STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re:	Darline B. Riggs	Case No.:	Case No.: FEC 18-261		
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TO: Benedict P. Kuehne, Esquire Kuehne Davis Law PA 100 SE 2nd Street, Suite 3105 Miami, FL 33131-2154 Ronald G. Meyer, Esquire Meyer, Brooks, Blohm & Hearn, P.A. 131 North Gadsden Street Tallahassee, FL 32301

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING (OTHER MOTIONS: REVIEW OF PETITION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS)

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.

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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:

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If the Commission determines that there are not sufficient facts to support a claim, the motion or petition will be denied or dismissed.



Florida Elections Commission

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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
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 - 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

STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Darlene B. Riggs	Case No.: FEC 18-261						
ORDER CONTINUING CASE							
THIS MATTER was heard by the I	Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its						
regularly scheduled meeting on December 1, 2	2020, in Tallahassee, Florida.						
Respondent requested that the matter r	regarding Respondent's Petition for Attorney's Fees						
and Costs be continued.							
The Commission reviewed Responden	nt's request and considered Complainant's response.						
Respondent's request was GRANTED.							
THIS MATTER is continued until t	he next available meeting of the Florida Elections						
Commission.							
DONE AND ORDERED by the Flori	ida Elections Commission on December 1, 2020.						
	Joni Alexis Poitier, Vice Chair Florida Elections Commission						

Copies furnished to:

Tim Vaccaro, executive Director

Benedict P. Kuehne, Attorney for Respondent Ronald G. Meyer, Attorney for Complainant

STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Da	Darline B. Riggs		Case No.: FEC 18-		
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TO: Benedict P. Kuehne, Esquire Kuehne Davis Law PA

100 SE 2nd Street, Suite 3105 Miami, FL 33131-2154 Ronald G. Meyer, Esquire Meyer, Brooks, Blohm & Hearn, P.A. 131 North Gadsden Street Tallahassee, FL 32301

NOTICE OF HEARING (OTHER MOTIONS: REVIEW PETITION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **December 1, 2020 at 8:30 AM 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.** Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission November 9, 2019 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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In Re: Darline B. Riggs

Case No.: FEC 18-261

TO:

Benedict P. Kuehne, Esquire

Kuehne Davis Law P.A. 100 SE 2nd Street, Suite 3550

Miami, FL 33131-2154

Ronald G. Meyer, Esquire

Meyer, Brooks, Blohm and Hearn, P.A.

131 North Gadsden Street

Tallahassee, FL 32301

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING (OTHER MOTIONS: REVIEW PETITION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS)

You are hereby notified that the previously scheduled hearing for March 24-25, 2020 is cancelled. It is anticipated that your case will be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting, which is currently set for May 2020. A Notice of Hearing will be mailed approximately 14 days prior to the hearing date indicating the exact date, time, and location.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission March 12, 2020

STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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100 SE 2nd Street, Suite 3550

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NOTICE OF HEARING (OTHER MOTIONS: REVIEW PETITION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, March 24, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: House Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Room 28-H, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission March 9, 2019



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February 28, 2020

Benedict P. Kuehne Kuehne Davis Law P.A. 100 SE 2nd Street, Suite 3550 Miami, FL 33131-2154

RE: Case No.: FEC 18-261; Respondent: Darline B. Riggs

Dear Mr. Kuehne:

The Florida Elections Commission received a notice of appearance from Ronald G. Meyer and his response to your Petition for Attorney's Fees and Costs in this case. A copy of Mr. Meyer's notice and response is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please contact the Florida Elections Commission at fec@myfloridalegal.com.

Sincerely,

Donna Ann Malphurs

Agency Clerk

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Enclosure: Notice of Appearance and Response to Petition for Fees cc: Ronald G. Meyer, Attorney for Complainant (wlout encl.)

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ALEX VILLALOBOS OF COUNSEL

February 28, 2020

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107 W. Gaines Street
Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4539

Re: <u>Case No.: FEC 18-261 - Alexandra P. Davis - Response to Request for Award of</u>

Attorney Fees

Dear Commissioners:

The above-referenced request for attorney's fees does not state a *prima facie* case for making an award. Accordingly, the request should be denied.

Overview

First, Rule 2B-1.0045, Florida Administrative Code, requires that a petition seeking an award of attorney fees "shall state with particularity the facts and grounds that demonstrate that the respondent is entitled to an award of costs and attorney's fees from the complainant." (underlining added for emphasis). The request before the Commission wholly fails to meet such pleading requirement.

Second, the Commission should make an award of attorney's fees only in the most egregious of circumstances since, otherwise, penalizing a person for bringing forward suspected violations of the Florida Election Code, will have a chilling effect upon the willingness of citizens to seek review by the Commission of suspected violations.

In the case before you, a review of the facts demonstrates that Ms. Davis, believing in good faith that election law violations were occurring, filed a complaint with the Commission to which the Respondent replied with a suggestion of legal insufficiency. The Executive Director determined that the complaint was legally insufficient and therefore dismissed it. That was the end. Ms. Davis did not attempt to supplement the complaint nor did she seek to challenge the dismissal. That was the sum and substance of what occurred.

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Argument

The Petition before the Commission, to be sure, is filled with conclusions and innuendo ascribing improper motivations on the part of the Complainant in filing the complaint. What is missing, however, are allegations of ultimate facts giving rise to such conclusions and innuendo. The absence of clearly plead facts renders the Petition facially deficient and dictates its dismissal.

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Ronald G. Meyer

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Donna Malphurs

From:

Ronald Meyer <rmeyer@meyerbrookslaw.com>

Sent:

Friday, February 28, 2020 10:23 AM

To: Cc: **Timothy Vaccaro**

Donna Malphurs

Subject:

FEC Case No. 18-261 - Alexandra Davis Response to Petition for Attorney Fee Award

Attachments:

Davis - Response to Petition for Attorney Fees.pdf

Dear Mr. Vaccaro.

Attached please find Ms. Davis' opposition to the petition for an award of attorney fees in the above-referenced matter. We would appreciate it if you would include it in the information presented to Commission members in advance of the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Ron

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Sincerely yours,

Ronald G. Meyer

RGM/ltt

Donna Malphurs

From:

Ronald Meyer <rmeyer@meyerbrookslaw.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 12:01 PM

To:

Timothy Vaccaro

Cc:

Donna Malphurs; Benedict P Kuehne

Subject:

Notice of Appearance - Case No.: FEC 18-261 - Alexandra P. Davis

Attachments:

Vaccaro - Alexandra P. Davis - Notice of Appearance.pdf

Dear Mr. Vaccaro,

Please see my attached notice of appearance in the above-referenced matter on behalf of Alexandra P. Davis.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ron

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February 5, 2020

LYNN T. THOMAS, FRP PARALEGAL

VIA E-Mail: Tim.Vaccaro@myfloridalegal.com

Mr. Tim Vaccaro, Executive Director Florida Elections Commission 107 West Gaines Street Collins Building, Suite 224 Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Notice of Appearance - Case No. FEC 18-261 - Alexandra P. Davis

Dear Mr. Vaccaro:

This correspondence is to notify you that our office represents Alexandra P. Davis against whom a claim for an award of attorney's fees has been made in the above-referenced matter.

Please furnish the undersigned with further information relating to the Commission's treatment of this matter. I am aware that the question of whether a prima facie case for reimbursement of such fees will be considered by the Commission at its March 24-25, 2020 meeting.

We do not believe that a prima facie case for a fee award has been presented and will provide the Commission with our more fully stated position in a separate submission.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation.

Sincerely

Ronald G. Meyer

RGM/ltt

cc:

Ms. Alexandra P. Davis

Benedict P. Kuehne, Esquire

Ms. Donna Malphurs, Clerk FEC via email



Date Produced: 12/02/2019

Florida Elections Commission:

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November 21, 2019

CERTIFIED MAIL # 92148969009997901631149066

Alexandra P. Davis 3149 SW 133rd Avenue Miramar, FL 33027

RE: Case No.: FEC 18-261; Respondent: Darline B. Riggs

Dear Ms. Davis:

The Florida Elections Commission received a Petition for Attorney's fees and costs in this case. Pursuant to Rule 2B-1.0045, Florida Administrative Code, a copy of the Petition is enclosed for your review.

At its next regularly scheduled meeting, currently set for March 24-25, 2020, in Tallahassee, Florida, the Commission will review the Petition and determine whether it states "a prima facie case for costs and attorney's fees." A notice of hearing indicating the exact date and time will be mailed to the address on file approximately 14 days before the meeting date.

If you have any questions concerning the Petition, please contact the Florida Elections Commission at fec@myfloridalegal.com.

Sincerely,

Donna Ann Malphurs

Agency Clerk

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Enclosure: Petition for Fees and Costs

cc: Benedict P. Kuehne, Attorney for Respondent

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October 24, 2019

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e: **Darline B. Riggs**FEC Case No. 18-261
Request for Recovery of Fees and Costs

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Re: FEC 18-261 - Motion for Fees and Costs 🗎

Florida Elections Commission to: Florida Elections Commission

Sent by: Donna Malphurs

Cc:

"Benedict P. Kuehne", Mehgean.Willoughby

11/04/2019 11:42 AM

Dear Mr. Kuehne.

It was a pleasure speaking with you this morning! As we discussed, your petition for fees and costs in this matter will be heard at the Commission's March 24-25, 2020 meeting in Tallahassee. A notice of hearing with the exact date and time will be mailed approximately 14 days prior to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Donna Ann Malphurs Agency Clerk

Florida Elections Commission

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October 14, 2019

Benedict P. Kuehne Kuehne Davis Law, P.A. 100 SE 2nd Street, Ste. 3550 Miami, FL 33131-2154

RE: Case No.: 18-261; Respondent: Darline B. Riggs

Dear Mr. Kuehne:

On September 20, 2019, the Florida Elections Commission notified Alexandra P. Davis that the complaint she filed on September 4, 2018 was legally insufficient. Since the Commission did not receive any additional information that corrected the stated grounds of legal insufficiency, this case is now closed.

In your October 2nd email you requested an award of attorney's fees and costs pursuant to Rule 2B-1.0045, Florida Administrative Code. However, in order to claim costs and attorney's fees, under this rule, you are required to file your petition for attorney's fees and costs with the Commission Clerk *no later than 30 days following disposition of the complaint.* Please feel free to file your petition by the close of business on November 14, 2019.

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

Sincerely,

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September 20, 2019

Alexandra P. Davis 3149 SW 133 Avenue Miramar, FL 33027

RE: Case No.: FEC 18-261; Respondent: Darline B. Riggs

Dear Ms. Davis:

The Florida Elections Commission has received your complaint alleging violation of Florida's election laws.

The complaint essentially alleged that Respondent used her official authority or influence to interfere with an election or nomination for office; participated in a campaign for elective office while on duty as a public employee; and distributed campaign literature without proper disclaimers.

Complainant alleged that on the day of the August 28, 2018 primary election, she observed two women at two different polling locations distributing literature related to Respondent, who was a candidate for re-election to the City of Miramar Commission, Seat 4, in the upcoming March 12, 2019 municipal election. Complainant alleged the women approached voters, distributed the cards, and requested they vote for Respondent on March 12, 2019.

Complainant did not identify either of the women at issue. She provided photographs that appear to show two women at two different locations. One of the women is clearly holding cards picturing Respondent, but the other woman is merely shown walking through a parking lot near an apparent polling place holding something that cannot be identified. Neither woman is shown distributing the literature to electors, and the image of the woman holding cards picturing Respondent does not show her near a polling place.

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Complainant provided a larger image of the card one woman was holding. It invites residents to contact Commissioner Riggs and provides her contact information. The city logo is on the card. Complainant also provided a photograph of what appears to be the same outreach image and text displayed in the window of a street-side shop, which Complainant stated that Respondent rented. The images and text contain no reference to her candidacy or the upcoming election, and there is

Alexandra P. Davis September 20, 2019 Page 2 FEC 18-261

no appeal to take an action relative to any election. In fact, the card and window display do not discuss any local issues or communicate anything other than inviting residents to contact Respondent, presumably as a demonstration of interest in their opinions.

In response to the complaint, Respondent identified the card at issue as part of her outreach materials as Commissioner, which she indicated were distributed year round along with other outreach materials.

Respondent was not a candidate in the August 28, 2018 primary election. The materials that were allegedly distributed and the window display were not political advertisements because they did not contain express advocacy. They were not electioneering communications as they merely invited residents to contact Respondent.

Based upon the foregoing, Complainant did not provide evidence that Respondent used her official authority or influence to interfere with an election or nomination for office in violation of Section 104.31(1)(a), Florida Statutes. Likewise, Complainant provided no evidence that Respondent, as an employee of the city, participated in a political campaign for elective office while on duty, in violation of Section 104.31(2), Florida Statutes. Complainant did not provide evidence that Respondent violated the disclaimer requirements of Section 106.143, Florida Statutes, as she did not distribute or display political advertisements or electioneering communications.

For these reasons, I find the complaint to be Legally Insufficient.

If you have additional information to correct the stated ground(s) of insufficiency, please submit it within 14 days of the date of this letter. If no additional information is received, correcting the stated grounds of insufficiency, this case will be closed. Enclosed is the form for submitting additional information. Should you submit an additional statement containing facts, your statement must contain your notarized signature. Any additional facts submitted to the Commission must be based on either personal information or information other than hearsay.

If you have any questions concerning the complaint, please contact us at fec@myfloridalegal.com.

Sincerely

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director

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Enclosure: Additional Complaint Information Form 2

cc: Benedict P. Kuehne, Attorney for Respondent w/out Enclosure

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

ADDITIONAL COMPLAINT INFORMATION

Case Number: FEC 18-261

Pursuant to Rule 2E	3-1.0025, Florida Adminis	strative Code, if you have addition	onal information to correct
the ground(s) of legal insuf	ficiency stated in the attac	ched letter, please explain in a co	oncise narrative statement.
Attach the statement and ar	y relevant documentation	to this form:	
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COUNTY OF	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
I swear or affirm that the in	formation in the attached	statement is true and correct to t	he best of my knowledge.
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	Personally Known	Or Produced Identification	

Any person who files a complaint while <u>knowing</u> that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes.

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FEC Form 2 (5/17) Rules 2B-1.0025 & 2B-1.009, F.A.C.



FEC 18-261 - Response Benedict P. Kuehne

to:

fec@myfloridalegal.com 10/02/2018 03:10 AM

Cc:

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1 Attachment



BPK Response to Complaint.10-1-2018.pdf

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Re:

Darline B. Riggs FEC Case No. 18-261

Response to Complaint; Request for Finding of

Legal Insufficiency; Request for Dismissal; and Request for Recovery of Fees and Costs

Dear Mr. Lipman:

Miramar City Commissioner Darline B. Riggs and I have had an opportunity to review the referenced Complaint filed by political candidate Alexandra P. Davis, who is seeking to be elected to the Miramar City Commission, Seat 4. That municipal election is scheduled for March 2019, more than six (6) months from now. Yet, the complainant falsely accused Commissioner Riggs of engaging in improper electioneering for the August 28, 2018 primary election, when neither Commissioner Riggs nor any Miramar Commission election is on the ballot.

First, the Complaint itself is frivolous and fails to satisfy requirements of legal sufficiency. For that reason, the Complaint should be dismissed as legally insufficient.

Second, independent of its legal insufficiency, the Complaint fails to set out an actionable violation of the cited Florida election statutes, §104.31(2) and §106.143, Florida Statutes. For that additional reason, the Complaint should be dismissed.

Third, because the Complaint was filed for the primary purpose of advancing the complainant's candidacy and harassing Commissioner Riggs in the course and scope of her duties as a public official, she has been obligated to expend significant legal fees in establishing her defense. The Complaint is motived by the complainant's malicious intent to injure the reputation of Commissioner Riggs. Therefore, the Florida Elections

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- A. Preliminary Response to Complaint.
 - 1. Commissioner Riggs Denies the Allegations.

At the outset, Commissioner Riggs denies each and every allegation in the Complaint. She was never acting as a political candidate or engaging in campaign activity. She was at all times serving her community within the scope and in furtherance of her duties and responsibilities as an elected official in the City of Miramar. The documents appended to the Complaint are official City materials describing her community outreach, a practice she instituted from her very early days as an elected official. Commissioner Riggs' use of the City seal for official purposes to educate and inform the community was proper and authorized, and consistent with her ongoing community efforts to be a representative of all the people.

2. Complaint Is Not Based on Personal Knowledge.

The Complaint is not based on the complainant's personal knowledge, as required by §106.25(2), Florida Statutes (2017), and is thus legally insufficient.

Commissioner Riggs had no campaign staff or campaign volunteers at any polling place during the August 28, 2018 primary election or the early voting period. The complainant's observation of "two women ... passing out City of Miramar stationary [sic] with information on Miramar Commissioner and candidate for Miramar Commission seat 4 ..." was not based on any required personal knowledge on the part of the complainant, because no person passed out information as part of any electioneering activity on Commissioner Riggs' behalf.

Without any identification of the names of these "two women" or any other person, the complainant is engaged in mere speculation when she asserts the women were "paid" campaign staff members. No paid or unpaid campaign workers were involved in Commissioner Rigg's official duties when official City information was being distributed to City residents.

The complainant's allegation of information supposedly possessed by "Jaime Clemente" is not within the complainant's personal knowledge and cannot be used to support her complaint. That portion of the Complaint must likewise be dismissed.

Additionally, the assertion that "the paid campaign worker for Darline B Riggs" handed out City cards is also not based on the complainant's personal knowledge because she has no knowledge of whether any person was paid by any campaign.

3. No Political Advertisements or Electioneering Communications.

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October 2, 2018

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Re: Darline B. Riggs

FEC Case No. 18-261

Response to Complaint; Request for Finding of

Legal Insufficiency; Request for Dismissal; and

Request for Recovery of Fees and Costs

Dear Mr. Lipman:

Miramar City Commissioner Darline B. Riggs and I have had an opportunity to review the referenced Complaint filed by political candidate Alexandra P. Davis, who is seeking to be elected to the Miramar City Commission, Seat 4. That municipal election is scheduled for March 2019, more than six (6) months from now. Yet, the complainant falsely accused Commissioner Riggs of engaging in improper electioneering for the August 28, 2018 primary election, when neither Commissioner Riggs nor any Miramar Commission election is on the ballot.

First, the Complaint itself is frivolous and fails to satisfy requirements of legal sufficiency. For that reason, the Complaint should be dismissed as legally insufficient.

Second, independent of its legal insufficiency, the Complaint fails to set out an actionable violation of the cited Florida election statutes, §104.31(2) and §106.143, Florida Statutes. For that additional reason, the Complaint should be dismissed.

Third, because the Complaint was filed for the primary purpose of advancing the complainant's candidacy and harassing Commissioner Riggs in the course and scope of her duties as a public official, she has been obligated to expend significant legal fees in establishing her defense. The Complaint is motived by the complainant's malicious intent to injure the reputation of Commissioner Riggs. Therefore, the Florida Elections Commission should award attorney's fees and costs in Commissioner Riggs's favor pursuant to Rule 2B-1.0045, Florida Administrative Code. The complainant has actively sought, by this Complaint and its publication thereof to the community, to harm Commissioner Riggs in both her official capacity and her personal/occupational endeavors. Her legal fees and costs should be assessed against the complainant because the complainant's actions are not undertaken in good faith and are not based on any reasonable belief in the legitimacy of the Complaint.

A. Preliminary Response to Complaint.

1. Commissioner Riggs Denies the Allegations.

At the outset, Commissioner Riggs denies each and every allegation in the Complaint. She was never acting as a political candidate or engaging in campaign activity. She was at all times serving her community within the scope and in furtherance of her duties and responsibilities as an elected official in the City of Miramar. The documents appended to the Complaint are official City materials describing her community outreach, a practice she instituted from her very early days as an elected official. Commissioner Riggs' use of the City seal for official purposes to educate and inform the community was proper

and authorized, and consistent with her ongoing community efforts to be a representative of all the people.

2. Complaint Is Not Based on Personal Knowledge.

The Complaint is not based on the complainant's personal knowledge, as required by §106.25(2), Florida Statutes (2017), and is thus legally insufficient.

Commissioner Riggs had no campaign staff or campaign volunteers at any polling place during the August 28, 2018 primary election or the early voting period. The complainant's observation of "two women ... passing out City of Miramar stationary [sic] with information on Miramar Commissioner and candidate for Miramar Commission seat 4 ..." was not based on any required personal knowledge on the part of the complainant, because no person passed out information as part of any electioneering activity on Commissioner Riggs' behalf.

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Additionally, the assertion that "the paid campaign worker for Darline B Riggs" handed out City cards is also not based on the complainant's personal knowledge because she has no knowledge of whether any person was paid by any campaign.

3. No Political Advertisements or Electioneering Communications.

The materials to which the complainant refers are City information leaflets that have no electioneering information contained thereon, and cannot be considered "political advertisements" or "electioneering communications" as defined in §106.011(8) & (15). The documents do not "expressly advocate" for the election or defeat of a person or an issue, and therefore are not political advertisements. The items do not depict a "clearly identified candidate for office without expressly advocating the election or defeat of a candidate" and were not circulated within "30 days before a primary or special primary election or 60 days before any other election for the office sought by the candidate …" The Miramar municipal election occurs in March 2019, six months away.

Nor is the photo of Commissioner Riggs with a City logo posted on a storefront an actionable campaign violation. Nothing about the description of the poster invites any suggestion of a political advertisement. The attachments to the Complaint do not identify any campaign-related information.

The Complaint has not stated any violation of §106.113 prohibiting political expenditures by local governments, because the City promotional and informational materials at issue are neither political advertisements nor electioneering communications. As is plain from the face of the materials, the announcements were purely "factual" in nature and did not involve any effort to promote a political candidacy.

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1 Attachment



BPK Letter of Representation re FEC 18-261.9-21-2018.pdf

September 21, 2018
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fec@myfloridalegal.com

Re:

Darline B. Riggs

FEC Case No. 18-261 Letter of Representation Request for Case File

Dear Mr. Lipman:

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Date Produced: 09/17/2018

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September 7, 2018

CERTIFIED MAIL 9214 8969 0099 9790 1623 3635 24

Darline B. Riggs 5391 SW 130 Terrace Miramar, FL 33027

RE: Case No.: FEC 18-261; Respondent: Darline B. Riggs

Dear Ms. Riggs:

On September 4, 2018, the Florida Elections Commission received the enclosed complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. Section 106.25(2), Florida Statutes, states:

The respondent shall have 14 days *after receipt* of the complaint to file an initial response, and the executive director may not determine the legal sufficiency of the complaint during that time period.

If you choose to file a response to the complaint, please send it to my attention at the address listed above. To ensure that we receive your response in a timely manner, you may also want to send it via e-mail to my attention at fec@myfloridalegal.com. You will be notified by letter whether the complaint is determined to be legally sufficient.

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

Pursuant to section 106.25, Florida Statutes, complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapter 104 or106, Florida Statutes, are confidential until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause. The confidentiality provision does not apply to the person filing the complaint. However, it does apply to you, the Respondent, unless you waive confidentiality in writing.

Darline B. Riggs September 7, 2018 Page 2 FEC 18-261

The confidentiality provision does not preclude you from seeking legal counsel. However, if you retain counsel, your attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Commission before any member of the Commission staff can discuss this case with him or her.

For additional information, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Commission's website (www.fec.state.fl.us) or contact us via email at fec@myfloridalegal.com.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Agency Clerk

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Enclosure: Complaint w/attachments

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COMPLAINT

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

1.	1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:				
	Name: Alexandra P. Davis		Work Phone: ()	
	Address: 3149 SW 133 Ave City: Miramar County: Broward State	FL	Zip Code	330	27
2.	2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:				
	If you intend to name more than one individual or entity, p can be an individual, political committee, political organization, club, corporation, partnership, company, asso	party,	electioneerin	g com	munication
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Code that you believe the person named above may have violated. The Commission has jurisdiction only to investigate provisions of Chapter 104 and Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Please include the following items as part of your attached statement:

- The facts and actions that you believe support the violations you allege;
- The names/telephone numbers of persons whom you believe may be witnesses to the facts;
- A copy or picture of any political advertisement(s) you mention in your statement;
- A copy of each document you mention in your statement;
- An explanation of why you believe information you reference from websites is relevant; and
- Any other evidence supporting your allegations.

SEE REVERSE SIDE OF DOCUMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any person who files a complaint while <u>knowing</u> that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes.

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4. OATH:

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF Broward

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

Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31 day of August 20 18

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5. IMPROPERLY COMPLETED COMPLAINT FORMS MAY BE RETURNED:

- You MUST submit this completed complaint form in order to file a complaint.
- You MUST complete ALL FOUR of the above sections of this form. DO NOT leave any blanks.
- You MUST submit the ORIGINAL complaint form. Copied/faxed/emailed forms are returned.
- Each complaint can only be filed against ONE PERSON or ENTITY. If you wish to file against
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- MAKE SURE the alleged violation(s) of Chapters 104 or 106 occurred within the last 2 years.
- MAKE SURE your complaint is sworn and there is no defect to the notarization in Section 4.

Campaign Violation Complaint for Darline B Riggs

On August 28, 2018 primary election day, I was at two different polling stations where I observed two women, one at each location passing out City of Miramar stationary with information on Miramar Commissioner and candidate for Miramar Commission seat 4, Darline B Riggs.

Also I observed both women approaching voters and while passing out these cards asking people to vote March 12, 2019 for Commissioner Riggs.

One of the polling stations was New Renaissance Middle school located at 10701 Miramar Blvd, Miramar FL 33025 and the other was a polling station at the Vernon Hargray Youth Enrichment Center, 7000 Miramar Pkwy, Miramar FL 33025.

I have another witness (Jaime Clemente – tel: 305 367 1205) including myself who was at New Renaissance Middle School and heard plus saw the paid campaign worker for Darline B Riggs hand out the City cards to voters and ask them to vote for Darline Riggs on 3/12/2019.

On that same day I was driving by the Northeast corner of University Drive and Miramar Parkway and saw a store front with Darline Riggs' photo and City logo posted on the glass windows of the store front. I went back to her campaign expenditures and noticed that she had used campaign funds to pay for the rent of this facility.

Overall I do believe there have been violations of FS 104 and FS 106. With my limited knowledge the violations are possibly FS 104.31(a); FS 104.31(2); FS 106.143.

Please find enclosed photos and documents to help to further my case.

Truly,

Alexandra Davis (954) 270 4601 cell

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March 12, 2019 Election

Darline Riggs - Expenditures

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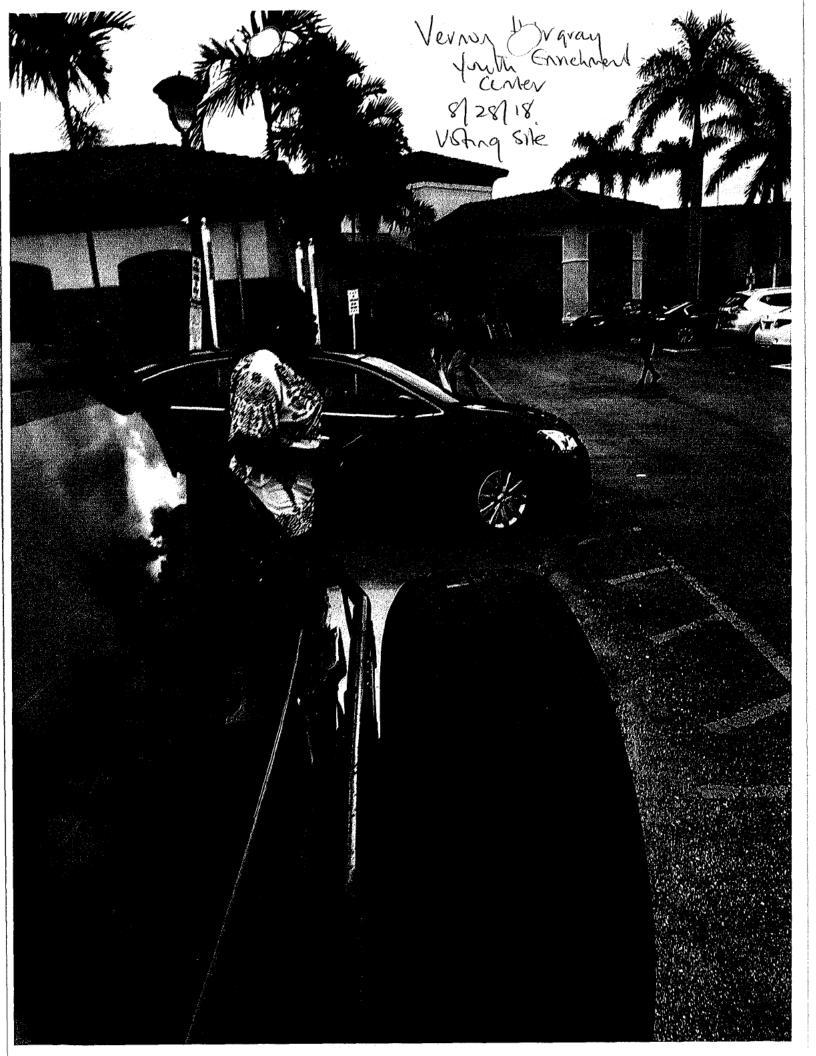
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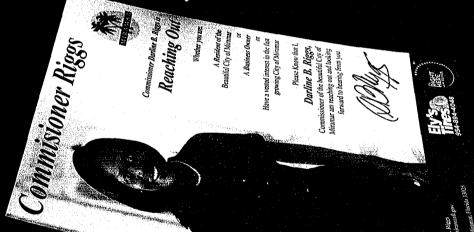
Commissioner of the beautiful City of Miramar am reaching out and looking forward to hearing from you.

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In response to the complaint, Respondent identified the card at issue as part of her outreach materials as Commissioner, which she indicated are distributed year-round along with other outreach materials.

The materials that were allegedly distributed are not political advertisements because they do not contain express advocacy. They are not electioneering communications because they are outside the window for such communications relative to the election held on 03/12/19, having been allegedly distributed on 08/28/19. Respondent was not a candidate in the 08/28/18 primary election, so there is no allegation that she interfered with any candidacy or issue on the ballot for that election.

Complainant named a witness who allegedly saw a "paid campaign worker" for Respondent distribute the cards to voters and ask for their vote. However, Complainant does not have personal information or information other than hearsay about that alleged campaign worker, and Respondent denied any paid campaign staff or volunteers were at any polling place on 08/28/18.

Respondent's 2018 M8 report shows that she paid \$90 to a named individual for "community outreach" on 08/28/18. However, it is unclear from the report whether this was connected to the women referenced in the complaint, whether the outreach paid for on 08/28/18 took place on 08/28/18, or whether it was even related to the same kind of outreach or outreach materials. Even if it was, there does not appear to be evidence that Respondent used her official authority or influence to interfere with the 08/28/18 primary election, as she was not on that ballot. Contrary to the complaint allegations, the photographs do not depict anyone distributing materials to electors in proximity to polling places, so there does not appear to be any evidence suggesting improper vote solicitation prohibited by Section 102.031(4)(a), F.S.

Complainant referenced Section 104.31(2), F.S., but there is no evidence that Respondent, as an employee of the city, participated in a political campaign for elective office while on duty. Respondent appears to acknowledge that cards like the ones pictured were distributed as part of Respondent's ongoing outreach activities in her position as Commissioner. However, there is no evidence or allegation that she or other municipal employees were distributing such materials to further her campaign during working hours in potential violation of Sections 104.31(2) or 106.15(3), F.S.

Complainant also provided a photograph of what appears to be the same outreach image and text displayed in the window of what appears to be a street-side shop. Complainant noted that Respondent reported paying \$2,000 for "rent" to Quick Stop on 08/01/18. Complainant posited that this was a campaign office and that the \$2,000 expenditure reported was rent for that building. Respondent did not deny responsibility for the image on the shop window. However, as noted above, the image and text do not amount to a political advertisement or electioneering communication. Therefore, even if the building was used for campaign purposes, use of the city logo on such materials would not amount to a violation of Section 106.113(2), F.S., for improper use of municipal funds.

Further, no disclaimers were needed on the materials pictured in the complaint because they were neither political advertisements nor electioneering communications.

Legally Insufficient

~~ REVIEWER'S RECOMMENDATION AND COMMENTS ~~

I recommend the complaint is Legally Insufficient for the reasons set forth above.



March 12, 2019 Miramar election results

Posted: 2:31 PM, March 12, 2019 Updated: 2:31 PM, March 12, 2019

Miramar Mayor

100% of Precincts Reporting (25/25)

Selection	Votes	Split
Wayne Messam ✓	5,738	85%
Josue Larose	943	14%

Miramar Commission Seat 4

100% of Precincts Reporting (25/25)

Selection	Votes	Split
Alexandra Davis ✓	3,129	46%
Darline Riggs	2,435	35%
Leo Gilling	793	11%
Barbara Ingram	330	4%

Selection	Votes	Split
Dennis Hinds	88	1%

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MARCH 12, 2019 ELECTION

Qualified Candidates

The following is a list of candidates who have qualified to run for office in the March 12, 2019, City of Miramar Municipal Election.

General Election (4 years)

COMMISSION SEAT #4

Alexandra P. Davis

3149 SW 133 Avenue

Miramar, FL 33027

Phone: 954-270-4601

Email

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Date Qualified: January 2, 2019

Leo Gilling

2413 Main Street, #164

Miramar, FL 33025

Phone: 954-707-0773

Email

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Date Qualified: January 3, 2019

Dennis Hinds

3345 SW 173 Way

Miramar, FL 33029

Phone: 954-266-9876

Email

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Date Qualified: January 9, 2019

Barbara Delores Ingram

MAYORAL SEAT #5

Josue Larose

3140 SW 120 Terrace

Miramar, FL 33025

Phone: 954-865-6813

Email

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Date Qualified: January 8, 2019

Wayne M. Messam (Incumbent)

3600 Red Road, Suite 303

Miramar, FL 33025

Phone: 877-963-7726

Email

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Date Qualified: January 2, 2019

Miramar, FL 33027

Phone: 754-242-3847

<u>Email</u>

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Date Qualified: January 8, 2019

Darline Bernot Riggs (Incumbent)

5391 SW 130 Terrace

Miramar, FL 33027

Phone: 954-684-8088

<u>Email</u>

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Date Qualified: January 8, 2019

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2019 Municipal Election

Election Date: 3/12/2019

(Website last updated at: 06/05/2019 10:16:27 PM)

Registered Voters:

438,829

Ballots Cast:

41,626

Voter Turnout:

9.49%

Precincts Reporting:

217 / 217

Election Day:

Completely Reported

Vote By Mail:

Completely Reported

EL 30 Precinct Report (https://www.browardsoe.org/Portals/Broward/Documents/ENR County Mess/190312_March_Municipal/EL30.txt)

EL 45 Summary Report (https://www.browardsoe.org/Portals/Broward/Documents/ENR County Mess/190312 March Municipal/EL45A.txt)

EL 52 Report (https://www.browardsoe.org/Portals/Broward/Documents/ENR County Mess/190312_March_Municipal/EL52.txt)

Summary Results



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☆ City Commissioner District A Coconut Creek

Participating Precincts Reporting:

Percent	Votes
13.95%	948
86.05%	5,848
	6,796
	13.95%

☆ City Commission Seat 4 Mira	mar		
Participating Precincts Reporting:			
25 / 25			
Choice	Percent	Votes	
Alexandra Davis	46.29%	3,190	
Leo Gilling	11.86%	817	
Dennis M. Hinds	1.28%	88	
Barbara Ingram	4.82%	332	
Darline Bernot Riggs	35.76%	2,464	
		6,891	

☆ Commissioner District 4 Pembr	oke Park	
Participating Precincts Reporting: 2 / 2		
Choice	Percent	Votes
Reynold Rey Dieuveille	55.14%	134
Francine Sutherland	44.86%	109
	•	243

☆ Fort Lauderdale Question 1 B	onds for Police and Public	Safety
Participating Precincts Reporting: 69 / 69		
Choice	Percent	Votes
For bonds	63.53%	7,005
Against bonds	36.47%	4,022
		11,027

☆ Fort Lauderdale Question 2 Bonds for Parks and Recreation

CF Elections

CF Candidates

CF Committees

Darline Riggs

March 12, 2019 Election City Commission Seat 4

R	eport		Contribution	ns		Ехре	nditures
Submitted	Period	Num	Monetary	In-Kind	Loans	Num	Amount
06/11/2018	2018-M5	1	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
07/11/2018	2018-M6	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
08/04/2018	2018-M8	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	1	\$2,000.00
08/04/2018	2018-M7	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	2	\$1,375.00
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- Contributions as Excel (CSV)
 Expenditures as Excel (CSV)
 FundTransfers as Excel (CSV)
 Distributions as Excel (CSV)

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CF Committees

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(1) Darline B. Riggs Name	OFFICE USE ONLY
(2) 5391 SW 130 Terrace	
Address (number and street)	
Miramar, FL 33027	:.
City, State, Zip Code	
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(4) Check appropriate box(es):	
☐ Candidate (office sought):	City Commission Seat 4
☐ Political Committee	CHECK IF PC HAS DISBANDED
Committee of Continuous Existence	CHECK IF CCE HAS DISBANDED
Party Executive Committee	
☐ Electioneering Communication	CHECK IF NO OTHER ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION REPORTS WILL BE FILED
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	8 / 31 / 2018 Report Type M8
☐ Original ☑ Amendment ☐ Special Election	<u> </u>
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In-Kind \$ 0.00	180.00 180.00
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·	\$ 0.00
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I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete.	I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete.
(Type name)	(Type name)
☐ Individual (only for electioneering commun.) ☐ Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer	☐ Candidate ☐ Chairperson (only for PC, PTY & electioneering commun. organization)
X	X
Signature	Signature CFID: 450



(1) Name	Darline B. Riggs	(2) I.D. Number
(3) Cover Period8 /	1 / 2018 through 8 / 31 / 2018	(4) Page1of1

(5)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Date (6) Sequence Number	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	Expenditure Type	Amendment	Amount
8 / 28 / 18	Sharon Belnavus 7963 Miramar Parkway Miramar, FL 33025	Community Outreach	MON	ADD	\$90.00
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8 / 28/ 18	Georgia Fyffe Fyffe 7963 Miramar Parkway Miramar, FL 33025	Checks	MON	ADD	\$90.00
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Miramar, FL 33027	
City, State, Zip Code	
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☐ Party Executive Committee ☐ Electioneering Communication	CHECK IF NO OTHER ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION REPORTS WILL BE FILED
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	8 / 31 / 2018 Report Type M8
☑ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Special Election	Report
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Cash & Checks \$	Monetary Expenditures \$ 2,000.00
Loans \$	Transfers to Office Account \$
Total Monetary \$	Total Monetary \$ 2,000.00
In-Kind \$	
· -	(8) Other Distributions \$
(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date	(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date
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(11) CERT	IFICATION
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(Type name)	(Type name)
☐ Individual (only for electioneering commun.)	☐ Candidate ☐ Chairperson (only for PC, PTY & electioneering commun. organization)
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Signature	Signature CFID: 444

(1) Name	CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S R Darline B. Riggs		D EXPENDI 2) I.D. Number		
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(2) 5391 SW 130 Terrace	
Address (number and street)	
Miramar, FL 33027	
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☐ Party Executive Committee	_ CHECK IF CCE HAS DISBANDED
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	7 / 31 / 2018 Report Type M7
☑ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Special Election	Report Independent Expenditure Report
(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT	(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT
Cash & Checks \$ 0.00	Monetary Expenditures \$ 1,375.00
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☐ Individual (only for ☐ Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer electioneering commun.)	Candidate Chairperson (only for PC, PTY & electioneering commun. organization)
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Signature	Signature CFID: 443



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Date (6) Sequence Number	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	Expenditure Type	Amendment	Amount
7 / 8 / 18	Mervelyn McCaffrey 4403 Woodland Cir Tamarac, FL 33319	Assistant	MON		\$375.00
7 / 19/ 18	Lordy Douzable 9227 SW 41st Street Miramar, FL 33025	Media	MON		\$1,000.00
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5391 SW 130 T	errace	City C	ommission Seat 4			
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Miramar F	FL 33027		oup italiao.			
City St	ate Zip Code					
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Political Committee Pa	arty Executive Committee	Check here if PC or CCE has DISBANDED and will no longer file reports.				
	TYPE OF REPORT					
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☐ April	☐ 18th day prior	☐ 32nd day prior	, 			
☐ July	☐ 4th day prior	☐ 18th day prior	☐ TERMINATION REPORT			
☐ October		☐ 4th day prior	☐ SPECIAL ELECTION			
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In any reporting period when there has been no activity in the account (no funds expended or received) the filing of the required report is waived. However, the filing officer must be notified in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed.

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(1) Name	Darline B. Riggs			(2)	I.D. Number	·	
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Sequence Number	Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	Туре	Occupation	Contribution Type	In-kind Description	Amendment	Amount
5 / 10 / 18 1	Darline Bernot Riggs 5391 SW 130th Ter Miramar, FL 33027	S	Registered Nurse	CHE			\$10,000.00
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5 / 7 / 18 1	SunTrust Bank PO BOX 305183 NASHVILLE, FL 37230	Checks	PCS		\$35.95
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COMMISSIONER DARLINE B. RIGGS

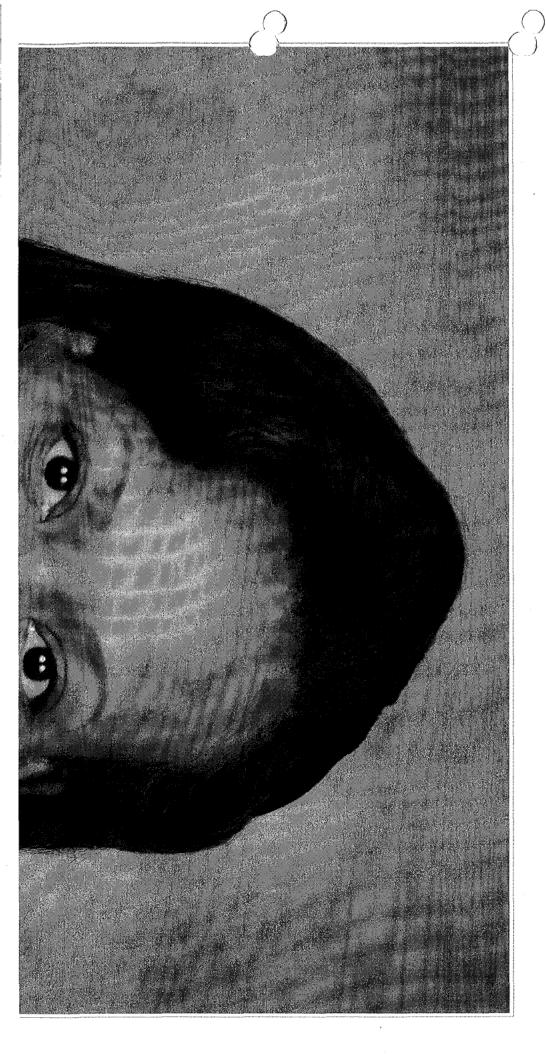
Biography

Darline B. Riggs was elected to the Miramar City Commission, Seat 4 on March 10, 2015. Darline B. Riggs was given up by her birth mother at 2 months old and adopted into a family of ten. At the age of 9, her family settled in Miramar where she has resided for the last enty-nine years. A graduate of Miramar High, she went on to obtain her Associate of Science degree in nursing from Broward College, her Bachelor of Science in nursing and her Master of Science in nursing education from Florida Atlantic University.

Commissioner Riggs is married to retired police officer Michael Riggs, a 30-year veteran of the Miramar Police Department and they have four children; sons Michael Jr., Gabriel, Daniel and daughter Michaela.

Commissioner Riggs believes that there is no greater gift than the gift of service; and it is this constant desire to serve that propelled her into public service.

As a wife, a mother, a teacher, and a 29-year resident of the city of Miramar, Commissioner Riggs is all too familiar with the issues we face today and what awaits us tomorrow. Whether it is making government more responsive to the residents, attracting and keeping businesses in the city, creating local jobs for local people, activities to keep our youth off the streets, programs to keep our seniors active in the sunset of their lives and providing the necessary resources for our first responders, Commissioner Riggs is well aware and is dedicated to making these issues her priorities. She is committed to Miramar.



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Contact Us

Commissioner Darline B. Riggs

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Phone: 954-602-3152

Office of the Commission

2300 Civic Center Place Miramar, Florida 33025 Staff Directory

Sherry Abdin

Ambassador

<u>Email</u>

Phone: 954-602-3141

FAQs

• What is the City Commission?

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ELECTIONS

The Mayor and the City Commissioners are elected at-large, with the City Commission designated by seat numbers. Both the Mayor and the City Commission are elected for 4-year terms. Elections are every 2 years (odd number years) with staggered terms. The Mayor and 1 Commission seat are elected at 1 election and the remaining 3 Commissioners elected at the next election. Both the Mayor and the Commission may be re-elected subsequently.

The Mayor presides at meetings of the Commission, but shall have no administrative duties except as required to carry out the responsibilities herein. The Commission elects from among its members a Vice-Mayor. This election is done annually at the 1st regular Commission meeting in April. The Vice-Mayor shall act as Mayor during the absence or disability of the Mayor.

All elections shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the general election laws of the State of Florida, except as is otherwise provide by City Charter or by Ordinance. Procedures for becoming a candidate are found in our <u>City Charter (PDF)</u>, Article VI beginning with Section 26.

Upcoming Election

*View a list of those who have filed the necessary items for the March 12, 2019 City of Miramar Municipal Election.

Political Sign Regulations & Enforcement Summary

The <u>Political Sign Regulations and Enforcement (PDF)</u> summarizes the City of Miramar's Sign Code regulations relating to political signs. All interested parties should review the <u>Land Development Code, Chapter 10</u>, for additional relevant information.

Voter Registration & Information

Voter registration is handled through the Broward County Supervisor of Elections. Any inquires you may have, please visit their <u>website</u> or call them at 954-357-7050.

Supervisor of Elections

115 S Andrews Avenue Room 102 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

Phone: 954-357-7050

CF Elections

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March 12, 2019 Election 3/12/2019

Voter Registration Deadline: 2/11/2019



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Miramar

City Commission
City Commission Seat 4
Mayor Seat 5

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March 12, 2019 Election 03/12/2019 City Commission Seat 4

Alexandra P. Davis

Leo Gilling

Dennis M. Hinds

Darline B. Riggs

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March 12, 2019 Election 03/12/2019 City Commission Seat 4

Name: Darline B. Riggs

Address: 5391 SW 130 Terrace Miramar, FL 33027

E-mail: darlineriggs@gmail.com

Candidate's Report:

Announced Date: 5/7/2018

Status: Filed

View finance reports submitted by this candidate.

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CF Candidates

CF Committees

March 12, 2019 Election 03/12/2019 City Commission Seat 4

Name: Alexandra P. Davis

Address: 3149 SW 133 Avenue

Miramar, 33027

E-mail: adavis8469@aol.com

Candidate's Report:

Announced Date: 5/2/2018

Status: Filed

View finance reports submitted by this candidate.

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APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN **DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

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2. Name of Candidate (in t	his orde	r: First, Middle, L	ast)			dress (includ	e post of	ffice	box or s	treet, city,	state, ;	zip
Darline Bernot Riggs				code) 5391 SW 130th Ter.								
4. Telephone	5. E-ma	ail address				mar FL, 33						
(954) 6848088	darline	riggs@gmail.c	om	\perp								
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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

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candidate for the office of Commissioner Seat 4

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

Signature of Candidate

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



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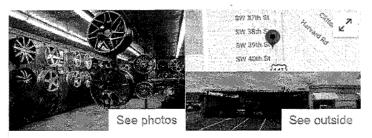
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