STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re	Forward Victory		Case No.: FEC 22-010
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TO:	Nancy Metayer, Chair		Division of Elections
	8767 Shadow Wood Blvd., Apt. 306		500 South Bronough Street, Room 316

Coral Springs, FL 33071-6729 Tallahassee, FL 32399

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

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

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

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Tim Vaccaro

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

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February 8, 2023

Forward Victory Nancy Metayer, Chair 9833 NW 54th Place Coral Springs, FL 33076

RE: Case No.: FEC 22-010; Respondent: Forward Victory

Dear Ms. Metayer:

The Florida Elections Commission at its last regularly scheduled meeting considered this case and entered the enclosed order. Please read the order carefully.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Donna Ann Malphurs

Agency Clerk/Public Information Officer

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Enclosure: Executed Order

cc: Division of Elections, Complainant

STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

Case No.: FEC 22-010

Forward Victory, Respondent.

v.

ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On October 28, 2022, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff's Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation(s):

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Count 1:

On or around November 10, 2021, Forward Victory violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2021 M10 reporting period.

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

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

Copies furnished to: Stephanie Cunningham, General Counsel Forward Victory, Respondent Division of Elections, Complainant

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING

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

Second, you may request an <u>informal hearing</u> held before the Commission, if you <u>do not</u> dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to make written or oral arguments to the Commission concerning the legal issues related to the violation(s) and the potential fine. At the request of Respondent, the Commission will consider and determine willfulness at an informal hearing. Otherwise, live witness testimony is unnecessary.

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STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

Respondent.

v.

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STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Forward Victory Case No.: FEC 22-010

TO: Nancy Metayer, Chair Division of Elections

9833 NW 54th Place 500 S. Bronough Street, Room 316 Coral Springs, FL 33076 Tallahassee, FL 32399-6596

NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

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

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STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Forward Victory Case No.: FEC 22-010

TO: Forward Victory

Nancy Metayer, Chair 9833 NW 54th Place Coral Springs, FL 33076 Division of Elections 500 S. Bronough Street, Room 316 Tallahassee, FL 32399-6596

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

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

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

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission December 13, 2022

STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Forward Victory		Case No.: FEC 22-010 /
то:	Nancy Metayer, Chair 9833 NW 54th Place	Division of Elections 500 S. Bronough Street, Room 316
	Coral Springs, FL 33076	Tallahassee, FL 32399-6596

NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **December 14, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: **House Office Building, 402 South Monroe Street, 306 HOB, Mashburn Hall, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.**

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the referral in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7)**, **Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on September 9, 2022, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

- 1. On January 20, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections ("Division"), alleging that Forward Victory ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
 - 2. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. (ROI, page 1, $\P1$)¹
- 3. By letter dated April 4, 2022, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provision:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, may have failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2021 M10 reporting period.

- 4. On June 24, 2021, David Metellus filed an Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees form ("DS-DE 6") appointing himself as treasurer for Forward Victory. (ROI Exhibit 1)
- 5. On July 16, 2021, Nancy Metayer, signing as chairman, filed a Statement of Organization of Political Committee form ("DS-DE 5") on behalf of Forward Victory. (ROI Exhibit 2)
- 6. By letter dated August 3, 2021, Donna S. Brown, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received its DS-DE 6, and that its name was placed on the Division's active committee list. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1)

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

- 7. The acknowledgement letter advised Respondent that all committees filing reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system ("EFS") and provided Respondent with a user identification number and initial password to grant access to the EFS. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1)
- 8. The acknowledgement letter further advised Respondent that each of the Division's publications and reporting forms were available on its website and directed Respondent to print out the *Calendar of Reporting Dates* as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 2)
- 9. Respondent's 2021 M10 report was due on November 10, 2021. However, Respondent failed to timely file the report or notify the filing officer that no report would be filed. *See* Compl.
- 10. The Division sent a letter notifying Respondent that neither the 2021 M10 report nor a corresponding waiver had been filed. *See* Compl. A Final Notice letter was confirmed delivered to the address provided on the DS-DE 5 on December 15, 2021. *Id.*
- 11. On September 1, 2022, Commission staff spoke to Respondent, explaining the complaint's details. Respondent stated her report should have been filed by then. (ROI Exhibit 7, page 1) Respondent did not elaborate. *Id.* No further contact was successful. *Id.*
- 12. Respondent ultimately filed a waiver for the 2021 M10 report on February 22, 2022—104 days late. (ROI, page 2, ¶8)
- 13. "Probable Cause" is defined as reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. *Schmitt v. State*, 590 So. 2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reasonable man to reach the conclusion that an offense has been committed. *Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles v. Favino*, 667 So. 2d 305, 309 (Fla. 1st DCA 1995).
- 14. The facts set forth above show that Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer by the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2021 M10 reporting period.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating the following:

Count 1:

On or around November 10, 2021, Forward Victory violated **Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes**, when it failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would

be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2021 M10 reporting period.

Respectfully submitted on October 28, 2022.

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this **28** day of October 2022.

General Counsel

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer

Case Number: FEC 22-010

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate or political committee that did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to timely notify the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed.

Respondent: Forward Victory **Respondent's Atty:** N/A

Division of Elections (Division) Referral Filed: January 20, 2022

Respondent Type: Political Committee

I. Preliminary Information:

- 1. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division.
- 2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on June 24, 2021. David Metellus was appointed as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 6, refer to Exhibit 1.
- 3. A Statement of Organization (DS-DE 5) for the political committee was filed with the Division on July 16, 2021. To review the Statement of Organization, refer to Exhibit 2.
- 4. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on the DS-DE 5 on August 3, 2021, advising Respondent that all political committees filing reports with the Division are required to file by means of the Division's electronic filing system (EFS). Respondent was provided with a user identification number and initial password allowing access to the EFS.
- 5. The acknowledgement letter also advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Political Committee Handbook*, and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*. The letter further advised that it was Respondent's responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. To review the acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 3.
- 6. The *Political Committee Handbook* discusses filing a waiver when there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant page of the *Handbook*, refer to Exhibit 4.
- 7. The *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* discusses how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, the *Handbook* instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant pages from the *EFS User's Guide*, refer to Exhibit 5.

II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:

8. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by not timely notifying the filing officer, in writing, that no report(s) would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making expenditures during the following reporting period(s). To review Respondent's filing history reflecting the untimely filed notification(s) summarized below, refer to Exhibit 6.

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Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2021 M10	10/1/21 – 10/31/21	11/10/21	2/22/22	104

9. Respondent did not respond to the referral.

10. I attempted to contact Respondent's Chairperson, Nancy Metayer, on two occasions for the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the referral. As of the date of this report, my telephone calls have not been returned. However, I spoke with Respondent's Chairperson in a related matter on September 1, 2022. Ms. Metayer stated that all of Respondent's reports had been filed at that time, but she did not give me a reason for any untimely filings. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 7.

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR: Date: September 9, 2022____

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

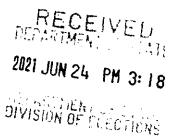
Forward Victory -- FEC 22-010

LIST OF EXHIBITS					
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits				
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 6 Form				
Exhibit 2	Statement of Organization				
Exhibit 3	Acknowledgement Letter				
Exhibit 4	Relevant pages from the Political Committee Handbook				
Exhibit 5	Relevant pages from the Political Committee EFS User's Guide				
Exhibit 6	Filing History				
Exhibit 7	Phone Log				

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

POLITICAL COMMITTEES

(Sections 106.011(2) and 106.021(1), F.S.)



CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:			The state of the s			
Initial Filing for: Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer			OFFICE USE ONLY			
Re-filing to Change: Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer	Primary/Seconda	ry Depository				
1. Committee		2. Telephone				
Forward Victory		(954) 857-5	5441			
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer 4. Email (optional David Metellus)	5. Telephone (o				
6. Mailing Address 3504 NW 82nd Dr. Coral Springs, FL うらしら						
7. Street Address 3504 NW 82nd Dr. Coral Springs, FL 33 0	25					
8. The following bank has been designated as the Prin	mary Depository	Seconda	ry Depository			
9. Name of Bank	10. Street Address					
CenterState Bank	10385 Royal Palm Blvd.					
11. City	12. Sta	ite	13. Zip Code			
Coral Springs	FL		33065			
14. Signature of Chairman X M M M M M M M M M M M M	l	15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type) Nancy Metayer				
Campaign Treasurer's Ac	ceptance of A	ppointment				
1, David Metellu S (Please Print or Type)		, do hereb	by accept the appointment as			
treasurer or deputy treasurer for Forward Victory						
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UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I H. ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND						
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hata	Signature of Camp	aign Treasurer or '	Denuty Treasurer			

DS-DE 6 (Rev. 4/19)

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

(PLEASE TYPE)

OFFICE USE ONLY

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2021 JUL 16 PM 3: 08

1. Full Name of Committee			Telephone
Forward Victory			
<u> </u>			
Mailing Address (include city 9833 NW 54th Place Coral Springs, FL 334			
Street Address (include city, 9833 NW 54th Place Coral Springs, FL 330	. ,		
2. Affiliated or Connected Or committees)	ganizations (includes other committees of co	ntinuous exis	stence and political
Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization	Mailing Address		Relationship
N/A			
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3. Area, Scope and Jurisdicti	on of the Committee		
Candidate and ballot issue	es, statewide, legislative, multi-district, cou	ıntywide, aı	nd municipal elections
_	Organization's Special Interest (e.g., medical,	legal, educat	tion, etc.)
Civic			
5. Identify by Name, Address	and Position, the Custodian of Books and Ac	counts (incli	ude treasurer's name)
Full Name	Mailing Address	Comm	ittee Title or Position
David Metellus	3504 NW 82nd Dr. Coral Springs, FL 33065	Treasurer	

	nd Position, Other Principal (ny (include chairman's name		ficers ar	nd Members of the		
Full Name	Mailing Add	ress	Committee Title or Position			
Nancy Metayer	9833 NW 54th Place Coral Springs, FL 33076	C	Chairperson			
David Metellus	3504 NW 82nd Dr. Coral Springs, FL 3ろの		Treasurer			
	Office Sought and Party Affili g (if none, please indicate)		or Othe	er Individual that this		
Full Name	Mailing Address	Office So	ought	Party		
N/A						
8. List Any Issues this Con	nmittee is Supporting: TIO BI	E DETERMINED				
List Any Issues this Con	nmittee is Opposing: TO BE	DETERMINED				
9. If this Committee is Sup N/A	porting the Entire Ticket of a	Party, Give Name of P	arty			
<u> </u>	tion, What Disposition will be donate to an IRC Section			on		
11. List all Banks, Safety D	eposit Boxes, or Other Depo	sitories Used for Com	mittee F	unds		
Name of Bank or Depo	sitory & Account Number	<u> </u>	Mailing A	Address		
CenterState Bank Account #TBD		10385 Royal Palm Blvd. Coral Springs, FL 33065				
12. List all Reports Require	ed to be Filed by this Commit Officials, If Any	tee with Federal Offici	ials and	the Names, Addresses		
Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of C	Official	Mailing Address		
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STATE OF FLORIDA	<u> </u>	BROWARD COUNTY				
, NANCY METAY	ER	, certify that the info	ormation	in this Statement of		
Organization is complete, true and correct. X Signature of Chairman of Political Committee Date						

DS-DE 5 (Rev. 06/11) - Rule 1S-2.017

Exhibit 2 Page 2 of 922



RON DESANTIS
Governor

LAUREL M. LEE Secretary of State

August 3, 2021

Nancy Metayer, Chairperson Forward Victory 9833 Northwest 54th Place Coral Springs, Florida 33076

Dear Ms. Metayer:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Forward Victory**, which were placed on file in our office on July 16, 2021. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **August 10, 2021**. The report will cover the period of July 1-31, 2021 (2021 M7). All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

EFS Access

Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. Enclosed are the committee's confidential, filing credentials.

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

Identification Number: 79579

Timely Filing

All reports must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the

Nancy Metayer, Chairperson August 3, 2021 Page Two

due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date is subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three 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 the 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 chairperson and campaign treasurer, and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

Instructions and Assistance

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

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

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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Enclosures

pc: David Metellus, Treasurer

Political Committee Handbook

Florida Department of State Division of Elections R. A. Gray Building, Room 316 500 South Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250 850.245.6280



(Rev. 9/27/2019)

Any political committee required to file reports with a filing officer other than the Division must file reports on the 60th day immediately preceding the primary election and bi-weekly on each Friday thereafter through and including the 4th day immediately preceding the general election, with additional reports due on the 25th and 11th days before the primary election and the general election.

Unless the electronic filing requirements of Section <u>106.0705</u>, Florida Statutes, apply, reports shall be filed no later than 5 p.m. of the day designated. A report postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight of the day designated is deemed timely filed. A report received by the filing officer within five days after the designated due date that was delivered by the U.S. Postal Service is deemed timely filed unless it has a postmark indicating the report was mailed after the designated due date. A certificate of mailing obtained from and dated by the U.S. Postal Service at the time of mailing or a receipt from an established courier company, which bears a date on or before the date on which the report is due, is proof of mailing in a timely manner.

Reports filed with the Division through the <u>Electronic Filing System</u> (<u>EFS</u>) are due no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date.

(Sections <u>106.07</u>, <u>106.0705</u>, and <u>106.141</u>, Fla. Stat.; <u>Chapter 11: Electronic Filing of Campaign Reports</u>)

Penalty for Late Filing

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

(Section <u>106.07(8)</u>, Fla. Stat.)

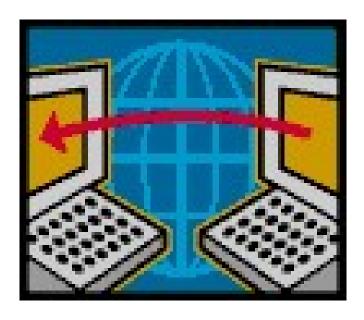
Notice of No Activity

When there has been no reportable activity in the campaign account during a reporting period (no funds expended or received) the filing of the report is waived. However, the political committee **must notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date**. (A notice of no activity filed with the Division must be filed electronically using the <u>EFS</u>.) The next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed.

(Sections 106.07(7) and 106.0705, Fla. Stat.)

Department of State Division of Elections

Political Committee EFS User's Guide



Florida Department of State Division of Elections R.A. Gray Building, Room 316 500 S Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

EFS HELP LINE: 850-245-6280

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Rule 1S-2.017, F.A.C.

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The **Due Date** will automatically fill in based on the **Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates**.

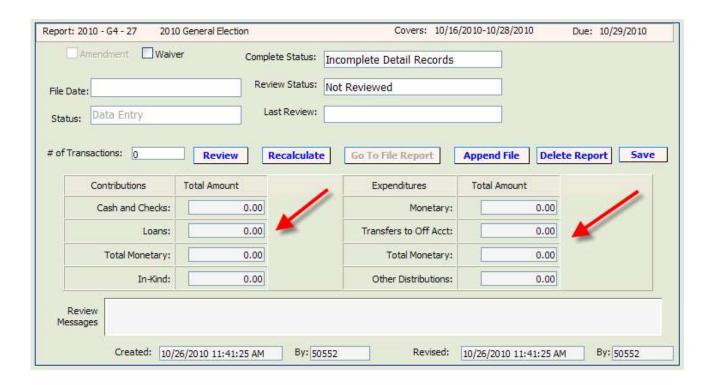
If this report is for a special election, click the box next to **Special Election Report**. (If no special elections are scheduled this option will not be available.)

*****NOTE****

If this report is a waiver of report (no activity), click the lead box next to Waiver.

Election Cycle:	2010 General Election F2 2010		~	
Report Type:			~	
Coverage Period:	7/17/2010	7/30/2010		Due Date: 08/06/2010
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Click Open Report at the bottom of the screen. A Report Detail screen (view only) will appear. This screen will not indicate any activity until individual detail data is entered, saved and a review is performed.





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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup							
Name:							
Election:							
			~				
Acct:	79579						
Туре:	Committee		~				
	Search	Reset					

Committee Name: Forward Victory **Account:** 79579

Date Due	Туре	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Appealed Assessed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
9/2/2022	G1		SNT	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8/26/2022	P7A		SNT	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8/19/2022	P7		SNT	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8/12/2022	P6	8/17/2022	CLO	5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8/5/2022	P5	8/17/2022	CLO	12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7/29/2022	P4	8/17/2022	CLO	19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7/22/2022	P3	8/17/2022	CLO	26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7/15/2022	P2A	8/17/2022	CLO	33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7/8/2022	P2	8/17/2022	CLO	40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7/1/2022	P1A	8/17/2022	CLO	47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6/24/2022	P1	8/17/2022	CLO	54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6/10/2022	M5	8/17/2022	CLO	68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5/10/2022	M4	5/2/2022					
4/11/2022	М3	5/2/2022	CLO	21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3/10/2022	M2	3/5/2022					
2/10/2022	M1	2/22/2022	CLO	12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1/10/2022	M12	2/22/2022	CLO	43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1/7/2022	SP2	2/22/2022	CLO	46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12/10/2021	M11	2/22/2022	CLO	74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
11/10/2021	M10	2/22/2022	CLO	104	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/12/2021	М9	2/22/2022	CLO	133	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9/10/2021	M8	2/22/2022	CLO	165	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8/10/2021	М7	8/10/2021					



Forward Victory

Campaign Finance Activity

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

		Contributions					
	Filing Period	Monetary	Loans	InKind	Expend	Other	Transfers
W	07/06/2021 - 07/31/2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/01/2021 - 08/31/2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/01/2021 - 09/30/2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/01/2021 - 10/31/2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/01/2021 - 11/30/2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/01/2021 - 12/31/2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/01/2021 - 01/06/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2022 - 01/31/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/01/2022 - 02/28/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/01/2022 - 03/31/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2022 - 04/30/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/01/2022 - 05/31/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/01/2022 - 06/17/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/18/2022 - 06/24/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/25/2022 - 07/01/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/02/2022 - 07/08/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/09/2022 - 07/15/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/16/2022 - 07/22/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/23/2022 - 07/29/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/30/2022 - 08/05/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	All Dates (Totals)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Note: ^(E) indicates that report was filed electronically

X Indicates that detail has not been released

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

Select Detail Type		Select Sort Order		Select Output Type
Contributions	~	Date(Ascending)	~	Display On Screen ➤
		Submit Query	Now	
	<u>.</u>	Query the Campaign Fina	ance Dat	a Base

[Department of State] [Division of Elections] [Candidates and Races] [Campaign Finance Information]

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

Case No.: FEC 22-010

Respondent: Forward Victory

Complainant: DOE

1. **Date and time:** September 1, 2022 @ 9:30 am

Name: Nancy Metayer—Chairperson

Phone #: (954) 857-5441

Summary: I had telephone contact from the Chairperson advising me that she was returning a call received from the FEC this morning. I explained that I hadn't attempted to contact her this morning, but I went over the complaint details with her. She stated that her reports should've been filed at this time. She then got another call and told me that she would have to call me back.

Entered by: CKO

2. **Date and time:** September 8, 2022 @ 4:10 pm

Name: Nancy Metayer—Chairperson

Phone #: (954) 857-5441

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

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

3. **Date and time:** September 9, 2022 @ 11:30 am

Name: Nancy Metayer—Chairperson

Phone #: (954) 857-5441

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

message to return my call.

Entered by: CKO

4. **Date and time:**

Name: Phone #: Summary: Entered by:

5. **Date and time:**

Name: Phone #: Summary: Entered by:

6. **Date and time:**

Name: Phone #: Summary: **Entered by:**

7. **Date and time:**

Name:

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Summary:

Entered by:

8. **Date and time:**

Name:

Phone #:

Summary:

Entered by:

9. **Date and time:**

Name:

Phone #:

Summary:

Entered by:

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

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

- Why was the 2021 M10 Report untimely filed?
- Have you ever run for public office? If so, please name each office you ran for and state what year each election occurred.
- Have you ever been appointed to act as a campaign treasurer for a candidate? If so, please name each such candidate, the office each ran for, and state what year each election occurred.
- Have you ever held the office of chairperson, treasurer, or other similar position for a political committee or electioneering communications organization? If so, please name each committee, state the office you held for each, and state when you held each office.
- Have you ever prepared or signed a campaign treasurer's report? If so, please state the name of the candidate or committee whose report you prepared or signed.
- What action have you taken to determine your responsibilities under Florida's election laws?
- Do you possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- Do you possess a copy of the *Political Committee Handbook*? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- If a section of Chapter 104 is listed in the LS letter, ask: Do you possess a copy of Chapter 104, Florida Statutes? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- Did you receive any other materials from your filing officer? If so, please describe them.
- Do you have anything else to add for the Commission's consideration regarding the charges specified in the letter of legal sufficiency in this case?



Florida Elections Commission

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April 4, 2022

Nancy Metayer, Chairperson Forward Victory 9833 Northwest 54th Place Coral Springs, FL 33076

RE: Case No.: FEC 22-010; Respondent: Forward Victory

Dear Ms. Metayer:

On January 20, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging your committee violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violation(s):

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2021 M10 reporting period.

However, prior to an investigation, you have the option to <u>resolve your case now by</u> signing a minor violation consent order and <u>paying a fine of \$50</u>, per Rule 2B-1.003, Florida Administrative Code, <u>rather than the potential \$1,000 per violation</u> provided for in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes.

If you sign the consent order, you would not be required to admit or deny the allegation(s) in the complaint, but you would be required to immediately correct the violation, if feasible.

The signed consent order would then be considered by the Commission at its next available meeting and would constitute final action by the Commission once it is accepted and approved by the Commission. You and the Complainant will receive notice at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Please contact Todd Smith-Schoenwalder by phone at (850) 922-4539, by email at Todd.Smith-Schoenwalder@myfloridalegal.com, or at the address listed above, to accept this minor violation consent order.

Nancy Metayer, Chairperson April 4, 2022 Page 2 FEC 22-010

If you choose not to resolve this case by consent order, an investigation will be conducted, the Commission will hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violation(s) occurred and, if so, the amount of fine to be imposed upon your committee.

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

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

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Sincerely

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

To FEC from Division of Elections

Name:

Forward Victory

Account Number:

79579

Chairperson:

Nancy Metayer

Treasurer:

David Metellus

Registered Agent:

David Metellus

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

The following report is outstanding after notification: 2021 M10

- Forward Victory (79579) is a political committee registered with the Division of Elections. On July 16, 2021, the committee filed the DSDE 5 and DSDE 6 with the Division indicating that Nancy Metayer was the chairperson.
- The 2021 M10 campaign treasurer's report was due on November 10, 2021.
 On November 12, 2021, the Division mailed Forward Victory notification that the 2021 M10 campaign treasurer's report had not been filed.
- On November 22, 2021, the Division mailed Forward Victory notification that the 2021 M10 campaign treasurer's report had not been filed.
- On December 13, 2021, the Division mailed Forward Victory final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2021 M10 report had not been filed. (See attached letter and delivery confirmation.)
- The committee did not notify the Division of Elections prior to or on the prescribed reporting date for the 2021 M10 report that no report was to be filed.
- As of January 13, 2022, Forward Victory has not filed the 2021 M10 report.

Sent By:

Donna S. Brown

Date:

January 13, 2022

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December 13, 2021

Nancy Metayer, Chairperson Forward Victory 9833 Northwest 54th Place Coral Springs, FL 33076-3076

PAC 79579

Dear Ms. Metayer:

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

Year	Report	Cover Period
2021	M10	10/1/21 - 10/31/21

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: David Metellus, Treasurer

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