STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Ke	: Douglas Mayorga	_/	Case No.: FEC 15-201
ГО:	Douglas Mayorga 8720 NW 33rd Street	_	Orlando Lopez 10355 SW 3 Street
	Apt. 171		Sweetwater, FL 33174

Doral, FL 33172

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

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

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, which governs your participation as follows:

If you are the Respondent, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have 5 minutes to present your case to the Commission. However, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless you request to be heard or the Commission requests that your case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, your case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are the Complainant, you may attend the hearing, but you will *not* be permitted to address the Commission. In addition, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless the Respondent requests to be heard or the Commission requests that the case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, the case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are an Appellant, and you have requested a hearing, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have 5 *minutes* to present your case to the Commission.

Please be advised that both confidential and public cases are scheduled to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission on this date. As an Appellant, Respondent or Complainant in one case, you will *not* be permitted to attend the hearings on other confidential cases.

The Commission will electronically record the meeting. Although the Commission's recording is considered the official record of the hearing, the Respondent may provide, at his own expense, a certified court reporter to also record the hearing.

If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Ann Malphurs at (850) 922-4539 or by mail at 107 West Gaines Street, The Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at least 5 days before the hearing.

See further instructions on the reverse side.

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:

If this is a hearing to consider **an appeal from an automatic fine**, the Filing Officer has imposed a fine on you for your failure to file a campaign treasurer's report on the designated due date and, by filing an appeal, you have asked the Commission to consider either (1) that the report was in fact timely filed; or (2) that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure to file the report timely. You are required to prove your case. If the Commission finds that the report was filed timely or that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure, it may waive the fine, in whole or in part. The Commission may reduce a fine after considering the factors in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes. If the Commission finds that the report was not timely filed and there were no unusual circumstances, the fine will be upheld.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order before a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed and become public. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the case will remain confidential, unless confidentiality has been waived.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order after a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the Respondent will be entitled to another hearing to determine if the Respondent committed the violation(s) alleged.

If this is a **probable cause hearing**, the Commission will decide if there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent committed a violation of Florida's election laws. Respondent should be prepared to explain how the staff in its recommendation incorrectly applied the law to the facts of the case. *Respondent may not testify, call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence at the probable cause hearing.* The Commission will only decide whether Respondent should be *charged* with a violation and, before the Commission determines whether a violation has occurred or a fine should be imposed, Respondent will have an opportunity for another hearing at which evidence may be introduced.

If this is an **informal hearing**, it will be conducted pursuant Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes; Chapter 28 and Commission Rule 2B-1.004, Florida Administrative Code. At the hearing, the Commission will decide whether the Respondent committed the violation(s) charged in the Order of Probable Cause. The Respondent will be permitted to testify. However, the Respondent may not call witnesses to testify.

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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Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,

v. Case No.: FEC 15-201

Douglas Mayorga,
Respondent.

ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 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:

During his 2015 campaign for Mayor of Sweetwater, Florida, Respondent violated Section 106.143(1)(a), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to include a disclaimer on his Vote! Mayorga for Mayor Political Advertisement.

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

M. Scott Thomas, Chairman Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel Douglas Mayorga, Respondent Orlando Lopez, 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.

STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re:	Douglas Mayorga	,	Case No.: FEC 15-201

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the complaint in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.143(1)(a), Florida Statutes. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on January 28, 2016, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation.

- On February 2, 2015, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a complaint from Orlando Lopez ("Complainant") alleging that Douglas Mayorga ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes
- 2. Respondent was a first time candidate for Mayor of Sweetwater, Florida, in the May 12, 2015 municipal election. Complainant defeated Respondent in the election. (Attachment A)
- 3. On or about April 9, 2015, the Executive Director sent notification to Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following section of law:

Section 106.143(1)(a), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Douglas Mayorga, candidate for Mayor of the City of Sweetwater, distributed a political advertisement that contained express advocacy but did not include a proper disclaimer

- 4. Complainant attached a political advertisement card to his complaint alleging Respondent circulated the card during the campaign and the political advertisement card failed to include a disclaimer. (ROI Exhibit 1)¹
- 5. The front side of the political advertisement card stated, "Vote! Mayorga for Mayor, City of Sweetwater" ("Vote! Mayorga for Mayor Political Advertisement"). The back side of the political advertisement card appears to be messages to voters. There is no political advertisement disclaimer on either side of the card. (ROI Exhibit 1)

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

- 6. In his February 23, 2014 response to the complaint, Respondent stated that his campaign was in its early stages and had not yet developed any printed materials for public use. Respondent added that his campaign had made drafts for possible later campaign materials. Respondent claimed that Complainant submitted a draft of a flyer that Respondent showed to family and friends to get their feedback (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1)
- During a January 15, 2016 telephone call, the City Clerk told Investigator Wade that candidates do not receive physical copies of Florida's election laws and the Candidate Handbook. Ms. Schmidt stated that candidates are referred to the Division of Election's website to download the materials. (Attachment B, Phone Log Entry 17)
- 8. During her investigation, Investigator Wade made four unsuccessful attempts to speak with Respondent. (Attachment B, Phone Log Entries 10-13)
- 9. Based on the information above, it appears Respondent failed to include a disclaimer on a political advertisement card.
- "Probable Cause" is defined as reasonable ground 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).
- 11. The above facts show that Respondent was a first time candidate for Mayor of Sweetwater, Florida, in the May 12, 2015 municipal election. During his campaign, Respondent circulated a political advertisement card that that did not contain a political advertisement disclaimer.

Based upon the information above, I recommend that the Commission find probable cause to charge the Respondent with the following violation:

Count 1:

During his 2015 campaign for Mayor of Sweetwater, Florida, Respondent violated Section 106 143(1)(a), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to include a disclaimer on his Vote! Mayorga for Mayor Political Advertisement.

Respectfully submitted on March <u>4</u>, 2016

Eric M. Lipman General Counsel

I have reviewed this Staff Recommendation on the 4th day of March 2016.

Amy Toman
Executive Director

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(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

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CERTIFICATION

STATE OF FLORIDA)

COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE)

I, Penelope Townsley, Supervisor of Elections of Miami-Dade County, Florida, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the Official Results for the municipal offices listed below in the **Sweetwater General Municipal Election** conducted on May 12, 2015:

MAYOR
COMMISSIONER - GROUP 5
COMMISSIONER - GROUP 6
COMMISSIONER - GROUP 7

WITNESS MY HAND AND
OFFICIAL SEAL, AT MIAMI,
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ON THIS 15th DAY OF May, 2015

Penelope Townsley Supervisor of Elections Miami-Dade County

Enclosure

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ATTACHMENT A, page 3

WFLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

Case No.: FEC 15-201

Respondent: Douglas Mayorga
Complainant: Orlando Lopez

1. **Date and time:** June 23, 2015 @ 4:38 p.m.

Name: Trelvis D. Randolph, Esquire

Phone #: 305.350.5332

Summary: I telephoned and spoke with Respondent's attorney We discussed this case with our offer of a minor-violation consent order (MVCO) for the lack of a disclaimer on what appears to have been a double-sided flier handout. We also touched on two other matters pertaining to other issues under our review. I advised that legal sufficiency determinations will have to be made in the other two areas. I explained that once that has been completed, he will know, specifically, our initial assessment on each of the other matters.

I suggested that the three separate matters could then be discussed with one of our staff attorneys for possible settlement. Counsel advised me that he would be interested in settling the matters provided that any fine would be commensurate with the offense.

I asked Mr. Randolph for good times to reach him by telephone. Counsel advised me that when he is not in court, he is generally at his law office from 8:00 in the morning to 7:00 in the evening.

Mr. Randolph advised me that his schedule, in the near term, is as follows: He will be in his law office all day this Friday, June 26, 2015 On Monday, June 29, 2015, counsel will be in court during the morning hours; he plans to spend the entire afternoon in his law office.

Memo to File? No Entered by: dbf

2. **Date and time:** 10/29/15; 11:50 am

Name: Respondent

Phone #: called for Eric Lipman

Summary: Respondent telephoned the office to speak with Mr. Lipman I informed Respondent that Mr. Lipman is away from the office and he stated that he wanted to let Mr. Lipman know his circumstances in not being able to pay the consent order fine by the October 30, 2015 deadline. Respondent stated that he needed more time to pay the

I explained to Respondent that since he has an attorney of record (Trelvis Randolph), that it is improper for staff to speak to him directly about this case. Respondent persisted to tell me that he could pay the monies due by the first week of January 2016.

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Entered by: MBW

18 Date and time: January 19, 2016 @ 10:09 a m

Name: Marie Schmidt, City Clerk

Phone #: 305-455-6604

Summary: I called Ms. Schmidt regarding Respondent's CTRs. There was no answer; I

left a message on her voice mail

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

19. **Date and time:** January 19, 2016 @ 10:28 a m.

Name: Marie Schmidt, City Clerk

Phone #: 305-455-6604

Summary: Ms. Schmidt returned my call. I asked if Respondent's CTRs were available online. She stated that they are not. She stated that she would scan the CTRs and email

them to me

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

20. **Date and time:** January 20, 2016 @ 12:42 p.m.

Name: Marie Schmidt, City Clerk

Phone #: 305-455-6604

Summary: Ms. Schmidt called and stated that she had sent the CTRs. She stated she did not send the TR; apparently it has been misplaced. She stated that R did not have a lot of

money he didn't have money to pay the qualifying fee, he qualified by petition

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

21. **Date and time:** January 21, 2016 @ 1:35 p.m.

Name: Flyer Studios, R's printer

Phone #: 1-855-333-5937

Summary: I called the printer to query about whether Respondent approved the ad before they printed it. (This was the printer listed on R's CTRs.) I spoke with Larry Reyes. He stated that they offer design and printing for advertisement; however, they did not design R's ads. He stated that R's presented the ads camera ready and they just did the printing. He stated that they printed some flyers, cards and a banner for Respondent. He stated that he would check his files and send me a copy of the art work. I agreed to send him an email requesting the artwork.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

22. **Date and time:** January 22, 2016 @ 1:37 p m.

Name: Larry Reyes, Flyer Studios

Phone #: 1-855-333-5937

Summary: I called Mr. Reyes to acknowledge receiving his email and to ask about the other ads he printed. He stated that he only printed the two ads in the email. He stated that Respondent may have published additional ads but they only printed those two He stated

I suggested Respondent contact his attorney and have his attorney contact Mr Lipman to discuss potential modification of the consent order due date.

Memo to File? Yes – please see email to Eric Lipman and Margie Wade dated 10/29/15 @ 12:03 pm.

Entered by: DMalphurs

3. **Date and time:** October 29, 2015 @ 12: 21 p.m.

Name: Trelvis Randolph, R's attorney

Phone #: 305-350-5332

Summary: I called Mr. Randolph regarding the telephone call his client made to the

Commission Clerk There was no answer; I did not leave a message.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

4. **Date and time:** October 29, 2015 @ 2: 27 p.m.

Name: Trelvis Randolph, R's attorney

Phone #: 305-350-5332

Summary: I called Mr. Randolph regarding the telephone call his client made to the

Commission Clerk There was no answer; I left a message.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

5. **Date and time:** October 29, 2015 @ 2: 32 a m.

Name: Trelvis Randolph, R's attorney

Phone #: 305-350-5332

Summary: Mr Randolph returned my call He stated that he understood that the total fine was He stated that his client stated that he call the FEC and got an extension until January I explained that his client did not get an extension and if the case returns for investigation; there is no guarantee that the fine will remain at I explained that the for the PPC CO, and the deadline is tomorrow. I reiterated that the fine would settle all three cases. He stated that he would call his client back and call me back. I agreed.

Memo to File? No

Entered by: MBW

6 Date and time: October 29, 2015 @ 2: 47 p.m.

Name: Trelvis Randolph, R's attorney

Phone #: 305-350-5332

Summary: Mr Randolph called me back. He stated that he had discussed the matter with his client and explained everything to his client. He stated that his client stated that he cannot pay the fine at this time. Mr Randolph stated that he would not be involved in the case past this point. I asked if he could send a written statement that he is withdrawing as the attorney and he agreed

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

7 Date and time: November 16, 2015 @ 2:49 p.m.

Name: Complainant

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Phone #: 305-389-3200

Summary: I called Complainant to introduce myself as the investigator assigned to the case and to query whether he had any addition information. He did not answer; I left a message on his voice mail

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

8. **Date and time:** November 16, 2015 @ 3:29 p.m.

Name: Complainant Phone #: 305-389-3200

Summary: Complainant returned my call. He stated that the first ad was in the local newspaper. The second was left on the counter of a local store and he picked it up. He stated he did not recall if he got the third ad at a later date. He stated that he filed the complaints as he got the ads. He stated that he would check his records for the dates he received the ads and call me back on Wednesday.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

9. **Date and time:** November 18, 2015 @ 12:11 p.m. **Name:** Marie Schmidt, Sweetwater City Clerk

Phone #: 305-221-0411

Summary: I called Ms. Schmidt to inform her that I was sending the Affidavit of FO to her via email. She stated that she had just received the email. She stated that she would pull the information and get it back to me as soon as possible.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

10. **Date and time:** January 11, 2016 @ 2:50 p.m.

Name: Respondent Phone #: 786-260-1965

Summary: A gentleman answered the phone. I asked for Douglas Mayorga He stated "you have the wrong number" and hung up the phone. (This is the contact number listed on Respondent's campaign advertisements)

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

11. **Date and time:** January 11, 2016 @ 3:41 p.m.

Name: Respondent

Phone #: 305-620-5690 (from Anywho com)

Summary: I reached a recording stating the number has been disconnected or is no longer

in service. (Also checked Switchboard com and ReferenceUSA com with no results.)

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

12. **Date and time:** January 14, 2016 @ 8:49 a.m.

Name: Respondent Phone #: 786-260-1965 Summary: I called again to see if I would get a different response. A gentleman answered the phone. I asked for Douglas Mayorga. He stated "you have the wrong number" and hung up the phone. (This is the contact number listed on Respondent's campaign advertisements.)

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

13 **Date and time:** January 14, 2016 @ 8:51 a.m.

Name: Respondent Phone #: 786-260-1572

Summary: I called to discuss the ads at issue. I received a busy signal. I waited a few

minutes and called back; I still received a busy signal.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

14. **Date and time:** January 15, 2016 @ 9:05 a m.

Name: Marie Schmidt, City Clerk

Phone #: 305-455-6604

Summary: I called Ms. Schmidt regarding the Affidavit of Filing Officer that had not

been returned. There was no answer; I left a message on her voice mail.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

15. **Date and time:** January 15, 2016 @ 10:03 a.m.

Name: Marie Schmidt, City Clerk

Phone #: 305-455-6604

Summary: I called Ms. Schmidt regarding the Affidavit of Filing Officer that had not

been returned. There was no answer; I left a message on her voice mail

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

16. **Date and time:** January 15, 2016 @ 11:17 a.m

Name: Carmen Garcia, City Clerk's office

Phone #: 305-455-6604

Summary: Ms. Garcia returned the call on behalf of Ms. Schmidt regarding the Affidavit

of Filing Officer. She stated that she would email the information to me later today.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

17 **Date and time:** January 15, 2016 @ 1:55 p.m.

Name: Marie Schmidt, City Clerk

Phone #: 305-455-6604

Summary: I called Ms. Schmidt regarding the Affidavit of Filing Officer. She marked "N/A" for giving the candidate a copy of the Election Laws and the Candidate Handbook. I asked if "N/A" meant that the candidate did not receive copies. She explained that the candidates do not receive physical copies but they are referred to the Division of Elections website to download the materials.

Memo to File? No

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that he has the invoices and could send them but he would need a written request. I agreed to send him an email requesting the documents

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case No.: FEC 15-201

Respondent: Douglas Mayorga Counsel for Respondent: None Complainant: Orlando Lopez Counsel for Complainant: None

On February 2, 2015, the Florida Elections Commission received a sworn complaint alleging that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes Commission staff investigated whether Respondent violated the following statute:

Section 106.143(1)(a), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate who made an expenditure for and published a political advertisement before the election to prominently mark the advertisement with the required disclaimer.

I. Preliminary Information:

- Respondent was a candidate for the office of Mayor for the City of Sweetwater. There were three candidates vying for the office Respondent and Complainant were opponents. Respondent finished third; he received 8 69% of the vote.
- 2. Initially, Respondent was represented by Trelvis D. Randolph¹. Counsel subsequently withdrew from the case
- 3 Complainant was a candidate for Mayor of Sweetwater in the May 12, 2015 municipal election. There was no incumbent candidate in the race. Complainant won; he received 55.71 % of the vote. Prior to the 2015 election, Complainant served as Vice-Mayor of Sweetwater, Florida.

II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.143(1)(a), Florida Statutes:

- 4 I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the elections laws when he published a political advertisement that did not contain the required disclaimer.
- 5. Complainant submitted a campaign flyer with the complaint According to Complainant, Respondent distributed campaign flyers that did not contain the required disclaimer. The flyer reads, "VOTE Mayorga for Mayor City of Sweetwater A fresh start A Clean City." The flyer does not contain a disclaimer. To review the flyer, refer to Exhibit 1.
- 6. In a separate mailing, Complainant provided a palm card² distributed by Respondent's campaign. The palm card reads, "This 12 May 2015 Vote for Douglas Mayorga Mayor of Sweetwater..." The palm card contained a disclaimer that reads, "Political Advertisement paid for and approved by Douglas Mayorga for Mayor of Sweetwater." To review the palm card, refer to Exhibit 2.

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¹ Mr Randolph represented Respondent during the negotiations for a pre-probable cause consent order

² This ad was not at issue in this case.

- During a telephone interview on November 16, 2015, Complainant stated that he believed the ad at issue was published in a local newspaper. He could not recall any additional information about the flyer. When asked about the palm card, he stated he did not recall when or how he received the palm card.
- Respondent stated in his written response to the complaint that his campaign had not distributed any advertisements at the time Complainant allegedly saw the advertisement. He stated that the flyer that was submitted with the complaint was one of the drafts that he had given to family and friends to get their feedback. Respondent stated that he left a copy of the flyer at the Don Pan Bakery for the manager to review. Respondent speculated that Complainant probably saw the flyer there. (There are multiple locations of Don Pan Bakeries in the Miami area; Respondent did not specify which bakery or what was the name of the manager. All attempts to contact Respondent were unsuccessful.³) To review Respondent's written statement, refer to Exhibit 3.
- 9. Respondent provided a copy of another advertisement. The advertisement reads, "Vote For Douglas Mayorga Mayor of Sweetwater." The disclaimer reads, "Political Advertisement paid for and approved by Douglas Mayorga for Mayor of Sweetwater." To review the advertisement, refer to Exhibit 4.
- I called Larry Reyes, Flyer Studios, the printer listed on Respondent's campaign reports. He acknowledged that they printed flyers, cards and a banner for Respondent's campaign. He stated that they did not design the advertisements; Respondent provided camera ready copies and they printed the advertisements. I requested copies of the invoices from Mr. Reyes to show the dates the ads were printed but did not receive copies of the invoices
- No record of Respondent having previously violated this section of the election laws was found

III. FEC History:

There are two additional cases filed against Respondent by the same Complainant.

Conclusion:

- Because I did not have any success in contacting Respondent by telephone previously, I made a final attempt to contact him by sending an email to the email address listed on his DS-DE 9. The email was returned as "undeliverable" To review the email, refer to Exhibit 5...
- Ms. Marie Schmidt, Sweetwater City Clerk, served as the filing officer for Respondent's campaign. Ms. Schmidt stated that Respondent was a first-time candidate. According to Ms. Schmidt, candidates are not given a physical copy of the Election Laws or the Candidate Handbook; however, they are given a copy of the Candidate Elections Calendar. The Calendar contains important dates and a statement that refers the candidate to the Division of Elections website to download the Candidate Campaign Handbook and the State Election Laws. To review the Candidate Elections Calendar, refer to Exhibit 6. To review the list for the candidate packet, refer to Exhibit 7. To refer to the Affidavit of Filing Officer, refer to Exhibit

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³ Attempts to contact Respondent included multiple telephone calls and a questionnaire, mailed to the address on record. The questionnaire was not returned undeliverable by the post office nor was it returned by Respondent I also checked several websites but could not find a viable number for Respondent

On January 16, 2015, Respondent filed his statement of candidate form with the filing officer, certifying that he had been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. To review the statement of candidate form, refer to Exhibit 9.

Respectfully submitted on January 28, 2016

Margie B Wade

Investigation Specialist

Current address of Respondent

Douglas Mayorga 11567 SW 6 Street Sweetwater, Florida 33174

Current Address of Complainant:

The Honorable Orlando Lopez 10355 SW 3 Street Sweetwater, Florida 33174

Name and Address of Filing Officer:

Marie Schmidt Sweetwater City Clerk 500 SW 109 Avenue Sweetwater, Florida 33174

Copy furnished to:

David Flagg, Investigations Manager

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Douglas Mayorga -- FEC 15-201

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Exhibit 9	Statement of Candidate								



QUIEN ES DOUGLAS MAYORGA

Douglas@mayorgaformayor.com

Nacido en Nicaragua, la hermosa tierra de lagos y volcanes, de gente humilide, trabajadora y esforzada de padres empresarios múy conocidos en el país, Don Jose Mayorga y Aura Lila Solorzano de Mayorga (qepd) y que para 1977 abandona sú país para irse a la isla del encanto Puerto Rico, donde se formó educativamente en una de las universidades de printer instancia en los Estados Unidos, la UPR recinto de Río Riedras. Soltero, padre de 4 hermosos hijos va todos profesionales. El sv. Mayorga, está también al frente de la cumbre nacional de lideres hispanos de minoras empresariales en America, un grupo de reflexión y análisis sobre asuntos comerciales, oportunidades y de colaboración entre el ámbito de la educación y la emprendimiento a los negocios sea de interes local como internacional.

Hoy en día, como Presidente de Cámara de Comercio de las Minorías (CCM) (www.minoritychamber.net), con base en la ciudad de Washington DC, ha llevado a cabo una extraordinaria labor en la comunidad del sur de la Florida creando más de 5,000 negocios bajo su asesoría y dirección, y más de 50,000 empleos mediantes las ferias de empleos organizada por su entidad desde el 2000. Hoy en día trae su experiencia empresarial, comunitaria, intergubernamental y corporativa por el bien de la ciudadanía de Sweetwater, ciudad incorporada al Condado de Miami Dade County en la Florida, los Estados Unidos de América. Nuestra campaña es autenticamente independiente con una piataforma de inteligencia empresaria y comunitaria

PORQUE NUESTRA CANDIDATURA?

Divertivater, posee una imperante necesidad de contar con un gobierno de características proplas de una cidad de los Estados Unidos; que sea capaz de enfrentar los problemas y retos actuales que tiene el municipio con el objeto de ayanzar hacia una ciudad a la modercización, pacifica, educada y participante de las decisiones de su actualistración, posibilitando que loros asuman el compromiso de un comportamiento colectivo caracterizado por la integridad.

De la mano de nuestra administración, la empresa privada y la comunidad nacional e internacional que son parte de mis relaciones, sentaremos las bases para que Sweetwater se transforme en una ciudad a futuro con un potencial al desarrollo industrial, turístico, empresarial, educativo, institucionalmente confiable, transparente e independiente; económicamente creciente, productiva y atractiva; nodo competitivo de desarrollo tecnológico, logístico y ambientalmente sostenible.

Ha macido una nueva Era para Sweetwater!!

ESIS MAYO 12, 2015 VOTE POR EDICAGLAS MAYORGA ALCALDE PARA TODOS !!



ESTE 12 DE MAYO 2015 Voite por

DOUGLAS A ARAKA MAYOR GA

EMPLEOS - CALIDAD DE VIDA - EDUCACIÓN - JUSTICIA - ORDEN Y DESARROLLO ECONOMICO

GANDIDATO CON UNIGRAN CORAZON!!

Mayor información: 786.260 1965

766 ∠ou 1963 douglas@mayorgaformayor.com www.mayorgaformayor.com



On behalf of my campaign douglas

to:

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Cc:

douglas

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Political advertisement paid for by Douglas Mayorga for Mayor of Sweetwater

February 23, 2014

MS. ERIN RILEY
Deputy Agency Clerk
FLORIDA ELECTION COMISSION
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-1050

Dear Ms. Riley:

Thank you for the opportunity to formally respond to your request. My campaign has the highest respect to the Department of Elections and intends to fully comply with the campaign rules from the State of Florida.

My campaign is still in its early stages and has not yet developed any printed materials for public use. We have not made yard signs, palm cards, or direct mailers to publicly distribute. However, my campaign has made drafts for possible later campaign materials.

I believe the document that Mr. Orlando Lopez is referring to is one of those drafts. I made a draft flyer and showed it to family and friends to get their feedback. Regarding the specific document that Mr. Lopez is referring to was one that I dropped off at the Don Pan bakery with instructions for the clerk to hand to the manager, who is a friend of mine.

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However, for whatever reason, the flyer was left on the counter area, where I assume Mr. Lopez spotted it. To reiterate, this was not an official campaign communication, but rather a draft meant to be shared privately.

This campaign is still in the early stages and I have no prior experience in running for office, but I will make sure to respect campaign rules. If you have further questions, feel free to call me at 786.260.1572 or 786.260.1965

Respectfully yours,

Douglas Mayorga for Sweetwater Mayor 11567 SW 6 Street-Miami, FI 33174

ATREVASE, **NO TENGA MIEDO**!!! El próximo 12 de Mayo, VOTE por

ALCALDE DE SWEET の外が

-No cámaras en semáforos -Sin miedo, no habrá mas terror -Banco Municipal para Prestamos -Clínica Médica de atención primaria -Creare 500 empleos en el primer año No permitiré abuso, ni injusticia

Mayor Información:

douglas@mayorgaformayor.com www.mayorgaformayor.com 786.260.1965

Politicial Advertisement paid for and approved by Douglas Mayorga for Mayor of Sweetwater

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Quien es el candidato Douglas Mayorga y

- Simple y sencillo parte del pueblo

 Vive en la ciudad desde hace 13 años

- Ejecutivo del Mundo Corporativo con amplias **relaciones en el Gobierno Federal**

- dre de 4 hijos profesionales y abuelo de una nieta esentador de Televisión todos los Domingos a la 8:30 por **Mira TEVE**
- residente de la Cámara de Comercio de las Minorías (CCM) con oficinas centrales en Washington DC
- residente de la Fundación al Desarrollo Económico a las Minorías residente del Periodico Sweetwater al Dia y Wynwood al Día

- Capellán consejero de las cárceles para jóvenes de minorías. Fundador de las relaciones bilaterales entre el estado de Israel y las empresas de Minorías en los Estados Unidos Ha creado más de 5,000 empresas con la CCM, formado 50,000 empleos con las ferias desde el 2000

"Humilde y Forjado con la ayuda de Dios"

Este 12 de Mayo, su voto por **DOUGLAS MAYORGA** para Alcalde de **Sweetwater**

Politicial Advertisement paid for and approved by Douglas Mayorga for Mayor of Sweetwater.

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Delivery Failure Report

Your message:

FEC 15-201, 15-289 and 15-307

was not

delivered to:

douglas@mayorgaformayor com

because:

550 5.1.1 <douglas@mayorgaformayor.com> Recipient not found. http://x.co/irbounce

What should you do?

- You can resend the undeliverable document to the recipients listed above by choosing the Resend button or the Resend command on the Actions menu.
- Once you have resent the document you may delete this Delivery Failure Report.
- If resending the document is not successful you will receive a new failure report.
- Unless you receive other Delivery Failure Reports, the document was successfully delivered to all other recipients.

Routing path

TLH01/OAG, TLH03/OAG, TLH01/OAG

To: douglas@mayorgaformayor.com

CC:

Date: 10:51:52 AM Today

Subject: FEC 15-201, 15-289 and 15-307

Dear Mr Mayorga,

We have your initial response for FEC 15-201 on file: however, my subsequent attempts to reach you have been unsuccessful. Now that the investigation is completed I still have a few final questions that are listed below.

Case 15-201 refers to an advertisement that reads, "VOTE Mayorga for Mayor City of Sweetwater." The ad does not contain a disclaimer. You initially stated that the ad provided by Complainant was a draft. Was the ad ever published? Did you ad a disclaimer before the ad was published? How did you publish the ad, e.g., flyer, newspaper, etc? Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this advertisement?

Cases 15-289 and 15-307 refer to a palm card with blue background which was written in Spanish. The palm card reads "This 12 May 2015 Vote for Douglas Mayorga Mayor of Sweetwater..." The advertisement does not contain the word "for" between your name and the office that you were running for. Why was the word "for" omitted? Did your publish this ad before or after the advertisement discussed above? Do you have any additional comments regarding the palm cards?

Please to this email by Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Sincerely,

Margle 8 Wade Investigation Speci

Investigation Specialist II Florida Elections Commission

107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399 850-922-4539 (phone) 850-921-0783 (fax)



CITY OF SWEETWATER

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015

Candidate resction calendar

DATE	
2015	
3/6	Last day to submit resignation to run for office if already serving a term as an elected official. Must be submitted to the City Clerk before 4:30 P.M. this date.
.3/18	First day candidates may file qualifying papers. Fee for Commissioner: \$75 Qualifying Fee + \$376.77 State Assessment. Fee for Mayor: \$250 Qualifying Fee + \$1,184.15 State Assessment. Please bring a separate check from your campaign account for each fee.
3/27	Campaign Treasurer's Report G-1 due no later than 4:30 P.M. on this date for the period from March 1, 2015 ending March 20, 2015. Late reports will be assessed a fine pursuant to State Law.
3/27	Final day candidates may file qualifying papers (5:00 P.M. deadline)
4/10	Campaign Treasurer's Report G-2 due no later than 4:30 P.M. on this date for the period from March 21, 2015 and ending April 3rd, 2015. Late reports will be assessed a fine pursuant to State Law. Unopposed candidates will not be subject to this or the remainder of the reporting periods and will have 90 days from the close of the qualifying period to present their final reports.
4/13	Voter registration books close - anyone who registers as a new voter after this date will be incligible to vote in the May 12th election.
4/24	Campaign Trensurer's Report G-3 due no later than 4:30 P.M. on this date for the period from April 4, 2015 and ending April 17, 2015 Late reports will be assessed a fine pursuant to State Law.
4/28	Last day candidates may designate poll watchers. <u>Candidate's list must be in the office of the City Clerk no later than 12:00 Noon this date.</u>

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5/7	Campaign contributions can no longer be accepted after midnight this date.
5/8	Campaign Treasurer's Report G-4 due no later than 4:30 P.M. on this date for the period from April 18, 2015 and ending midnight May 7, 2015. Late reports will be assessed a fine pursuant to State Law.
5/12	ELECTION DAY - Polis open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.
5/22	All political signs of candidates must be removed by candidate or sign bond will be forfeited and signs will be removed by City crews. Exception is for candidates in runoff election.
5/26	RUNOFF ELECTION DAY if a runoff is required.
6/5	Political signs of runoff candidates must be removed by candidate or sign bond will be forfeited and signs will be removed by City crews.
8/10	Final Report covering the period from May 8 to the date of terminating campaign account now due (No later than 90 days after election.)

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Candidate Campaign Handbook and State Election Laws can be accessed, downloaded and printed at http://election.dos.state.fl.us/publications/index.sluml

Should dates and times in this calendar change, each registered candidate will be notified immediately providing they can be contacted electronically.

Logic and Accuracy testing of the voting equipment is performed by Miami-Dade County Elections. As soon as the dates are available, you will be notified electronically.

Canvassing Board meetings have not been scheduled yet. As soon as the dates are set, you will be notified electronically.



MARCH 16, 2015

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED BY CANDIDATE:

- 1- CANDIDATES INFORMATION FOR 2015 ELECTION
- 2- CANDIDATE ELECTION CALENDAR
- 3- CANDIDATE OATHS

RECEIVED BY:

- 4- AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDATE
- 5- STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS 2014
- 6- POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION INSTRUCTION AND FORM
- 7- ETHICAL CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ORDINANCE

EXHIBIT __

8- SIGNS REGULATION ORDINANCE

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AFFIDAVIT OF FILING OFFICER

1. Please provide <u>certified copies</u> of the listed items from the following candidate's campaign file: **Douglas Mayorga**.

Check	irem
1	The Statement of Candidate form for 2015
1	Appointments of Treasurers and Designation of Campaign Depository form for 2015.
4	Statements of financial interest (Form 1 and Form 6) for 2015.

2. Please check each item provided to the candidate or his or her staff, and list the <u>date</u> that the item was provided. (If the item is published by the Division of Elections, it is unnecessary to provide a copy of the item. If your office published the item, please send a copy of the item with this affidavit.)

Check	ITEM	DATE
	Chapter 106, Florida Statutes	NIA
	Chapter 104, Florida Statutes	NIA
!	Candidate Handbook Please indicate Year	NA
البنية - محم (أحمد ومنه مصنونه	Political ad and disclaimer supplement	NA
	Calendar of Election dates	3/6/15
	Any other election related document, Please indicate the title of the related document: AFFIDAUT OF HODUE BURDLE PETITION	W3/

Please list all other written materials provided to the candidate or his or her staff, the <u>date</u> of receipt, and a brief description of the written materials. Did you notify the candidate that the campaign handbook was available on the Division of Elections website?

SEE PACKET	ATTACHED.	Link to	website on
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4	Please	list all	training	semin	ars that	were	attended	by the	e ca	ndidate,	along	with	the d	late
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available, please attach a copy of any attendance sheets from the seminar(s)														

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Please list the subjects covered during these seminars of the syllabus and outline for the seminar.	If available, please provide a copy
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Please list any other contacts with this candidate larovision of Chapter 104, Section 105 071, or Chapter 106, the contact was in person, in writing, or by telephone and the provide copies of any documentation of the contact. Please prember of your staff who was in contact with this candidate subject matter of the contact.	Florida Statutes. Indicate whether subject matter of the contact. Also, provide a separate affidavit from any
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I SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

mare O. Schmidt
Signature of Affiant
Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this // day of
January 2016
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Case Investigator: MBW

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

OFFICE USE ONLY

DOUGLAS MAYORGA

candidate for the office of MAYOR - SWEETWATER, FI.

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

Signature of Candidate

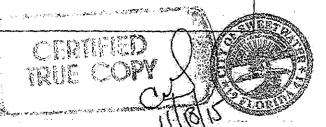
01-15-2015

Date

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

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Douglas Mayorga Trelvis D Randolph to: fec@myfloridalegal.com 04/14/2015 01:36 PM Show Details

1 Attachment



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I am writing to state my notice of appearance as counsel on behalf of Douglas Mayorga for the following matters:

Case #15-201;

Case #15-289

Case #15-307

Sincerely Trelvis D. Randolph



www.csklegal.com

Trelvis D. Randolph, Esq.

Trelvis Randolph@csklegal.com

Tel: 305-350-5332

Fax: 305-373-2294

Cole, Scott & Kissane Building

9150 South Dadeland Boulevard, Suite 1400

Miami, Florida 33156

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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

April 9, 2015

Doulas Mayorga 11567 SW 6 Street Sweetwater, FL 33174

RE: Case No.: FEC 15-201: Respondent: Douglas Mayorga

Dear Mr. Mayorga:

The Florida Elections Commission has received a complaint alleging that you, the Respondent, have violated Section 106 143(1)(a), Florida Statutes, on one occasion. A copy of the complaint was previously provided to you.

Rule 2B-1 003, Florida Administrative Code, provides for resolving certain cases by a consent order before investigation commences. Under the rule, an alleged violation of Chapter 106 will be considered a minor violation if the following criteria are met:

- (1) The violation is one identified in the rule;
- (2) It is the first time the person is alleged to have committed the violation;
- (3) The person agrees to correct the conduct that resulted in the violation, if feasible; and
- (4) When a violation involves political advertising, the person must be named in the political advertisement and the complainant must not allege that the advertising was either deceptive or influenced the outcome of the election if the violation occurred less than 14 days before the election.

This case meets the criteria set forth above. Therefore, the procedures of the Commission allow you one of two options at this juncture. You may either, (1) enter into a consent order with the Commission staff and pay a small fine, rather than the potential \$1,000 per violation provided for in Section 106 265, Florida Statutes, or (2) not enter into a consent order, in which case the staff will proceed to investigate the allegations in the complaint. The consent order provides that the Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegation(s) in the complaint, and requires the Respondent immediately to correct the violation, if feasible, and to avoid future violations. The consent order does not constitute final action by the Commission until it is accepted and approved by the Commission

If you choose to resolve this case without an investigation and possible hearing, please sign and return the enclosed consent order, together with payment of the specified fine, within 20 days of the date you receive this letter Payment of the fine must be by either cashier's check or other certified funds. The signed consent order will then be considered by the Commission at its next available meeting. If the staff does not receive the signed consent order and the fine within 20 days, staff withdraws this offer of settlement and will proceed to investigate the allegations in the complaint

If you choose to proceed with the investigation, the Commission staff will investigate the following statutory provision:

Section 106.143(1)(a), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Douglas Mayorga, candidate for Mayor of the City of Sweetwater, distributed a political advertisement that contained express advocacy but did not include a proper disclaimer.

You may respond to the violation alleged in the complaint by filing a notarized statement providing any information regarding the facts and circumstances surrounding the allegation. If you choose to file a response to the complaint, you should file the response within 20 days of the date you receive this letter. Your response will be included as an attachment to the investigator's report.

Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, provides that when the investigator completes his or her report, staff will mail you a copy of the investigator's report. Should you choose to file a response to the report, you must file your response with the Commission within 15 days of the date of this letter. If your response is timely filed, the Commission will consider it when determining probable cause.

Commission staff will review the Report of Investigation and make a written recommendation to the Commission on whether there is probable cause to charge you with violating Chapter 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You will receive a copy of this staff recommendation and will have the opportunity to file a response. Should you choose to do so, your response must be filed with the Commission within 15 days of the date the recommendation is mailed to you. If your response is timely filed, the Commission will consider it when determining probable cause.

The Commission will hold a hearing to determine whether there is probable cause to charge you with a violation. You 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. If you attend the hearing, you will be permitted to make a brief oral statement to the Commission, but you cannot testify or call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence.

The staff recommendation and the notice of the probable cause hearing will be mailed to the same address as this letter. Therefore, if your address changes, you must notify the Commission of your new address. Otherwise, you may not receive the correspondence from the Commission staff. 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. A breach of confidentiality is a criminal violation of the law. The confidentiality

provision does not apply to the person filing the complaint. However, it does apply to you, the Respondent, 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, please contact **David Flagg**, at extension 111, or at the address listed above

Sincerely,

Amy McKeever Tomat

Executive Director

Enclosures:

Consent Order

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On behalf of my campaign douglas

to:

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1 Attachment





Political advertisement paid for by Douglas Mayorga for Mayor of Sweetwater

February 23, 2014

MS. ERIN RILEY
Deputy Agency Clerk
FLORIDA ELECTION COMISSION
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-1050

Dear Ms. Riley:

Thank you for the opportunity to formally respond to your request. My campaign has the highest respect to the Department of Elections and intends to fully comply with the campaign rules from the State of Florida.

My campaign is still in its early stages and has not yet developed any printed materials for public use. We have not made yard signs, palm cards, or direct mailers to publicly distribute. However, my campaign has made drafts for possible later campaign materials.

I believe the document that Mr. Orlando Lopez is referring to is one of those drafts. I made a draft flyer and showed it to family and friends to get their feedback. Regarding the specific document that Mr. Lopez is referring to was one that I dropped off at the Don Pan bakery with instructions for the clerk to hand to the manager, who is a friend of mine.

However, for whatever reason, the flyer was left on the counter area, where I assume Mr. Lopez spotted it. To reiterate, this was not an official campaign communication, but rather a draft meant to be shared privately.

This campaign is still in the early stages and I have no prior experience in running for office, but I will make sure to respect campaign rules. If you have further questions, feel free to call me at 786.260.1572 or 786.260.1965.

Respectfully yours,

Douglas Mayorga Douglas Mayorga for Sweetwater Mayor 11567 SW 6 Street-Miami, FI 33174

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CONFIDENTIAL COMPLAINT FORM

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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: Orlando Lopez	Work Phone: (305) 389-3200			
Address: 10355 SW 3 Street	Home Phone: ()			
City: Sweetwater County: Miami-Dade State: FL	Zip Code: 33174			
2. PERSON_AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUG	<u>GHT</u> :			
A person can be an individual, political committee, committee of electioneering communication organization, club, corporation, parother type of organization. (If you intend to name more than one complaints.)	tnership, company, association, or any			
Name of individual or entity: Douglas Mayorga				
Address: 11567 SW 6 Street	Phone: (786) 260-1965			
City: Sweetwater County: Miami-Dade State: Flo				
If individual is a candidate, list the office or position sought: M				
Have you filed this complaint with the State Attorney's Office?				
3. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):				
Please list the provisions of The Florida Election Code that you be violated The Commission has jurisdiction only to investigation the Chapter 106, and Section 105.071, Florida Statutes. Also, please	he following provisions: Chapter 104			
The facts and actions that you believe support the violat The names and telephone numbers of persons you believe A copy or picture of the political advertisements you me A copy of the documents you mention in your statement Other evidence that supports your allegations	ve may be witnesses to the facts, ention in your statement,			
Douglas Mayorga filed as a candidate on Friday, January 16, 20	15 with the City's Clerk at 3:22 pm.			
1 - Before filing his papers with the City Clerk as a candidate, Mayo	rga was distributing campaign flyers			
2 - The campaign flyer (see attachment) did not contain the pa	aid political advertising disclaimer.			
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		Additional materials attached (check one)? ✓ Yes No
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I swe	ar or affirm, that the above	e information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
		Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint
	FLEGUES ASSESSED ASSE	Sworp to and subscribed before me this 28 day of 20 15
	AND F.C Z	Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oatas or Notary public BELKYS DE ARMAS Notary Public State of Florida My Comm. Expires Jul 24, 2015 Commission # EE 81413
		(Print Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public) Personally known Or Produced Identification
		Type of Identification Produced

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

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Rule 1S-2.0001, F.A.C.

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

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

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NOTE: This form must be on file with the officer before opening the campaign account		OFFICE USE ONLY				
1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES): Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Treasurer/Deputy Depository Office Party						
	Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last) 3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)					
DOUGLAS MAYORGA 115675W GST 4. Telephone 5 E-mail address MIAMI, F1. 33174						
(786) 260-1965 douglas@man	Jegich	"Com				
6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group	number)	i		tisan office, check if		
mayor. applicable: My intent is to run as a Write-in candidate.						
8. If a candidate for a <u>partisan</u> office, check b	lock and fill	in name of party a	s applicable: My in	tent is to run as a		
Write-In No Party Affiliation	REPU	UBCICAN	P	arty candidate.		
9. I have appointed the following person to a	ct as my	Campaign Tre	asurer Depu	ity Treasurer		
10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer						
MARIA LOAISIGA						
11, Mailing Address			12. Tele	·		
11567SW 65T.				1260-1572		
13. City 14. County	15. Stat	1 .	I			
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18. I have designated the following bank as n		······································	ory Seconda	ary Depository		
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CITIBANK				Tot. 7: 0:1		
21. City 22. County		23, State		24. Zip Code 33144		
TOTAL						
UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I H. DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN	DEPOSITORY	AND THAT THE FACTS	STATED IN IT ARE TRUE			
25. Date						
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27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)						
I, MAIZIA LOGISIGA , do hereby accept the appointment (Please Print or Type Name)						
designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.						
01-15-2015 X Maria fossisty						
Date Signatifre of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer						

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

OFFICE USE ONLY

DOUGLAS MAYORGA

candidate for the office of MAYOR - SWEETWATER, FI.

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

Signature of Candidate

01-15-2015

Date

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

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786-260-1572

QUIEN ES DOUGLAS MAYORGA

Douglas@mayorgaformayor.com

Nacido en Nicaragua, la hermosa tierra de lagos y volcanes, de gente humilide, trabajadora y esforzada, de padres empresarios muy conocidos en el país, Don Jose Mayorga y Aura Lila Solorzano de Mayorga (qepd) y que para 1977 abandona su país para irse a la isla del encanto Ruerto Rico, donde se formo educativamente en una de las universidades de primer instancia en los Estados Unidos, la UPR recinto de Rico Piedras Soltero, padre de 4 hermosos hijos ya todos profesionales. El Sr. Mayorga, está también al frente de la cumbre lacional de lideres rispanos de minorias empresariales en America, un grupo de reflexión y analisis sobre asuntos comerciales, oportunidades y de colaboración entre el ambito de la educación y la emprendimiento a los degocios sea de interes local como internacional.

Hoy en día, como Presidente de Cámara de Comercio de las Minorias (CCM) (www.minoritychamber.net), con base en la ciudad de Washington DC, ha llevado a cabo una extraordinaria labor en la comunidad del sur de la Florida creando más de 5,000 negocios bajo su asesoría y dirección, y más de 50,000 empleos mediantes las ferias de empleos organizada por su entidad desde el 2000. Hoy en día trae su experiencia empresarial, comunitaria, intergubernamental y corporativa por el bien de la ciudadania de Sweetwater, ciudad incorporada al Condado de Miami Dade County en la Florida, los Estados Unidos de América. Nuestra campaña es autenticamente independiente con una plataforma de inteligencia empresaria y comunitaria

PORQUE NUESTRA CANDIDATURA?

Sweetwater, posee una imperante necesidad de contar con un goblerno de características propias de una ciudad de los Estados inicios que sea capaz de enfrentar los problemas y retos actuales que de el municipio con el objeto de avanzar hacia una ciudad a la inforterización, papifica, educada y participante de las decisiones de la administración, posibilitando que todos asuman el compromiso de la comportante de las decisiones de la comportante de la comportante de las decisiones de la comportante de las decisiones de la comportante de la comportant

De la mano de nuestra administración, la empresa privada y la comunidad nacional e internacional que son parte de mis relaciones, sentaremos las bases para que Sweetwater se transforme en una ciudad a futuro con un potencial al desarrollo industrial, turístico, empresarial, educativo, institucionalmente confiable, transparente e independiente; económicamente creciente, productiva y atractiva; nodo competitivo de desarrollo tecnológico, logístico y ambientalmente sostenible.

Ha nacido una nueva Era para Sweetwater!!

Este Mayo 12, 2015 VOTE POR

DOUGLAS MAYORGA ::
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