In Re:	Florida Public Safety Association	Case No.:	FEC 21-381
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TO: Daniel P. Diaz, Chair Division of Elections

2160 58th Avenue, Apt. 216 500 South Bronough Street, Room 316 Vero Beach, FL 32966-4647 Tallahassee, FL 32399

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, May 17, 2023 at 8:30, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: Via Webinar Registration URL:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/571953185404345941

Audio participation: Attendee – muted: 1-877-309-2074 966-952-589

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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<u>Tim Vaccaro</u>

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission May 2, 2023 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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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, Petitioner,

v.

Case No.: FEC 21-381

Florida Public Safety Association, Respondent.

ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 24, 2023, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On October 3, 2022, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff's Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation:

Count 1:

On or about May 10, 2021, Florida Public Safety Association violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2021 M4 Report.

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The Commission finds that there is **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on January 24, 2023.

Tim Vaccaro, J.D., Executive Director For Nicholas Primrose, Chairman Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Mattie T. Clay, Assistant General Counsel Florida Public Safety Association, Respondent Division of Elections, Complainant

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING

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

Second, you may request an <u>informal hearing</u> held before the Commission, if you <u>do not</u> dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have thirty (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 thirty (30) days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to present evidence relevant to the violation(s) listed in this order, to cross-examine opposing witnesses, to impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence presented against you.

If you do not elect to resolve the case by consent order or request a formal hearing at the DOAH or an informal hearing before the Commission within thirty (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 West Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050. The telephone number is (850) 922-4539. The Clerk will provide you with a copy of Chapter 28-106, *Florida Administrative Code*, and other applicable rules upon request. No mediation is available.

In Re: Florida Public Safety Association Case No.: FEC 21-381

TO: Daniel P. Diaz, Chair

3051 N. Course Drive, Apt. 7112

Pompano Beach, FL 33069-3387

Division of Elections

500 S. Bronough Street, Room 316

Tallahassee, FL 32399-6596

NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **January 24, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: Join Zoom Meeting - https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86542842462?pwd=VjdKeGRjcFAvZko2Y1pTZmo1cU5pdz09

Meeting ID: 865 4284 2462 Passcode: 5UuWmT

AUDIO PARTICIPATION:

1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 865 4284 2462

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<u>Tim Vaccaro</u>

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission January 9, 2023 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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In Re: Florida Public Safety Association Case No.: FEC 21-381

TO: Florida Public Safety Association Daniel P. Diaz, Chair

3051 N. Course Drive, Apt. 7112 Pompano Beach, FL 33069-3387

Division of Elections 500 S. Bronough Street, Room 316 Tallahassee, FL 32399-6596

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

You are hereby notified that **the previously scheduled hearing for December 14, 2022, is cancelled**. It is anticipated that your case will be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting, which will be scheduled for a date to be determined in either January 2023 or February 2023.

A Notice of Hearing will be mailed to you approximately 14 days prior to the new hearing date.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission December 13, 2022

In Re:	Florida Public Safety Association		Case No.:	FEC 21-381
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TO: Daniel P. Diaz, Chair 3051 N. Course Drive, Apt. 7112 Pompano Beach, FL 33069-3387

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NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the referral in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7)**, **Florida Statutes**, and that there is **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.19(1)(c)**, **Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on September 8, 2022, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

- 1. On June 30, 2021, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections ("Division"), alleging that Florida Public Safety Association ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
- 2. Respondent was a political committee registered with the Division. (ROI Exhibit 1) Daniel Diaz was appointed to serve as the committee's chairman and treasurer. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)¹ Respondent's registration was canceled on September 14, 2021, for failing to pay a fine or civil penalty imposed under Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. (ROI Exhibit 1)
- 3. By letter dated April 11, 2022, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provisions:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee formerly registered with the Division of Elections, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2021 M4 reporting period.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee formerly registered with the Division of Elections, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, during the 2021 M4 reporting period.

4. By letter dated July 3, 2018, Kristi Reid Willis, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received its Statement of

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

Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees forms. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 1)

- 5. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all political committees filing reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system ("EFS") and provided Respondent with a user identification number and initial password to grant access to the EFS. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 1) The letter further advised Respondent that all the Division's publications and reporting forms were available on its website and directed Respondent to print out the *Calendar of Reporting Dates* as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 2)
- 6. Respondent's 2021 M4 Report was due on May 10, 2021; however, Respondent failed to timely file the report or notify the filing officer that no report would be filed. *See* Compl. By letters dated May 11, 2021, June 1, 2021, and June 11, 2021, the Division notified Respondent that its 2021 M4 Report had not been received. The letters also notified Respondent that it was still required to notify the Division if it had no reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibits 5 & 6) The final notification letter was confirmed delivered on June 16, 2021. (ROI Exhibit 6, page 2)
- 7. A subpoena was issued to Respondent's designated campaign depository to ascertain whether any financial activity occurred during the relevant reporting period, i.e., April 1, 2021 April 30, 2021. (ROI Exhibit 6, page 1) The financial institution was unable to locate a campaign account in Respondent's name. (ROI Exhibit 8, page 1; ROI, page 2, n. 2)
- 8. Daniel Diaz, chairperson and treasurer for Respondent, did not respond to the investigation. (ROI Exhibit 9, page 1)
- 9. As it appears that Respondent had no financial activity, Respondent was required to notify the filing officer in writing that it would not be filing its 2021 M4 Report on the prescribed reporting date but failed to do so. Thus, it does not appear that Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in its 2021 M4 Report as the report was waived due to a lack of reportable financial activity.
- 10. "Probable Cause" is defined as reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. *Schmitt v. State*, 590 So. 2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reasonable man to reach the conclusion that an offense has been committed. *Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles v. Favino*, 667 So. 2d 305, 309 (Fla. 1st DCA 1995).
- 11. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a political committee registered with the Division prior to its cancelation. Respondent failed to timely file its 2021 M4 Report or notify the filing officer that no report would be filed. It appears that Respondent had no financial activity during the relevant reporting period and, therefore, was required to notify the filing officer in writing that it would not be filing its 2021 M4 Report on the prescribed reporting date but failed to do so. Thus, it does not appear that Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include

information in its 2021 M4 Report as the report was waived due to a lack of reportable financial activity.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find no probable cause to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, and find probable cause to charge Respondent with violating the following:

Count 1:

On or about May 10, 2021, Florida Public Safety Association violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2021 M4 Report.

Respectfully submitted on October 3, 2022.

Mattie T. Clay

Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 3rd day of October 2022.

Stephanie J. Cunningham

General Counsel

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Report of Investigation for Sections 106.07(7) and 106.19(1)(c), F.S.

Case Number: FEC 21-381

Sections 106.07(7) and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate or political committee that did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to notify timely the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed or failure to file a campaign report to reflect financial activity.

Respondent: Florida Public Safety

Association

Respondent's Atty: N/A

Division of Elections (Division) Referral Filed: June 30, 2021

Respondent Type: Political Committee

I. Preliminary Information:

1. Respondent was a political committee formerly registered with the Division. To review the Final Order of Revocation, refer to Exhibit 1.

- 2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on July 2, 2018. Daniel Diaz was appointed as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 6, refer to Exhibit 2.1
- 3. A Statement of Organization (DS-DE 5) for the political committee was filed with the Division on July 2, 2018. To review the Statement of Organization, refer to Exhibit 3.
- 4. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on the DS-DE 6 on July 3, 2018 advising Respondent that all political committees filing reports with the Division are required to file by means of the Division's electronic filing system (EFS). Respondent was provided with a user identification number and initial password allowing access to the EFS.
- 5. The acknowledgement letter also advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Political Committee Handbook*, and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*. The letter further advised that it was Respondent's responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. To review the acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 4.
- 6. The Division sent correspondence to the address provided on the DS-DE 6 notifying Respondent that the following campaign report(s), or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, had not been filed: 2021 M4. The letter(s) included reference to the filing date(s) for the report(s). To review the failure to file correspondence, refer to Exhibit 5.
- 7. On June 11, 2021, the Division sent a letter marked "Final Notice" with delivery confirmation to the address provided on the DS-DE 6 notifying Respondent that the following campaign report(s), or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, had not been filed: 2021 M4. The letter was confirmed delivered on June 16, 2021. To review the letter marked "Final Notice" and delivery confirmation, refer to Exhibit 6.

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¹ Another form was filed on the same date appointing a deputy treasurer.

II. Alleged Violation of Sections 106.07(7), and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:

8. I investigated whether Respondent violated these sections of the election laws either by not notifying the filing officer, in writing, that no report would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making expenditures during the following reporting period(s) or by not filing campaign report(s) to reflect financial activity for the reporting period(s). To review the filing history, refer to Exhibit 7.

Report	Report Cover Period	Due Date	Report or Waiver Required	Exhibit 8 ²
2021 M4	4/1/21-4/30/21	5/10/21	Waiver	8

9. Respondent did not respond to the referral.

10. I attempted to contact Respondent's Chairperson on four occasions for the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the referral. As of the date of this report, my telephone calls have not been returned. Therefore, I am unable to ascertain whether he has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and/or the *Political Committee Handbook*. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 9.

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SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:	Date: September 8, 2022

² I subpoenaed campaign account records from the designated campaign depository. The campaign depository provided notification declaring that it had no record of a campaign account and/or no records from the account during the relevant timeframe.

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Florida Public Safety Association -- FEC 21-381

LIST OF EXHIBITS			
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits		
Exhibit 1	Final Order of Revocation		
Exhibit 2	DS-DE 6 Forms		
Exhibit 3	Statement of Organization		
Exhibit 4	Acknowledgement Letter		
Exhibit 5	Failure to File Letters		
Exhibit 6	Final Failure to File Letter with Delivery Confirmation Receipt		
Exhibit 7	Filing History		
Exhibit 8	Declaration Letter from Depository		
Exhibit 9	Phone Log		



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AGENCY CLERK
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS,

Petitioner,

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FLORIDA PUBLIC SAFETY ASSOCIATION (73663),

Final Order No. DOS 21-38 DE

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

The Florida Department of State, Division of Elections (the "Division"), pursuant to Section 106.03(7), Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code, promulgated thereunder, hereby enters its Final Order canceling the registration of Florida Public Safety Association ("Respondent") as a political committee in the State of Florida. The Division, being fully advised as to the premises, finds and orders as follows:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Rule 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code, establishes procedures for the Division to cancel the registration of political committees for, among other reasons, when "the committee or organization has an unpaid fine or civil penalty imposed under Chapter 106, F.S., which has become final, meaning all appeals regarding the imposition of the fine or civil penalty have been exhausted or the time for such appeals has passed."

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FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is a registered political committee with the Division of Elections.

 Respondent's registration number is 73663.
- 2. On July 8, 2021, the Division mailed an Initial Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration (attached and incorporated by reference) to the most recent address on file for Respondent's chairperson and registered agent. The notice stated that Respondent had failed to pay the fine in the amount of \$188.38 imposed for the late filing of the 2019 M8 campaign treasurer's report and as affirmed in a final order issued by the Florida Elections Commission on February 9, 2021 (attached and incorporated by reference). The Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration informed Respondent of the opportunity to provide documentation to the Division to show why the Respondent's registration should not be canceled.
- 3. The Notice of Intent was not returned as being undeliverable and Respondent did not respond to the Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration.
- 4. On August 9, 2021, the Division mailed Respondent's registered agent a Final Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration (attached and incorporated by reference). The notice informed Respondent of the right to a hearing and advised that if a request for a hearing was not made within 30 days of the date of the notice, the right to a hearing would be waived and final action taken by the Division.
 - 5. Respondent did not respond or otherwise timely request a hearing.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing and a complete review of the record, it is ORDERED that Respondent's registration as a political committee with the Florida Department of State, Division of Elections, is hereby CANCELED.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, this 14 day of September, 2021.

Maria I. Matthews, Director Division of Elections

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

This Order constitutes final agency action. Judicial review may be sought pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by filing a notice of appeal in the First District Court of Appeal, and a copy with the clerk of the Department of State. Such notice must be filed within 30 calendar days of the date indicated in the Certificate of Service.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of the foregoing Final Order was hand-delivered to the Agency Clerk, Department of State, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250 and that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order was mailed on this \(\frac{1}{2} \) day of \(\frac{1}{2} \) South Powerline Road, Suite 262, Pompano Beach, Florida 33069.

Ashley E. Davis

Deputy General Counsel Florida Department of State

Florida Bar No. 48032 500 S. Bronough Street

Tallahassee, Florida 32399



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Governor

LAUREL M. LEE Secretary of State

August 9, 2021

Daniel P. Diaz, Registered Agent Florida Public Safety Association (73663) 43 South Powerline Road, Suite #262 Pompano Beach, Florida 33069

RE: FINAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL REGISTRATION

Dear Mr. Diaz:

On July 8, 2021, the Division sent you an Initial Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration (Initial Notice) for the following reason based on Section 106.03(7), Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code:

• The committee has failed to pay the fine in the amount of \$188.38 imposed for the late filing of the 2019 M8 campaign treasurer's report.

You did not provide a response within the 30 days of the Initial Notice to show why the registration should not be canceled or to voluntarily terminate registration.

This letter constitutes Final Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration (Final Notice). If you object to the cancellation, you have 30 days from the date of the Final Notice to request a hearing.

The request for hearing must be filed with the Division of Elections, Bureau of Election Records (use the address listed below.) The request for a hearing will be forwarded to the Florida Elections Commission (FEC). The FEC will conduct a hearing based on your request and any supporting documentation. If you want to appear personally in the hearing, you must ask to appear in the request for the hearing. If you fail to request a hearing, you waive your right to a hearing and a final order will be issued canceling the committee's registration.

You are still obligated for any fines or fees imposed automatically by law or by the FEC.

If you have any questions, please call (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief Bureau of Election Records

DSB/mcc Enclosure

Division of Elections

R.A. Gray Building, Suite 316 • 500 South Bronough Street • Tallahassee, Florida 32399 850.245.6240 • 850.245.6260 (Fax) • DOS.MyFlorida.com/elections





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LAUREL M. LEE
Secretary of State

July 8, 2021

Daniel P. Diaz, Chairperson and Registered Agent Florida Public Safety Association (73663) 43 South Powerline Road, Suite #262 Pompano Beach, Florida 33069

RE: INITIAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL REGISTRATION

Dear Mr. Diaz:

This Initial Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration of your political committee is based on the following pursuant to Section 106.03(7), Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code:

• The committee has failed to pay the fine in the amount of \$188.38 imposed for the late filing of the 2019 M8 campaign treasurer's report.

If you object to this cancellation, you have 30 days from the date of this notice to provide documentation showing why the committee's registration should not be canceled.

All further notices regarding cancellation of this committee's registration will be sent only to the registered agent's most recent address on file.

If you have any questions, please call (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief Bureau of Election Records

DSB/mcc

Enclosure



Florida Elections Commission

107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6596 Telephone: (850) 922-4539 · Facsimile: (850) 921-0783 FEC@myfloridalegal.com · www.fec.state.fl.us



February 9, 2021

Florida Public Safety Association Daniel Diaz, Chair 43 South Powerline Road, # 262 Pompano Beach, FL 33069-3069 RECEIVA 2021 FEB 10 AITH: 48

RE: Case No.: FEC 20-422; Campaign Treasurer's Report due 09-10-19 (2019 M8)

Dear Mr. Diaz:

Pursuant to Rule 2B-1.005(2), Florida Administrative Code, the Florida Elections Commission has entered the enclosed Default Final Order against your committee. The Default Final Order is the result of your committee having failed to pay the fine imposed by your filing officer or to timely appeal the fine to the Commission.

Please read the Final Order carefully. The order indicates the amount of the fine and the number of days you have to pay the fine. Please pay the fine to your filing officer, who is:

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

If you fail to pay the fine to the filing officer, an enforcement action may be filed against you in the circuit court. If it is necessary to take further legal action to collect the fine, the law provides that you pay for the cost of collection, including attorney fees.

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

Sincerely, **Donna Ann Malphurs**Agency Clerk

Enclosure: Default Final Order ce: Division of Elections, Filing Officer

In Re: Florida Public Safety Association	Case No.: FEC 20-422
	F.O. No.: FOFEC 21-010A
	Report: 2019 M8

DEFAULT FINAL ORDER

THIS MATTER was referred to the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) by the filling officer for failure of the Respondent to pay the assessed fine.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- The Commission is charged with enforcing Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the campaign financing laws.
- Respondent is a political committee registered with the State. Respondent's 2019
 M8 campaign treasurer's report was not filed with the filing officer on September 10, 2019, the designated due date.
- 3. On June 16, 2020, the filing officer sent a final fine notice to the Respondent by delivery confirmation advising them that the amount of the fine was \$188.38. The notice also advised Respondent, as required by Section 106.07(8)(b), Florida Statutes, that they must either pay the fine or appeal to the Florida Elections Commission within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment due.
 - 4 Respondent has failed to pay the assessed fine or to appeal to the Commission.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this
case, pursuant to Section 106.07, Florida Statutes.

6. Respondent's failure to timely file a notice appealing the assessed fine constitutes a waiver of entitlement to an appeal.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, it is hereby ORDERED that the assessed fine of \$188.38 is affirmed. The fine shall be paid to the Division of Elections at 500 South Bronough Street, Room 316, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250 within 30 days of the date this Final Order is filed with the Commission.

DONE AND ORDERED the Elections Commission Fra 2021 / 2021.

Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Stephanie Cunningham, Assistant General Counsel Florida Public Safety Association, Respondent Division of Elections, Complainant

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

This order is final agency action. Any party who is adversely affected by this order has the right to seek judicial review pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by filing a notice of administrative appeal pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the Clerk of the Florida Elections Commission at 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224, Collins Building, I allahassee, Florida 32399-1050, and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal with the appropriate district court of appeal. The party must attach to the notice of appeal a copy of this order and include with the notice of appeal filed with the district court of appeal the applicable filing fees. The notice of administrative appeal must be filed within 30 days of the date of this order is filed with the Commission. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order.

Notice to Filing Officer

The Final Order directs the Respondent to pay the Filing Officer. If the Filing Officer is not paid within 30 days of the date the Final Order is filed with the Commission, the Filing Officer can file an enforcement action in circuit court to enforce the fine that is due and owing to the county or municipality. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of this order.

fallahassee, Florida 32399-0250 R.A. Gray Building 500 South Bronough Street Florida Department of State



43 South Powerline Road, Suite 262 Florida Public Safety Association Daniel P. Diaz, Registered Agent Pompano Beach, Florida 33069

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Chellman, Malcolm C.

From: Brown, Donna S.

Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2021 2:37 PM

To: Chellman, Malcolm C. **Subject:** FW: Final Order 21-38

Attachments: DOS 21-38 - DOS v. Florida Public Safety Association.pdf; DOS 21-38 FO Certified Mail

Receipt.pdf

Would you print this and put it in my in box? Thanks!

From: Buse, Stephanie <Stephanie.Buse@dos.myflorida.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:26 AM

To: Brown, Donna S. <Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com>

Subject: Final Order 21-38

Good morning Donna,

I just realized I forgot to forward the attached when I mailed it out.

Attached please find a copy of Final Order 21-38 and the certified receipt with tracking number 9171082133393932719168.

Best,

Stephanie A. Buse

Executive Assistant
Office of the General Counsel
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
R. A. Gray Building, Suite 100
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399
850.245.6513

Note: This response is provided for reference only and does not constitute a formal legal opinion or representation from the sender or the Department of State. Parties should refer to the Florida Statutes and applicable case law, and/or consult an attorney to represent their interests before relying upon the information provided.

In addition, Florida has a very broad public records law. Written communications to or from state officials regarding state business constitute public records. Public records are available to the public and media upon request, unless the information is subject to a specific statutory exemption. Therefore, any information that you send to this address, including your contact information, may be subject to public disclosure.

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APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR

POLITICAL COMMITTEES

(Sections 106.011(1) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

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Florida Public Safety Association		(954) 834-34	129	
Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer 4. Email (optional))	5. Telephone (opt		
Daniel P Diaz		()		
6. Mailing Address 43 S Powerline Rd Ste 262, P	ompano	Beach, F	L 33069	
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UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED ARE TRUE.				
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APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN **DEPOSITORY FOR POLITICAL COMMITTEES**

(Sections 106.011(1) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

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Florida Public Safety Association		(954) 834-3	3429	
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Randy Goodwin		()		
6. Mailing Address 43 S Powerline Rd Ste 262, P	ompano	Beach,	FL 33069	
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STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

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1. Full Name of Committee Florida Public Safety Association			Telephone 954-834-3429
Mailing Address (include city 43 S Powerline Rd #262, F	, state and zip code) Pompano Beach, FL 33069		
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2. Affiliated or Connected Org	ganizations (includes other committees of con	tinuous ex	stence and political
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	43 S Powerline Rd Ste 262, Pompano Beach, FL 33069	Treasure	T

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Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

July 3, 2018

Daniel P. Diaz, Chairperson Florida Public Safety Association 43 South Powerline Road Suite 262 Pompano Beach, Florida 33069

Dear Mr. Diaz:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Florida Public Safety Association**, which were placed on file in our office on July 2, 2018. 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 **July 13, 2018**. The report will cover the period of June 30, 2018 - July 6, 2018 (2018 P2). 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).

EFS Access

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

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

Identification Number: 73663

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

Daniel Diaz, Chairperson July 3, 2018 Page Two

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.

Instructions and Assistance

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

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

Please let me know if you need additional information.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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Enclosures

pc: Randy Goodwin, Deputy Treasurer Exhibit 4 Page 2 of 2



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

May 11, 2021

Daniel P. Diaz, Chairperson Florida Public Safety Association 43 South Powerline Road #262 Pompano Beach, FL 33069-3069 PAC 73663

Dear Mr. Diaz:

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 May 10, 2021.

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,

Donna S. Brown, Chief Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Second Notice

June 1, 2021

Daniel P. Diaz, Chairperson Florida Public Safety Association 43 South Powerline Road #262 Pompano Beach, FL 33069-3069

PAC 73663

Dear Mr. Diaz:

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 May 10, 2021.

We mailed, via regular mail, the first notice of the failure to file the above-mentioned report or notification to the address on file with our office on May 11, 2021.

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

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

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief

Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Final Notice Delivery Confirmation:

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RECEIPT LABEL (ROLL)
For Tracking or inquiries go to USPS.com
or call 1-800-222-1811.

June 11, 2021

Daniel P. Diaz, Chairperson Florida Public Safety Association 43 South Powerline Road #262 Pompano Beach, FL 33069-3069

PAC 73663

Dear Mr. Diaz:

A recent review of the Division's records show that the Division has not yet received the below-referenced campaign treasurer's report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable, during the following cover period:

Year	Report	Cover Period
2021	M4	4/1/21 - 4/30/21

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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Your item was delivered to the front desk, reception area, or mail room at 10:32 am on June 16, 2021 in POMPANO BEACH, FL 33069.

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2/10/2021	M1		NEN	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
1/11/2021	M12		NEN	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
12/10/2020	M11		NEN	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/10/2020	M10	11/6/2020						
10/30/2020	G6	11/6/2020	NEN	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/29/2020	D6	11/6/2020	NEN	8	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/28/2020	D5	11/6/2020	NEN	9	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/27/2020	D4	11/6/2020	NEN	10	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/26/2020	D3	11/6/2020	NEN	11	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/25/2020	D2	11/6/2020	NEN	12	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/24/2020	D1	11/6/2020	NEN	13	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/23/2020	G5	10/23/2020						
10/16/2020	G4A	10/23/2020	NEN	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/9/2020	G4	10/8/2020						
10/2/2020	G3A	10/8/2020	NEN	6	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/25/2020	G3	9/22/2020						
9/18/2020	G2A	9/11/2020						
9/11/2020	G2	9/10/2020						
9/4/2020	G1A	9/10/2020	NEN	6	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/28/2020	G1	8/28/2020						
8/21/2020	P7A	8/25/2020	NEN	4	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/14/2020	P7	8/18/2020	NEN	4	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/7/2020	P6	8/10/2020	NEN	3	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/31/2020	P5	8/10/2020	FEC	10	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/24/2020	P4	8/10/2020	NEN	17	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/17/2020	P3	8/10/2020	NEN	24	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/10/2020	P2A	8/10/2020	NEN	31	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/3/2020	P2	8/10/2020	NEN	38	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/26/2020	P1A	8/10/2020	NEN	45	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/19/2020	P1	7/10/2020	NEN	21	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/10/2020	M5	6/10/2020						
5/11/2020	M4	5/8/2020						
4/10/2020	МЗ	4/11/2020	NEN	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
3/10/2020	M2	3/10/2020						
2/10/2020	M1	2/7/2020						
1/10/2020		1/10/2020						
12/10/2019	M11	12/9/2019						

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11/12/2019	M10	11/6/2019					
10/10/2019	М9	10/13/2019	CLO	3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9/10/2019	M8	9/10/2019	NEN	0	\$188.38	\$188.38	\$0.00
8/12/2019	Μ7	8/5/2019					
7/10/2019	M6	7/1/2019					
6/10/2019	M5	6/7/2019					
5/10/2019	M4	5/16/2019	FOI	6	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4/10/2019	МЗ	4/16/2019	FOI	6	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3/11/2019	M2	3/20/2019	FOI	9	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2/11/2019	M1	2/11/2019					
1/10/2019	M12	1/10/2019					
12/10/2018	M11	12/11/2018	FOI	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11/2/2018	G7	11/2/2018					
11/1/2018	D6	11/2/2018	FOI	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/31/2018	D5	11/2/2018	FOI	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/30/2018	D4	11/2/2018	FOI	3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/29/2018	D3	11/2/2018	FOI	4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/28/2018	D2	11/2/2018	FOI	5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/27/2018	D1	10/27/2018					
10/26/2018	G6	10/26/2018					
10/25/2018	G4	10/8/2018					
10/19/2018	G5	10/16/2018					
10/5/2018	G3	10/8/2018	FOI	3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9/28/2018	G2A	10/8/2018	FOI	10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9/21/2018	G2	10/8/2018	FOI	17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9/14/2018	G1A	10/8/2018	FOI	24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9/7/2018	G1	9/11/2018	FOI	4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8/31/2018	P7A	8/30/2018					
8/24/2018	P7	8/30/2018	FOI	6	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8/17/2018	P6	8/11/2018					
8/10/2018	P5	8/11/2018	FOI	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8/3/2018	P4	7/31/2018					
7/27/2018	P3	7/24/2018					
7/20/2018		7/24/2018	FOI	4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7/13/2018	P2	7/11/2018					



Florida Public Safety Association

Campaign Finance Activity

Note: The information presented below was obtained from the Committee's/Candidate's Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with the Division of Elections. About the Campaign Finance Data Base. If all contributions for a reporting period are less than 1 dollar Then they may not be displayed.

		Contributions					
	Filing Period	Monetary	Loans	InKind	Expend	Other	Transfers
W	06/30/2018 - 07/06/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/07/2018 - 07/13/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/14/2018 - 07/20/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/21/2018 - 07/27/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/28/2018 - 08/03/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/04/2018 - 08/10/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/11/2018 - 08/23/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/24/2018 - 08/24/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/25/2018 - 08/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/01/2018 - 09/07/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/08/2018 - 09/14/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	09/15/2018 - 09/21/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	09/22/2018 - 09/28/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	09/29/2018 - 10/05/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/06/2018 - 10/12/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/13/2018 - 10/19/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/20/2018 - 10/26/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/27/2018 - 10/27/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/28/2018 - 10/28/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/29/2018 - 10/29/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/30/2018 - 10/30/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/31/2018 - 10/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/20/2018 - 11/01/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	11/02/2018 - 11/30/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	12/01/2018 - 12/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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w	01/01/2019 - 01/31/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	02/01/2019 - 02/28/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	03/01/2019 - 03/31/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	04/01/2019 - 04/30/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	05/01/2019 - 05/31/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	06/01/2019 - 06/30/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	07/01/2019 - 07/31/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	08/01/2019 - 08/31/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	753.50	0.00	0.00
W	09/01/2019 - 09/30/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/01/2019 - 10/31/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/01/2019 - 11/30/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/01/2019 - 12/31/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2020 - 01/31/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	02/01/2020 - 02/29/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	03/01/2020 - 03/31/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	04/01/2020 - 04/30/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	05/01/2020 - 05/31/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	06/01/2020 - 06/12/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	06/13/2020 - 06/19/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	06/20/2020 - 06/26/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	06/27/2020 - 07/03/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	07/04/2020 - 07/10/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	07/11/2020 - 07/17/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	07/18/2020 - 07/24/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	07/25/2020 - 07/31/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	08/01/2020 - 08/13/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	08/14/2020 - 08/14/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	08/15/2020 - 08/21/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	08/22/2020 - 08/28/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	08/29/2020 - 09/04/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	09/05/2020 - 09/11/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	09/12/2020 - 09/18/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	09/19/2020 - 09/25/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	09/26/2020 - 10/02/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
w	10/03/2020 - 10/09/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
$\overline{\mathbf{w}}$	10/10/2020 - 10/16/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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8/29/22, 11:30 AM Campaign Finance Activity - Division of Elections - Florida Department of State

W	10/17/2020 - 10/23/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/24/2020 - 10/24/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/25/2020 - 10/25/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/26/2020 - 10/26/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/27/2020 - 10/27/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/28/2020 - 10/28/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/17/2020 - 10/29/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/30/2020 - 10/31/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	All Dates (Totals)	0.00	0.00	0.00	753.50	0.00	0.00

Note: (E) indicates that report was filed electronically

X Indicates that detail has not been released

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

Select Detail Type

Select Sort Order

Select Output Type

Submit Query Now

Date(Ascending)

Query the Campaign Finance Data Base

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

April 06, 2021

Eric Lipman, General Counsel Eric Lipman 107 W. Gaines St Collins Building Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399

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

Case name: RE FEC 21067

Agency reference number: FEC21067 Bank reference number: 24983485

Dear Eric Lipman

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

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

What you need to do

* Send us the following information

Unable to provide any information for Florida Public Safety Association and Daniel P. Diaz with address 43 South Powerline Road 262 Pompano Beach FL 33069.

* Mail to:

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

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

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Santina Moore

Santina Moore Operations Manager Summons and Subpoenas Department

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

Case No.: FEC 21-381

Respondent: Florida Public Safety Association

Complainant: Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** January 4, 2022 @ 3:45 pm

Name: Daniel Diaz—Chairman

Phone #: (954) 834-3429

Summary: I attempted telephone contact to discuss complaint allegations. I left a

message to return my call.

Entered by: CKO

2. **Date and time:** January 20, 2022 @ 11:30 am

Name: Daniel Diaz—Chairman

Phone #: (954) 834-3429

Summary: I attempted telephone contact to complete final interview. I left a message to

return my call. **Entered by:** CKO

3. **Date and time:** January 24, 2022 @ 12:35 pm

Name: Daniel Diaz—Chairman

Phone #: (954) 834-3429

Summary: I attempted telephone contact to complete final interview. I left a message to

return my call. **Entered by:** CKO

4. **Date and time:** August 29, 2022 @ 11:10 am

Name: Daniel Diaz—Chairman

Phone #: (954) 834-3429

Summary: I attempted telephone contact to complete final interview. I left a message on

Google Messaging. **Entered by:** CKO

5. **Date and time:**

Name: Phone #: Summary: Entered by:

6. **Date and time:**

Name: Phone #: Summary: Entered by: 7. **Date and time:**

Name:

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Summary:

Entered by:

8. **Date and time:**

Name:

Phone #:

Summary:

Entered by:

9. **Date and time:**

Name:

Phone #:

Summary:

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RESPONDENT INTERVIEW MEMO – Call details at #[LOG NUMBER]

Type and ask your case specific question(s) first, then ask the remaining questions.

- Have you filed the 2021 M4 Report?
- Did you have any financial activity during the 2021 M4 reporting period?
- Have you ever run for public office? If so, please name each office you ran for and state what year each election occurred.
- Have you ever been appointed to act as a campaign treasurer for a candidate? If so, please name each such candidate, the office each ran for, and state what year each election occurred.
- Have you ever held the office of chairperson, treasurer, or other similar position for a political committee or electioneering communications organization? If so, please name each committee, state the office you held for each, and state when you held each office.
- Have you ever prepared or signed a campaign treasurer's report? If so, please state the name of the candidate or committee whose report you prepared or signed.
- What action have you taken to determine your responsibilities under Florida's election laws?
- Do you possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- Do you possess a copy of the *Political Committee Handbook*? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- If a section of Chapter 104 is listed in the LS letter, ask: Do you possess a copy of Chapter 104, Florida Statutes? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- Did you receive any other materials from your filing officer? If so, please describe them.
- Do you have anything else to add for the Commission's consideration regarding the charges specified in the letter of legal sufficiency in this case?



Florida Elections Commission

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April 11, 2022

Daniele P. Diaz, Chair Florida Public Safety Association 43 South Pompano Parkway, # 262 Pompano Beach, FL 33069

RE: Case No.: FEC 21-381; Respondent: Florida Public Safety Association

Dear Mr. Diaz:

On June 30, 2021, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that your committee violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violations:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee formerly registered with the Division of Elections, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2021 M4 reporting period.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee formerly registered with the Division of Elections, may have falsely reported, or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, during the 2021 M4 reporting period.

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to you at the above address. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will prepare and present a written Staff Recommendation (SR) to the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to charge you, the Respondent, with violating Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You will have an opportunity to respond to both the ROI and the SR. The Commission will then hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violations occurred and, if so, the amount of the fine to be imposed upon your committee. Notice will be mailed to you and the Complainant at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(i)3., Florida Statutes, the Commission may enter into a consent agreement with a Respondent to settle a complaint prior to a finding of probable cause. If you are

Daniele P. Diaz, Chair April 11, 2022 Page 2 FEC 21-381

interested in entering negotiations directed towards reaching a consent agreement to resolve this matter, please contact the Commission and request to speak with the attorney assigned to this case.

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

Pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, complaints, investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, are confidential until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause, unless the Respondent files a written waiver of confidentiality with the Commission. The confidentiality provision does not apply to the Complainant or the Respondent.

Should you retain counsel, your attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Commission before any member of the commission staff can discuss this case with him or her.

For additional information, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Commission's website.

If you have additional questions, please contact **Cedric Oliver**, the investigator assigned to this case, by phone at (850) 922-4539 or by email at Cedric Oliver@myfloridalegal.com.

Sincerely,

Tim Vaccaro Executive Director

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

To FEC from Division of Elections

Name: Florida Public Safety Association

Account Number: 73663

Chairperson:Daniel P. DiazTreasurer:Daniel P. DiazRegistered Agent:Daniel P. Diaz

The Division of Elections hereby provides this notice to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to sections 106.07(8)(d), 106.22(7), and 106.25(2), Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, has occurred based upon the failure to file a report after notice or failure to file a notification to the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date as required by section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes.

The following report is outstanding after notification: 2021 M4

- Florida Public Safety Association (73663) is a political committee registered with the Division of Elections. On July 2, 2018, the committee filed the DSDE 5 and DSDE 6 with the Division indicating that Daniel P. Diaz was the chairperson.
- The 2021 M4 campaign treasurer's report was due on May 10, 2021.
 On May 11, 2021, the Division mailed Florida Public Safety Association notification that the 2021 M4 campaign treasurer's report had not been filed.
- On June 1, 2021, the Division mailed Florida Public Safety Association notification that the 2021 M4 campaign treasurer's report had not been filed.
- On June 11, 2021, the Division mailed Florida Public Safety Association final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2021 M4 report had not been filed. (See attached letter and delivery confirmation.)
- The committee did not notify the Division of Elections prior to or on the prescribed reporting date for the 2021 M4 report that no report was to be filed.
- As of June 29, 2021, Florida Public Safety Association has not filed the 2021 M4 report.

Sent By: Donna S. Brown

Date: June 29, 2021

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

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June 11, 2021

Daniel P. Diaz, Chairperson Florida Public Safety Association 43 South Powerline Road #262 Pompano Beach, FL 33069-3069

PAC 73663

Dear Mr. Diaz:

A recent review of the Division's records show that the Division has not yet received the below-referenced campaign treasurer's report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable, during the following cover period:

Year	Report	Cover Period
2021	M4	4/1/21 - 4/30/21

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

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

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

Sincerely.

Donna S. Brown, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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