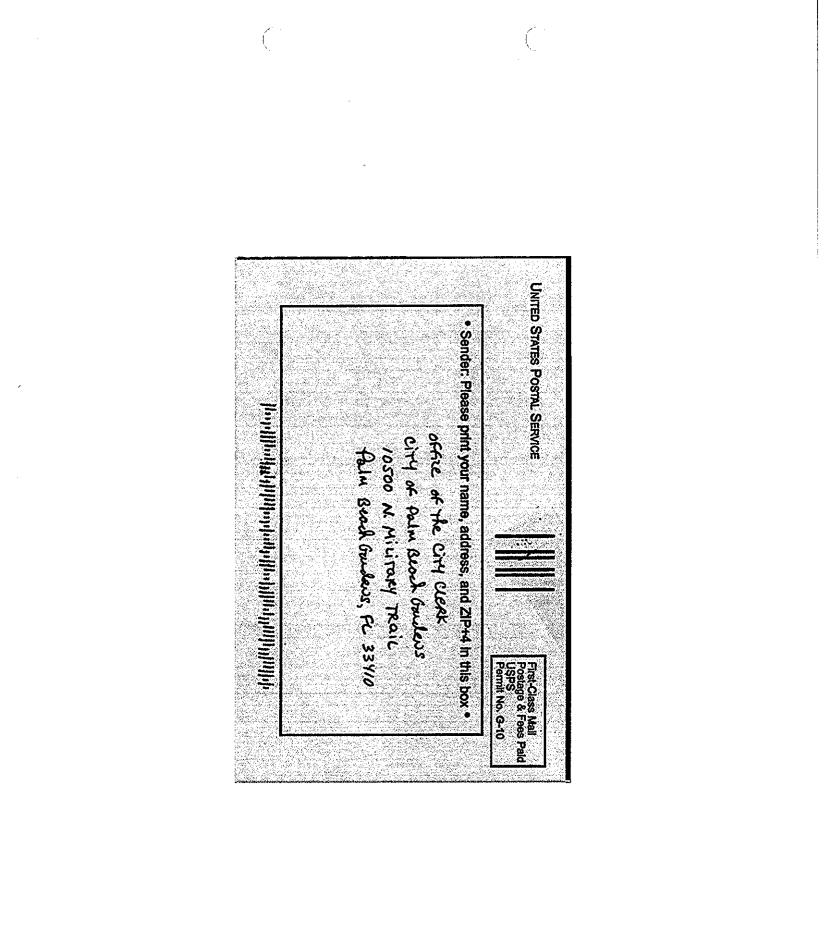


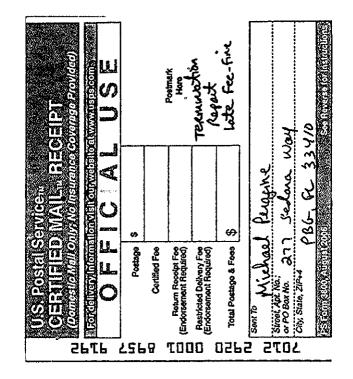
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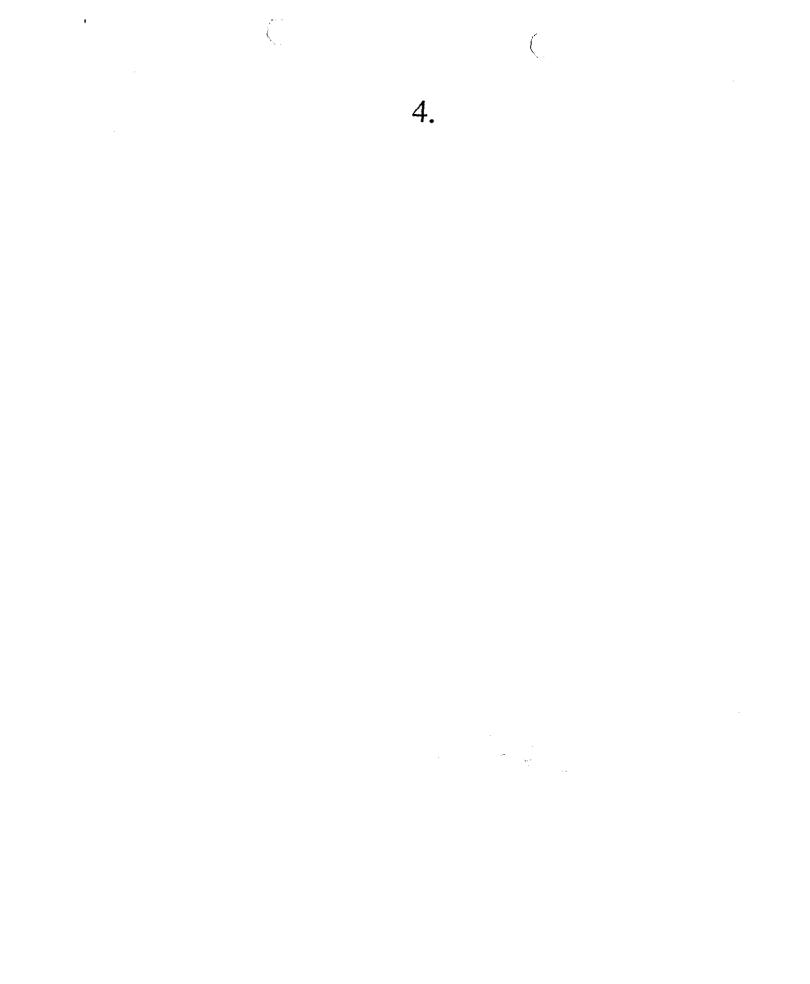
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