

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Animal Power Party

Case No.: FEC 16-288

TO: Animal Power Party
Rita Schwartz, Chair
8845 SW 132nd Street
Miami, FL 33176

Carolina D. Lopez, Deputy SOE
Miami-Dade County SOE
2700 NW 87 Avenue
Doral, FL 33172

NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

See further instructions on the reverse side.

Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
November 1, 2016

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
CASE REPORT**

Case Number: FEC 16-288

NAME: **ANIMAL POWER PARTY PAC**

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 8/1/16

DATE REPORT DUE: 7/1/16 (2016 P1)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 7/5/16

DATE FILING OFFICER RECEIVED REPORT: 7/5/16

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 4

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$370.64

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$0

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$1,482.57

DATE FIRST NOTIFICATION WAS SENT: 7/7/16

CANDIDATE []	STATE []
PC [X]	DISTRICT []
CCE []	COUNTY [X]
POLITICAL PARTY []	CITY []
ECO []	

SUMMARY: Animal Power Party PAC is a political committee (PC) registered in the county of Miami-Dade, Florida. The PC's chair is Ms. Rita Schwartz and its treasurer is Ms. Sharon F. Shaw.

The PC is appealing the fine claiming that unusual circumstances existed that caused the 2016 P1 Report to be untimely filed. According to Ms. Schwartz, "Apparently the notice that the reporting window had narrowed to three weeks was not sent. How convenient. After eight months of PERFECT timely and completed reports, we are being fined. Our June 2016 report was filed, for the entire month of June (even though they were asking for only three weeks) on July 5th. Obviously this wasn't intentional and our integrity to be timely is proven by the perfect preceding periods. In reading the State Statutes, 106.07, Section 1, letter b, which I did read, it states that political committees must file (you assume from reading this) as we had been doing, until the 60th day before the election, and they you file reports every two weeks. Our supposedly late June report actually is on time according to the law...When I asked the local elections department to explain the discrepancy, they couldn't. They said look at the calendar. **I said, look at the statute.** It clearly says everything is the same until 60 days before. Our next report did exactly that. We submitted a complete June report and we also filed the June 24th through July 7th on time. You would hope that the election department, that so kindly sent notices all of those months, would have taken extraordinary care to alert the candidates and political committees that a change was happening. Instead that one key month, NOTHING. Based on the reading of the state statute, we ask you to dismiss this fine, and that you clarify the discrepancy between the calendar and the actual state law."

- The 2016 P1 Report covers the time period from 6/1/16 through 6/24/16.
- The PC reported receiving 0 contributions, while making 5 expenditures during this reporting period
- The Filing Officer also sent this PC a failure-to-file email on 7/6/16 regarding the 2016 P1 Report.

PRIOR CASES: This PC has no prior cases with the Commission.

July 23, 2016

Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street
Collins Building Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

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STATE OF FLORIDA
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Dear Elections Commission,

We are writing to appeal the fine imposed on the Animal Power Party Political Committee. Apparently, the 16P1 was filed a few days too late.

On November 1st, we received an email from the Dade County elections department stating our report for October 2015 was due. We sent it on time and perfectly completed.

On December 1st, we received an email from the Dade County elections department stating our report for November 2015 was due. We sent it on time and perfectly completed.

On January 1st, we received an email from the Dade County elections department stating our report for December 2015 was due. We sent it on time and perfectly completed.

On February 1st we received an email from the Dade County elections department stating our report for January 2106 was due. We sent it on time and perfectly completed.

On March 1st, we received an email from the Dade County elections department stating our report for February 2016 was due. We sent it on time and perfectly completed.

On April 1st, we received an email from the Dade County elections department stating our report for March 2016 was due. We sent it on time and perfectly completed.

On May 2016 we received an email from the Dade County elections department stating our report for April was due. We sent it on time and perfectly completed.

On June 1st, we received an email from the Dade County elections department stating our report for May 2016 was due. We sent it on time and perfectly completed.

THEN.....On July 1st we received an email from Dade County elections department stating WE WERE LATE!! What!!!!

Apparently the notice that the reporting window had narrowed to three weeks was not sent. How convenient. After eight months of PERFECT timely and completed reports, we are being fined. Our June 2016 report was filed, for the entire month of June (even though they were asking for only three weeks) on July 5th. Obviously this wasn't intentional and our integrity to be timely is proven by the perfect preceding periods.

Page two

In reading the State Statutes, 106.07, Section 1, letter b, which I did read, it states that political committees must file (you assume from reading this) as we had been doing, until the 60th day before the election, and then you file reports every two weeks. Our supposedly late June report actually is on time according to the law.

(b) Any other candidate or a political committee required to file reports with a filing officer other than the division must file reports on the 60th day immediately preceding the primary election, and biweekly on each Friday thereafter through and including the 4th day immediately preceding the general election, with additional reports due on the 25th and 11th days before the primary election and the general election.

When I asked the local elections department to explain the discrepancy, they couldn't. They said look at the calendar. I said, look at the statute. It clearly says everything is the same until 60 days before. Our next report did exactly that. We submitted a complete June report and we also filed the June 24th through July 7th on time.

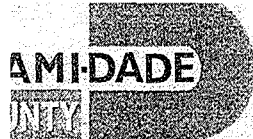
You would hope that the election department, that so kindly sent out notices all of those months, would have taken extraordinary care to alert the candidates and political committees that a change was happening. Instead, that one key month, NOTHING.

Based on the reading of the state statute, we ask you to dismiss this fine, and that you clarify the discrepancy between the calendar and the actual state law.

Sincerely,



Rita Schwartz
Chairperson Animal Power Party
8845 S.W. 132nd Street
Miami, FL
305 439 3571



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July 7, 2016

Ms. Rita Schwartz
8845 SW 132nd Street
Miami, FL 33176

Elections
2700 NW 87th Avenue
Miami, Florida 33172
T 305-499-8683 F 305-499-8547
TTY 305-499-8480

NOTICE OF LATE FILING – FINE DUE – \$370.64
Animal Power Party PAC
16P1 Campaign Treasurer's Report
Due Date: 7/1/2016
Period Covered: 6/1/2016 – 6/24/2016

Dear Ms. Schwartz,

The 16P1 Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with our office was submitted on 7/5/2016. Since this report was not filed by the appropriate filing date, a fine is being assessed for each late day pursuant to Florida Statute 106.07(8)(b).

As such, fines are calculated at a rate of \$50.00 per day for the first 3 days and thereafter, \$500.00 per day for each late day. These fines are not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. Therefore, since the report was 4 days late, the fine is \$370.64, which is 25% of your total expenditures of \$1,482.57. Said fine must be received by our office at 2700 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, FL 33172 within twenty (20) days of your receipt of this notice. The check should be made payable to Miami-Dade County.

Florida Statute 106.07(8)(b) goes on to say that the fine may be appealed or disputed based upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file by the designated due date. A hearing before the Florida Elections Commission may be requested, which shall have the authority to waive the fine in part or whole. Any such request must be submitted in writing and must be received by the Florida Elections Commission within 20 days of your receipt of this notice. To request an appeal, please write to the Florida Elections Commission, 107 West Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050. Our office must also be notified of the intent to bring this matter before the Commission.

I urge you to promptly resolve this matter. If not, in accordance with Florida Statute 106.07(8)(d), we will be required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of this late filing and failure to pay the imposed fine.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Candidate Services Unit at 305-499-8410.

Sincerely,

Carolina D. Lopez
Deputy Supervisor of Elections
Miami-Dade Elections Department

7/09 7/22

C: Sharon F. Shaw, Treasurer

Certified No: 7008 1830 0003 9580 0255

Enclosure

2016 16:42:32 +0000 ----

To: "info@upscalefurnituregallery.com"
<info@upscalefurnituregallery.com>

Subject: Failure to File 16P1 Report Due 07/01/16

Good Afternoon,

Our records indicate that we have not received your 16P1 Report that was due on 07/01/16 and which covers any campaign finance activity from 06/01/16 to 06/24/16.

Please note that, per state law, you are incurring late fines for each day that the report is filed after the deadline. The fines are set at \$50 per day for the first three days late and \$500 for each late day thereafter.

If you recently submitted your report, please disregard this notice. This is simply a courtesy email.

Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact the Candidate Services Unit via email at campaigns@miamidade.gov or via telephone at 305-499-8410.

Regards,
Miami-Dade Elections Department
Government Affairs and Media Relations Division
Campaign Services Unit
Office: 305-499-8410
campaigns@miamidade.gov
www.miamidade.gov
"Delivering Excellence Every Day"



Documents for Animal Power Party

Innocent, Vanessa (Elections) to: Cedric Oliver

09/27/2016 04:55 PM

Cc: "Lopez, Carolina D. (Elections)", "Suarez, Vivian (Elections)",
"Herrera, Barbara (Elections)"

8 attachments



Filing Documents-11-04-15.pdf 11-05-15 Acknowledgement Letter Mailed.pdf 2016 Reporting Schedule email.pdf



Updated Filing Documents - DS-DE 6 and DS-DE 5 - 03.07.16 - web.pdf



E-Blast Reminders - Animal Power Party 2015 - 2016.pdf 16P1.pdf 16P1 Fine Due Mailed 07-07-2016.pdf



MiscInf List.pdf

Good afternoon Cedric,

Per our conversation, attached please find the following documents for the Animal Power Party PC to assist you with your analysis for the appeal of the fine we imposed for the 16P1 Report which was submitted after the deadline:

- Filing documents – 11/04/2015
- Acknowledgement letter – 11/05/2015
- Email about 2016 reporting schedule – 12/28/2016 *(this email includes a link to the reporting schedule available on our website)*
- Updated Filing documents – 03/07/2016
- Courtesy reminder emails sent prior to report due date *(each email includes a link to the reporting schedule available on our website)*
- Failure to file email for 16P1 Report – 07/06/2016
- 16P1 Report – 07/05/2016
- Fine letter for 16P1 Report – 07/7/2016
- Miscellaneous notes

Should you need any other information, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Innocent
Elections Department
(305) 499-8342
www.miamidade.gov

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----- Message from "Campaign Financing VR (Elections)" <CMPNFIVR@miamidade.gov> on Tue, 5 Jul

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) (PAC) Animal Power Party

Name

(2) 8845 SW 132nd Street

Address (number and street)

Miami, FL 33176

City, State, Zip Code

☐ Check here if address has changed

OFFICE USE ONLY ONLINE SUBMISSION

[1111028]

Submitted on:

7/5/2016 16:09:30 (eastern)

(3) ID Number: 1458

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

☐ Candidate Office Sought: _____

☒ Political Committee (PC)

☐ Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO)

☐ Party Executive Committee (PTY)

☐ Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications)

☐ Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded

☐ Check here if PTY has disbanded

☐ Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 6 / 1 / 2016 To 6 / 24 / 2016 Report Type: 16P1

☒ Original

☐ Amendment

☐ Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, , 0 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 0 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 0 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, 1 , 482 . 57

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, 1 , 482 . 57

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$, 10 , 585 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$, 8 , 607 . 66

(11) Certification

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

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

(Type name)

☐ Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) ☐ Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

X

Signature

(Type name)

☐ Candidate ☐ Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X

Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name (PAC) Animal Power Party (2) I.D. Number 1458

6/1/2016

6/24/2016

(3) Cover Period / / through / / (4) Page 1 of 0

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
(6) Sequence Number		Type	Occupation				
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name (PAC) Animal Power Party

(2) I.D. Number 1458

(3) Cover Period 6/1/2016 through 6/24/2016

(4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
6/8/2016 / /	WELLS FARGO BANK, 13700 N KENDALL DR MIAMI, FL 33186	bank fees	MO		\$3.00
1					
6/14/2016 / /	FedEx, 8603 S Dixie Hwy #101 Miami, FL 33143	copies	MO		\$109.62
2					
6/14/2016 / /	Deutchman, David 9985 S.W. 118th Place Miami, FL 33186	graphic design & artwork	MO		\$45.00
3					
6/20/2016 / /	Symmetry Printing & Marketing, 6820 S.W. 81st Street Miami, FL 33143	printing	MO		\$1,267.95
4					
6/20/2016 / /	Constant Contact, 17 Battery Place New York, NY 10004	e-mailing services	MO		\$57.00
5					
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Access to Handbook and the
Election Laws of the State of Florida

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MIAMI-DADE
ELECTIONS

Candidate/Chairperson:

RITA

First Name

SCHWARTZ

Middle Name

Last Name

CHAIRPERSON

Office Sought / Organization

ANIMAL POWER PARTY

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to read, understand and follow the requirements described in the following resources available on the Miami-Dade County Elections Department Website:

- ☐ Candidate Qualifying Handbook (<http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/candidate.asp>)
Contains information on State Laws and Handbooks, the Election Laws of the State of Florida, County Laws and Handbooks, Qualifying Information, Electronic Reporting Dates and Procedures, Important Candidate Information, and Recent Legislative Changes.
- ☒ Political Committee Handbook (<http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/pacs.asp>)
Contains information on State Laws and Handbooks, the Election Laws of the State of Florida, County Laws and Handbooks, Electronic Reporting Dates and Procedures, Important Committee Information, and Recent Legislative Changes.

Acknowledged by:

Rita Schwartz

Candidate / Chairperson Signature

Date:

11-1-15

Primary Telephone Number:

305 439-3571

Alternate Telephone Number:

305 491-5651

E-mail address:

info@upscalefurnituregallery.com

**Campaign Treasurer's Report
Miami-Dade County Electronic Filing Requirements**

**MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY**

☐ Candidate (office sought): _____

Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number: _____

☒ Political Committee: Animal Power Party

☐ Party Executive Committee: _____

☐ Other: _____

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MIAMI-DADE
ELECTIONS

I, RITA SCHWARTZ
(Please print name of Candidate or Chairperson)

understand that Campaign Treasurer's Reports must be filed electronically via the Supervisor of Elections website by midnight of the day designated in order to comply with Miami-Dade County requirements. I also acknowledge that Sections 12-17 and 12-21 of the Code of Miami-Dade County regarding the filing of the campaign finance reports with the Supervisor of Elections were recently amended in that original signed hardcopies are no longer required.

I also understand that, in accordance with Section 12-14.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, candidates running for the Offices of Miami-Dade County Mayor, Commissioner, Property Appraiser, Clerk of the Circuit Courts, and Community Council must now file the Absentee Ballot Campaign Report (MD-ED 26) to disclose the names of paid campaign workers engaged in absentee ballot activities.

Lastly, I understand that Section 2.69(e) of the Code of Miami-Dade County requires that candidates for Property Appraiser also fill out the Miami-Dade county Contributing Entity (MD-ED 19) form for every reporting period if contributions are received from a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida or any other state or any foreign country of any partnership or any other legal entity other than a natural person.

Rita Schwartz 11-1-15
Signature of Candidate or Chairperson Date

Day Time Telephone Number: 305 439 3571

Alternate Contact Number: 305 491 5651

Email Address: info@upscale-furniture-gallery.com

This form must be filed with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository form is filed.



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2700 NW 87th Avenue
Miami, Florida 33172
T 305-499-8683 F 305-499-8547
TTY 305-499-8480

November 5, 2015

Ms. Rita Schwartz
Animal Power Party
8845 SW 132nd Street
Miami, FL 33176

Dear Ms. Schwartz,

Congratulations on organizing a new Political Committee (PAC) within Miami-Dade County.

To assist you with this process, you may refer to the Miami-Dade County Committee Handbook, which can be found on the Miami-Dade Elections Department website at www.miamidade.gov/elections/committee-info.asp. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with these resources, including the enclosed Calendar of Reporting Dates to ensure compliance with applicable laws. Please note that you have fulfilled all filing requirements to establish your political committee to support or oppose candidates or issues to be voted on in countywide elections only per Florida Statute 106.03(3)(b). However, supporting or opposing candidates or issues in other jurisdictions requires additional filings in accordance with Florida Statute 106.03(3)(b) and this filing, standing alone will be insufficient for those purposes. In lieu of filing in multiple jurisdictions, you may elect to file with the State of Florida Division of Elections.

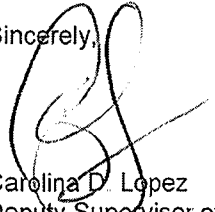
Per Sections 12-17 and 12-21 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, campaign finance reports must be submitted through the Miami-Dade Elections Department website at www.miamidade.gov/elections/campaignreports. To sign-in, please use ID Number "1458" and the default password is "password." When submitting your campaign reports, you will be required to use an electronic signature pin. Your temporary signature pin is "1234" and your campaign treasurer's signature pin is "5678". As a security measure, please consider updating the password once you have successfully logged in and resetting your pins to unique four digit signature pins.

Reports must be received no later than midnight of the day designated. Any report that is received electronically after the designated date will be considered late and shall be subject to a fine in accordance with Florida Statute 106.07. We are taking this opportunity to also provide you with a resource entitled "Guidelines to Successful Campaign Treasurer's Reports." Utilizing these tips will help reduce errors and the need for additional reporting on your end.

In accordance with the Florida Department of State Division of Election's Political Committee Handbook, in the event of dissolution, a committee must dispose of any residual funds when closing the committee. As such, the 'Total Monetary Contributions to Date' and the 'Total Monetary Expenditures To Date' must balance in the final report.

If you have any questions pertaining to this matter, please contact the Candidate Services Unit at 305-499-8410.

Sincerely,



Carolina D. Lopez
Deputy Supervisor of Elections
Miami-Dade Elections Department

Enclosures

C. Cheryl Taylor

**Calendar of Reporting Dates for 2016 Miami-Dade County Candidates, Political Committees,
Electioneering Communication Organizations, and Independent Expenditure Organizations**

Monthly Reports:

Reports shall be filed on the 10th day following the end of a calendar month from the time the campaign treasurer is appointed, except that if the 10th day following the end of a calendar month occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the report shall be filed on the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. [F.S. 106.07(1)]

Report	From	To	Due	Notes
15M12	12-01-15	12-31-15	01-11-16	Monthly Report for all Candidates and Committees
16M01	01-01-16	01-31-16	02-10-16	Monthly Report for all Candidates and Committees
16M02	02-01-16	02-29-16	03-10-16	Monthly Report for all Candidates and Committees
16M03	03-01-16	03-31-16	04-11-16	Monthly Report for all Candidates and Committees
16M04	04-01-16	04-30-16	05-10-16	Monthly Report for all Candidates and Committees
16M05	05-01-16	05-31-16	06-10-16	Monthly Report for all Candidates (except Judicial Candidates, see 16TQJ) and Committees

Reports Prior to the Primary and General Elections:

On the 60th day immediately preceding the primary election and biweekly on each Friday thereafter through and including the 4th day immediately preceding the general election, with additional reports due on the 25th and 11th day before the primary election and the general election. [F.S. 106.07(1)(b) & F.S. 106.0703 (1)(c)]

Prior to the Primary Election				
Report	From	To	Due	Notes
16P1	06-01-16	06-24-16	07-01-16	Report due on the 60 th day prior to the Primary Election
16P2	06-25-16	07-08-16	07-15-16	Report due on the 46 th day prior to the Primary Election
16P3	07-09-16	07-22-16	07-29-16	Report due on the 32 nd day prior to the Primary Election
16P4	07-23-16	07-29-16	08-05-16	Report due on the 25 th day prior to the Primary Election
16P5	07-30-16	08-05-16	08-12-16	Report due on the 18 th day prior to the Primary Election
16P6	08-06-16	08-12-16	08-19-16	Report due on the 11 th day prior to the Primary Election
16P7	08-13-16	08-25-16	08-26-16	Report due on the 4 th day prior to the Primary Election
16P7E	Account open date	08-25-16	08-26-16	Report due on the 4 th day prior to the Primary Election for Party Executive Committee Candidates who chose to open a Campaign Account

Prior to the General Election				
Report	From	To	Due	Notes
16G1	08-26-16	09-02-16	09-09-16	Report due on the 60 th day prior to the General Election
16G2	09-03-16	09-16-16	09-23-16	Report due on the 46 th day prior to the General Election
16G3	09-17-16	09-30-16	10-07-16	Report due on the 32 nd day prior to the General Election
16G4	10-01-16	10-07-16	10-14-16	Report due on the 25 th day prior to the General Election
16G5	10-08-16	10-14-16	10-21-16	Report due on the 18 th day prior to the General Election
16G6	10-15-16	10-21-16	10-28-16	Report due on the 11 th day prior to the General Election
16G7	10-22-16	11-03-16	11-04-16	Report due on the 4 th day prior to the General Election

Termination Reports (only applies to Candidates):

Within 90 days after having withdrawn, become unopposed, been eliminated or elected to office, each candidate shall dispose of all funds in the campaign account and file a termination report. [F.S. 106.141(1)]

Report	From	To	Due	Notes
16TQJ	05-01-16	08-04-16	08-04-16	For candidates whose qualifying ended 05-06-16 and whose name will not appear on the ballot
16TQC	06-01-16	09-19-16	09-19-16	For candidates whose qualifying ended 06-21-16 and whose name will not appear on the ballot
16TQS	06-01-16	09-22-16	09-22-16	For candidates whose qualifying ended 06-24-16 and whose name will not appear on the ballot
16TRF	08-26-16	11-28-16	11-28-16	For candidates who appear on Primary Election and will not appear on General Election ballot
16TRG	11-04-16	02-06-17	02-06-17	For candidates who appear on General Election ballot

Monthly Reports (only applies to Political Committees, Electioneering Communication Organizations, and Independent Expenditure Organizations):

Reports shall be filed on the 10th day following the end of a calendar month, except that if the 10th day following the end of a calendar month occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the report shall be filed on the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. [F.S. 106.07(1) & F.S. 106.0703(1)(a)]

Report	From	To	Due	Notes
16M11	11-04-16	11-30-16	12-12-16	Monthly Report for Committees
16M12	12-01-16	12-31-16	01-10-17	Monthly Report for Committees

Additional Information:

Campaign Treasurer's Reports must be filed with the Miami-Dade Supervisor of Elections online at <http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/campaignreports>. Online submissions must be received no later than midnight of the day designated, per F.S. 106.0705(3). Reports not filed by midnight of the day designated are late and are subject to a fine in accordance with F.S. 106.07(8)(b).

You may view the Miami-Dade County Candidate Qualifying Handbook online at <http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/candidate-qualifying-handbook.asp> and the Political Committee Handbook at <http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/committee-handbook.asp> for additional information. You may also contact the Candidate Services Unit by telephone at 305-499-8410 or email at campaigns@miamidade.gov.

From: Campaign Financing VR (Elections)
To: info@upscalefurnituregallery.com
Subject: 2016 Reporting Schedule
Date: Monday, December 28, 2015 4:36:00 PM

Good afternoon,

This is to inform you that the 2016 Calendar of Reporting Dates for Miami-Dade County Political Committees, Electioneering Communication Organizations, and Independent Expenditure Organizations is available on our website at:

<http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/library/qualifying-handbook/reporting-dates.pdf>.

As you know, campaign finance reports must be submitted electronically through the Miami-Dade Elections website at www.miamidade.gov/elections/campaignreports no later than midnight of the day designated to avoid late filing fees in accordance with Florida Statute 106.07. Please keep in mind that the pin numbers for both the Chairperson and the Treasurer must be entered prior to submitting the electronic report successfully.

For guidelines to successful Campaign Treasurer's Reports, and other important information, you may refer to the Committee Handbook online at

<http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/committee-handbook.asp>.

Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact the Candidate Services Unit at 305-499-8410 or via email at campaigns@miamidade.gov.

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Miscellaneous Information

1458 Animal Power Party

ConvDate: EmpName: Conversation:

9218 7/18/2016 Barbara Herrera I spoke to Mr. Michael Rosenberg who called in reference to the late filing of the 16P1 report and the subsequent fine for the Animal Power Party. Mr. Rosenberg was disconcerted at having to pay the fine in light of him not having received a reminder e-mail. However, I informed Mr. Rosenberg that reminder e-mails are simply courtesy e-mails sent to candidates and chairpersons. Moreover, I stated that the responsibility of knowing the reporting schedule lies with the individual organization or candidate. For their convenience, this information is available online under the 2016 Calendar of Reporting Dates. Additionally, this information was sent to all candidates and organizations at the end of December 2015. Mr. Rosenberg further questioned whether the Primary reporting dates were consistent with statutory requirements. I informed him that, since I am not an attorney, I cannot give legal advice or interpret statute. However, I did inform him that the County follows the reporting requirements of the State and referred him to the Florida Division of Elections telephone number (850-245-6200) as they can best assist him with interpreting statutory requirements. I expressed to Mr. Rosenberg that I understand his frustration as no one enjoys being fined and that we are here to assist him in any manner that we can in order to prevent this from occurring again in the future. Lastly, Mr. Rosenberg inquired about the number of candidates/organizations that were late to file the P1 report and I suggested that he make a public records request for this information at records.request@miamidade.gov and that, again, we will gladly assist him in any way we can.

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ConvDate: EmpName: Conversation:

9222 7/7/2016 Vanessa Innocent Mr. Rosenberg called regarding the P1 failure to file email. He was very upset b/c he did not get a reminder email as he usually does. I explained that the reminder emails are simply a courtesy that we extend to Candidates & Committees and that Candidates/Committees were responsible for following the reporting schedule provided to them with the acknowledgement letter & which is also on our website; I also pointed out that in the reminder emails that we send out there is a reference to check our website for future reporting dates. He said that he felt we purposely decided to change the reporting schedule & not send the reminder email because this was an easy & convenient way for us to make money. I explained that we did not "change" the reporting schedule, it is the same that we sent him via email back in December & it has been posted on our website since December; furthermore the fine calculation is not an internal rule, we are following State statutes with regards to the reporting dates and the late filing fees. He said he was certain it was done on purpose and he was curious to know how many people were actually aware of that new deadline. I assured him that the vast majority of the candidates/PC did file by the deadline. He said he wanted to appeal the fine. I explained to him that he would have 20 days from the time he receives our fine notice to appeal with the FEC. He said he was going to call them right away. I explained to him that we have not yet prepared the letter & that he would need to do the appeal in writing based on the letter we send him but he still wanted to call to appeal so I gave him the number to the FEC as well as their mailing address. He asked me when the next report was due; I told him. Also, before hanging up, I pointed him on where to find the reporting schedule on our website. Shortly after our conversation, Mr. Rosenberg called me back & left me a message with Barbara stating that he called the FEC & then referred him back to us. He left a call back #: 305-439-3571.