STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Daniela Fernandez			Case No.: FEC 21-236		
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TO:	Daniela Fernandez		Division of Elections		
	1014 1/2 17th PL NE, Apt. 6		500 South Bronough Street, Room 316		

Washington, DC 20002 Tallahassee, FL 32399

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

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

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/571953185404345941

Audio participation: Attendee – muted: 1-877-309-2074 966-952-589

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

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<u>Tim Vaccaro</u>

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

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STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

Case No.: FEC 21-236

Daniela Fernandez, Respondent.

v.

ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On October 3, 2022, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff's Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation:

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Count 1:

On or about January 9, 2021, Daniela Fernandez violated Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, when she failed to timely file an addendum to the committee's 2020 G3A Report within seven days after receiving notice from the Department of State, Division of Elections, that the report required amendment.

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

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

Copies furnished to: Mattie T. Clay, Assistant General Counsel Daniela Fernandez, Respondent Division of Elections, Complainant

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING

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

Second, you may request an <u>informal hearing</u> held before the Commission, if you <u>do not</u> dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have thirty (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 thirty (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 thirty (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 West 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: Daniela Fernandez Case No.: FEC 21-236

TO: Daniela Fernandez Division of Elections

PO Box 34104 500 S. Bronough Street, Room 316

Washington, DC 20005-4104 Tallahassee, FL 32399-6596

NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

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

Meeting ID: 865 4284 2462 Passcode: 5UuWmT

AUDIO PARTICIPATION:

1-301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 865 4284 2462

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STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Daniela Fernandez **Case No.: FEC 21-236**

TO: Daniela Fernandez

PO Box 34104

Washington, DC 20005-4104

Division of Elections 500 S. Bronough Street, Room 316 Tallahassee, FL 32399-6596

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

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

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

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission December 13, 2022

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NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

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

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the referral in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on September 7, 2022, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

- 1. On March 10, 2021, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections ("Division" or "Complainant"), alleging that Daniela Fernandez ("Respondent"), violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
- 2. Respondent was the treasurer for Latino Victory Fund, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections. (ROI Exhibit 1, page 1; Attachment A)¹
- 3. By letter dated April 21, 2021, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provision:

Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes: Respondent, treasurer for Latino Victory Fund, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, failed to timely make necessary amendments to the committee's 2020 G3A campaign treasurer's report, as alleged in the complaint.

- 4. On October 8, 2020, the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees form ("DS-DE 6") was filed appointing Respondent as treasurer for the committee. (ROI Exhibit 1, page 1)
- 5. By letter dated October 12, 2020, Donna S. Brown for Kristi Reid Willis, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received the DS-DE 6. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)
- 6. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all the Division's publications and reporting forms were available on its website and directed Respondent to print out Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Political Committee Handbook*, and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)

Staff Recommendation FEC 21-236

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as "ROI."

Alleged Violation: Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes

- 7. The committee's 2020 G3A Report was filed on October 1, 2020. (Attachment B, page 1) The report was incomplete when filed. (ROI Exhibits 3 & 4)
- 8. The Division sent three letters notifying Respondent that the committee's report was incomplete and that Respondent was required to amend the report within seven days of receipt of the notification. An Error Report showing why the report was incomplete was attached to each notification. (ROI Exhibits 3 & 4) The final notification was confirmed delivered on January 2, 2021. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 3)
- 9. Respondent filed an amendment to the 2020 G3A Report on March 29, 2021, almost three months after the final notice was received. (ROI Exhibit 5, page 1; ROI Exhibit 6, page 5) The amendment corrected the errors. (ROI Exhibit 6, pages 1 & 4)
 - 10. Respondent failed to reply to the investigation. (ROI Exhibit 8)
- 11. Respondent failed to timely amend the campaign's 2020 G3A Report within seven days of receiving notification from the Division.
- 12. "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).
- 13. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was the treasurer for Latino Victory Fund. Respondent failed to timely file the required amendment to the committee's 2020 G3A Report within seven days of receiving notification from the Division that the report was incomplete and required amendment.

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

Count 1:

On or about January 9, 2021, Daniela Fernandez violated Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, when she failed to timely file an addendum to the committee's 2020 G3A Report within seven days after receiving notice from the Department of State, Division of Elections, that the report required amendment.

Respectfully submitted on October <u>3</u>, 2022.

Mattie T. Clay

Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 3rd day of October 2022.

Stephanie J. Cunningham

General Counsel

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Report of Investigation for Failure to Timely Amend

Case Number: FEC 21-236

Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, failure of the treasurer for a candidate or political committee to file an addendum to an incomplete report after receiving notice from the filing officer.

Respondent: Daniela Fernandez **Respondent's Atty:** N/A

Division of Elections (Division) Referral Filed: March 10, 2021

Respondent Type: Treasurer for Political

Committee

I. Preliminary Information:

- 1. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to file amended report(s) for the following campaign treasurer report(s) after receiving notice from the filing officer: 2020 G3A.
- 2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on October 8, 2020. Respondent was appointed as campaign treasurer for Latino Victory Fund, a political committee registered with the Division. To review the DS-DE 6, refer to Exhibit 1.
- 3. On October 12, 2020, the Division sent Respondent a letter acknowledging Respondent's appointment as the campaign treasurer for Latino Victory Fund. The letter advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Political Committee Handbook*, and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*. The letter further advised that it was Respondent's responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. To review the acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 2.

II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(2)(b)(1)., Florida Statutes:

- 4. The Division sent correspondence to the address provided on the DS-DE 6 notifying Respondent that one or more campaign treasurer report(s) were incomplete. The correspondence included error report(s) referencing the following report(s): 2020 G3A. To review the correspondence and error report(s), refer to Exhibit 3.
- 5. On December 18, 2020, the Division sent a letter marked "Final Notice" with delivery confirmation to the address provided on the DS-DE 6 notifying Respondent that one or more campaign treasurer report(s) were incomplete. The letter included an error report referencing the following report(s): 2020 G3A. It was confirmed delivered on January 2, 2021. To review the "Final Notice," error report and delivery confirmation, refer to Exhibit 4.
- 6. In an email dated October 19, 2021, Division staff confirmed that the report at issue had been correctly amended on March 29, 2021. To review the email from Division staff, refer to Exhibit 5.

¹ The first notice was sent to the prior treasurer because Respondent had not yet been appointed, but the second notice was sent to Respondent.

- 7. Respondent did not respond to the referral. However, the Chairperson responded to the referral. She stated, "The Committee's compliance specialist has reviewed the documents and amended the reports to correct clerical mistakes. The amended reports were filed today, Monday 03/29/21." To review the response, refer to Exhibit 6.
- 8. Division records reflect that Division staff attempted to contact Respondent by telephone on two occasions regarding the 2020 G3A report and left voice mails for Respondent on both occasions. To review the Division records, refer to Exhibit 7.
- 9. I attempted to contact Respondent on two occasions for the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the referral. As of the date of this report, my telephone calls have not been returned by Respondent. Therefore, I am unable to ascertain whether Respondent has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and/or the *Political Committee Handbook*. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 8.

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SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:	Date: September 7, 2022

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

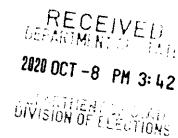
Daniela Fernandez -- FEC 21-236

LIST OF EXHIBITS					
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Exhibit 2	Acknowledgement Letter				
Exhibit 3	1st and 2nd Failure to Amend Correspondence				
Exhibit 4	Final Notice with Delivery Confirmation Receipt				
Exhibit 5	October 19, 2021 Email from Division Staff				
Exhibit 6	Response to Complaint from Chairperson				
Exhibit 7	Chronological notes from the Division				
Exhibit 8	Phone Log				

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR

POLITICAL COMMITTEES

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



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Governor

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October 12, 2020

Daniela Fernandez, Treasurer Latino Victory Fund (73897) Post Office Box 34104 Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Fernandez:

Your appointment as campaign treasurer for Latino Victory Fund was filed in this office on October 8, 2020. Enclosed is your confidential PIN number to access the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS) for submitting campaign treasurer's reports.

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

If you have questions concerning your campaign account or the EFS, you may call the Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

KRW/zjs

Enclosures

pc: Mayra Macias, Chairperson



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

October 5, 2020

Adrian Saenz, Treasurer for Latino Victory Fund 700 14th Street Northwest 2nd Floor Washington, DC 20005

Re: PAC 73897

Dear Mr. Saenz:

The Division of Elections has determined that one or more campaign reports are incomplete for the reasons noted in the attached error report.

Pursuant to Section 106.07(2), Florida Statutes, you have 7 days from receipt of this notice to file an amended report to correct errors or provide missing information. If the information has been reported accurately, provide a written explanation to the Division addressing the issue noted in the error report. Please be advised that failure to supply this information within the time allowed may constitute a violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

If you need assistance in filing an amendment, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

cc: Mayra Macias, Chairperson

Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Error Report

Committee: Latino Victory Fund Report: 2020 G3A (36)

Covering Period: 9/19/20 - 9/25/20

Type: PAC - CAN

Account: 73897

Contributions

Expenditures

<u>Seq</u>

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Type

Expenditure Purpose

Amount

Amend

Date 09/28/20

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1850 K STREET NW

WASHINGTON DC 2-0006

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BANK FEE

\$55.00

*The Transaction Date Is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period

Fund Transfers

Other Distributions



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Laurel M. Lee

Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Second Notice

November 4, 2020

Daniela Fernandez, Treasurer for Latino Victory Fund Post Office Box 34104 Washington, DC 20005

Re: PAC 73897

Dear Ms. Fernandez:

On October 5, 2020, you were advised that one or more of your campaign treasurer's reports were incomplete and that you had 7 days to provide the requested information.

The Division's electronic filing system indicates that the required information has not been provided. Pursuant to Section 106.22, Florida Statutes, the Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of the failure to provide information required by Chapter 106. Accordingly, if the information requested in our prior notice is not received within 7 days of receipt of this letter, we will refer this matter to the Commission. A second copy of the error report is attached for your convenience.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

cc: Mayra Macias, Chairperson

Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Error Report

Committee: Latino Victory Fund

Type: PAC - CAN

Report: 2020 G3A (36)

Covering Period: 9/19/20 - 9/25/20

Account: 73897

Contributions

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

FINAL NOTICE

Delivery Confirmation:

USPS TRACKING # & CUSTOMER

For Tracking or Inquiries go to USF or call 1-800-222-1811

December 18, 2020

Daniela Fernandez, Treasurer for Latino Victory Fund Post Office Box 34104 Washington, DC 20005

Re: PAC 73897

Dear Ms. Fernandez:

You have previously been advised that one or more campaign treasurer's reports are incomplete for the reasons noted in the attached error report.

Pursuant to Section 106.07(2), Florida Statutes, you have 7 days from receipt of this letter to correct errors or provide missing information. If the information has been reported accurately, you must provide a written explanation to the Division addressing the issue noted in the error report. Please be advised that if you fail to comply with this request, the Division will forward this matter to the Florida Elections Commission for further action. Section 106.265(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Florida Elections Commission to impose civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation.

If you need assistance in filing an amendment, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief

Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

cc: Mayra Macias, Chairperson

in Willis

Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Error Report

mmittee: Latino Victory Fund

Type: PAC - CAN

Report: 2020 G3A (36) Covering Period: 9/19/20 - 9/25/20 Account: 73897

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Exhibit 4 Page 2 of 3

USPS Tracking®

FAQs >

Track Another Package +

Tracking Number: 9114902307224981477213

Remove X

Your item has been delivered and is available at a PO Box at 10:27 am on January 2, 2021 in WASHINGTON, DC 20043.

⊘ Delivered

Feedback

January 2, 2021 at 10:27 am Delivered, PO Box WASHINGTON, DC 20043

Get Updates ✓

Text & Email Updates	~
Tracking History	~
Product Information	~

See Less ^

Cedric Oliver

From: Brown, Donna S. <Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 4:48 PM

To: Cedric Oliver

Subject: RE: Request on Failure to Amend Report-Acct #73897-Latino Victory Fund

See below.

From: Cedric Oliver < Cedric.Oliver@myfloridalegal.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:58 PM

To: Brown, Donna S. <Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com>

Subject: Request on Failure to Amend Report-Acct #73897-Latino Victory Fund

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

The attachments/links in this message have been scanned by Proofpoint.

Has the following report been amended to correct all errors identified by the Division in the attached Final Notice letter? If so, on what date was the report amended to correct all errors?

2020 G3A - Yes. 3/29/21



March 29, 2021

Ms. Molly Donovan Complaint Coordinator Florida Election Commission 107 West Gaines Street Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Case No. FEC 21-236

Submitted electronically: FEC@myfloridalegal.com

Dear Ms. Donovan:

I am in receipt of correspondence from the Florida Elections Commissions dated 03/16/21. The U.S. Postal Service did not deliver this mail until 03/18/21.

The Committee's compliance specialist has reviewed the documents and amended the reports to correct clerical mistakes. The amended reports were filed today, Monday 03/29/21. Hopefully the amendments will close the above referenced matters.

Please contact me either by telephone at 773-780-4655 or email at mayra.macia@latinovictory.us.

Sincerely,

Mayra Macias Chairman Latino Victory Fund, ID# 73897

Attachments

--2020 G3A covering period 09/19/20 - 09/25/20 Amendment

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(1) Latino Victory Fund	(2) 738	97	në.	
Candidate, Committe or Party Name		Number		
(3) 700 14th Street Northwest	Washington	DC	20005	
Address (number and street) Check box if address has changed since last report	City	State	Zip Code	
(4) Check appropriate box(es):				
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Cover Period: From 09/19/2020 To 09	9/25/2020	Report Type:	G3A	
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Prepared on: 3/29/21 2:24:43PM Reviewed On: 3/29/21 2:10 pm

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Page 1 of 1

Name: Latino Victory Fund

Report: 2020 G3A

Period: 09/19/2020

to 09/25/2020

** Records in Filed Report **

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Reviewed On: 3/29/21 2:10 pm

ID 73897

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

Page 1 of 1

Name: Latino Victory Fund

Report: 2020 G3A

Period: 09/19/2020

to 09/25/2020

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Signed On As: 73897

Monday, March 29, 2021

Latino Victory Fund(73897-PAC)

Filed Report Receipt

** Report has been Filed **

ID: **73897** Name: Latino Victory Fund

Report: 2020 - G3A - 36 Print Date: 3/29/2021 2:14:04 PM

Election: 2020 General Election

Covers: 9/19/2020-9/25/2020

Due: 10/2/2020

Amended

Waiver

Filed: 3/29/2021 2:14:04 PM File Status: Submitted Report for Filing

Reviewed: **3/29/2021** Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: Complete Detail Records

File Method: Web Filed Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions:

Expenditures:

Pending Queued Items: **0** Fund Transfers:

Distributions: 0

To Print: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'

Go to Filed Report List

Account/Seq

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Election/Type

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PAC

Latino Victory Fund

Status/Reviewer		Mailed	Type/Recd	RESPONSE	
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3/4/21 4:28 pm	2nd:	11/4/2020	1/2/2021		
	3rd:	12/18/2020			

NOTES: 3/4/21 - No changes have been made, sending FEC Ref. -stb

2/24/21 - Called and left another voicemail message for Ms. Fernandez at both numbers listed in the system for her (202-594-9728 and 786-431-7267). I explained that the error is due to the transaction not falling within the coverage period for this report and would need to be corrected immediately. Will hold on sending to FEC until after verifying if correction was made on 2/26/21. -stb

1/27/21 - Called and left a voicemail message for Ms. Fernandez. I explained that there is an issue with the transaction date on the 2020 G3A report that would need to be corrected to complete this report. I advised her that the date entered for the transaction is not within the coverage period for that report. I left my contact number if she had any questions. -stb

1/26/21 - Per Management, holding on sending FEC Ref. -stb

1/25/21- No changes made, requesting FEC Ref. -stb

11/3/20 - no changes. 2nd notice being sent. Dsb

HISTORY NOTES Latino Victory Fund - 73897

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71876	10/9/2020 3:56:00 PM		zjsantos
RE: Credential Request F	orm		
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71780	10/6/2020 1:29:00 PM		zjsantos
RE: Incomplete DS-DE 5	& 6		
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65074	5/9/2019 10:45:00 AM		jcsoria
Re: Credentials			
released credentials to the	he person designated on the credenti	al request form.	
64982	5/6/2019 4:16:00 PM		dlhoward
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61736	11/1/2018 4:10:00 PM		jcsoria
61736 Re: Credentials	11/1/2018 4:10:00 PM		jcsoria

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

Case No.: FEC 21-236

Respondent: Daniela Fernandez **Complainant:** Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** April 27, 2021 @ 2:45 pm

Name: Whitney Burns **Phone** #: (703) 658-4356

Summary: I attempted telephone contact to return her call. The phone number wouldn't

accept blocked calls. **Memo to File?** No **Entered by:** CKO

2. **Date and time:** May 28, 2021 @ 4:35 pm

Name: Whitney Burns **Phone** #: (703) 658-4356

Summary: I had telephone contact to return several calls from Ms. Burns. She states that she made some clerical mistakes on some campaign reports, but she wasn't made aware of the mistakes due to the committee closing and not having a forwarding address for the committee. She states that once she received the mailing, she corrected the mistake. The treasurer sent in a letter to the Florida Elections Commission on March 29, 2021 explaining what happened and why the mistake took so long to correct. I reiterated that I could not confirm or deny that a report exists to anyone and recommended that she have whoever the letter was addressed to would need to contact the FEC. I stressed this to her several times. She stated that she was the one actually filing the reports but she would have Daniella contact me Tuesday morning.

Memo to File? No Entered by: CKO

3. **Date and time:** August 29, 2022 @ 8:45 am

Name: Respondent **Phone** #: (786) 431-7267

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

message to return my call.

Entered by: CKO

4. **Date and time:** August 30, 2022 @ 11:32 am

Name: Respondent **Phone** #: (786) 431-7267

Summary: I attempted telephone contact to complete final interview. I left a message to

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

5. **Date and time:**

Name:

Phone #: Summary: Entered by:

6. **Date and time:**

Name: Phone #: Summary: Entered by:

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Name: Phone #: Summary: Entered by:

9. **Date and time:**

Name: Phone #: Summary: Entered by:

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

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

- · Has the 2020 G3A been properly amended at this time? If so, when? If not, why?
- Have you ever run for public office? If so, please name each office you ran for and state what year each election occurred.
- Have you ever been appointed to act as a campaign treasurer for a candidate? If so, please name each such candidate, the office each ran for, and state what year each election occurred.
- Have you ever held the office of chairperson, treasurer, or other similar position for a political committee or electioneering communications organization? If so, please name each committee, state the office you held for each, and state when you held each office.
- Have you ever prepared or signed a campaign treasurer's report? If so, please state the name of the candidate or committee whose report you prepared or signed.
- What action have you taken to determine your responsibilities under Florida's election laws?
- Do you possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?

- Do you possess a copy of the *Political Committee Handbook*? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- If a section of Chapter 104 is listed in the LS letter, ask: Do you possess a copy of Chapter 104, Florida Statutes? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- Did you receive any other materials from your filing officer? If so, please describe them.
- Do you have anything else to add for the Commission's consideration regarding the charges specified in the letter of legal sufficiency in this case?



Florida Elections Commission

107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6596 Telephone: (850) 922-4539 · Facsimile: (850) 921-0783 FEC@myfloridalegal.com · www.fec.state.fl.us



April 21, 2021

Daniela Fernandez, in her capacity as treasurer for Latino Victory Fund PO Box 34104 Washington, DC 20005-4104

RE: Case No.: FEC 21-236; Respondent: Daniela Fernandez

Dear Ms. Fernandez:

On March 10, 2021, 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 violation:

Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes: Respondent, treasurer for Latino Victory Fund, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, failed to timely make necessary amendments to the committee's 2020 G3A campaign treasurer's report, as alleged in the complaint.

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to you at the above address. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will prepare and present a written Staff Recommendation (SR) to the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to charge you, the Respondent, with violating Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You will have an opportunity to respond to both the ROI and the SR. The Commission will then hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violation occurred and, if so, the amount of the fine to be imposed upon you. Notice will be mailed to you and the Complainant at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(i)3., Florida Statutes, the Commission may enter into a consent agreement with a Respondent to settle a complaint prior to a finding of probable cause. If you are interested in entering negotiations directed towards reaching a consent agreement to resolve this matter, please contact the Commission and request to speak with the attorney assigned to this case.

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

Daniela Fernandez April 21, 2021 Page 2 FEC 21-236

Pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, complaints, investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, are confidential until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause, unless the Respondent files a written waiver of confidentiality with the Commission. The confidentiality provision does not apply to the Complainant or the Respondent.

Should you retain counsel, your attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Commission before any member of the commission staff can discuss this case with him or her.

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

If you have additional questions, please contact **Cedric Oliver**, the investigator assigned to this case, by phone at (850) 922-4539 or by email at <u>Cedric Oliver@myfloridalegal.com</u>.

Sincerely

Tim Vaccaro Executive Director

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

To FEC from Division of Elections

Name: Latino Victory Fund

Account Number: 73897

Chairperson: Mayra Macias

Treasurer: Daniela Fernandez

Registered Agent: Tomas Kloosterman

The Division of Elections hereby provides this notice to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to sections 106.22(7) and 106.25, Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, has occurred based upon a failure to file addendums after notice as required by section 106.07(2), Florida Statutes, for the following report:

2020 G3A

- On November 1, 2018, Latino Victory Fund (73897) registered as a political committee
 with the Division and has remained in an active status since that date. Mayra Macias
 is the chairperson. Daniela Fernandez is the treasurer. Tomas Kloosterman is the
 registered agent.
- On October 5, 2020, the Division mailed Latino Victory Fund notification that one or more campaign treasurer's reports were incomplete.
- On November 4, 2020, the Division mailed Latino Victory Fund notification that one or more campaign treasurer's reports were incomplete.
- On December 18, 2020, the Division mailed Latino Victory Fund final notification with delivery confirmation that one or more campaign treasurer's reports were incomplete. (See attached letter and delivery confirmation.)
- As of March 5, 2021, one or more campaign treasurer's reports remain incomplete.

Sent By: Kristi Reid Willis

Date: March 5, 2021

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

FINAL NOTICE

Delivery Confirmation:

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December 18, 2020

Daniela Fernandez, Treasurer for Latino Victory Fund Post Office Box 34104 Washington, DC 20005

Re: PAC 73897

Dear Ms. Fernandez:

You have previously been advised that one or more campaign treasurer's reports are incomplete for the reasons noted in the attached error report.

Pursuant to Section 106.07(2), Florida Statutes, you have 7 days from receipt of this letter to correct errors or provide missing information. If the information has been reported accurately, you must provide a written explanation to the Division addressing the issue noted in the error report. Please be advised that if you fail to comply with this request, the Division will forward this matter to the Florida Elections Commission for further action. Section 106.265(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Florida Elections Commission to impose civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation.

If you need assistance in filing an amendment, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280.

in Willis

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief

Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

cc: Mayra Macias, Chairperson

Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Error Report

mmittee: Latino Victory Fund Type: PAC - CAN

Report: 2020 G3A (36) Covering Period: 9/19/20 - 9/25/20 Account: 73897

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<u>Date Name Address City/State/Zip Type Expenditure Purpose Amount Amend</u>

09/28/20 AMALGAMATED BANK 1850 K STREET NW WASHINGTON, DC 2-0006 MON BANK FEE \$55.00

*The Transaction Date Is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period

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Tracking Number: 9114902307224981477213

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Your item has been delivered and is available at a PO Box at 10:27 am on January 2, 2021 in WASHINGTON, DC 20043.

January 2, 2021 at 10:27 am Delivered, PO Box WASHINGTON, DC 20043	Feedback
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Queued Items for 2020-G3A

Account: 73897

Latino Victory Fund

Rpt Seq: 36

ProcessDescription	Status	Submitter	Created	LastUpdate
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	73897	10/1/2020 7:49:03 PM	10/1/2020 7:49:03 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	73897	10/1/2020 7:49:06 PM	10/1/2020 7:49:06 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	73897	10/1/2020 7:50:15 PM	10/1/2020 7:50:15 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	73897	10/1/2020 7:52:06 PM	10/1/2020 7:52:06 PM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	ejrowlette	10/5/2020 10:19:16 AM	10/5/2020 10:19:16 AM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	stbaker	3/4/2021 4:38:52 PM	3/4/2021 4:38:52 PM

(1) Latino Victory Fund Candidate, Committe or Party Name (2) 73897 I.D. Number (3) 700 14th Street Northwest Address (number and street) Washington City State Zip Code	
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Address (number and street) City State Zip Code Check box if address has changed since last report Check appropriate box(es):	
Candidate (office sought): Political Committee Committee of Continuous Existance Party Executive Committee Candidate (office sought): Check If PC has DISBANDED Check If CCE has DISBANDED	
(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS	
Cover Period: From 09/19/2020 To 09/25/2020 Report Type: G3A	
▼ Original	
(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT (7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT	
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Loans \$0.00 Transfers to Office Account	00.00
Total Monetary \$0.00 Total Monetary \$5	55.00
In-Kind \$0.00 (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 I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete	
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Signature Signature	

Prepared on: 3/4/21 4:39:02PM Reviewed On: 3/4/21 4:38 pm

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

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Name: Latino Victory Fund

Report: 2020 G3A

Period: 09/19/2020

to 09/25/2020

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq#	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip	Туре	In-Kind Description	Amend
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* Incomplete Record Reviewed On: 3/4/21 4:38 pm Prepared on: 3/4/21 4:39:03PM

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

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Name: Latino Victory Fund

Report: 2020 G3A

Period: 09/19/2020

to 09/25/2020

** Records in Filed Report **

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09/28/2020	WASHINGTON, DC 20006			

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED FUND TRANSFERS

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Name: Latino Victory Fund

Report: 2020 G3A

Period: 09/19/2020

to 09/25/2020

** Records in Filed Report **

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED DISTRIBUTIONS

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Name: Latino Victory Fund

Report: 2020 G3A

Period: 09/19/2020

to 09/25/2020

** Records in Filed Report **

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Report Detail

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Election/Type 20201103-GEN

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Latino Victory Fund

Status/Reviewer		Mailed	Type/Recd	RESPONSE	
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3/4/21 4:28 pm	2nd:	11/4/2020	1/2/2021		
	3rd:	12/18/2020			

NOTES: 3/4/21 - No changes have been made, sending FEC Ref. -stb

2/24/21 - Called and left another voicemail message for Ms. Fernandez at both numbers listed in the system for her (202-594-9728 and 786-431-7267). I explained that the error is due to the transaction not falling within the coverage period for this report and would need to be corrected immediately. Will hold on sending to FEC until after verifying if correction was made on 2/26/21, -stb

1/27/21 - Called and left a voicemail message for Ms. Fernandez. I explained that there is an issue with the transaction date on the 2020 G3A report that would need to be corrected to complete this report. I advised her that the date entered for the transaction is not within the coverage period for that report. I left my contact number if she had any questions. -stb

1/26/21 - Per Management, holding on sending FEC Ref. -stb

1/25/21- No changes made, requesting FEC Ref. -stb

11/3/20 - no changes. 2nd notice being sent. Dsb

HISTORY NOTES Latino Victory Fund - 73897

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