

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
CASE REPORT
Case Number: FEC-18-294

NAME: **RIZWAN AHMED**

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 09/27/18

DATE REPORT DUE: 06/29/18 (2018 P1)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 07/03/18

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 4

AMOUNT OF FINE: **\$650.00**

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$3,050.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$2,539.77

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 08/28/18¹

SUMMARY: Rizwan Ahmed was a candidate for State Representative, District 111 in the 2018 elections. Mr. Ahmed was his own treasurer.

Rizwan Ahmed is appealing the fine claiming that he was traveling out of the country on a personal matter that could not be avoided and therefore filed the report a few days late.

- The 2018 P1 Original Report covers the period from 06/01/18-06/22/18; it was due on 06/29/18.
- The 2018 P1 Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created and filed on 07/03/18.
- Rizwan Ahmed reported receiving 1 contribution, while making 4 expenditures.
- The Division of Elections does not have any notes that pertain to Rizwan Ahmed's 2018 P1 report.

PRIOR CASES: None.

¹ Final Notice w/ Delivery Confirmation

Rizwan Ahmed

Candidate for State Representative, District 111

1010 NW 125th Avenue
Sunrise, FL 33323-3323
(954) 394-0664

REC'D: FL ELECTIONS COM
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CAN 70727

September 10, 2018

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

Dear Sir/Madam

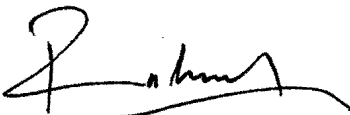
I would like to appeal the fine imposed by the late filing of the campaign treasurer's report that was due on June 29, 2018 & filed on July 3, 2018.

I was travelling out of the country on a personal matter that could not be avoided and therefore I filed the notice late by a few days.

A copy of the notice received is attached herewith.

I would appreciate if the fine can be removed. I assure you of my fullest cooperation and to not be late with the filing of the periodic reports.

Regards



Rizwan Ahmed

Candidate for State Representative, District 111



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Final Notice
Delivery Confirmation:

USPS TRACKING # **9114 9014 9645 1544 2183 03**
& CUSTOMER RECEIPT For Tracking or inquiries go to USPS.com
or call 1-800-222-1811.

August 28, 2018

Rizwan Ahmed
Candidate for State Representative, District 111
1010 Northwest 125th Avenue
Sunrise, FL 33323-3323

CAN 70727

Dear Mr. Ahmed:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on June 29, 2018, was filed on July 3, 2018. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$650.00.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner

Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 6, 2018

Rizwan Ahmed

CAN 70727

Candidate for State Representative, District 111

1010 Northwest 125th Avenue

Sunrise, FL 33323-3323

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July 2, 2018

Rizwan Ahmed
Candidate for State Representative, District 111
1010 Northwest 125th Avenue
Sunrise, FL 33323-3323

CAN 70727

Dear Mr. Ahmed:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was June 29, 2018.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report:
 - \$50 per day for the first 3 days late
 - \$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late
 - If the required report immediately precedes a primary and general election, the automatic fine is \$500 for each late day.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

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

(1) Rizwan Ahmed (2) 70727
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 1010 nw 125th ave Sunrise FL 33323
Address (number and street) City State Zip Code

☐ Check box if address has changed since last report

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

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

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 06/01/2018 To 06/22/2018 Report Type: P1

☐ Original ☒ Amendment ☐ Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks \$0.00
 Loans \$3,050.00
Total Monetary \$3,050.00
 In-Kind \$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures \$2,539.77
 Transfers to Office Account \$0.00
Total Monetary \$2,539.77

(8) Other Distributions

Certification

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

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

Name of ☐ Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

X
Signature

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

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

X
Signature

Name: Rizwan Ahmed

Report: 2018 P1

Period: 06/01/2018 to 06/22/2018

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

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	In-Kind Description	Amend
1	AHMED RIZWAN	S		\$3,050.00
06/04/2018	1010 NW 125 AVE	LOA		UPD
	SUNRISE, FL 33323			
* 1		S		\$3,050.00
06/04/2018		LOA		History 07/03/18

Name: Rizwan Ahmed

Report: 2018 P1

Period: 06/01/2018 to 06/22/2018

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 06/18/2018	DEPARTMENT OF STATE R. A. GRAY BUILDING, ROOM 316 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399	MON	QUALIFYING FEE	\$1,781.82 ADD
2 06/15/2018	ASIAN TIMES MAGAZINE 8360 WEST OAKLAND PARK BLVD SUITE 115 SUNRISE, FL 33351	MON	CAMPAIGN ADVERTISEMENT	\$300.00 ADD
3 06/18/2018	PRINTOPIA INC. 1560 N. UNIVERSITY DR. PEMBROOK PINES, FL 33024	MON	CAMPAIGN FLYERS PRINTING	\$390.00 ADD
4 06/07/2018	BANNERS ON THE CHEAP 11525A STONEHOLLOW DR. SUITE 100 AUSTIN, TX 78758	MON	RETRACTABLE BANNER PRINTING	\$67.95 ADD

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED FUND TRANSFERS

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Name: Rizwan Ahmed

Report: 2018 P1

Period: 06/01/2018 to 06/22/2018

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

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

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED DISTRIBUTIONS

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Name: Rizwan Ahmed

Report: 2018 P1

Period: 06/01/2018 to 06/22/2018

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

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

Queued Items for 2018-P1

Account: 70727

STR 111 Rizwan Ahmed

Rpt Seq: 3

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
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Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	70727	7/3/2018 8:34:20 AM	7/3/2018 8:34:20 AM
Recalc Pending Report Total	Processing Complete	70727	7/3/2018 8:36:22 AM	7/3/2018 8:36:22 AM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	70727	7/3/2018 8:37:05 AM	7/3/2018 8:37:05 AM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	70727	7/3/2018 8:37:56 AM	7/3/2018 8:37:56 AM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	70727	7/3/2018 8:41:17 AM	7/3/2018 8:41:17 AM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	70727	7/3/2018 8:41:26 AM	7/3/2018 8:41:26 AM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	70727	7/3/2018 8:41:47 AM	7/3/2018 8:41:47 AM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	70727	7/3/2018 8:43:24 AM	7/3/2018 8:43:24 AM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	70727	7/3/2018 8:43:36 AM	7/3/2018 8:43:36 AM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	70727	7/11/2018 11:44:02 PM	7/11/2018 11:44:02 PM
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Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	70727	7/12/2018 12:04:15 AM	7/12/2018 12:05:01 AM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	70727	7/12/2018 12:05:02 AM	7/12/2018 12:05:02 AM
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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Candidate Name: Rizwan Ahmed

Name:

Account: 70727

Election:

Acct: 70727

Type:

Candidate

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Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Arr P
9/21/2018	G2	9/19/2018						
9/7/2018	G1	9/6/2018						
8/24/2018	P7	8/24/2018						
8/17/2018	P6	8/22/2018	CLO	5	\$0.00		\$0.00	
8/10/2018	P5	8/10/2018						
8/3/2018	P4	8/3/2018						
7/27/2018	P3	7/27/2018						
7/13/2018	P2	7/12/2018						
6/29/2018	P1	7/3/2018	SNT	4	\$650.00		\$650.00	
6/11/2018	M5	6/9/2018						
5/10/2018	M4	5/7/2018						



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

April 9, 2018

Rizwan Ahmed
1010 Northwest 125th Avenue
Sunrise, Florida 33323

Dear Mr. Ahmed:

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 April 6, 2018. Your name has been placed on the 2018 active candidate list. **However, a new Candidate Oath and Financial Disclosure forms must be filed during the qualifying period along with the other qualifying documents. Also, the enclosed Statement of Candidate must be filed within 10 days of filing the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer form.**

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **May 10, 2018**. The report will cover the period of April 1-30, 2018 (M4). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

EFS Access

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your filing credentials.

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

Identification Number: 70727

Timely Filing

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

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Rizwan Ahmed
April 9, 2018
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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.

Instructions and Assistance

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

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

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

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Enclosures

