

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Oscar Ganem

Case No.: FEC 16-297

TO: Oscar Ganem
5030 SW 173rd Way
Southwest Ranches, FL 33331

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **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-16-297

NAME: **OSCAR GANEM**

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 8/9/16

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

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 7/22/16

DATE FILING OFFICER RECEIVED REPORT: 7/22/16

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 21

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$375.00

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$1,500.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$0

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 7/5/16

SUMMARY: Mr. Oscar Ganem was a candidate for State Representative, District 104 in the 2016 elections. Mr. Felix Ovalle was his treasurer.

Mr. Ganem is appealing the fine claiming that unusual circumstances existed that caused the 2016 P1 Report to be untimely filed. According to Mr. Ganem, "as a new Candidate I wasn't sure about the due dates for fillings the Reports. Honestly it was, at the beginning very hard to understand the procedures/steps on the softward to fill in the Reports. After I got trained by one of your clerks now I fell confident 100%. I'm being honest."

- The 2016 P1 covers the time period from 6/23/16 through 6/24/16.
- The 2016 P1 Queued-Transactions Report reflects that this report was created on 7/15/16 at approximately 1:05 pm, before being filed on 7/22/16 at approximately 2:38 pm.

PRIOR CASES: None

CANDIDATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	STATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PC <input type="checkbox"/>	DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/>
CCE <input type="checkbox"/>	COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/>
POLITICAL PARTY <input type="checkbox"/>	CITY <input type="checkbox"/>

Florida Department of State
Division of Elections
Mrs. Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records
Fax: (850) 245 6260

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STATE OF FLORIDA
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Attention to: FEC

Fax: (850) 922 4539 / (850) 921 0783.

Late Payment Fee Waiver Appeal**Candidate Information**

Name: Oscar Ganem

User name: 68196 / PIN number: 1937

Address: 5030 SW 173 way

SW Ranches FL, 33331

Phone: 954 274 5399

Email address: oega2012@live.com

Term in which fee was assessed: The report was due on July 1, 2016 and was filled by July 22, 2016.

Reason for the Request: as a new Candidate I wasn't sure about the due dates for fillings the Reports. Honestly it was, at the beginning very hard to understand the procedures/ steps on the software to fill in the Reports. After I got trained by one of your Clerks now I fell confident 100%. I'm being honest.

I certified that this information is true and correct.

Signature: 

Date: 08-09-2016



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 25, 2016

Oscar Ganem

CAN 68196

Candidate for State Representative, District 104

5030 SW 173 way

SW Ranches, FL 33331-3331

Dear Mr. Ganem:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on July 1, 2016, was filed on July 22, 2016. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$375.00.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Felix Ovalle, Treasurer

(850) 922-4539
FEC



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Final Notice

Delivery Confirmation:

USPS TRACKING #
& CUSTOMER
RECEIPT

9114 9014 9645 0382 4757 94

For Tracking or Inquiries go to USPS.com
or call 1-800-222-1811.

July 18, 2016

Felix Ovalle, Treasurer
106 205 W Griffin Rd, #103
Cooper City, FL 33328-3328

CAN 68196

Dear Mr. Ovalle:

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:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Cover Period</u>
2016	P1	6/1/16 - 6/24/16

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,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Oscar Ganem

Candidate for State Representative, District 104



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Second Notice

July 11, 2016

Felix Ovalle, Treasurer
106 205 W Griffin Rd, #103
Cooper City, FL 33328-3328

CAN 68196

Dear Mr. Ovalle:

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 July 1, 2016.

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 July 5, 2016.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristi Reid Bronson".

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Oscar Ganem

Candidate for State Representative, District 104



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 5, 2016

Felix Ovalle, Treasurer
106 205 W Griffin Rd, #103
Cooper City, FL 33328-3328

CAN 68196

Dear Mr. Ovalle:

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 July 1, 2016.

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 for the first 3 days late
 - \$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late
 - If the required report immediately precedes a primary and general election, the automatic fine is \$500 for each late day.

The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period. Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines. We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission.

- If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Oscar Ganem

Candidate for State Representative, District 104

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

(1) Oscar Ganem (2) 68196
 Candidate, Committe or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 5030 SW 173 Way SW Ranches FL 33331
 Address (number and street) City State Zip Code

☐ Check box if address has changed since last report

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

☒ Candidate (office sought):
☐ Political Committee ☐ Check If PC has DISBANDED
☐ Committee of Continuous Existance ☐ Check If CCE has DISBANDED
☐ Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 06/23/2016 To 06/24/2016 Report Type: P1

☒ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks \$1,500.00
 Loans \$0.00
Total Monetary \$1,500.00
 In-Kind \$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures \$0.00
 Transfers to Office Account \$0.00
Total Monetary \$0.00

(8) Other Distributions

Certification

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

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

Name of ☐ Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

X
 Signature

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

Name of ☒ Candidate ☐ Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X
 Signature

ID: 68196

CAMPAIGN TRIBUTOR'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

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Name: Oscar Ganem

Report: 2016 P1

Period: 06/23/2016 to 06/24/2016

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Contributor	Occupation	Amount Amend
		Type	In-Kind Description	
* 1 06/22/2016	ARGUELLO, NELLY 12382 SW 140 ST MIAMI, FL 33186	I	EXPORT GOODS	\$500.00
		CHE		
* 2 06/16/2016	GROUP EXPORT USA CORP 12382 SW 140 ST MIAMI, FL 33186	B	EXPORT GOODS	\$1,000.00
		CHE		

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

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Name: Oscar Ganem

Report: 2016 P1

Period: 06/23/2016

to 06/24/2016

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

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

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT -- ITEMIZED DISTRIBUTIONS

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Name: Oscar Ganem

Report: 2016 P1

Period: 06/23/2016

to 06/24/2016

** Records in Filed Report **

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

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED FUND TRANSFERS

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Name: Oscar Ganem

Report: 2016 P1

Period: 06/23/2016

to 06/24/2016

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

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

Queued Items for 2016-P1

Account: 68196

STR 104 Oscar Ganem

Rpt Seq: 1

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	68196	7/15/2016 1:05:33 PM	7/15/2016 1:05:33 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	68196	7/22/2016 2:31:14 PM	7/22/2016 2:31:14 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	68196	7/22/2016 2:34:29 PM	7/22/2016 2:34:30 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	68196	7/22/2016 2:38:24 PM	7/22/2016 2:38:24 PM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	zjsantos	8/15/2016 10:55:34 AM	8/15/2016 10:55:35 AM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	zjsantos	9/19/2016 1:30:40 PM	9/19/2016 1:30:40 PM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	68196	9/27/2016 9:39:35 AM	9/27/2016 9:39:36 AM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	68196	9/27/2016 9:43:34 AM	9/27/2016 9:43:34 AM

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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Candidate Name: Oscar Ganem

Name: Account: 68196Election: Acct: Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
9/23/2016	G2	9/23/2016						
9/9/2016	G1	9/9/2016						
8/26/2016	P7	8/26/2016						
8/19/2016	P6	9/9/2016	SNT	21	\$86.32		\$86.32	\$0.00
8/12/2016	P5	8/12/2016						
8/5/2016	P4	8/1/2016						
7/29/2016	P3	8/1/2016	CLO	3	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/15/2016	P2	7/22/2016	FEC	7	\$55.00		\$55.00	\$0.00
7/1/2016	P1	7/22/2016	APP	21	\$375.00		\$375.00	\$0.00

HISTORY NOTES
Oscar Ganem - 68196

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
50702	10/10/2016 9:53:00 AM		Ejrowlette
<p>Re: Audit of 2016 P2 10/10/16- I did not see in any of Mr. Ganem's reports that he had refunded the oversized cash contribution. I gave him a call this morning, but had to leave a message on his voice mail concerning the need for him to report the refund on the correct report. Ejr</p> <p>10/7/16- Mr. Ganem called concerned about the audit. I saw that he had sent in a letter explaining the early contributions he received and the large cash contribution. His letter explained how he "refunded" the difference in the \$50 limit cash to the contributor. I will leave a copy of this candidate's letter on Ms. Kristi's desk with this audit and ask if this is sufficient to close the audit. Ejr</p>			
50492	9/27/2016 10:13:00 AM		iaadams
<p>I received a phone call from Mr. Oscar Ganem about the Error Report Letter(P1) received. The Error Report P1 had two errors of "The transaction Date is Either Before or After The Report Coverage Period". I told Mr. Oscar Ganem for him to submit a letter of explanation for the two contributions listed on the report dated 06/16/2016 and 06/22/2016 due to he was not established until 06/24/2016, per Cancom. I provided the fax number. Ivania. 09/27/2016.</p>			
49608	8/11/2016 11:46:00 AM		zjsantos
<p>RE: Returned Mail</p> <p>I forwarded the returned mail we had for Mr. Ganem to his updated address.</p>			
49562	8/10/2016 10:30:00 AM		dsbrown
<p>RE: Returned Mail</p> <p>Candidate's failure to file letter dated July 18, 2016, was "Return to Sender". This letter was remailed today to the candidate's new address: 5030 SW 173 Way, SW Ranches, FL 33331</p>			
49408	8/4/2016 1:21:00 PM		Ejrowlette
<p>Re: 2 Returned mail packages for Candidate Both letters concern the failure to file his 2016 P1 report, Second notice and Final Notice. Since the mailing of these letters, it appears the candidate has updated his address on July 22 and has filed the 2016 P1 report late. I will put these letters in the review basket. Ejr</p>			
48970	7/22/2016 3:04:00 PM		Ejrowlette
<p>Re: Filing of 2016 P1 and 2016 P2 Mr. Ganem called needing assistance with filing these two reports. He had errors with contributions being in the wrong report due to the dates. I helped him put those contributions in the 2016 P2. He also had errors concerning large cash contributions. I told him that he needed to write a letter to the division of elections explaining why he took contributions before he was established as a candidate and that he will be refunding a contributor \$120 due to the over sized cash contributions. Ejr</p>			
48958	7/22/2016 1:47:00 PM		sibagley
<p>RE: Credentials</p> <p>Received call from Mr. Ganem saying he was sitting with the treasurer to do the reports and forgot his paper with his pin number he got from us yesterday. He asked if there was a way to get it again. I checked cancom for notes and saw it had been released based on letter we received yesterday. I read the letter and it included a signature from him and a cell phone number. I explained to Mr. Ganem I could hang up and call him back on the number provided on the letter we received yesterday and give it to him again. He said that would be good, so I hung up, called him on the number in the letter and released his pin to him.</p> <p>He then asked if since he was behind on reporting if he could put all of the information into one report. I explained only the items that fit into the coverage period of each report should be placed into the report so he was required to do them all.</p> <p>Sib</p>			

HISTORY NOTES

Oscar Ganem - 68196

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
48902	7/21/2016 9:59:00 AM		dsbrown
RE: Credentials			
Received letter from candidate requesting his candidate PIN. I spoke with the candidate and gave him his candidate PIN. He confirmed that he did not need the password. I could see in EFS that he had one report open in pending. I advised him that he has two reports past due. He said he and his treasurer are meeting today and the reports will be filed today. I also explained to him how to change his address in EFS (his letter had requested a change of address but did not provide information).			
48858	7/20/2016 11:27:00 AM		zjsantos
RE: Returned Mail			
I spoke with Mr. Ganem regarding the returned mail and informed him how to update his address on the EFS website or that he can also send us something in writing signed by him informing us of the address change as well.			
48771	7/18/2016 3:23:00 PM		Ejrowlette
Re: Returned mail			
I attempted to reach Mr. Ganem, but I got his voice mail. I told him I was calling concerning returned mail we received for him. I told him how to update his address using EFS or he could send in a signed letter with an updated address. Ejr			
48720	7/15/2016 12:50:00 PM		mcchellman
Re CRF, called and gave Can ID# and PWD. He said he had the PINS, and that he would be logging on shortly. I encouraged him to do so.			
48597	7/11/2016 4:05:00 PM		dsbrown
RE: Call from Treasurer			
Felix Ovalle called. He said he didn't know how to get into EFS. He kept asking me if 68196 was the password. I told him that was the candidate account ID #. I asked him if he had received a letter. He said yes. Again, he believed the ID # was the password. Then he discovered the envelope that came with the letter. He said he had not opened it. He checked it and I verified that it was the correct treasurer PIN. I kept explaining to him that the candidate would have received a similar letter with sealed envelope containing the password and candidate PIN. I explained how those are used to file the reports. He said he had never filed the first report due on July 1st. I advised him that fines are being assessed and possibly will be imposed for late filed reports. I encouraged him to file the report today. He said he would contact the candidate and call back.			
48293	6/29/2016 3:19:00 PM		STBaker
RE: Returned Call for EFS Pin			
Spoke with Mr. Felix Ovalle, Treasurer, and after verifying him as the Treasurer, I gave him his EFS treasurer's pin.			
48290	6/29/2016 3:01:00 PM		STBaker
RE: Candidate Pin			
Called and left voicemail for Mr. Oscar Ganem, Candidate, advising him to contact the Division of Elections if he has not received his password and pin.			
48288	6/29/2016 2:56:00 PM		STBaker
RE: EFS Pin			
Left message for Mr. Felix Ovalle, Treasurer, advising him to contact the Division if he has not received his treasurer's pin.			



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

June 24, 2016

Oscar Ganem
301 Raquet Club Drive, 201
Weston, Florida 33328

Dear Mr. Ganem:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Representative, which was placed on file in our office on June 23, 2016. Your name has been placed on the 2016 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **July 1, 2016**. The report will cover the period of June 1-24, 2016 (P1). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. You, your campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting this password from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using these credentials, unless the Division is notified that your credentials have been compromised.

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

Identification Number: 68196

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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Pin Numbers

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

Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event this password is forgotten or lost. When you enter the campaign account screen, there will be a drop down box where you pick a question (such as *What is your mother's maiden name?*) and supply an answer. All passwords and answers to questions are stored as encrypted data and cannot be viewed by Division staff and given out over the phone. Please notify the Division if your credentials have been compromised.

Timely Filing

All reports filed must be completed and filed through the EFS not later than midnight of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Electronic Receipts

The person submitting the report on the EFS will be issued an electronic receipt indicating and verifying the report was filed. Each campaign treasurer's report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath by the candidate and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

Oscar Ganem
June 24, 2016
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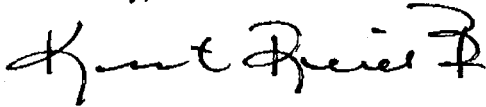
Instructions and Assistance

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: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/zjs

Enclosures

pc: Felix Ovalle, Treasurer

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):

☒ Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: ☒ Treasurer/Deputy ☐ Depository ☐ Office ☐ Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

OSCAR GANEM

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

301 RAQUET CLUB DR. 201
WESTON, FL 33328

4. Telephone

(954) 274 5399

5. E-mail address

OSCAR@OLIVE.COM

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

STATE REP. DISTRICT 104

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

☐ My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate

8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a

☐ Write-In ☐ No Party Affiliation ☒ REPUBLICAN Party candidate

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

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

FELIX OVALLE

11. Mailing Address

106 ZOSW GRIFFIN RD #103

12. Telephone

754 239 012

13. City

COOPER CITY

14. County

BROWARD

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

33328

17. E-mail address

FELIX.OVALLE@YAHOO.COM

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

19. Name of Bank

PNC BANK

20. Address

4489 WESTON RD

21. City

WESTON

22. County

BROWARD

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

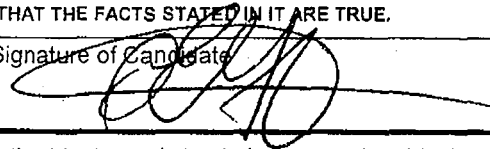
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UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date

06/16/2016

26. Signature of Candidate

X 

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

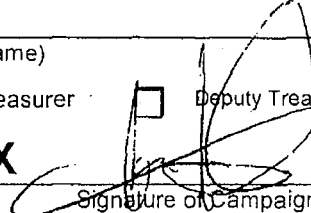
I, FELIX OVALLE, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: ☒ Campaign Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

06/16/2016

Date

X


Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

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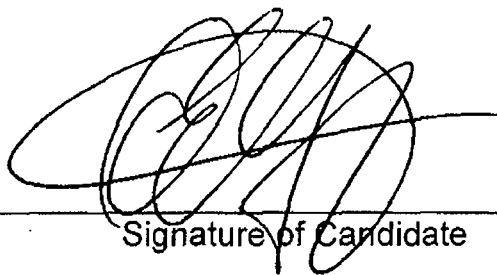
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DEPT. OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FL

I, OSCAR GANEM
candidate for the office of STATE REPRESENTATIVE 104.

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X 
Signature of Candidate

06/16/2016
Date

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).