#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits Case No.: FEC 15-310

TO: Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits Michael J. Peragine, Chair 6231 PGA Blvd., Unit 104-308 Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

Patricia Snider 10500 North Military Trail Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

#### **NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **November 16, 2016 at 8:30 am,** or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: **Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Room 110-S, Tallahassee, Florida 32399** 

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Amy McKeever Toman

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission November 1, 2016 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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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 PLORIBA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

v.

**Case No.: FEC 15-310** 

Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits, Respondent.

#### **ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

**THIS MATTER** was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 17, 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 March 10, 2015, Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2015 M2 Report.

The Commission finds that there is **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on August 17, 2016.

M. Scott Thomas, Chairman Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Stephanie J. Cunningham, Assistant General Counsel Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits, Respondent City of Palm Beach Gardens Clerk, 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)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.

Third, you may request a <u>formal hearing</u> 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.



#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224 Collins Building Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050 (850) 922-4539

March 1, 2016

Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits Attn: Michael J Peragine, Chair 277 Sedona Way Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

RE: Case No.: FEC 15-310; Respondent: Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits

Dear Mr. Peragine:

The Florida Elections Commission at its last regularly scheduled meeting was unable to hear this case. Therefore, this case has been rescheduled for its next meeting, which is scheduled for May 18-19, 2016 in Tallahassee. A notice of hearing will be mailed approximately 14 days before the hearing.

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

Sincerely,

/s/Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director

AMT/dam

cc: City of Palm Beach Gardens Clerk, Complainant

#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits Case No.: FEC 15-310

**TO:** Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits

Michael J. Peragine, Chair 277 Sedona Way Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418 Patricia Snider, City Clerk City of Palm Beach Gardens Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

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

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **February 17, 2016 at 10:00 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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Amy McKeever Toman

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission February 2, 2016 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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December 1, 2015

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Term Limits	

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the sworn complaint in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7)**, Florida **Statutes**, and that there is **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.19(1)(c)**, Florida **Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on August 24, 2015, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

- 1 On April 6, 2015, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a sworn complaint from Patricia Snider, City Clerk, City of Palm Beach Gardens ("Complainant"), alleging that Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes
- 2. Respondent is a political committee registered with the City of Palm Beach Gardens (ROI Exhibit 1)<sup>1</sup>
- 3. By letter dated August 6, 2015, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provisions:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent 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 following reporting period:

2015 M2

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when it failed to file a report on the prescribed reporting date for the following reporting period:

2015 M2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as "ROI."

- Respondent's 2015 M2 Report was due to be filed by March 10, 2015; however, Respondent failed to timely file the report or notify the filing officer that no report would be filed By letter dated March 16, 2015, the City Clerk notified Respondent that its 2015 M2 Report had not been received (ROI Exhibit 4, page 1) The March 16, 2015 letter was confirmed delivered (ROI Exhibit 4, page 3)
- A subpoena was issued to Respondent's designated campaign depository to ascertain whether any financial activity occurred during the relevant reporting period, i.e., February 1, 2015 February 28, 2015. Respondent's bank records do not show any reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibit 5) As it appears that Respondent had no financial activity, Respondent was required to notify the filing officer in writing that it would not be filing its 2015 M2 Report on the prescribed reporting date, but failed to do so Therewith, it does not appear that Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in its 2015 M2 Report as the report was waived due to a lack of reportable financial activity.
- 6 On April 13, 2015, Respondent filed a Waiver of Report with the City Clerk indicating that it had no reportable financial activity during the 2015 M2 reporting period The notification was 34 days late (ROI Exhibit 6)
- 7. Michael Peragine, chairperson and treasurer for Respondent, stated that the waiver notification was submitted late because he is not able to file notices electronically and was out of town on the prescribed reporting date (Attachment A, Phone Log Entry 7)
- 8 "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)
- 9 The facts set forth above show that Respondent is a political committee registered with the City of Palm Beach Gardens Respondent failed to timely file its 2015 M2 Report or notify the filing officer that no report would be filed. It appears that Respondent had no reportable financial activity during the 2015 M2 reporting period, and therefore was required to notify the filing officer in writing that it would not be filing its 2015 M2 Report on the prescribed reporting date, but failed to do so. Therewith, it does not appear that Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in its 2015 M2 Report as the report was waived due to a lack of reportable financial activity.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find no probable cause to charge Respondent with violating Section 106 19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, and find probable cause to charge Respondent with violating the following:

#### Count 1:

On or about March 10, 2015, Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2015 M2 Report

Respectfully submitted on September 21, 2015.

Stephanie J. Cupningham Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 241 day of September 2015.

Amy McKeever Toman Executive Director

## FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

Case No.: FEC 15-310

Respondent: Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits

Complainant: Patricia Snider

Date and time: August 4, 2015 @ 11:35 am Name: Patricia Snyder—Filing Officer

**Phone** #: (561) 799-4122

Summary: I had telephone contact to request documents needed to complete investigation. I was informed that the PC has filed a 2015 M2 Report Waiver; however she doesn't have a record of the 2015 M4 Report ever being filed. Ms. Snyder states that she will research and get the requested information to me. I thanked her for her assistance with this matter.

Memo to File? No Entered by: CKO

2. **Date and time:** August 6, 2015 @ 1:15 pm

Name: Cindy—Depository rep Phone #: (561) 691-8380

Summary: I had telephone contact to inquire about the best method to send subpoena to their attention. Ms. Cindy instructed me to contact #1-800-706-9991 to obtain this

information

Memo to File? No Entered by: CKO

3 Date and time: August 6, 2015 @ 1:25 pm

Name: Russ—Depository rep Phone #: (800) 706-9991

Summary: I had telephone contact to inquire about the best method to send subpoena to their attention. I was instructed to mail the subpoena to: Seacoast National Bank, Attn:

Loss Prevention, P.O. Box 9012, Stuart, Fl 34995

Memo to File? No Entered by: CKO

4. **Date and time:** August 6, 2015 @ 1:35 pm

Name: Michael Peragine—Chair

Phone #: (561) 622-7788

Summary: I attempted telephone contact to make initial contact and inquire about the depository account number. I was advised that no Michael Peragine has ever been at this number.

Memo to File? No Entered by: CKO

5. **Date and time:** August 6, 2015 @ 1:35 pm

Name: Michael Peragine—Chair



Phone #: (561) 342-1258

Summary: I attempted telephone contact to make initial contact and attempt to get

campaign account number. I left a message to return my call

Memo to File? No Entered by: CKO

6. **Date and time:** August 21, 2015 @ 8:15 am

Name: Wendy—Depository rep

**Phone** #: (772) 221-2545

Summary: I had telephone contact informing me that she just realized that the subpoena production was due today. She told me that she would fax over the results to me, and follow up with the records being fed-exed to me by Monday, August 24, 2015. I thanked her for her assistance with this matter.

Memo to File? No Entered by: CKO

7. **Date and time:** August 21, 2015 @ 9:10 am

Name: Michael Peragine—Chair

**Phone** #: (561) 342-1258

Summary: I had telephone contact to complete final interview. Mr. Peragine advised me that he had received my voice messages however, he had been in and out of town a lot recently due to him going through a "bad custody battle with my ex-wife". Mr. Peragine also told me that the reports were filed late due to him not being able to file electronically. He states that the reports are late when he's out of town on the report due dates. Mr. Peragine expressed concerns about having to personally hand-deliver each report to his filing officer. Mr. Peragine advised me that he's thinking about closing the PC to avoid any further issues. Mr. Peragine told me that he didn't intentionally violate any of the election laws.

Memo to File? No Entered by: CKO

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Case No.: FEC 15-310

Respondent: Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits

Counsel for Respondent: n/a

Complainant: Patricia Snider Counsel for Complainant: n/a

On April 6, 2015, the Florida Elections Commission received a sworn complaint alleging that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes The Commission staff investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

Section 106 07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a political committee that 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; and

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, prohibiting a person or organization from falsely reporting or deliberately failing to report information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

#### I. Preliminary Information:

- Respondent is Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits, a political committee that is registered in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. The political committee supports term limits for city council members.
  - 2 Complainant is the City Clerk for Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
- Respondent's filing officer is Patricia Snider, City Clerk for Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
- 4. On February 9, 2015, Respondent filed the most recent Statement of Organization of Political Committee (DS-DE 5) form with their filing officer, Patricia Snider. The area, scope, and jurisdiction of the committee are listed as "Preserve term limits for PBG City Council members". To view a copy of the DS-DE 5 form, refer to exhibit 1.
- 5 On February 9, 2015, Respondent filed their current Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees (DS-DE 6) form with their filing officer. This form appointed Michael Peragine as treasurer. To view a copy of the current DS-DE 6 form, refer to exhibit 2.
- 6. On February 9, 2015, Respondent filed their Registered Agent Statement of Appointment (DS-DE 41) form with their filing officer. This form appointed Michael Peragine as the Registered Agent. These forms also acknowledged that Mr. Peragine accepted the

appointment and "confirm that I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position as set forth in Section 106 022, F.S." To view a copy of the current DS-DE 41 form, refer to exhibit 3

- 7 On March 16, 2015, Complainant mailed Respondent a certified failure-to-file letter stating that Respondent's 2015 M2 Report had not been filed. This letter was mailed to the address Respondent provided on the DS-DE 6 form (Exhibit 2). To review a copy of the March 16, 2015 failure-to-file letter with delivery confirmation, refer to exhibit 4.
- 8. The allegations that Respondent failed to report campaign activity, or in the alternative, failed to notify the filing officer that no report would be filed for the 2015 M2 reporting period will be discussed in the following paragraphs.

#### II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:

- 9 I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when he failed to file a treasurer's report, or a written notice to the filing officer that no report would be filed due to the lack of reportable activity during the 2015 M2 reporting period, on the prescribed reporting date
- 10. I have subpoenaed the depository records covering the 2015 M2 reporting period. This period covers February 1, 2015 through February 28, 2015. These records reflect that no activity occurred during this reporting period. To review depository records covering the 2015 M2 reporting period, refer to exhibit 5.
- After reviewing the depository records, it has been determined that Respondent should have provided a timely written notice to the filing officer in regards to having no activity occurring during the 2015 M2 reporting period; and advising that no report would be filed for that period. To view depository records covering the 2015 M2 reporting period, refer to exhibit 5.
- Records from the Palm Beach Gardens City Clerk's office reflect that Respondent filed a waiver for the 2015 reporting period on April 13, 2015. The waiver was due on March 10, 2015. Records reflect that this waiver was filed 35 days late (April 13, 2015). To view a copy of the waiver, refer to exhibit 6.
- There is no record that Respondent has previously violated this section of the election laws

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

- I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to timely notify the filing officer, in writing, that no report would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making any expenditures during the 2015 M2 reporting period.
- 15 The calendar of reporting dates reflect that the waiver was due on March 10, 2015 The waiver was not filed on the prescribed reporting date. To view a copy of the 2015 Calendar of Reporting Dates, refer to exhibit 7.

Section 106 07(7), Florida Statutes, states in part:

"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—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."

- 17 The waiver was not timely filed. To review the circumstances regarding Respondent's contribution and expenditure activity, refer to paragraphs 9-12
- 18 There is no record that Respondent has previously violated this section of the election laws.

#### **FEC History**

19 Respondent has established a pattern of being involved in automatic-fine investigations

#### Conclusion:

20. In a final interview on August 21, 2015 with Michael Peragine, Chair, I was informed that none of the election laws were intentionally broken. Mr Peragine stated that the waiver was untimely filed due to him being out of town on the due date. Mr Peragine advised me that all reports have to be hand-delivered, and can't be filed electronically, which causes him to have untimely filings when he's out of town on the due date.

Respectfully submitted on August 24, 2015.

Cedric Oliver

Investigation Specialist

Current address of Respondent	Current address of Complainant
Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits	Ms. Patricia Snider
277 Sedona Way	10500 North Military Trail
Palm Beach Gardens, Fl 33418	Palm Beach Gardens, Fl 33410
Name and Address of Filing Officer:	Chair of Committee
Ms Patricia Snider	Michael J Peragine
City Clerk	Chair
10500 North Military Trail	277 Sedona Way
Palm Beach Gardens, Fl 33410	Palm Beach Gardens, Fl 33418

Copy furnished to: Mr. David Flagg, Investigations Manager

### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

#### REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits -- FEC 15-310

LIST OF EXHIBITS			
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits		
Exhibit 1	Respondent's DS-DE 5 form		
Exhibit 2	Respondent's DS-DE 6 form		
Exhibit 3	Respondent's DS-DE 41 form		
Exhibit 4	March 16, 2015 failure-to-file letter with delivery confirmation		
Exhibit 5	Records from Respondent's depository		
Exhibit 6	2015 M2 Report Waiver		
Exhibit 7	2015 Calendar of Reporting Dates		
Exhibit 8	Relevant pages from the Political Committee EFS User's Guide		

# STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

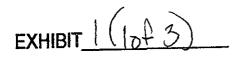
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#### ANSWER TO QUESITON #6/ DS-DE 5

LIST BY NAME, ADDRESS, AND POSITION, OTHER PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, INCLUDING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FINANCIE COMMITTEE, IF ANY.

- 1. JAMES D'LOUGHY, 342 CHAMBORD TERRACE, PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410 (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) See 12 Hero Projection 02 2. SIDNEY DINERSTEIN, 15 SAINT GEORGE PLACE, PALM BEACH GARDENGS, FL 33410
- (Board Member)
- 3. MICHAEL J. PERAGINE, 277 SEDONA WAY, PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL. 33410 (Busid Member) Chairperson, Tra as vier, Peasters & Agent
- Member)
- 5. KEVIN EASTON, 8511 40TH TERR NOTH, PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410 (Board Member)
- 6. MARILYN PARMET, 116 ABONDANCE, PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410 (Board Member)
- 7. FRED SCHEIBL, 1029 SIENA OAKS CIR. W. PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410 (Board Member)
- 8. IRIS SCHEIBL, 1029 SIENA OAKS CIR. W. PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410 (Board
- 9. LINDA STOCH, 104 VINTAGE ISLE LANE, PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410 (Board Member)

# APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR POLITICAL COMMITTEES (Sections 106.011(1) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

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Form DS-DE 41 (revised 6/11)

EXHIBIT 3

March 16, 2015

Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits 277 Sedona Way Palm Beach Gardens FL 33418 Attn: Mr. Michael Peragine, Chairman Copy

Sent via: Certified/Return Receipt

#### Dear Mr. Peragine:

In accordance with the reporting requirements set forth at Chapter 106, F.S., the Campaign Treasurer's Report for the reporting period covering February 1, 2015 to February 28, 2015 (M2) was required to be submitted to my office no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2015.

Since this report has not been submitted, a fine must be assessed for your failure to timely file the report in accordance with Section 106.07, F.S.

Subsection 106.07(8)(a) states in pertinent part, "[a]ny political committee failing to file a report on the designate due date is subject to a fine as provided in paragraph (b) for each late day." Such fine shall be paid to the filing officer within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment due.

Upon receipt of your report, the fine amount will be determined and you will be notified accordingly. Payment of the subject fine must be made by check or money order made payable to the City of Palm Beach Gardens.

Except as provided in s. 106.0705, reports shall be filed not later than 5 p.m. of the day designated; however, any report postmarked by the United States Postal Service no later than midnight of the day designated is deemed to have been filed in a timely manner. Any report received by the filing officer within 5 days after the designated due date that was delivered by the United States Postal Service is deemed timely filed unless it has a postmark that indicates that the report was mailed after the designated due date. (Sections 106.07, 106.0705 and 106.141, F.S.)

Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely.

Patricia Snider, CMC, City Clerk

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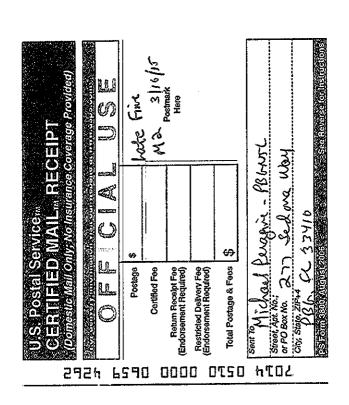


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IMPORTANT: Save this receipt and present it when making an inquiry.

PS Form 3800, August 2006 (Reverse) PSN 7530-02-000-9047

#### Statement of Account

Last statement: January 31, 2015 This statement: February 28, 2015 Total days in statement period: 28

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PALM BEACH GARDENS NEEDS TERM LIMITS CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT JAMES D'LOUGHY TREASURER 2925 PGA BLVD SUITE 204 PALM BEACH GARDENS FL 33410-2909

Direct inquiries to: Customer Service Center 800 706-9991

Seacoast National Bank 3001 Pga Boulevard Palm Beach Gardens FL 33410

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**Summary of Account Balance** 

Free Business Checking	\$38.29

#### Free Business Checking

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### WAIVER OF REPORT

(Section 106.07(7), F.S.)

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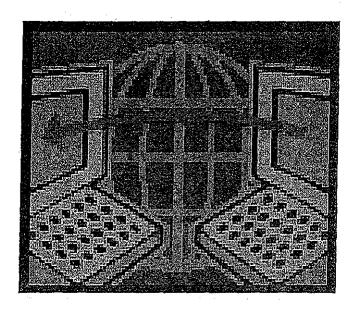
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<sup>\*</sup> If not reported as individual contributions when received, a political committee must report contributions that comprise multiple uniform contributions from the same person aggregating no more than \$250 per calendar year, collected by 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

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# Department of State Division of Elections

# Political Committee EFS User's Guide



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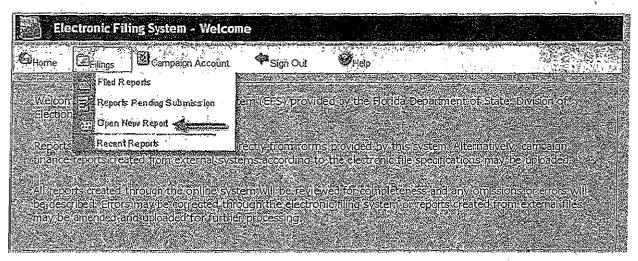


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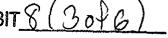
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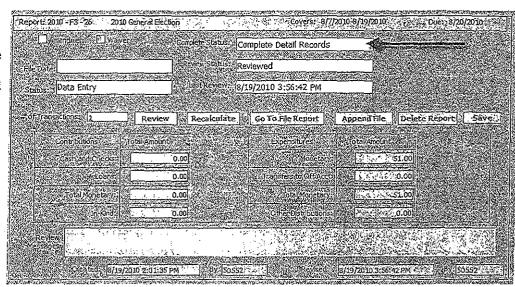
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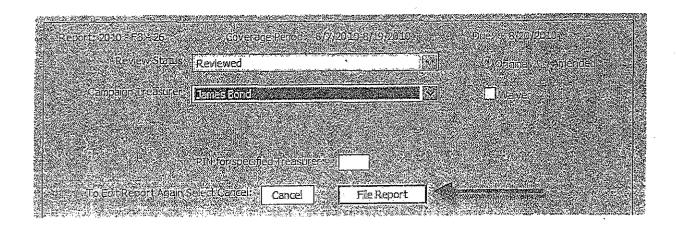
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If there is more than one treasurer, click on the drop down and select the treasurer that is filing the report.



The treasurer enters his PIN and then clicks



IMPORTANT NOTE: If changes need to be made <u>after</u> a chairperson PIN is entered, the treasurer must <u>undo</u> the chairperson PIN validation before the system will allow changes. See page 49 for instructions.

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#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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

August 6, 2015

Michael Peragine, Chair Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits 277 Sedona Way Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

RE: Case No.: FEC 15-310; Respondent: Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits – AMENDED LETTER OF LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

Dear Mr. Peragine:

On April 6, 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, Respondent 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 following reporting period:

• 2015 M2

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when it failed to file a report on the prescribed reporting date for the following reporting period:

• 2015 M2

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 Cedric Oliver, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,

Amy McKeeyer ‡oman

Executive Director

AMT/enr



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## CONFIDENTIAL COMPLAINT FORM

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

1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:	
Name: Patricia Snider	Work Phone: (561) 799-4122
	Home Phone: ()
City: Palm Beach Gardens County: Palm Beach State: FI	Zip Code: 33410
2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUG	<u>HT</u> :
A person can be an individual, political committee, committee of electioneering communication organization, club, corporation, part other type of organization. (If you intend to name more than one is complaints.)	mership, company, association, or any
Name of individual or entity: Michael J. Peragine - Palm Bea	ch Gardens Needs Term Limits
Address: 277 Sedona Way  City: Palm Beach Gardens County: Palm Beach State: FI	Zip Code: 33418
3. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):  Please list the provisions of The Florida Election Code that you believed a representation of the Commission has jurisdiction only to investigation the Chapter 106, and Section 105.071, Florida Statutes. Also, please in	e following provisions: Chapter 104,
<ul> <li>✓ The facts and actions that you believe support the violation of the names and telephone numbers of persons you believe the Acopy of picture of the political advertisements you mention in your statement of the evidence that supports your allegations.</li> </ul>	e may be witnesses to the facts, ntion in your statement,
Following the February 9 2015 resignation of James D'Loughy as Chairman. Treasurer and Registe	red Agent for the Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term
Limits Committee, Michael J. Peragine assumed responsibility by filing Forms DS-DE 41	Registered Agent Statement of Appointment,
DS-DE 5, Statement of Organization of Political Committee and Form DS-DE	6, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer
As the current Chairman, Treasurer and Registered Agent, Mr. Peragine is respons	ible for filing Campaign Treasurer Reports.
Report M2 covering February 1, 2015 to February 28, 2015 was due on March 10, 2015 by 5:00 p.m	or postmarked prior to midnight on that same date
Since the report was not received, on March 16, 2015 I sent a certified/return receipt letter to Mr. Peragonal Communication of the report was not received.	ine notifying him of his failure to timely file the report
I received the LISOS Green Cord book signed by Junior Circs (attached). November 1. 15	7 C-4 W C-1 C C EL 00440

On March 13, 2015 at 4:14 p.m. Mr Peragine called me in	n the presence of Ray Ellis, Deputy City Clerk and said "I had a report due on March 10th right?"
I said yes you did. He said "I've been out of town, I knew	I should have sent it in. There was no activity on the account so I would have filed a waiver of
report so you can't fine me, right?" I explained that	since a Waiver of Report does not have any activity there would be no fine, however,
that does not release him of his obligation to file the report. H	e reiterated his statement noted above and said that he would send it in. As of today, March 30, 2015
I have not received the report and Mr. Peragine has not co	ntacted with a status on the report. I have attached copies of DS-DE 41, DS-DE 5, and DS-DE 6
The witness to the telephone call as noted at	pove is Ray Ellis, Deputy City Clerk and can be reached at 561-799-4195.
	Additional materials attached (check one)? <b>✓</b> Yes □No
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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF <u>Falm Bear</u>	<u>- L</u>
I swear or affirm, that the above info	Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint
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Any person who files a complaint while knowing that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes

Type of Identification Produced\_



## OTTY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS

## 10500 N. MILITARY TRAIL PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA 33410-4698 www.pbgfl.com

March 30, 2015

Florida Elections Commission Collins Building, Suite 224 107 West Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050 MECCIVED

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Re: Failure to File Reports after Nótice — Sent via: USPS — Certified/Return Receipt

Dear Sir/Madam,

In accordance with Chapter 106, I am providing you with notification of Mr. Michael J. Peragine's failure to file a report after notice.

The following attachments are enclosed for your review:

- 1) Signed, notarized Confidential Complaint Form FEC 002 dated March 30, 2015
- 2) Copies of documents contained in the complaint

Please let me know if you require any additional information or if you have any questions

Sincerely.

Patricia Snider, CMC

City Clerk

PALM BEACH GARDENS NEEDS TERM LIMITS 2925 PGA BOULEVARD, SUITE 204 PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA 33410

### February 1, 2015

TO: PALM BEACH GARDENS NEEDS TERM LIMITS; ITS BOARD MEMBERS SIDNEY DINERSTEIN, MICHAEL J. PERAGINE, DINA AGRAMA, KEVIN EASTON, MARILYN PARMET, FRED SCHEIBL, IRIS SCHEIBL, AND LINDA STOCH

Re: Resignation

Dear Board Members,

Please let this letter stand to confirm that, James D'Loughy, hereby resigns as Chairman, Treasurer and Registered Agent of the Committee for Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits effective immediately. Michael J. Peragine herewith assumes the position of Chairman. Treasurer and Registered Agent of the Committee.

Very truly yours,

James D'Loughy

REGISTERED AGENT STATEMENT OF APPOINTMENT (Section 106 022, F.S.)	OFFIGE USE ONLY
Change of Appointment Change of Appointment	
Change of Mailing Address Change of Physical Address	
Registered Agent and C	ffice Information
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Stroot Address 500 Sedena Cuan	
City Parach Gardens EL	70 Code 53 4 1 53
Mailing Address 377 Sodow Way	
City Palm Beach (gardens FL	Zip Code 33 4 1 8
I accept this appointment and confirm that I am familiar with forth in Section 108.022, F.S. I also understand that I may statement of resignation and filing it with the applicable filing of	realign this appointment by executing a written
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Former Registered Agent and Office	Information (for changes only)
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## STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

OFFICE USE ONLY

(PLEASE TYPE)

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Mailing Address (include city		
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Street Address (include city,	state and zip code)	
277 Sedon	a Way PBG, FL	33418
2. Affiliated or Connected Or committees)	ganizations (includes other committees of c	ontinuous existence and political
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Organization is complete t	rue and correct				
X Signature of	Chairman of Political Committee		109/15 Date		
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## ANSWER TO QUESITON #6/ DS-DE 5

LIST BY NAME, ADDRESS, AND POSITION, OTHER PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, INCLUDING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FINANCIE COMMITTEE, IF ANY.

Firance (MP)

- 1. JAMES D'LOUGHY, 342 CHAMBORD TERRACE, PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410 (Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) See letter of Resignation
- 2. SIDNEY DINERSTEIN, 15 SAINT GEORGE PLACE, PALM BEACH GARDENGS, FL 33410 (Board Member)
- 3. MICHAEL J. PERAGINE, 277 SEDONA WAY, PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410 (Sound Member) Charperson, Treasure, Registere & Har
- 4. DINA AGRAMA, 155 SEDONA WAY, PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410 (Board Member)
- 5. KEVIN EASTON, 8511 40<sup>TH</sup> TERR NOTH, PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410 (Board Member)
- 6. MARILYN PARMET, 116 ABONDANCE, PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410 (Board Member)
- 7. FRED SCHEIBL, 1029 SIENA OAKS CIR. W, PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410 (Board Member)
- 8. IRIS SCHEIBL, 1029 SIENA OAKS CIR. W, PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410 (Board Member)
- 9. LINDA STOCH, 104 VINTAGE ISLE LANE, PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410 (Board Member)

# APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR

POLITICAL COMMITTEES

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

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- For an additional fee, delivery may be restricted to the addressee or addressee's authorized agent. Advise the clerk or mark the mailpiece with the endorsement "Restricted Delivery".
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IMPORTANT: Save this receipt and present it when making an inquiry. PS Form 3800, August 2006 (Reverse) PSN 7530-02-000-9047

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March 16, 2015

Palm Beach Gardens Needs Term Limits 277 Sedona Way Palm Beach Gardens FL 33418 Attn: Mr. Michael Peragine, Chairman

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Sent via: Certified/Return Receipt

## Dear Mr. Peragine:

In accordance with the reporting requirements set forth at Chapter 106, F.S., the Campaign Treasurer's Report for the reporting period covering February 1, 2015 to February 28, 2015 (M2) was required to be submitted to my office no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2015.

Since this report has not been submitted, a fine must be assessed for your failure to timely file the report in accordance with Section 106.07, F.S.

Subsection 106.07(8)(a) states in pertinent part, "[a]ny political committee failing to file a report on the designate due date is subject to a fine as provided in paragraph (b) for each late day." Such fine shall be paid to the filing officer within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment due.

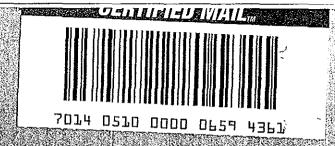
Upon receipt of your report, the fine amount will be determined and you will be notified accordingly. Payment of the subject fine must be made by check or money order made payable to the City of Palm Beach Gardens.

• Except as provided in s. 106.0705, reports shall be filed not later than 5 p.m. of the day designated; however, any report postmarked by the United States Postal Service no later than midnight of the day designated is deemed to have been filed in a timely manner. Any report received by the filing officer within 5 days after the designated due date that was delivered by the United States Postal Service is deemed timely filed unless it has a postmark that indicates that the report was mailed after the designated due date. (Sections 106.07, 106.0705 and 106.141, F.S.)

Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely.

Patricia Snider, CMC, City Clerk



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