

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Courtney Grace Antron**

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**Case No.: FEC 15-026**

**TO:** Mark Herron, Esquire  
Messer Caparello PA  
P.O. Box 15579  
Tallahassee, FL 32317

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **May 18, 2016 at 9:00 am**, *or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard*, at the following location: **Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Room 110-S, Tallahassee, Florida 32399**

Failure to appear in accordance with this notice will constitute a waiver of your right to participate in the hearing. Continuances will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

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**See further instructions on the reverse side.**

**Amy McKeever Toman**  
Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
May 3, 2016

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

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,  
Petitioner,**

**Case No.: FEC 15-026**

v.

**Courtney Antron Grace,  
Respondent.**

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**ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

**THIS MATTER** was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 18, 2016, in Tallahassee, Florida.

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):

**Count 1:**

On or about July 25, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before July 25, 2014, that Respondent would not be filing his 2014 P3 Report on the prescribed due date.

**Count 2:**

On or about August 1, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before August 1, 2014, that Respondent would not be filing his 2014 P4 Report on the prescribed due date.

**Count 3:**

On or about August 22, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before August 22, 2014, that Respondent would not be filing his 2014 P7 Report on the prescribed due date.

**Count 4:**

On or about October 31, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before October 31, 2014, that Respondent would not be filing his 2014 G7 Report on the prescribed due date.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on February 18, 2015.



M. Scott Thomas, Chairman  
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:  
Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel  
Courtney Antron Grace, 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 consent order 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 informal hearing held before the Commission, if you do not 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.

Third, you may request a formal hearing held before an administrative law judge in the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), if you 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 present evidence relevant to the violation(s) listed in this order, to cross-examine opposing witnesses, to impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence presented against you.

If you do not elect to resolve the case by consent order or request a formal hearing at the DOAH or an informal hearing before the Commission within 30 days of the date this Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission, the case will be sent to the Commission for a formal or informal hearing, depending on whether the facts are in dispute. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order.

To request a hearing, please send a written request to the Commission Clerk, Donna Ann Malphurs. The address of the Commission Clerk is 107 W Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050. The telephone number is (850) 922-4539. The Clerk will provide you with a copy of Chapter 28-106, *Florida Administrative Code*, and other applicable rules upon request. No mediation is available.

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Courtney Antrone Grace**

**Case No.: FEC 15-026**

**TO:** Courtney Antrone Grace  
1525 44th Street  
West Palm Beach, FL 33407-3407

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **February 18, 2016 at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola Street, Room #108, Tallahassee, Florida 32306.**

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Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
February 2, 2016

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Courtney Antron Grace

Case No.: FEC 15-026

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the complaint in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **106.07(7), Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on September 8, 2015, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation.

1. On January 7, 2015, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from Division of Elections (“Division”) alleging that Courtney Antron Grace (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent was a candidate for State Representative, District 88 in the 2014 election. Respondent’s Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form (“DS-DE 9”) was filed with the Division on June 19, 2014. Respondent appointed himself as his campaign treasurer. (ROI Exhibit 1)<sup>1</sup>

3. On March 18, 2015, the Executive Director sent Respondent notification that Commission staff would investigate the following section of law:

**Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:** As alleged in the complaint, for each of the following reporting periods, Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the reporting periods:

- 2014 P3
- 2014 P4
- 2014 P7
- 2014 G7

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<sup>1</sup> The Report of Investigation shall be referred to herein as “ROI ”



4. By letter dated June 20, 2014, Kristi Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent a letter notifying Respondent that her name had been placed on the 2014 active candidate list. The letter advised Respondent that all candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to use the electronic filing system (“EFS”) and provided Respondent with a user identification number and initial password to access to the EFS. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)

5. Ms. Bronson’s June 20, 2014 letter further advised Respondent that all of the Division’s publications and reporting forms were on its website and directed Respondent to print a copy of the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* (“Handbook”) and the 2014 Calendar of Reporting Dates as well as other documents. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 3)

6. In a January 31, 2015 written response, Respondent claimed that any errors in his late filings were related to technical glitches with the computer he used and were not a deliberate or intentional attempt to hide information related to his campaign. Therefore, he stated, he did not willfully violate Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. (ROI Exhibit 6, page 2)

7. Page 47 of the Handbook, states, “In any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds or made any expenditures, the filing of the required report for that period is waived; **however**, the candidate must indicate there is no activity by filing a waiver of report on the prescribed due date. (Waivers filed with the Division must be filed using the EFS.)” (Emphasis in Original) (ROI Exhibit 3)

8. Pages 12, 13, 44, and 45 of the *Candidate EFS User’s Guide* (“Guide”) explains the steps a candidate should take to notify the Division in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed for the reporting period using the EFS. Specifically, at the top of page 13, the Guide instructs the user to click the box next to “Waiver” if there is no financial activity to report. (ROI Exhibit 4)

9. Section 106 07(7), Florida Statutes, provides:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, in any reporting period during which a candidate or political committee has not received funds, made any contributions, or expended any reportable funds, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. However, the next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed, and any candidate or political committee not reporting by virtue of this subsection on dates prescribed elsewhere in this chapter **shall notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.** (Emphasis added)

10 The table below reflects Respondent's untimely written notifications to the Division:

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2014 P3	07/12/14 – 07/18/14	07/25/14	08/01/14	7
2014 P4	07/19/14 – 07/25/14	08/01/14	08/08/14	7
2014 P7	08/09/14 – 08/21/14	08/22/14	08/23/14	1
2014 G7	10/18/14 – 10/30/14	10/31/14	11/01/14	1

(ROI Exhibit 5 and Attachment A)

11. "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 1<sup>st</sup> DCA 1995).

12. The above facts show that Respondent was a candidate for State Representative, District 88 in the 2014 election. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed filing dates for the 2014 P3, 2014 P4, 2014 P7 and 2014 G7 reporting periods that he would not be filing a report for each of the reporting periods

Based on the foregoing, I recommend that the Commission find probable cause to charge Respondent with violating the following provisions of law:

**Count 1:**

On or about July 25, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before July 25, 2014, that Respondent would not be filing his 2014 P3 Report on the prescribed due date.

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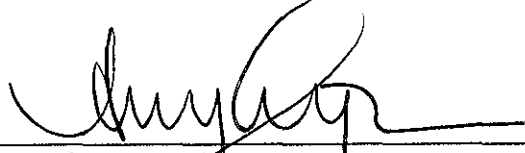
Respectfully submitted on September 29, 2015,



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Eric M. Lipman  
General Counsel

I have reviewed this Staff Recommendation on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 2015.



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Amy McKeever Toman  
Executive Director

**2014 Calendar of Reporting Dates for  
Political Committees/Independent Expenditure-Only Organizations that file with the Division of Elections**

<u>Cover Period</u>	<u>Report Code</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
12/01/13 - 12/31/13	2013 M12	01/10/14
01/01/14 - 01/31/14	2014 M1	02/10/14
02/01/14 - 02/28/14	2014 M2	03/10/14
03/01/14 - 03/31/14	2014 M3	04/10/14
04/01/14 - 04/30/14	2014 M4	05/12/14
05/01/14 - 05/31/14	2014 M5	06/10/14
11/01/13 - 12/31/13*	2014 MUC*	06/27/14

06/01/14 - 06/20/14	2014 P1	06/27/14
06/21/14 - 06/27/14	2014 P1A	07/04/14
06/28/14 - 07/04/14	2014 P2	07/11/14
07/05/14 - 07/11/14	2014 P2A	07/18/14
07/12/14 - 07/18/14	2014 P3	07/25/14
07/19/14 - 07/25/14	2014 P4	08/01/14
07/26/14 - 08/01/14	2014 P5	08/08/14
08/02/14 - 08/08/14	2014 P6	08/15/14
08/09/14 - 08/21/14	2014 P7	08/22/14
08/22/14	2014 P7A	08/29/14

08/23/14 - 08/29/14	2014 G1	09/05/14
08/30/14 - 09/05/14	2014 G1A	09/12/14
09/06/14 - 09/12/14	2014 G2	09/19/14
09/13/14 - 09/19/14	2014 G2A	09/26/14
09/20/14 - 09/26/14	2014 G3	10/03/14
09/27/14 - 10/03/14	2014 G4	10/10/14
10/04/14 - 10/10/14	2014 G5	10/17/14
10/11/14 - 10/17/14	2014 G6	10/24/14

10/18/14 - 10/24/14**	2014 D1**	10/25/14**
10/25/14**	2014 D2**	10/26/14**
10/26/14**	2014 D3**	10/27/14**
10/27/14**	2014 D4**	10/28/14**
10/28/14**	2014 D5**	10/29/14**
10/29/14**	2014 D6**	10/30/14**

10/18/14 - 10/30/14***	2014 G7***	10/31/14***
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10/31/14	2014 M10	11/10/14
11/01/14 - 11/30/14	2014 M11	12/10/14
12/01/14 - 12/31/14	2014 M12	01/12/15

\* If not reported as individual contributions when received, a political committee must report contributions that comprise multiple uniform contributions from the same person aggregating no more than \$250 per calendar year, collected by an organization that is the affiliated sponsor of the political committee. The report must list the name, address, and occupation of the person making the contribution; however, the occupation need not be listed if the aggregate contribution from the person is \$100 or less. (Because the law containing this provision did not go into effect until 11/01/13, this first report will not cover a full calendar year.)

\*\* These reports need only contain information on all previously unreported contributions received as of the preceding day; however, expenditures can be reported if desired.

\*\*\* If expenditures for 10/18/14 - 11/02/14 have already been reported during the daily reports, do not duplicate expenditures in this report.

## FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

### Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer

**Case Number** FEC 15-026

**Respondent:** Courtney Antron Grace

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

**Complainant:** Division of Elections

**Respondent Type:**

- Candidate  
 Political Committee

#### I. Preliminary Information:

1. An appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) was filed on June 19, 2014 (Ex 1)

2. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on Respondent's DS-DE 9 on June 20, 2014 advising Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *2014 Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, and the Calendar of Reporting Dates (Ex 2)

3. The acknowledgement letter also states, "An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports" and provides the telephone number for the Division's EFS Help Desk

4. The *2014 Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, discusses filing a waiver when there is no activity to disclose on page 47. (Ex 3)

5. Pages 12, 13, 14, and 45 of the *Candidate EFS User's Guide* discuss how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, page 13 instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose (Ex 4)

6. In a telephone interview on April 2, 2015, Kristi Reid-Bronson clarified that once the waiver box is chosen and a new report is opened as shown on Page 12, the only available option on the report summary screen will be "Go To File Report" as shown on Page 13. Choosing "Go To File Report" will take the user directly to the screens where the candidate/ treasurer PINS are entered as shown on Pages 45 and 46.

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

7. Respondent's filing history reflects the untimely filed notifications summarized below (Ex 5)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2014 P3	07/05/14 – 07/18/14	07/25/14	08/01/14	7
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8 Respondent provided a written response to the referral on January 31, 2015, in which he stated that he never deliberately or intentionally failed to provide information to the filing officer Respondent notes that any errors in late filing were related to technical glitches with the computer that he used and were not deliberate attempts to hide information regarding his campaign (Ex 6)

#### III. FEC History:

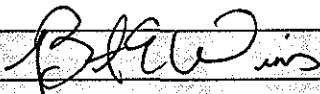
9. Respondent has not had any prior cases before the Commission

**Conclusion:**

10 I attempted to contact Respondent on two occasions to give him an opportunity to discuss the allegations in the referral. Additionally, a questionnaire- affidavit was mailed to Respondent on June 3, 2015. As of the date of this report, Respondent has not returned my calls, nor has he returned the questionnaire.

11 Because Respondent has not contacted the Commission or returned the questionnaire, I am unable to ascertain whether Respondent has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and/or the *2014 Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. Respondent signed his Statement of Candidate form on June 8, 2014. (Ex. 7)

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:



Date:

9/8/15

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

(Section 106.021(1) F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.

RECEIVED  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

14 JUN 19 AM 10:13

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

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

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

Courtney A. Grace

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

1525 44th Street  
West Palm Beach, FL 33407

4. Telephone

(561) 891-5380

5 E-mail address

gracecourtney.cj@gmail.com

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

State Rep. Dist. 88

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

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

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

Write-In     No Party Affiliation     \_\_\_\_\_ Party candidate

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

10 Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Courtney Grace

11 Mailing Address

1525 44th Street

12 Telephone

(561) 891-5380

13 City

West Palm Beach

14. County

Palm Beach

15 State

FL

16 Zip Code

33407

17 E-mail address

gracecourtney.cj@gmail.com

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

19 Name of Bank

Chase

20 Address

1325 N. Congress Ave.

21 City

West Palm Beach

22. County

Palm Beach

23 State

FL

24 Zip Code

33401

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

25 Date

6-18-14

26 Signature of Candidate

X Courtney Grace

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

I, Courtney A. Grace, do hereby accept the appointment  
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:  Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer.

6-18-14

Date

X Courtney Grace

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

**RICK SCOTT**  
Governor

**KEN DETZNER**  
Secretary of State

June 20, 2014

Courtney Antron Grace  
1525 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33407

Dear Ms. Grace:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Representative, which was placed on file in our office on June 19, 2014. Your name has been placed on the 2014 candidate list.

### Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **June 27, 2014**. The report will cover the period of June 1-20, 2014 (P1). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

### Credentials and Sign-ons

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

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>  
Identification Number: 63276



Division of Elections  
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850.245.6200 • 850.245.6217 (Fax) [election.dos.state.fl.us](http://election.dos.state.fl.us)  
Promoting Florida's History and Culture [VivaFlorida.org](http://VivaFlorida.org)



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Courtney Antron Grace

June 20, 2014

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**Pin Numbers**

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update personal information. The enclosed sealed envelope contains confidential pin numbers for you

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

**Timely Filing**

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

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

**Electronic Receipts**

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

Courtney Antron Grace  
June 20, 2014  
Page Three

**Instructions and Assistance**

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

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <http://elections.myflorida.com>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, *2014 Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, *2014 Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/ljr

Enclosures

day designated is deemed timely filed. A report received by the filing officer within 5 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 Electronic Filing System (EFS) are due no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date.

*(Sections 106.07, 106.0705 and 106.141, F.S.)*

#### **Penalty for Late Filing**

Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 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 immediately preceding the primary and general election, 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. For a candidate's termination report, the fine shall be \$50 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. All fines must be paid from the candidate's **personal funds** – not campaign funds.

*(Section 106.07(2) and (8), F.S.)*

#### **Waiver of Report**

In any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds or made any expenditures, the filing of the required report for that period is waived; **however**, the candidate must indicate there is no activity by filing a waiver of report on the prescribed due date. (Waivers filed with the Division must be filed using the EFS.) The next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed.

*(Section 106.07, F.S.)*

#### **Incomplete Reports**

If a campaign treasurer files a report that is deemed incomplete, it shall be accepted on a conditional basis. The campaign treasurer will be notified by the filing officer as to why the report is incomplete. The campaign treasurer must file an addendum to the incomplete report within seven days of notification. The addendum must include all necessary information to complete the report.

*(Section 106.07(2), F.S.)*

#### **Reporting Total Sums**

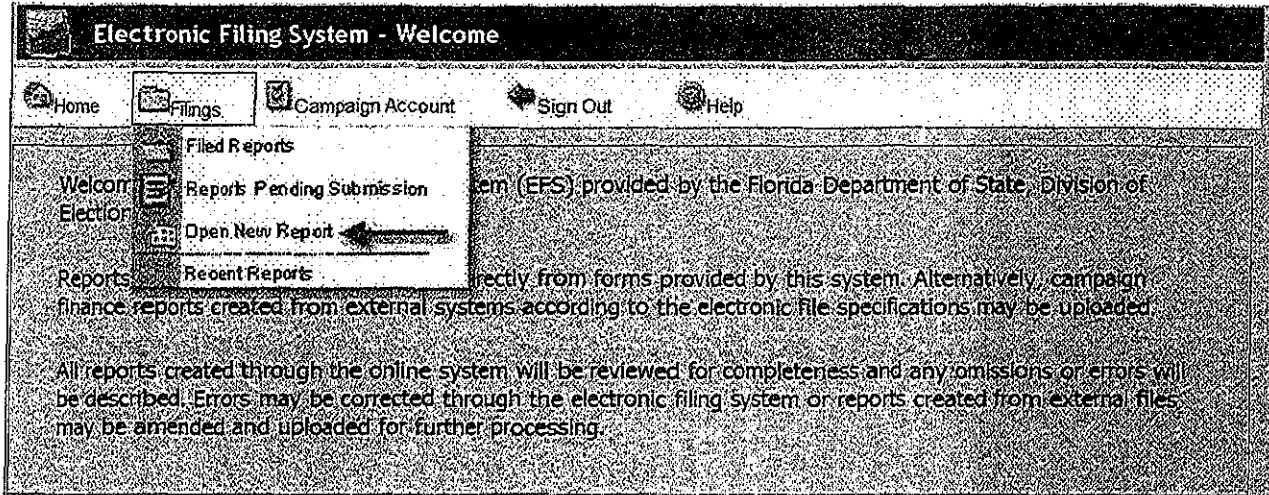
Each campaign treasurer's report required by Chapter 106, F.S., shall contain the total sums of all loans, in-kind contributions, and other receipts by or for such candidate, and total sums of all expenditures made by such candidate during the reporting period. The

reporting forms shall be designed to elicit separate totals for in-kind contributions, loans, and other receipts

*(Section 106.07, F.S.)*

# Create a New Report by Data Entry

From the Welcome Screen, click  Filings and then  Open New Report



Use this form to submit an original report. To submit an amendment to a previously filed report, first select the report from the 'Filed Reports' listing and then choose the 'Amend Report' option from the 'Edit' menu item.

**Coverage Periods**  
Campaign finance reports itemize financial activity occurring during a specific reporting period. The reporting period is declared by first selecting the reporting year and then the report type. The beginning and ending coverage dates and the filing due date of the report are automatically associated with the *Reporting Year* and *Report Type*.


Election Cycle: 2010 General Election  
Report Type: F2 2010  
Coverage Period: 7/17/2010 7/30/2010 Due Date: 08/06/2010


Special Election Report  Waiver

**Uploading a Campaign Finance Report**  
A Campaign Finance report file meeting the department's specifications may be uploaded at the time a report is opened. Use the Browse button to locate and select the report text or zip file to be uploaded. You may upload the report file in a compressed zip. The zip file must contain only one report file.

Browse

Open Report

Click  arrow next to **Election Cycle**. Scroll to the cycle associated with the report you are entering.

Click  arrow next to **Report Type** and select the report type that corresponds to the appropriate cover period and due date.

The **Cover Period** dates will automatically fill in based on the **Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates**. The end date can be changed for candidate termination reports.

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

\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*

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

Election Cycle: 2010 General Election  
Report Type: F2 2010  
Coverage Period: 7/17/2010 7/30/2010 Due Date: 08/06/2010  
 Special Election Report  Waiver

Click  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.

Report: 2010 - G4 - 27 2010 - General Election Covers: 10/16/2010-10/28/2010 Due: 10/29/2010

Amendment:  Waiver Complete Status: Incomplete Detail Records  
File Date: Review Status: Not Reviewed  
Status: Data Entry Last Review:

# of Transactions: 0

Contributions		Total Amount	Expenditures		Total Amount
Cash and Checks:		0.00	Monetary:		0.00
Loans:		0.00	Transfers to Off Acct:		0.00
Total Monetary:		0.00	Total Monetary:		0.00
In-Kind:		0.00	Other Distributions:		0.00

Review Messages

Created: 10/26/2010 11:41:25 AM By: 50552 Revised: 10/26/2010 11:41:25 AM By: 50552

# File the Report

If the **Review Status** is Updated Detail – Needs Review the report has not been reviewed since the last update. (See page 38 for instructions on how to submit the report to the system for review.)

If the status of the report is Complete Detail Records, you are ready to file the report.

Report: 2010 - F3 - 26      2010 General Election      Covers: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010      Due: 8/20/2010

Amendment     Waiver      Complete Status: **Complete Detail Records** ←

File Date:       Review Status: **Reviewed**

Status: **Data Entry**      Last Review: **8/19/2010 3:56:42 PM**

No. Transactions:                        

Contributions		Total Amount	Expenditures		Total Amount
Cash and Checks:	<input type="text"/>	0.00	Monetary:	<input type="text"/>	54.00
Loans:	<input type="text"/>	0.00	Transfers to Off Acct:	<input type="text"/>	0.00
Total Monetary:	<input type="text"/>	0.00	Total Monetary:	<input type="text"/>	54.00
In-Kind:	<input type="text"/>	0.00	Other Distributions:	<input type="text"/>	0.00

Review Messages:

Created: 8/19/2010 2:01:35 PM    By: 50552    Revised: 8/19/2010 3:56:42 PM    By: 50552

Click on

The candidate enters his or her PIN, and then selects

**NOTE: A PIN is the same as your signature attesting to the validity of the report.**

Step 1: Enter the candidate/chairperson PIN.

Step 2: Select the 'Report Approved' button.

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Report: 2010 - F3 - 26      Coverage Period: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010      Due: 8/20/2010

Review Status: **Reviewed**       Original     Amended

Waiver

PIN for Candidate/Chairperson:      ←

If there is more than one treasurer, click on the drop down and select the treasurer that is filing the report.

Campaign Treasurer:  


The treasurer enters his or her PIN and then clicks

Report: 2010 - F3 - 26      Coverage Period: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010      Due: 8/20/2010

Review Status:        Original     Amended

Campaign Treasurer:        Waiver

PIN for specified Treasurer:

To Edit Report Again Select Cancel:      

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If changes need to be made after a candidate enters his PIN, the treasurer must undo the candidate's PIN validation before the system will allow changes. See page 48 for instructions.



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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Candidate Name: Courtney Antron Grace

Name:

Account: 63200

Election:

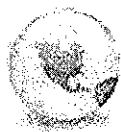
Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
2/2/2015	TR	2/2/2015						
10/31/2014	G7	11/1/2014	FEC	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/24/2014	G6	10/24/2014						
10/17/2014	G5	10/17/2014						
10/10/2014	G4	10/10/2014						
10/3/2014	G3	10/3/2014						
9/19/2014	G2	9/12/2014						
9/5/2014	G1	9/5/2014						
8/22/2014	P7	8/23/2014	FEC	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/15/2014	P6	8/8/2014						
8/8/2014	P5	8/8/2014						
8/1/2014	P4	8/8/2014	FEC	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/25/2014	P3	8/1/2014	FEC	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/11/2014	P2	7/11/2014						
6/27/2014	P1	6/27/2014						

EXHIBIT 5





Case No FEC 15-026  
Courtney Grace  
to:  
fec  
01/31/2015 02:00 PM  
Show Details

Attention: Florida Elections Commission

RE: FEC 15-026; Respondent Courtney Antron Grace-Elections Complaint

Dear Florida Elections Commission,

I recently received a certified letter alleging that I violated Florida's election laws. It is my intention by way of this correspondence to respond to this matter. The FEC Referral Form alleges that I deliberately failed to provide information to the filing officer. In response I maintain that I never deliberately or intentionally failed to provide information to the filing officer.

The affidavit states:

4 The 2014 P3 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 25, 2014. On July 28, 2014 the Division mailed Mr. Grace notification that the 2014 P3 campaign report had not been filed. Mr. Grace filed a waiver for this report on August 1, 2014.

#### RESPONSE:

On July 25, 2014, I went through the process step by step of filing the report by computer and believed that all steps were complete. I did not realize that my waiver did not go through until I received the letter from the Division at which time I immediately re-filed a waiver of report.

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RESPONSE:

This report was due on August 1, 2014, and I believed that I had completed all of the steps and filed the report. I did not receive the letter from the Division until after I had filed the report as I noticed that the report was not filed when I attempted to waive my P5 report. Therefore, I completed both reports on that day without any intention to hide information.

6 & 7. The reports were due respectively on August 22, 2014 and October 31, 2014. Mr. Grace filed waivers for these reports on August 8, 2014, and November 1, 2014.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Courtney A. Grace

EXHIBIT 6 pg. 2 of 2

**STATEMENT OF  
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)  
(Please print or type)

OFFICE USE ONLY  
RECEIVED  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
14 JUN 19 AM 10:13  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

I, Courtney Antron Grace ,  
candidate for the office of State Representative District 88 ;  
have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of  
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X   
Signature of Candidate

June 18, 2014  
Date

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



**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**107 W. Gaines Street,  
Suite 224 Collins Building  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050  
Telephone: (850) 922-4539  
Fax: (850) 921-0783**

March 18, 2015

Courtney Antron Grace  
1525 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
West Palm Beach, FL 33407

**RE: Case No.: FEC 15-026 Respondent: Courtney Antron Grace**

Dear Ms. Grace:

On January 7, 2015, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that you 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 violations:

**Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:** As alleged in the complaint, for each of the following reporting periods, Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because she had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the reporting period:

- 2014 P3
- 2014 P4
- 2014 P7
- 2014 G7

You may respond to the allegations above by filing a notarized statement providing any information regarding the facts and circumstances surrounding the allegations. Your response will be included as an attachment to the investigator's report.

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation will be mailed to you at the above address. You may file a response to the report within 14 days from the date the report is mailed to you. Based on the results of the investigation, legal staff will make a written recommendation to the Commission on whether there is probable cause to believe you have violated Chapter 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. A copy of the Staff Recommendation will be mailed to you and you may file a response within 14 days from the date the recommendation is mailed to you. Your timely filed response(s) will be considered by the Commission when determining probable cause.

The Commission will then hold a hearing to determine whether there is probable cause to believe you have violated Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You and the complainant will receive a notice of hearing at least 14 days before the hearing. The notice of hearing will indicate the location, date, and time of your hearing. You will have the opportunity to make a brief oral statement to the Commission, but you will not be permitted to testify or call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence.

At any time before a probable cause finding, you may notify us in writing that you want to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a settlement via consent agreement.

**The Report of Investigation, Staff Recommendation, and Notice of Hearing will be mailed to the above address as this letter. Therefore, if your address changes, you must notify this office of your new address. Otherwise, you may not receive these important documents. Failure to receive the documents will not delay the probable cause hearing.**

Under section 106 25, Florida Statutes, complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 and 106, 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 unless you waive confidentiality in writing. 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.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact **Br'Axeton Wims**, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,

  
Amy McKeever Toman  
Executive Director

AMT/bm



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Courtney A. Grace

**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
FEC REFERRAL FORM**

RECEIVED

2015 JAN -7 P 3:30

To FEC from Division of Elections

STATE OF FLORIDA  
ELECTIONS

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**Name:** Courtney Antron Grace

**Account Number:** 63200

**Treasurer:** Courtney Antron Grace

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The Division of Elections is referring this issue to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to Section 106.25 and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, in that written notifications of no reports were filed after the applicable reporting deadline for the following reports:

<u>Report</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Date Waiver Filed</u>
2014 P3	7/25/2014	8/1/2014
2014 P4	8/1/2014	8/8/2014
2014 P7	8/22/2014	8/23/2014
2014 G7	10/31/2014	11/1/2014

The late filings of the required waiver reports reflect a deliberate failure to provide information to the filing officer as required by Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, i.e. no report is being filed on the prescribed reporting date.

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**Sent By:** Kristi Reid Bronson /jq *KRB*  
**Date:** January 7, 2015

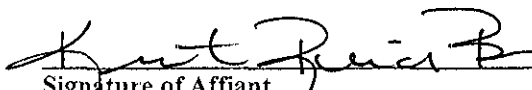


AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA  
County of Leon

Kristi Reid Bronson, being duly sworn, says:

1. I am the Chief of the Bureau of Election Records of the Division of Elections (Division) In that capacity, I oversee the Division's duties related to the filing of campaign finance reports. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
2. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
3. Courtney Antron Grace (63200) was a 2014 candidate for the office of State Representative. On June 19, 2014, Mr Grace filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division indicating that he was the treasurer
4. The 2014 P3 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 25, 2014. On July 28, 2014, the Division mailed Mr Grace notification that the 2014 P3 campaign report had not been filed Mr Grace filed a waiver for this report on August 1, 2014. (See attached letter and file receipt).
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6. The 2014 P7 campaign treasurer's report was due on August 22, 2014. Mr Grace filed a waiver for this report on August 23, 2014. (See attached file receipt)
7. The 2014 G7 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 31, 2014 Mr Grace filed a waiver for this report on November 1, 2014. (See attached file receipt).

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_



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

(Section 106 021(1) F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

RECEIVED  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

14 JUN 19 AM 10:13

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.

OFFICE USE ONLY

**1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):**

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

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

Courtney A Grace

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

1525 44th Street  
West Palm Beach, FL 33407

4 Telephone

(561) 891-5380

5 E-mail address

agrace.courtney.cg@gmail.com

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

State Rep. Dist. 08

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

My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate

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

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grace.courtney.cg@gmail.com

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

19. Name of Bank

Chase

20 Address

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21. City

West Palm Beach

22. County

Palm Beach

23 State

FL

24 Zip Code

33401

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

25. Date

6-18-14

26 Signature of Candidate

X Courtney Grace

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

I Courtney A. Grace do hereby accept the appointment  
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:  Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer.

6-18-14

Date

X Courtney Grace

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF  
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

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I, Courtney Antron Grace ,

candidate for the office of State Representative District 88 ;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of

Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X   
Signature of Candidate

June 18, 2014  
Date

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

**CANDIDATE OATH -  
WRITE-IN CANDIDATE**

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**OATH OF CANDIDATE**

(Section 99 021, Florida Statutes)

I, Courtney Antron Grace

(PLEASE PRINT NAME)

am a write-in candidate for the office of State Rep., 88,   
(office) (district #) (circuit #)

; I am a qualified elector of Palm Beach County County, Florida; I am qualified  
(group or seat #)

under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; I have qualified for no other public office in the state the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek; and I have resigned from any office from which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99 012, Florida Statutes; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida

X *Courtney Grace*

Signature of Candidate

(561) 841-5380

Telephone Number

gracecourtney.cg@gmail.com

Email Address

1525 44th St

Address

W.P.B.

City

FL

State

33407

ZIP Code

Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card): 119927492

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF Palm Beach

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

Personally Known: \_\_\_\_\_ or

Produced Identification:

Type of Identification Produced:

FLDL




*Gigi Marshall*

Signature of Notary Public

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public



 **Treasurer Report Status**

ID: **63200** Name: **Courtney Antron Grace**

Report: 2014 - P3 - 3

Print Date: **12/12/2014 9:21:41 AM**

Election: 2014 General Election

Covers: 7/5/2014-7/18/2014

Amended  Waiver

Due: 7/25/2014

Filed: **8/1/2014 7:39:32 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **8/8/2014**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

**Number of Detail Records**

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 28, 2014

Courtney A. Grace, Treasurer  
Courtney Antron Grace  
1525 44th Street  
West Palm Beach, FL 33407-3407

Re: CAN 63200

Dear Ms. Grace:

Your campaign treasurer's report, which was due July 25, 2014, has not been received.

Section 106.07(8)(b), Florida Statutes, requires that the filing officer immediately notify you of the failure to file this report and that a fine will be assessed of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter \$500 per day, although a fine cannot 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.

Once your report is filed, this office will notify you of the specific amount of your fine. Fines must be paid to the filing officer within 20 days of receipt of the payment due notice.

Please be advised, however, that failure to file a campaign treasurer's report may constitute a violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, independent of the automatic fine violation referenced above. Therefore, if you fail to file a report, the division will turn the matter over to the Florida Elections Commission.

Section 106.265(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Florida Elections Commission to impose a civil penalty up to \$1,000 per count for each willful violation of Chapter 106.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: **63200** Name: **Courtney Antron Grace**

Report: 2014 - P4 - 4

Print Date: **12/12/2014 9:22:08 AM**

Election: 2014 General Election

Covers: 7/19/2014-7/25/2014

Amended  Waiver

Due: 8/1/2014

Filed: **8/8/2014 6:12:25 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **8/8/2014**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

**Number of Detail Records**

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

August 4, 2014

Courtney A. Grace, Treasurer  
Courtney Antron Grace  
1525 44th Street  
West Palm Beach, FL 33407-3407

Re: CAN 63200

Dear Ms. Grace:

Your campaign treasurer's report, which was due August 1, 2014, has not been received.

Section 106 07(8)(b), Florida Statutes, requires that the filing officer immediately notify you of the failure to file this report and that a fine will be assessed of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter \$500 per day, although a fine cannot 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.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records



 Treasurer Report Status

ID: **63200** Name: **Courtney Antron Grace**

Report: 2014 - P7 - 7

Print Date: **12/12/2014 9:22:29 AM**

Election: 2014 General Election

Covers: 8/9/2014-8/21/2014

Amended  Waiver

Due: 8/22/2014

Filed: **8/23/2014 12:07:18 AM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **8/22/2014**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed  
Entry Method: Web Data Entry

**Number of Detail Records**

Contributions: 0  
Expenditures: 0  
Fund Transfers: 0  
Distributions: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: **63200** Name: **Courtney Antron Grace**

Report: 2014 - G7 - 14

Print Date: **12/12/2014 9:22:47 AM**

Election: 2014 General Election

Covers: 10/18/2014-10/30/2014

Amended  Waiver

Due: 10/31/2014

Filed: **11/1/2014 12:02:19 AM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **11/1/2014**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed  
Entry Method: Web Data Entry

**Number of Detail Records**

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'