STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Berekia LaFaille		Case No.: FEC 20-202		
		/		
TO:	Berekia LaFaille	Teresa Jones		
	PO Box 110491	City of Palm Bay		
	Palm Bay, FL 32907	120 Malabar Road SE		
	·	Palm Bay, FL 32907-3009		

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on February 23, 2021 at 8:30 am, EST, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard.

Please note that because of COVID-19, this will be a virtual meeting conducted by remote video or teleconference. Enclosed you will find additional details on joining the video conference via GoToWebinar, 9-Digit Webinar ID 627-359-707, or via teleconference by dialing (877) 309-2071 and entering the meeting access code 324-720-215, when prompted. If you wish to speak before the Commission, you will need to appear by webcam and will be sworn in remotely. Please be advised that the Commission will consider multiple cases, so you will need to wait until your case is considered. If you have any questions, please contact Commission staff at (850) 922-4539.

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 motions to dismiss 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 motions to dismiss 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. 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.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission February 2, 2021 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 **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

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



Commission Meeting February 23, 2021 at 8:30AM via GoToWebinar and OpenVoice

In order to participate in the public portion of the February 23, 2021, Florida Elections Commission meeting, please follow the instructions below:

- A. GoToWebinar Remote Video Conferencing
 - 1. Open your web browser and search GoToWebinar or enter www.gotowebinar.com
 - 2. Select Join A Webinar in the upper right corner of the website
 - 3. Enter the 9-digit Webinar ID: 627-359-707 And your email address
 - 4. Register your name and email address
 - 5. You will automatically join to the meeting as an attendee. Attendees are muted and can choose to their webcam.
- B. OpenVoice Teleconference
 - 1. Call 1-877-309-2071
 - 2. Enter Audio Access Code 324-720-215
 - 3. You will automatically join the meeting as an attendee. Attendees are muted.

While this is a public meeting and advanced registration is not mandatory, we ask that if you plan to attend via Video Conference or Teleconference, that you notify our office in advance. This will give the Commission the opportunity to organize the agenda as efficiently as possible. It will be the goal of the Commission to hear cases in which parties are present, first, in order to reduce the standby time of the parties in attendance.

You can call or email our office of your intent to participate or of any questions you may have regarding this meeting. Please provide the case number(s) of interest, when contacting our office.

Thank you,

Commission Staff

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

CASE REPORT

Case Number: FEC-20-202

CANDIDATE [X]

POLITICAL PARTY []

PC []

CCE []

STATE []

DISTRICT []

COUNTY []

CITY [X]

NAME: BEREKIA LAFAILLE

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 07/08/2020

DATE REPORT DUE: 06/19/2020 (2020 P1)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 06/23/2020

DATE FILING OFFICER RECEIVED REPORT: 06/23/2020

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 4

AMOUNT OF FINE:\$41.43

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$0

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$165.73

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 06/22/2020 (Failure to File Ltr)

SUMMARY: Berekia LaFaille was a candidate for Palm Bay City Council, Seat 2 in the 2020 elections. Guerline Jean was her treasurer.

Berekia LaFaille is appealing the fine claiming that they filed a "Campaign Loan DS 73" form on June 17, 2020 to report her payment of the filing fee. According to Ms. LaFaille, they usually receive an email from the Deputy Agency Clerk, Terri Lefler, stating that the report was approved or rejected. She states that she did not receive a confirmation and did not receive notice of the late report until June 22nd. Ms. LaFaille also notes that they spoke to the City Clerk on June 23, 2020 and was told there was a possible glitch in the system regarding email confirmations.

- The 2020 P1 Original Report covers the period from 06/01/20-06/12/20; it was due on 06/19/20.
- The 2020 P1 Original Report shows that it was created filed on 06/23/20.
- Berekia LaFaille reported receiving zero contributions, while making 1 expenditure.
- The City of Palm Bay Clerk's office provided a statement with attachments regarding Ms. LaFaille's appeal of the 2020 P1 report. Based on statements from the Clerk's office, Ms. LaFaille submitted the report on the incorrect form on 06/17/2020. Per the Clerks notes, the form DS-DE 73A, campaign loan report, is for Elected officials only.

PRIOR CASES: None.

To Whom it may concern

My name is Berekia LaFaille. I am candidate running for Palm bay Fl, city council seat 2. I am requesting an appeal for a fine, which was assessed to me for the 2020 P1 campaign treasurer report . The report was due on June 19, 2020. On June 17th 2020 my treasure Gurline Jean, and I submitted a DS -73 campaign loan report. Due to the fact I had made a previous contribution to my campaign. In order to pay my filing fee. My Treasure, and I always received an email confirmation from the deputy city clerk, Terri Lefler. Stating if the form was approve, or rejected. This was the first time we did not receive a email confirmation of the status of my report. On June 22nd 2020 at 4:58 pm. My treasure, and I both received a email informing us. That our form was not submitted, and now I was being fined. I was very shocked. I then attempted to reached out Terri, and the legislative department. Unfortunately they the office was close already at 5:00 pm. On Tuesday June 23 2020, my treasure and I went to the legislative office. We had spoken with the city clerk. Terese M. Jones. She informed us that there could have been a glitch in their system, that is a good possibility why we had never received an email confirmation of the status on our submitted report. Not to mention the fact that five other candidates were affected by this error as well. Remind you in the past we had always revived a email confirmation, if it was reject or approved . We did not received the proper response on a timely matter.

B. Cafaille



June 22, 2020

Ms. Guerline Jean, Campaign Treasurer 2002 Snapdragon Drive, NE Palm Bay, FL 32907

CERTIFIED/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED 7017 0530 0000 9719 3383

RE: City Council Seat 2 - Campaign Treasurer's Report, 2020 P1

Dear Ms. Jean:

Your campaign treasurer's report (2020 P1), which was due Friday, June 19, 2020, has not been received.

Pursuant to Section 106.07(8)(b), Florida Statutes, a fine is to be assessed of \$50 per day for the first three (3) days late and thereafter, \$500 per day. However, fines cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Once your report is filed, this office will notify you of the specific amount of your fine. Your report is required to be filed within seven (7) days from receipt of this letter. Please disregard this notice if you have filed your report prior to receiving this this letter.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at 321-952-3414.

Sincerely,

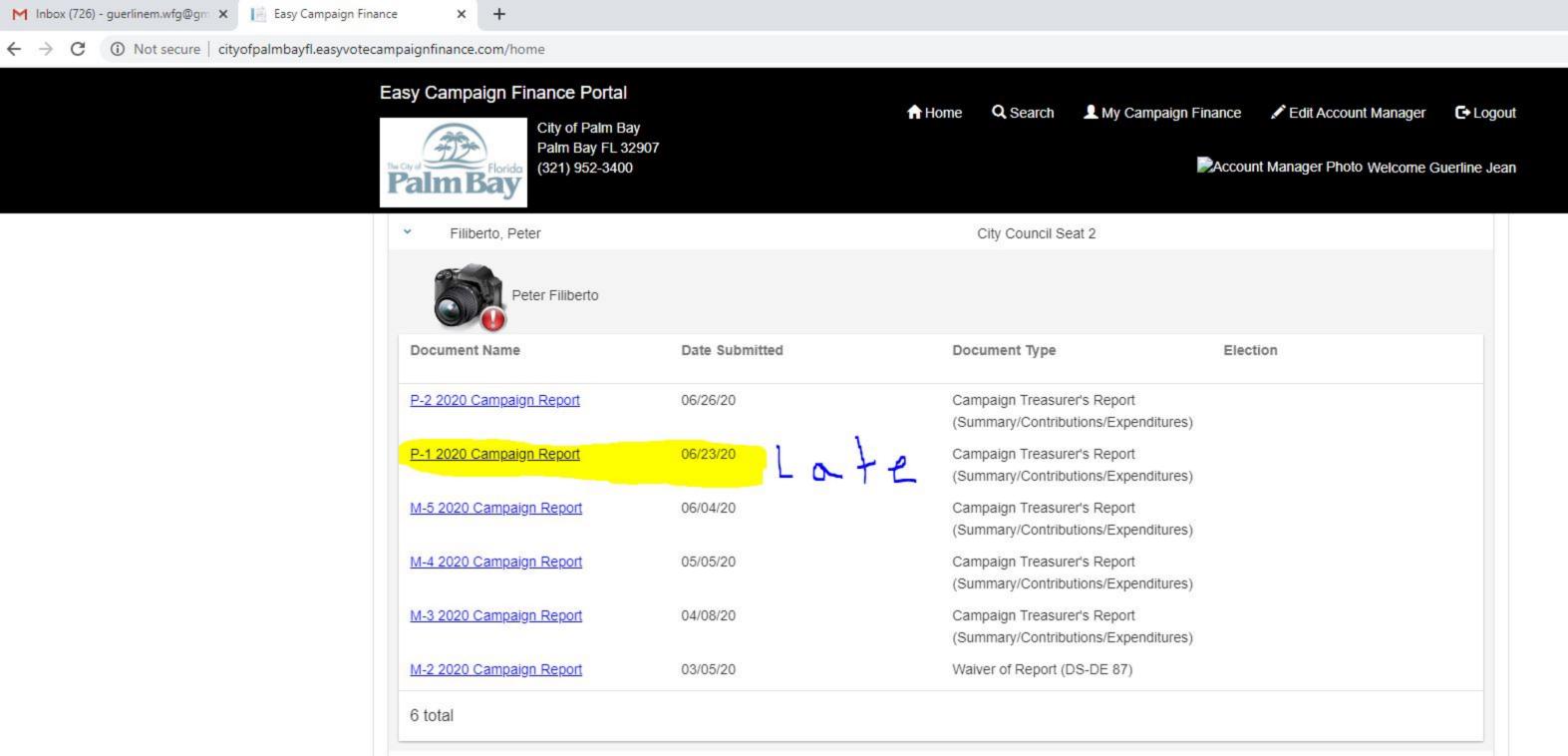
CITY OF PALM BAY

For Terese M. Jones, CMC

City Clerk

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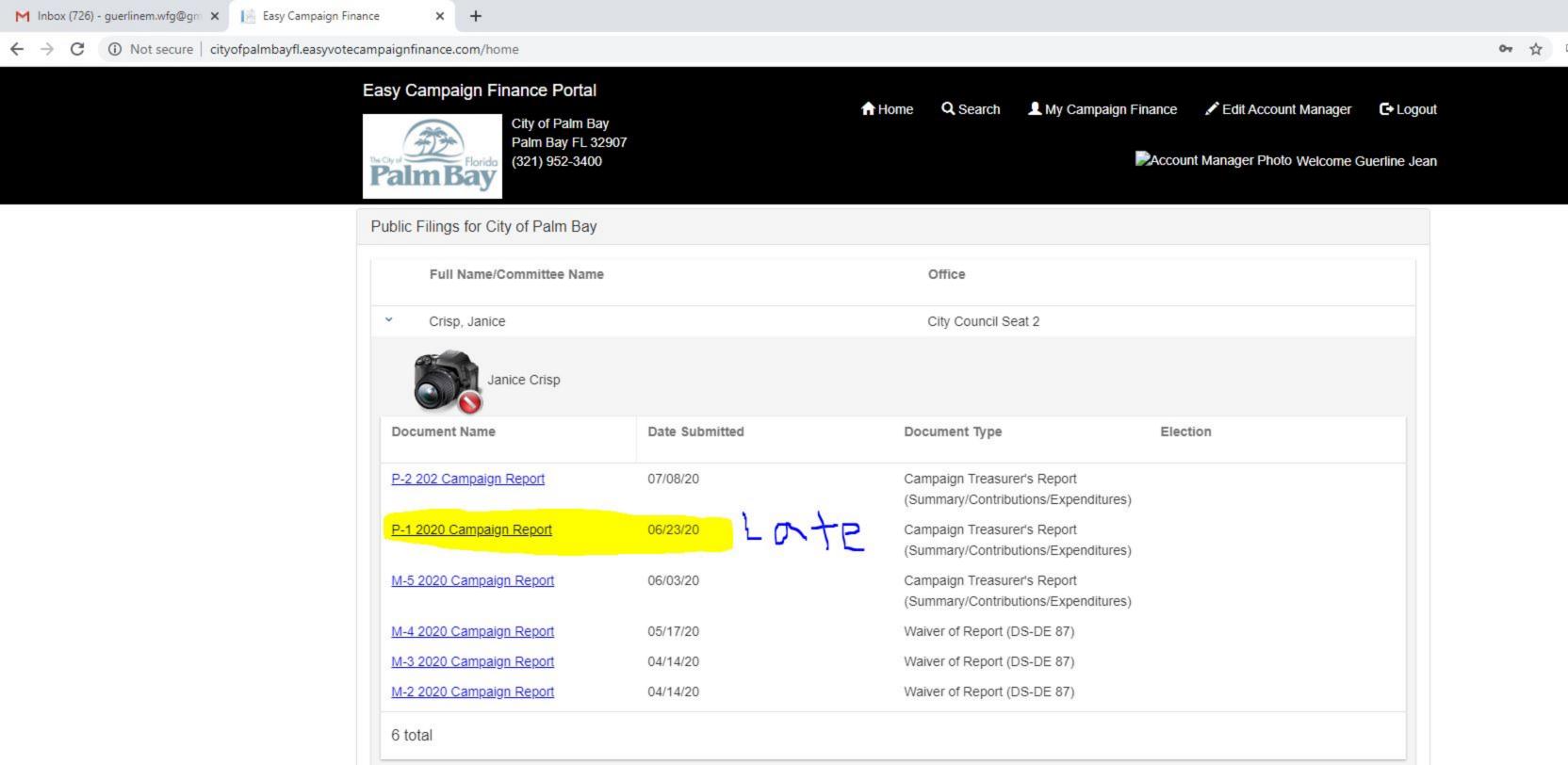
cc: Berekia LaFaille, Candidate

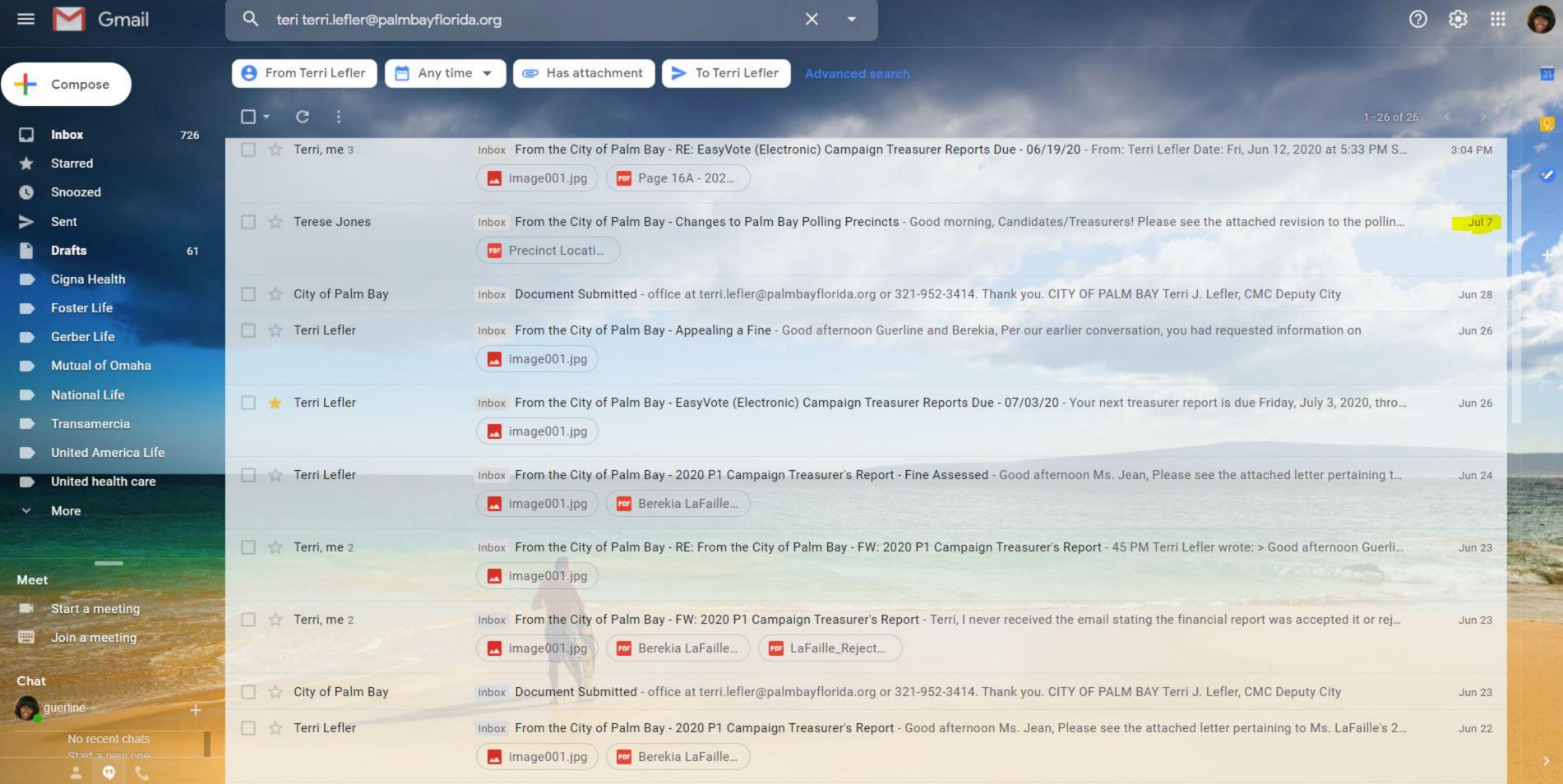


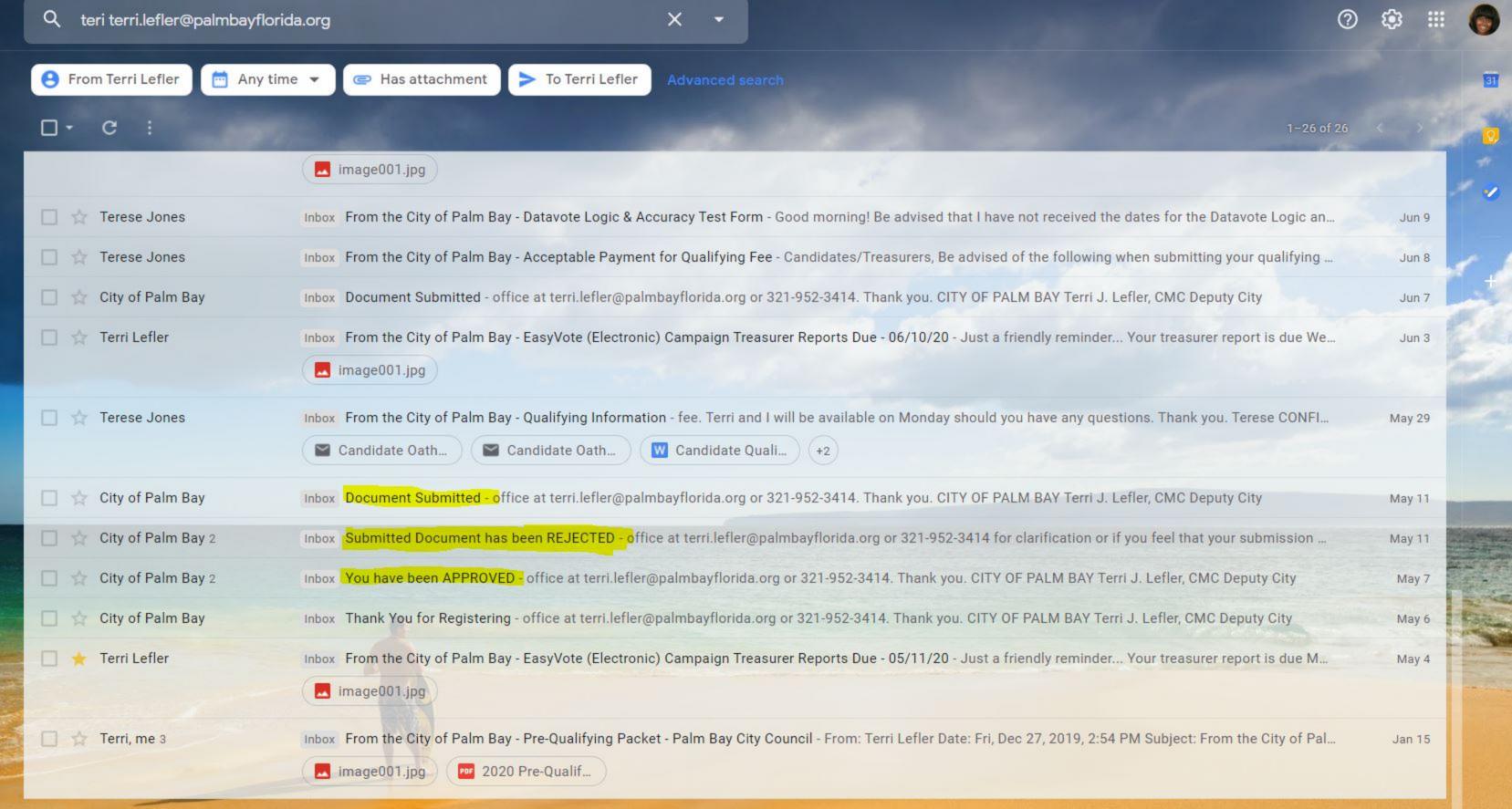


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Document Name	Date Submitted	Document Type	Election	
P-2 2020 Campaign Report	07/01/20	Campaign Treasurer's Report (Summary/Contributions/Expendi	tures)	
P-1 2020 Campaign Report	06/23/20	Campaign Treasurer's Report (Summary/Contributions/Expendi	tures)	
M-5 2020 Campaign Report	06/04/20	Campaign Treasurer's Report (Summary/Contributions/Expendi	tures)	
M-4 2020 Campaign Report	05/02/20	Waiver of Report (DS-DE 87)		
M-3 2020 Campaign Report	04/07/20	Waiver of Report (DS-DE 87)		
M-2 2020 Campaign Report	03/09/20	Campaign Treasurer's Report (Summary/Contributions/Expendi	tures)	













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Re: Appeal request Berekia Lafaille

Subject: Fw: Appeal request Berekia Lafaille

----- Forwarded by Donna Malphurs/OAG on 07/09/2020 11:07 AM -----

From: "guerline milien" < guerlinem.wfg@gmail.com >

To: fec@myfloridalegal.com Cc: berekialseat2@gmail.com Date: 07/08/2020 05:03 PM

Subject: Appeal request Berekia Lafaille

Good afternoon, Candidate Berekia Lafaille running for seat 2 Palm Bay city council. Is requesting an appeal for a fee fine she was charged. Her address is PO Box 110491 Palm Bay, FL 3290, Email <u>berekialseat2@gmail.com</u> she can be reached at (321) 549-1498

Guerline Jean

Dedicated Licensed Professional Cell. (321)987-7546 Guerlinem.wfg@gmail.com

" To achieve what 1% of the world's population has (Financial Freedom), you must be willing to do what only 1% dare to do...Hard work and perseverance of highest order.

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June 24, 2020

Ms. Guerline Jean, Campaign Treasurer 2002 Snapdragon Drive, NE Palm Bay, FL 32907 CERTIFIED/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED 7017 0530 0000 9719 3338

RE: Palm Bay City Council Seat 2 - Campaign Treasurer's Report, 2020 P1

Dear Ms. Jean:

Your 2020 P1 campaign treasurer's report, which was due Friday, June 19, 2020, was not filed until June 23, 2020.

Pursuant to Section 106.07(8)(b), Florida Statutes, a fine of \$50 per day is to be assessed for the first three (3) days late and thereafter, \$500 per day. However, fines cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

A fine in the amount of \$41.43 is being assessed based on your expenditures and is to be paid to my office within 20 days after receipt of this letter. Fines are not allowable campaign expenditures and must be paid from <u>personal funds</u>. If paying by check, please make payment to the "City of Palm Bay".

Please be advised that my office is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission (FEC) if the fine is not paid within the time frame stated above.

If you wish to appeal the fine, you must submit a notice of appeal to the FEC, and a copy of same to my office, within 20 days of the date of the receipt of this letter (see Rules 2B-1.005, 2B-1.0052 and 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code). The Florida Elections Commission's address is 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-0100.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at (321) 952-3414.

Sincerely,

CITY OF PALM BAY

Terese M. Jones, CMC

City Clerk

/tjl

cc: Berekia LaFaille, Candidate

Legislative Department



June 22, 2020

Ms. Guerline Jean, Campaign Treasurer 2002 Snapdragon Drive, NE Palm Bay, FL 32907

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Sincerely,

CITY OF PALM BAY

For Terese M. Jones, CMC

City Clerk

/tjl

cc: Berekia LaFaille, Candidate

Terri Lefler

From:	guerline milien <guerlinem.wfg@gmail.com></guerlinem.wfg@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:02 PM
To:	Terri Lefler
Cc:	Terese Jones
Subject:	Re: From the City of Palm Bay - RE: From the City of Palm Bay - FW: 2020 P1 Campaign
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From: guerline milien <guerlinem.wfg@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:06 PM

To: Terri Lefler < Terri.Lefler@palmbayflorida.org >

Subject: Re: From the City of Palm Bay - FW: 2020 P1 Campaign Treasurer's Report

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Terri, I never received the email stating the financial report was accepted it or rejected. I just submitted the form today has it been acepted or rejected?

On Tue, Jun 23, 2020, 12:42 PM Terri Lefler < Terri. Lefler@palmbayflorida.org > wrote:

Good afternoon Berekia,

Mayor Capote mentioned that he received a call from you last night. You mentioned to the Mayor that you received notification from the City Clerk's Office that your P-1 report was late. You advised the Mayor that your report had already been submitted; however, your P-1 2020 Report has not been submitted.

On June 17th, at 5:23 p.m., a document was submitted through EasyVote by Guerline Jean. However, the document that was submitted was a "Campaign Loan Report" (DS-DE 73), which is a form that is only for candidates that have been elected into office. The document was rejected by me on June 18th, at 9:08 a.m., stating the following: "The Campaign loan Report is only for candidates who have been elected to office. Your Campaign Treasurer Report will still need to be submitted (due by Friday, June 19th). If you have a loan to report for this period, please add it to the Itemized Contribution form, along with the Summary Page." A screen shot of the rejected report is attached, for your information.

To date, our office has not received the correct document. If you have contributions (which would include loans to be reported) and/or expenditures to report for the 06/01/20-6/12/20 reporting period, please submit a Campaign Treasurer's Report utilizing the Summary/Contributions/Expenditures wizard in EasyVote. Please review the Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook (https://dos.myflorida.com/media/702477/candidate-campaign-treasurer-handbook-2020.pdf) should you need further assistance.

Thank you,

From: Terri Lefler

Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:58 PM

To: 'Guerline Jean' <guerlinem.wfg@gmail.com>
Cc: 'Berekia LaFaille' <berekialseat2@gmail.com>; Terese Jones (Terese.Jones@palmbayflorida.org)
<Terese.Jones@palmbayflorida.org>
Subject: 2020 P1 Campaign Treasurer's Report

Good afternoon Ms. Jean,

Please see the attached letter pertaining to Ms. LaFaille's 2020 P1 Campaign Treasurer's Report (past due). The original letter is being sent to you via certified mail.

PLEASE NOTE: The report should be submitted through the EasyVote electronic filing system.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Thank you,

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(2)	Po Box110491	06/23/20 - 02:07:47
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	City, State, Zip Code	
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(4)	Check appropriate box(es):	
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	Party Executive Committee (PTY)	Check here if PTY has disbanded
	☐ Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an	Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed
	individual making electioneering communications)	
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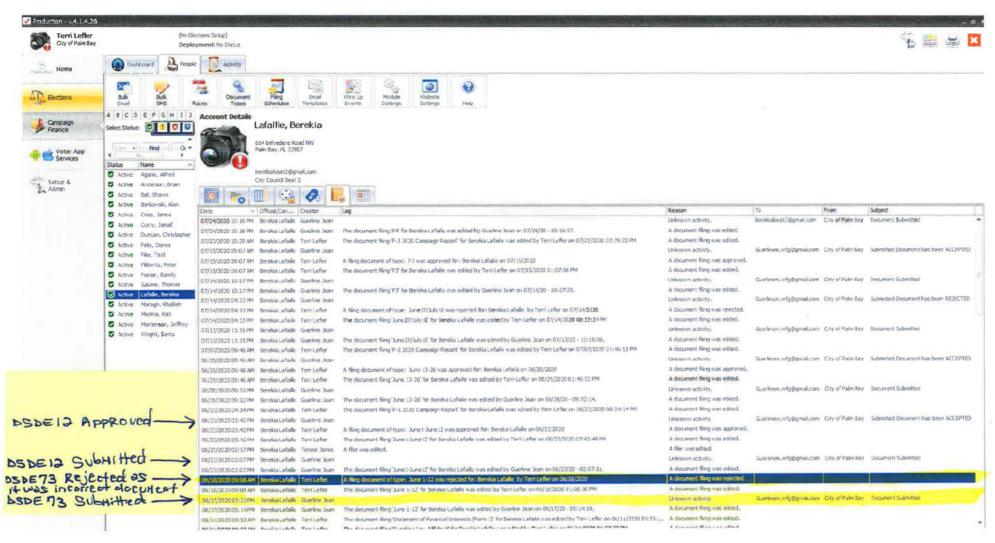
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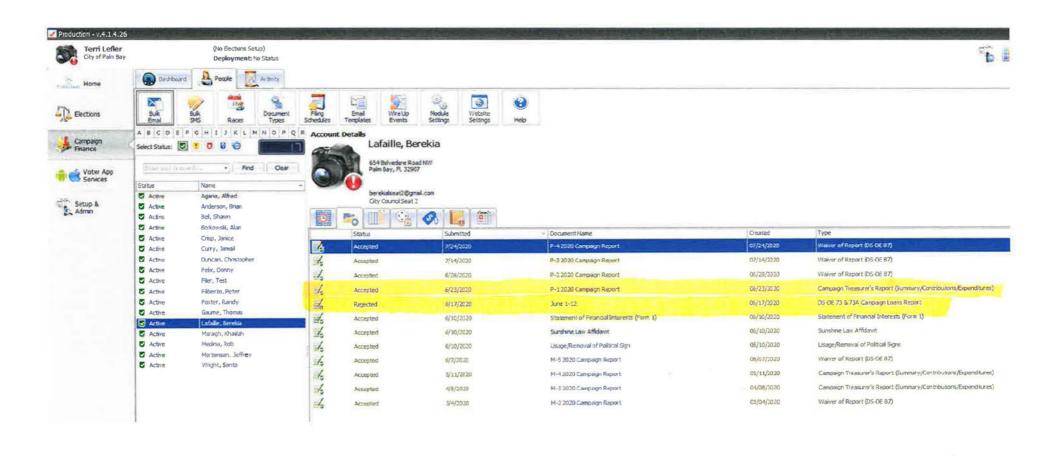
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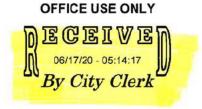




CAMPAIGN LOANS REPORT

(Section 106.075, F.S.)

(PLEASE TYPE)



This report applies to all candidates ELECTED to office who had loans exceeding \$500 in value, which were accepted and used for campaign purposes within the 12 months preceding the election. All such loans must be reported to the filing officer within 10 days after the candidate's election to office.

Berekia Lafaille

Full Name of Newly Elected Official
City Council Seat 2

Office

PO Box 110491

Mailing Address

palm bay

FL

32907

City

State

Zip Code

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE EXAMINED THIS REPORT AND IT IS TRUE, CORRECT AND COMPLETE.

Berekia Lafaille

Type or Print Name of Newly Elected Official

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Signature

CAMPAIGN LOANS REPORT ITEMIZED

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Palm Bay, FL 32907	
OCCUPATION:	OCCUPATION:
AMOUNT OF LOAN: \$40.00	AMOUNT OF LOAN:
DATE RECEIVED: 6/8/2020	DATE RECEIVED:
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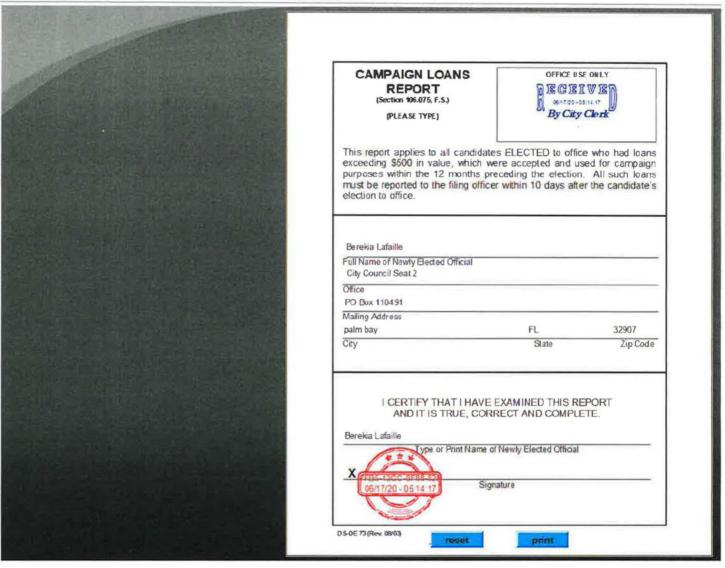
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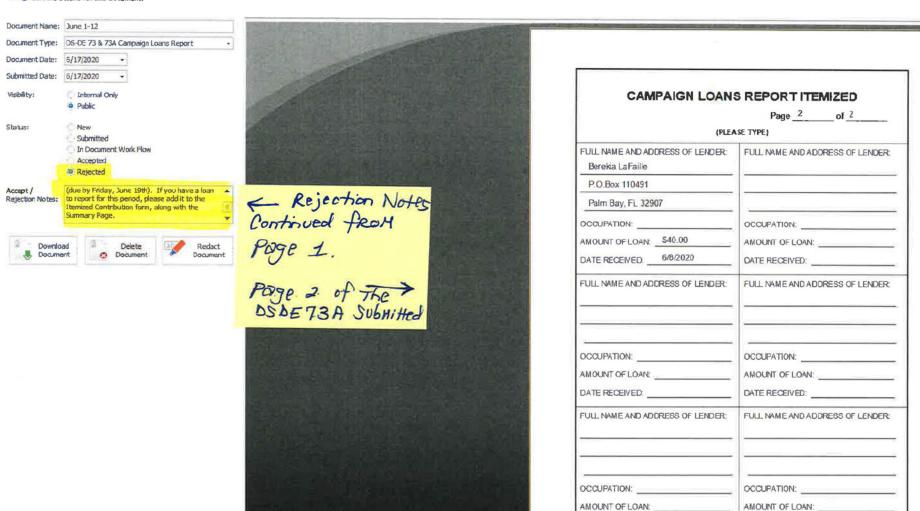


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APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

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NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.	OFFICE USE ONLY			
1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):				
	reasurer/Deputy Depository Office Party			
2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)	3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip			
Berekia Lafaille	code) P.O. Box 110491			
4. Telephone 5. E-mail address	Palm Bay FL 32907			
(321)549-1498 berekialseat 20	gmail www. Berenia PalmBay			
6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)	7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if			
	applicable:			
City Council seat 2	My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.			
8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill	in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a			
Write-In No Party Affiliation	Party candidate.			
9. I have appointed the following person to act as my	Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer			
10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer	N. Company			
Guerline	Jean			
11. Mailing Address	12. Telephone			
2002 Snapdragon DR NE (34) 987-7546				
13. City 14. County 15. State 16. Zip Code 17. E-mail address				
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18. I have designated the following bank as my	Primary Depository Secondary Depository			
19. Name of Bank	20. Address			
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21. City 22. County	23. State 24. Zip Code			
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UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.				
25. Date	26. Signature of Candidate			
3/12/20	X.B. Lataille			
27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)				
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Berekia Lafaille
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27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)
I, Selekia Lafaille , do hereby accept the appointment (Please Print or Type Name)
designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.
3/12/2020 X Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

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Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



August 6, 2020

Br'Axeton Wims, Deputy Agency Clerk Florida Elections Commission 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

RE: Case No. FEC 20-202; Campaign Treasurer's Report Due 06/19/20

Dear Ms. Wims:

I am in receipt of your July 22, 2020, letter relating to Berekia LaFaille's appeal of the fine assessed for failing to timely file the above-referenced report.

Enclosed, you will find copies of:

- ➤ Email reminding the candidate that the P-1 2020 Campaign Treasurer's Report was due on June 19, 2020. (Attachment 1)
- ➤ The Campaign Loan Report (incorrect report type) that was submitted through the electronic filing system, EasyVote, on June 17, 2020. (Attachment 2)
- > A copy of the rejected notification in the EasyVote system. (Attachment 3)
- ➤ The Filing Officer's 'failure to file' letter. (Attachment 4)
- > The executed certified mail receipt for the 'failure to file' letter. (Attachment 5)
- Email chain regarding the rejected report. (Attachment 6)
- > The Campaign Treasurer's Report that was filed late, on June 23, 2020 (submitted through EasyVote). (Attachment 7)
- A copy of the accepted notification in the EasyVote system. (Attachment 8)
- ➤ The EasyVote system's log showing dates of documents submitted/rejected/accepted. (Attachment 9)
- ➤ The Filing Officer's 'fine' letter. (Attachment 10)
- > The executed certified mail receipt for the 'fine' letter. (Attachment 11)
- Email to Candidate and Campaign Treasurer advising of procedure to appeal a fine. (Attachment 12)
- ➤ Email to Candidate and Campaign Treasurer forwarding the 'fine' letter. (Attachment 13)
- ➤ Email from EasyVote advising they are unable to produce a copy of the rejected email. (Attachment 14)
- ➤ The 'Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository' form (initial filing and re-filing). (Attachment 15)

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The P-1 2020 report (reporting period of 06/01/20-06/12/20) was due on June 19, 2020. On June 17, 2020, a 'Campaign Loan Report', Form DS-DE 73, was submitted for Ms. LaFaille through the electronic filing system (EasyVote). Form DS-DE 73 is a report that only applies to candidates elected to office who had loans exceeding \$500 in value, which were accepted and used for campaign purposes within 12 months preceding the election. Since this was a form that is only for candidates that have been elected into office, the report was rejected through the EasyVote electronic filing system on June 17, 2020.

Emails advising the Candidates/Campaign Treasurers of rejected or accepted reports are automatically generated through the EasyVote electronic filing system. Ms. LaFaille has stated that they did not receive an email advising of the rejected, incorrect report. I am unable to confirm if the rejected email was sent or if Ms. LaFaille (or her Campaign Treasurer) received the rejected email. However, the status could have been checked by the Candidate/Campaign Treasurer in the EasyVote system (please refer to the attached log – Attachment #9).

Ms. LaFaille mentioned in her complaint that five (5) other Candidates were affected by this error. Our office did not receive notification from any other Candidate mentioning that they had not received emails advising if their reports had been rejected or accepted. However, our office was notified by two (2) Candidates that they did not receive emails from EasyVote when trying to reset their password in the system.

Other than the P-1 2020 Campaign Treasurer's Report, there is no history of late filings for Ms. LaFaille.

Ms. LaFaille mentioned her intention of appealing the fine in a conversation with the Filing Officer (Terese Jones, City Clerk) on June 24, 2020. The Campaign Treasurer, through a phone conversation with the Deputy City Clerk, asked for information on how to appeal a fine on June 26, 2020 (information was provided through email – please see Attachment #12). However, the Filing Officer was not informed, in writing, of the Candidate's intention to bring this matter before the FEC. The certified mail receipt for the 'fine' letter was received/signed for on June 27, 2020 (twenty (20) days after receipt of letter was July 17, 2020).

The emails and letters were drafted and sent by the City's Deputy City Clerk, Terri Lefler. She can be reached at:

Email:

terri.lefler@palmbayflorida.org

Phone:

321-952-3414 City of Palm Bay

Address:

City Clerk's Office 120 Malabar Road, SE Palm Bay, FL 32907 Case No. FEC 20-202; Campaign Treasurer's Report Due 06/19/20 August 6, 2020 Page 3 of 3

If you should have any questions, please contact my office at 321-952-3414.

Sincerely,

CITY OF PALM BAY

Terese M. Jones, CMC

City Clerk

/tjl

Enclosures

Terri Lefler

From:

cdavis@easyvotesolutions.com

Sent:

Wednesday, July 29, 2020 3:17 PM

To:

Terri Lefler

Cc:

'Patrick Lee'

Subject:

FW: From the City of Palm Bay - Candidate Appealed Fine Assessed with State

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Teri,

My name is Charles Davis, the Chief Operating Officer of EasyVote. I wanted to address the email that you sent to Patrick Lee below. In regard to the email situation impacting Ms. LaFaille, we don't have a copy of the rejection email that should have been sent on June 18th. During that time, we did encounter some issues with the email system in relation to the Campaign Finance module. Patrick Lee did send some informative emails out to bring this to the attention of our customers. Although this doesn't solve your need to produce the email requested regarding Ms. LaFaille, I do want you to know the email situation has been remedied and we have further tools to back up the email system. I personally apologize for not being able to produce the email. We at EasyVote always look to deliver the best experience and when we do not, we will remedy the situation. Please let us know what we can do to help you further in this situation as well as show the importance of you as a customer with EasyVote.

Charles Davis
EasyVote Solutions
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Easy Vote

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Terri Lefler < Terri.Lefler@palmbayflorida.org >

Date: Tue, Jul 28, 2020 at 4:28 PM

Subject: From the City of Palm Bay - Candidate Appealed Fine Assessed with State

To: Patrick Lee < plee@easyvotesolutions.com >

Cc: Terese Jones < Terese. Jones @palmbayflorida.org >

Good afternoon Patrick,

We have received notification from the Florida Elections Commission that Berekia LaFaille has appealed a fine that was assessed for failing to timely file the P-1 2020 Campaign Report (due June 19, 2020). Ms. LaFaille is claiming that she did not receive the email notifying her that the document she submitted had been rejected on June 18, 2020. Is there a way we can retrieve the email that was sent advising the document had been rejected? If not, what can we submit to the state as proof? I have the screen shot below showing the document was rejected on June 18th; however, it doesn't show that an email was sent (and who the email was sent to).

Thank you!



Terri Lefler | Deputy City Clerk

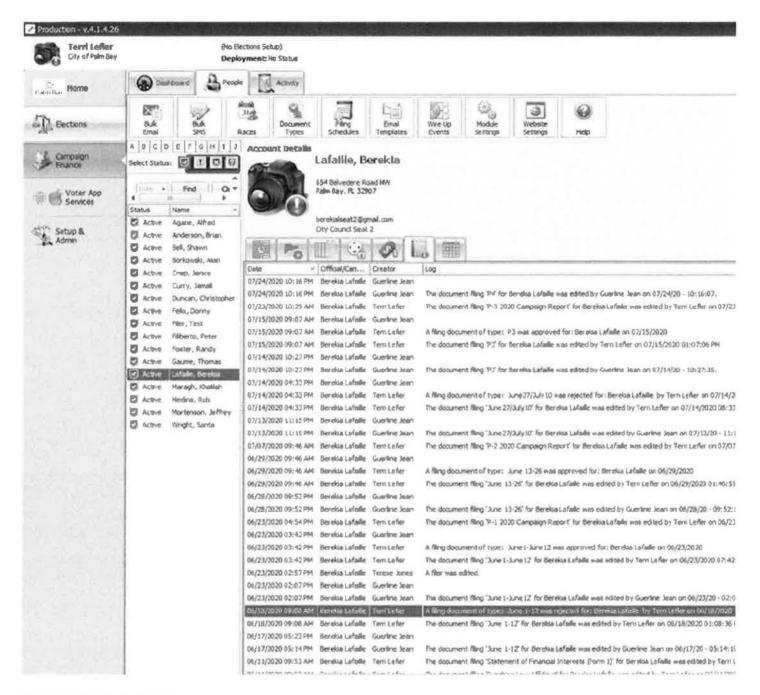
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