STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Kyle "KC" Gibson

TO: Kyle "KC" Gibson 837 NW 1st Avenue Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

Case No.: FEC 20-305

Jeffrey Modarelli, City Clerk City of Ft. Lauderdale 100 N. Andrews Avenue Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301

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:1-877-309-2074966-952-589

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

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Tim Vaccaro

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,

v.

Case No.: FEC 20-305

Kyle Gibson, Respondent.

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 12, 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(s):

<u>Count 1:</u>

On or about October 8, 2020, Kyle Gibson violated Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, when he failed to timely file an addendum to the campaign's 2020 M5 Report within seven days after receiving notice from his filing officer that the report required amendment.

Count 2:

On or around July 10, 2020, Kyle Gibson violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when he deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's 2020 M6 Report.

Order of Probable Cause FEC # 20-305 The Commission finds that there is **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes.

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: Stephanie J. Cunningham, General Counsel Kyle Gibson, Respondent Jeffrey Modarelli, 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 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 righthand 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.

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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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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission January 9, 2023 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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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)

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STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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Case No.: FEC 20-305

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the sworn complaint in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Sections 106.07(2)(b)1.**, and **106.19(1)(c)**, Florida Statutes, and **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7)**, Florida Statutes. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on September 16, 2022, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On August 27, 2020, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a sworn complaint from Jeffrey Modarelli ("Complainant"), alleging that Kyle Gibson ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent was a 2020 candidate for Fort Lauderdale City Commission, District 2. Respondent's Statement of Candidate form ("DS-DE 84") was filed on February 13, 2020. (ROI Exhibit 2)¹

3. By letter dated June 15, 2022, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provisions:

Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2020 candidate for Fort Lauderdale City Commission, District 2, acting as his own treasurer, failed to timely make necessary amendments to the 2020 M5 campaign treasurer's report, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2020 candidate for Fort Lauderdale City Commission, District 2, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2020 M6 reporting period.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2020 candidate for Fort Lauderdale City Commission, District 2, may have falsely reported or deliberately

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

failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, during the 2020 M6 reporting period.

4. On January 6, 2020, Respondent's filing officer provided Respondent with a weblink to Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 2) On February 1, 2020, Respondent acknowledged that he had been provided access to read the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. (ROI Exhibit 2)

5. On February 13, 2020, Respondent filed his Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form ("DS-DE 9") appointing himself as treasurer for his campaign. (ROI Exhibit 1)

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

6. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida's election laws by failing to timely file the required amendment to the campaign's 2020 M5 Report within 7 days of receiving notification from the filing officer that the report was incomplete and required amendment.

7. The campaign's 2020 M5 Report was filed on June 10, 2020. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 3) The report was incomplete when filed. *See* Compl.

8. On July 17, 2020, Respondent's filing officer sent a letter via certified mail notifying Respondent that the campaign's report was incomplete, and that Respondent was required to amend the report within 7 days of receipt of the notification. The letter set forth the reasons why the report was incomplete. Additionally, the filing officer emailed Respondent a prior copy of the letter dated June 29, 2020. (ROI Exhibits 4 & 5)

9. Respondent was given multiple opportunities to respond to Commission staff's investigation but failed to do so. (ROI, pp. 2-3, ¶¶9, 13-14; ROI Exhibit 9)

10. Respondent failed to timely file the required amendment to the campaign's 2020 M5 Report within 7 days of receiving notification from his filing officer that the report was incomplete and required amendment.

Alleged Violation: Sections 106.07(7), and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes

11. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida's election laws by failing to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed or by falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, during the 2020 M6 reporting period.

12. Respondent's 2020 M6 Report was due to be filed by July 10, 2020; however, Respondent failed to timely file the report or notify the filing officer that no report would be filed. Respondent's filing officer sent two letters notifying Respondent that his report had not been received. (ROI Exhibit 7)

13. A subpoena was issued to Respondent's designated campaign depository to ascertain whether any financial activity occurred during the relevant reporting period, i.e., June 1, 2020 - June 30, 2020. (ROI, p. 3, ¶12) Respondent's bank records show reportable financial activity during the relevant reporting period. (ROI Exhibit 8)

14. Respondent failed to include information in his 2020 M6 Report in violation of Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes. As Respondent had financial activity during the relevant reporting period, Respondent was not required to notify the filing officer that he would not be filing his report. Respondent was not a first-time candidate. (ROI, p.1, ¶1)

15. "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).

16. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a 2020 candidate for Fort Lauderdale City Commission, District 2. Respondent failed to timely file the required amendment to the campaign's 2020 M5 Report within 7 days of receiving notification from his filing officer that the report was incomplete and required amendment. Respondent failed to timely file his 2020 M6 Report or notify the filing officer that no report would be filed. As it appears that Respondent had financial activity during the relevant reporting period, Respondent failed to include information in his 2020 M6 Report in violation of Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes. Therefore, Respondent was not required to notify the filing officer that he would not be filing his report because Respondent had reportable financial activity.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7)**, **Florida Statutes**, and find **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating the following:

Count 1:

On or about October 8, 2020, Kyle Gibson violated Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, when he failed to timely file an addendum to the campaign's 2020 M5 Report within seven days after receiving notice from his filing officer that the report required amendment.

Count 2:

On or around July 10, 2020, Kyle Gibson violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when he deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's 2020 M6 Report.

Respectfully submitted on October 12, 2022.

Stephanie J. Cunningham General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 2^{2} day of October 2022.

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Executive Director

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Case No.: FEC 20-305

Respondent: Kyle Gibson Counsel for Respondent: N/A

Complainant: Jeffrey Modarelli, City Clerk, City of Fort Lauderdale Counsel for Complainant: N/A

On August 27, 2020, the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) received a sworn complaint alleging that Respondent violated Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. Commission staff investigated whether Respondent violated the following statute(s):

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

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

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes

I. Preliminary Information:

1. Respondent was a 2020 candidate for Fort Lauderdale City Commission, District 2; he was defeated in the general election held on November 3, 2020. Respondent was not a first-time candidate.

2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) was filed on February 13, 2020. Respondent was appointed as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 9, refer to Exhibit 1.

3. Respondent filed a Statement of Candidate with the City Clerk of Fort Lauderdale (City Clerk) on February 13, 2020, in which Respondent certified he had been provided access to read and understand Chapter 106, F.S. To review the Statement of Candidate, refer to Exhibit 2.

4. On January 6, 2020, the City Clerk sent Respondent an email with the subject "Requirement for running for office." The email referenced, attached, and provided a link to the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* and a list of publications available on the Division of Elections' website. Respondent was advised to become familiar with the Florida Election Code,

a copy of which was attached to the email. To review the City Clerk's email, refer to Exhibit 3.

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

5. 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 M5.

6. On June 29, 2020, the City Clerk sent Respondent an email to the email address provided on the DS-DE 9. Attached to the email was a letter notifying Respondent that the 2020 M5 report was incomplete and required amendment within seven days. The letter explained the issue with the 2020 M5 and included a copy of Respondent's 2020 M5 report. There is no record of delivery confirmation or reply to the email. Although the City Clerk stated in the email that the letter would be sent certified mail, the letter did not include a certified number, and the current City Clerk was unable to locate certified mail related to the letter. To review the emails and letter, refer to Exhibit 4.

7. On July 17, 2020, the City Clerk sent Respondent a letter notifying him that the 2020 M5 report was incomplete and required amendment within seven days. The letter was sent via certified mail to the address specified on Respondent's DS-DE 9. The letter was returned to the City Clerk undelivered. To review the letter and returned envelopes, refer to Exhibit 5.¹

8. The City Clerk filed the complaint on August 27, 2020. By filing the complaint, the City Clerk affirmed that as of that date, the report had not been satisfactorily amended. There are no records on the City Clerk's website that an amended 2020 M5 was ever filed by Respondent. The current City Clerk did not provide any record of an amended 2020 M5 with the filing officer affidavit. To review Respondent's filing history, refer to Exhibit 6.

9. Respondent did not respond to the complaint.

III. Alleged Violation of Sections 106.07(7), and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:

10. I investigated whether Respondent violated these sections of the election laws either by not notifying the filing officer, in writing, that no report would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making expenditures during the 2020 M6 reporting period or by not filing a 2020 M6 campaign report to reflect financial activity for the reporting period.

11. The 2020 M6 report was due by July 10, 2020. On July 17, 2020, the City Clerk sent Respondent a letter notifying him that the 2020 M6 report had not been filed. The letter specified the due date for the report and was sent to the address specified on Respondent's DS-DE 9 and a second address listed on Respondent's Candidate Oath.² To review the letters, refer to Exhibit 7.

¹ Two returned certified envelopes postmarked July 17, 2020, and apparently addressed to Respondent's P.O. Box were attached to the letter with documents provided by the current City Clerk. Notations indicate the envelopes related to the 2020 M5 amendment issue.

² Although the City Clerk claimed the letters were sent via certified mail, no certified numbers were included with the letters.

12. I subpoenaed campaign account records from the designated campaign depository. The records showed reportable financial transactions that occurred during the 2020 M6 reporting period, which covered from June 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020. Respondent's filing history does not include the 2020 M6 report. To review Respondent's filing history, refer to Exhibit 6. To review the bank records, refer to Exhibit 8.

13. Respondent did not respond to the complaint.

14. I attempted to contact Respondent on five occasions for the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the complaint. As of the date of this report, neither my telephone calls nor emails have been returned. Therefore, I am unable to ascertain whether he has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and/or the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. To review the phone log and emails, refer to Exhibit 9.

Respectfully submitted on September 16, 2022.

Charles Mallard

Charles Mellow Investigation Specialist

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Kyle Gibson -- FEC 20-305

LIST OF EXHIBITS					
Exhibits #s Description of Exhibits					
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 9				
Exhibit 2	Statement of Candidate				
Exhibit 3	City Clerk Email				
Exhibit 4	Email Correspondence – June 29, 2020				
Exhibit 5	Correspondence – July 17, 2020				
Exhibit 6	Filing History				
Exhibit 7	Notification Letters				
Exhibit 8	Bank Statements				
Exhibit 9	Phone Log and Emails				

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(Section 106.023, F.S.)	
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Charles Mellow

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Attachments:	Jeff Modarelli <jmodarelli@fortlauderdale.gov> Monday, January 6, 2020 4:05 PM 'kcin2018@gmail.com' David Soloman Requirement for running for office dsde302 Non partisan Oath.pdf; Form 1_2019i.pdf; FS 106.1435.pdf; General Election 2018.pdf; Polling Locations 2020.pdf; Primary 2018.pdf; Qualifications charter Doc.docx; Sec 7.14.pdf; USAGE AND REMOVAL OF POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ADVERTISEMENTS.pdf; 2019-election-code.pdf; 2020 Qualifying Documents Inventory List rev 10.19 ef.docx; 2020-candidate-campaign-treasurer-handbook.pdf; Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and designation of Campaign Deppdf; Broward County Statement of Ethical Campaign Practices.pdf; CANDIDATE OATH Charter.doc; CANDIDATE VOTERS REGISTRATION INFORMATION.pdf; City Code - Temporary Signs.pdf; dsde84-Statement of Candidate.pdf; 19-177.pdf</jmodarelli@fortlauderdale.gov>
	of Candidate.pdf; 19-177.pdf

Good afternoon. Please see responses below in RED.

I called your office last week and was told to look on the website. Do you recall whom you spoke with from the City Clerk's who told you to "look on the website"? Did you ask for specific information?

After looking on the website the information needed was not there so I called back was given the Information over the phone by a separate person.

I believe this person was me as I answered the phone on this call.

Did you request specific information? I do not recall you requesting anything specific. I noted that it is preferred that you come in so we can go over the forms and I can point you to where to locate documents needed so that you are aware these forms change and get updated.

After asking several questions, I was told to make a appointment to get information on qualifying information. Perhaps its just me. But shouldn't information be made readily available to the public? I noted that it is preferred that you come in so we can go over the forms and I can point you to where to locate documents needed so that you are aware these forms change and get updated. See link below:

Florida Division of Elections – Most qualifying documents are on this link

I may be wrong and forgive me if so. But it appears this process is vetting process to people interested In running for office. This is the Information I would like to have from your office.

Per you statement above, it appears you are asking for "Qualifying Information".

Qualifying Information can mean a lot of different things.

You specifically asked the date of qualifying which I provided. Tentative June 8, 2020 noon – June 12, 2020 noon. I have attached qualifying documents that will be submitted upon qualifying for office and two portions of our charter that relate to what is on our webpage below:

What are the requirements to run for office?

For the office of Mayor, a qualified candidate must be a resident for a minimum of six months immediately preceding the date of the election. Such candidate must also be a registered voter, at least

21 years of age, and a citizen of the United States. For the office of City Commissioner, a qualified candidate must be a resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale for a minimum of six months immediately preceding the date of the election, and must reside in the district on the day of qualifying. He/she must also be a registered voter, at least 21 years of age, and a citizen of the United States. No candidate is allowed to hold any other public elective office, and cannot be an officer, employee, or serve in any capacity with the City government (except a City Commissioner running for the office of Mayor).

I did see the requirements to run. What is not clear is this. In your city. Can a person file to run prior to the qualifying period.

At the Florida Division of Elections webpage link on our webpage, is a Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook PDF 10/3/2019. I have attached for your convenience. https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/forms-publications/publications/

This publication is a guide that demonstrates how to create a campaign account (in case you are referring to that) and steps leading to qualify and after.

In addition, one should also be familiar with Florida Election Code - 2019 that is also online and attached. https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/forms-publications/publications/

Publications

Below can be found a variety of Division of Elections' publications and reports. Upon request, these documents may be made available in alternate formats.

- > Analysis and Report of Overvotes and Undervotes 2018 General Election PDF
 - > Report Data Excel
- > Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook PDF (10/3/2019)
- > Candidate Petition Handbook PDF (7/16/2019)
- > Election Dates and Activities Calendar (12/2019)
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 - > PDF
 - > Excel
 - > Electioneering Communications Organization Handbook PDF (7/23/2019)
 - > Federal Qualifying Handbook PDF (7/29/2019)
 - > Florida Election Code 2019
 - > To search current law, go to Online Sunshine Florida Legislature
 - > To obtain a softbound copy, go to Legistore

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I would like have the qualifying papers for commissioner or Mayor.

See attached.

Secondly do you have a copy of the turn out for the last city election i.e how many voters in each district how many votes.

See attached.

Also, different research can be done by going to the webpage below and looking at the January 16, 2018 Primary and March 13, 208 General Elections. https://www.browardsoe.org/Election-Information/Election-Results-Copy

What precients are in each of the commission districts? The attached Precinct link provides very helpful information on City of Fort Lauderdale Precincts and is updated by Broward County SOE real time. https://www.voterfocus.com/PrecinctFinder/precinctDirectory?county=broward

In addition, See attached subject to change and update prior to the 2020 Election.

Can I have this Information put together so I can come and pick it up without having to make a appointment to sit with your office or is it the written policy via city charter that one must make a appointment to sit with your office to pick up the same. Please let me know. An appointment is "preferred" as noted in our conversation. I believe all items you requested have been attached.

Jeff

Our WEBPAGE:

Florida Division of Elections

• Florida Division of Elections

Broward County Supervisor of Elections

- <u>Broward County Supervisor of Elections</u> For voter registration, absentee ballots, how to vote, etc.
- <u>Election results</u> are available on the Broward County Supervisor of Elections' website

UNDERGROUNDING BALLOT QUESTION

Las Olas Isles Underground Utility Line Facilities Project

Results:

- 195 (89.86%) Yes, I am in favor of the proposed underground utility line facilities project in Las Olas Isles
- 22 (10.14%) No, I am not in favor of the proposed underground utility line facilities project in Las Olas Isles

NEXT MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

To obtain Fort Lauderdale municipal election information, call 954-828-5006 to schedule an appointment.

Frequently Asked Questions

What role does the City Clerk's Office play in municipal elections?

The City Clerk serves as the qualifying officer for candidates for the offices of mayor-commissioner and commissioner. Qualification documents and all campaign financial reports are filed with the City Clerk. The City Clerk's Office works in cooperation with the Broward County Supervisor of Elections on other election matters.

What offices are elected in the City of Fort Lauderdale?

The Mayor and four City Commissioners are the elected officials of the City of Fort Lauderdale. The Mayor is elected at-large and the City Commissioners are elected from each of the four districts. The four-year terms run concurrently, and all are up for election at the same time.

How can I register to vote?

To <u>register to vote</u>, you must be a US citizen and 18 years of age or older. For more information, contact <u>Broward County Supervisor of Elections</u>, Outreach Services, at 954-357-7050.

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No. All City elections are conducted on a nonpartisan basis; that is, references to party affiliation are not permitted on any campaign literature and do not appear on the ballot.

NEW Campaign Financing Ordinance

On June 18, 2019, the City Commission adopted an ordinance amending Chapter 12 of the City of Fort Lauderdale Code of Ordinances <u>Campaign Financing Ordinance</u>

From: KC Gibson <<u>kcin2018@gmail.com</u>> Date: January 6, 2020 at 9:10:12 AM EST To: David Soloman <<u>DSoloman@fortlauderdale.gov</u>> Subject: [-EXTERNAL-] Requirement for running for office

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Jeff Modarelli

From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: Jeff Modarelli Monday, June 29, 2020 11:33 AM kylekcgibson@gmail.com Letter DOC062920.pdf

Good morning Mr. Gibson.

The attached letter will be sent via certified mail today.

I wanted to provided to you asap, via email right away so you had more time.

Call me if you have any questions.

Jeff

Jeffrey A. Modarelli City Clerk City of Fort Lauderdale 100 N. Andrews Ave. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 954-828-5006 jmodarelli@fortlauderdale.gov

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June 29, 2020

Kyle KC Gibson 837 NW 1 Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

It has been brought to my attention that your M-5 Report is incomplete. Pursuant to Florida Statutes (F.S.), 106.07- Reports; certification and filing, this letter serves as notification that your M-5 (see attached), DSDE-12 form filed on June 10, 2020 lists an expenditure, \$60.22. To date, our Office has not received a DSDE-14 (see attached) reporting the itemized expenditure(s). See F.S. 106.07 below:

(b)1. Any report that is deemed to be incomplete by the officer with whom the candidate qualifies must be accepted on a conditional basis. The campaign treasurer shall be notified by certified mail or by another method using a common carrier that provides a proof of delivery of the notice as to why the report is incomplete and within 7 days after receipt of such notice must file an addendum to the report providing all information necessary to complete the report in compliance with this section. Failure to file a complete report after such notice constitutes a violation of this chapter.

Please provide to the City Clerk's Office in person or per mail below:

Please send to: City Clerk's Office ATTEN: Jeffrey Modarelli 100 N Andrews Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Please me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Modarelli City Clerk, City of Fort Lauderdale City Clerk's Office

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

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RE: request for correspondence

David Soloman <DSoloman@fortlauderdale.gov> Thu 9/8/2022 12:40 PM To: Charles Mellow <Charles.Mellow@myfloridalegal.com> Good afternoon.

Aside from the letter attached in the email, I cannot locate any additional documentation.

David R. Soloman

City Clerk City of Fort Lauderdale 100 N. Andrews Ave. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 954-828-5006 dsoloman@fortlauderdale.gov

From: Charles Mellow <Charles.Mellow@myfloridalegal.com> Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 9:11 AM To: David Soloman <DSoloman@fortlauderdale.gov> Subject: [-EXTERNAL-] Re: request for correspondence

In the attached email from Mr. Modarelli, it indicates the correspondence dated June 29, 2020, would "be sent via certified mail today." Was the correspondence sent by certified mail?

From: David Soloman <<u>DSoloman@fortlauderdale.gov</u>> Sent: Friday, September 2, 2022 4:03 PM To: Charles Mellow <<u>Charles.Mellow@myfloridalegal.com</u>> Subject: request for correspondence

Good afternoon,

Re: Case No.: FEC 20-305

Per our conversation, I looked through the files and did not see correspondence from June 29th. I believe you referred to an email that noted that the specific correspondence you are requesting.

Could you send that to me, and I can search a bit more?

Thank you,

David R. Soloman

City Clerk City of Fort Lauderdale 100 N. Andrews Ave. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 954-828-5006 dsoloman@fortlauderdale.gov





July 17, 2020

Kyle KC Gibson PO Box 590581 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33359-0581

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Please me know if you have any questions.

Sincerel

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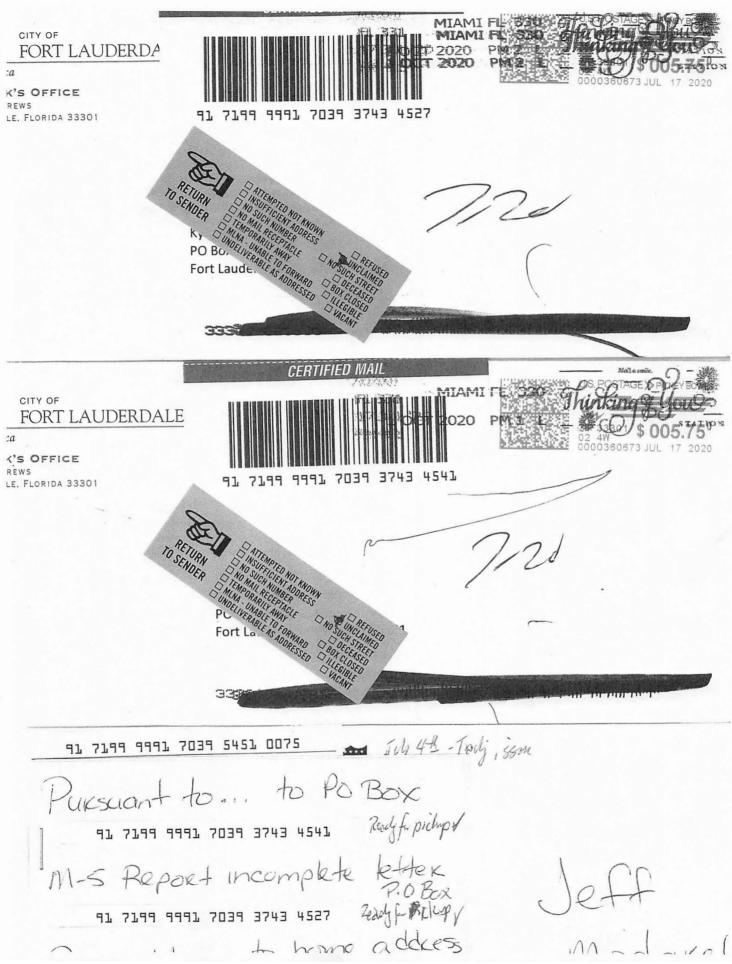


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Campaign Treasurer Reports for 2020 Election

Campaign Treasurer Reports for 2020 Election

Mayor

Kenneth D. Cooper - Qualified_

- <u>Termination Report 10-30-20 to 02-01-21</u>
- <u>G7 Report 10-17-20 to 10-30-20</u>
- <u>G6 Report 10-03-20 to 10-16-20</u>
- <u>G4 Report 09-01-20 to 10-02-20</u>
- <u>M8 Report 08-01-20 to 08-31-20</u>
- <u>M7 Report 07-01-20 to 07-31-20 Amended</u>
- <u>M7 Report 07-01-20 to 07-31-20</u>
- <u>M6 Report 06-01-20 to 06-30-20 Amended</u>
- <u>M6 Report 06-01-20 to 06-30-20</u>
- Appointment of Campaign Treasurer 📷
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Dean J. Trantalis - Qualified

- Termination Report 11-01-20 to 01-29-21
- <u>G7 Report 10-17-20 to 10-29-20 Amended</u>
- <u>G7 Report 10-17-20 to 10-29-20</u>
- <u>G6 Report 10-03-20 to 10-16-20 Amended 2</u>
- <u>G6 Report 10-03-20 to 10-16-20 Amended</u>
- <u>G6 Report 10-03-20 to 10-16-20</u>
- <u>G4 Report 09-01-20 to 10-02-20 Amended</u> 📷
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- <u>M4 Report 04-01-20 to 04-30-20</u>
- <u>M3 Report 03-01-20 to 03-31-20</u>
- <u>M2 Report 02-01-20 to 02-29-20 Amended</u> 📷
- <u>M2 Report 02-01-20 to 02-29-20</u>
- <u>M1 Report 01-01-20 to 01-31-20 Amended</u>
- <u>M1 Report 01-01-20 to 01-31-20</u>

- <u>M12 Report 12-01-19 to 12-31-19 Amended</u>
- <u>M12 Report 12-01-19 to 12-31-19</u>
- M11 Report 11-01-19 to 11-30-19
- <u>M10 Report 10-01-19 to 10-31-19 Amended</u>
- <u>M10 Report 10-01-19 to 10-31-19</u>
- <u>M9 Report 09-01-19 to 09-30-19 Amended</u>
- <u>M9 Report 09-01-19 to 09-30-19</u>
- <u>M8 Report 08-01-19 to 08-31-19</u>
- Appointment of Campaign Treasurer 📷
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City Commissioner District I

Heather Moraitis - Qualified - Unopposed

- Termination Report 06-01-20 to 09-10-20
- <u>M5 Report 05-01-20 to 05-31-20</u>
- <u>M4 Report 04-01-20 to 04-30-20</u>
- <u>M3 Report 03-01-20 to 03-31-20</u>
- <u>M2 Report 02-01-20 to 02-29-20</u>
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- <u>M8 Report 08-01-19 to 08-31-19</u>
- <u>M7 Report 07-01-19 to 07-31-19</u>
- Appointment of Campaign Treasurer 📷

City Commissioner District II

Kyle C. Gibson - Qualified

- <u>M7 Report 07-01-20 to 07-31-20</u>
- <u>M5 Report 05-01-20 to 05-31-20</u>
- <u>M4 Report 04-01-20 to 04-30-20 Amended</u>
- <u>M4 Report 04-01-20 to 04-30-20</u>
- <u>M3 Report 03-01-20 to 03-31-20</u>
- <u>M2 Report 02-01-20 to 02-29-20</u>
- Appointment of Campaign Treasurer 📷

Steven Glassman - Qualified

<u>Termination Report 10-30-20 to 02-01-21</u>

EXHEBET 3





July 17, 2020

Kyle KC Gibson PO Box 590581 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33359-0581

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Modarelli City Clerk, City of Fort Lauderdale

Exhibit 4





July 17, 2020

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*** CHECKING *** 0220 OPPORTUNITY 100		
ACCOUNT NUMBER		
PREVIOUS STATEMENT BALANCE AS OF 05/11/20	19.98	
PLUS 7 DEPOSITS AND OTHER CREDITS	944.15	
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CURRENT STATEMENT BALANCE AS OF 06/11/20	894.39	
NUMBER OF DAYS IN THIS STATEMENT PERIOD 31		

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Effective July 1, 2020, we are increasing the amount we make available for withdrawal by checks not subject to next day availability to \$225. In addition, the amount available for withdrawal on exception holds for large deposits and new account holds is increasing to \$5,525.

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG Case No.: FEC 20-305

Respondent: Kyle Gibson **Complainant:** Jeffrey Modarelli

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June 15, 2022

Kyle Gibson 837 NW 1st Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

RE: Case No.: FEC 20-305; Respondent: Kyle Gibson

Dear Mr. Gibson:

On August 27, 2020, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violations:

Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2020 candidate for Fort Lauderdale City Commission, District 2, acting as his own treasurer, failed to timely make necessary amendments to the 2020 M5 campaign treasurer's reports, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2020 candidate for Fort Lauderdale City Commission, District 2, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2020 M6 reporting period.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2020 candidate for Fort Lauderdale City Commission, District 2, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, during the 2020 M6 reporting period.

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 violations 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. Kyle Gibson June 15, 2022 Page 2 FEC 20-305

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.

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 <u>confidential</u> 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 **Chuck Mellow**, the investigator assigned to this case, by phone at (850) 922-4539 or by email at Charles.Mellow@myfloridalegal.com.

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Tim Vaccaro Executive Director

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COMPLAINT

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The Commission's records and proceedings in a case are confident probable cause. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the p	
L. <u>PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT</u> :	
Name: Jeffrey Modarelli - City Clevk, Fort Lauched	Work Phone: (<u>954</u>)828-5006
Address: 100 N Andrews Ave.	Home Phone: ()
Address: 100 N Andrews Ave. City: Fort Lauderdale County: Broward State: FL	Zip Code: 33301
2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:	
If you intend to name more than one individual or entity, please can be an individual, political committee, political party organization, club, corporation, partnership, company, associatio	, electioneering communication
Name of individual or entity: Kyle "KC" Gibson	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Address: 837 NW 1st Avenue	Phone: (<u>954</u>)770-1547
Address: 837 NW 1st Avenue City: Fort Lauderdale County: Broward State: FL	Zip Code: 33311
If individual is a candidate, list the office or position sought:	
Have you filed this complaint with the State Attorney's Office? (check one) 🔄 Yes 🖌 No
Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.271(2), F.S.? (check or	ne) 🔄 Yes 🖌 No
Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.2715, F.S.? (check one	e) Yes 🖌 No

3. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):

Please attach a <u>concise</u> narrative statement in which you list the provisions of the Florida Election Code that you believe the person named above may have violated. The Commission has jurisdiction only to investigate provisions of Chapter 104 and Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. <u>Please include the</u> <u>following items as part of your attached statement:</u>

- The facts and actions that you believe support the violations you allege;
- The names/telephone numbers of persons whom you believe may be witnesses to the facts;
- A copy or picture of any political advertisement(s) you mention in your statement;
- A copy of each document you mention in your statement;
- An explanation of why you believe information you reference from websites is relevant; and
- Any other evidence supporting your allegations.

SEE REVERSE SIDE OF DOCUMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any person who files a complaint while <u>knowing</u> 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.

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

4. <u>OATH:</u>

STATE OF FLORIDA RNIIJARS COUNTY OF

I swear or affirm that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this

Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oaths or Notary Public



(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)
Personally Known Or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced

5. IMPROPERLY COMPLETED COMPLAINT FORMS MAY BE RETURNED:

- You **MUST submit this** completed complaint **form** in order to file a complaint.
- You MUST complete ALL FOUR of the above sections of this form. DO NOT leave any blanks.
- You MUST submit the ORIGINAL complaint form. Copied/faxed/emailed forms are returned.
- Each complaint can only be filed against **ONE PERSON** or **ENTITY.** If you wish to file against multiple parties, you **MUST** submit a complaint form **for each party** you wish to file against.
- **DO NOT** submit multiple complaint forms with one set of attachments applying to multiple complaints. You **MUST** attach **copies** of attachments **to each complaint** to which they apply.
- MAKE SURE the alleged violation(s) of Chapters 104 or 106 occurred within the last 2 years.
- MAKE SURE your complaint is sworn and there is no defect to the notarization in Section 4.





August 17, 2020

Ms. Donna Malphurs, Agency Clerk 107 West Gaines Street Suite 224, Collins Building Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

RE: Late and Failure to File

Dear Ms. Malphurs:

Pursuant to F.S. 106.07(8)(d), this letter serves as notification that City of Fort Lauderdale District II Commissioner candidate Kyle C. Gibson or Kyle "KC" Gibson has repeatedly filed late/failed to file after notice. Mr. Gibson has failed to file either M-6 Report or Waiver of Report after repeated notification, including a verbal reminder when he filed his M-7 Report late. He also has not amended his M-5 report after being notified. Attached are various notifications, including the FEC Form 1 requested by your office.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (954) 828-5006.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Modarelli City Clerk, City of Fort Lauderdale

Enclosures: FEC Form 1

Exhibit 1: Email and Attachment – Notification of incomplete M-5 Report (Letter also sent Certified mail to home address)

Exhibit 2: Notification Letter of Incomplete Report M-5 sent Certified Mail to address listed on DS-DE 9 Form

Exhibit 3: Notification Letter of late Report M-6 sent Certified Mail to address listed on DS-DE 9 Form

Exhibit 4: Notification Letter of late Report M-6 sent Certified Mail to home address

*Exhibit 5: Late DS-DE 14 Report (2 days late)

*Certified letter with fine to be assessed and notification to Mr. Gibson will be forthcoming. City Clerk's Office

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EXHIBIT 1

Jeff Modarelli

From: Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: Jeff Modarelli Monday, June 29, 2020 11:33 AM kylekcgibson@gmail.com Letter DOC062920.pdf

Good morning Mr. Gibson.

The attached letter will be sent via certified mail today.

I wanted to provided to you asap, via email right away so you had more time.

Call me if you have any questions.

Jeff

Jeffrey A. Modarelli City Clerk City of Fort Lauderdale 100 N. Andrews Ave. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 954-828-5006 jmodarelli@fortlauderdale.gov





June 29, 2020

Kyle KC Gibson 837 NW 1 Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

It has been brought to my attention that your M-5 Report is incomplete. Pursuant to Florida Statutes (F.S.), 106.07- Reports; certification and filing, this letter serves as notification that your M-5 (see attached), DSDE-12 form filed on June 10, 2020 lists an expenditure, \$60.22. To date, our Office has not received a DSDE-14 (see attached) reporting the itemized expenditure(s). See F.S. 106.07 below:

(b)1. Any report that is deemed to be incomplete by the officer with whom the candidate qualifies must be accepted on a conditional basis. The campaign treasurer shall be notified by certified mail or by another method using a common carrier that provides a proof of delivery of the notice as to why the report is incomplete and within 7 days after receipt of such notice must file an addendum to the report providing all information necessary to complete the report in compliance with this section. Failure to file a complete report after such notice constitutes a violation of this chapter.

Please provide to the City Clerk's Office in person or per mail below:

Please send to: City Clerk's Office ATTEN: Jeffrey Modarelli 100 N Andrews Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Please me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Modarelli City Clerk, City of Fort Lauderdale

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CAMPAIGN TREASURE	R'S REPORT SUMMARY							
(1) Kyle C. Gibson	OFFICE USE ONLY							
Name	RECEIVED							
(2) PO Box 590581 Address (number and street)	JUN 1 0 2020							
Ft Lauderdale Fl 33359	BY:							
City, State, Zip Code								
Check here If address has changed	(3) ID Number:							
 (4) Check appropriate box(es): ^I Candidate Office Sought: Political Committee (PC) Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO) Party Executive Committee (PTY) Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications) (4) Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded Check here if PTY has disbanded Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed 								
(5) Report	Identifiers							
Cover Period: From <u>5</u> / <u>1</u> / <u>2020</u> To	5 / 31 / 2020 Report Type: M-5							
Original Amendment Specific Specific Amendment	ecial Election Report							
(6) Contributions This Report	(7) Expenditures This Report							
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name	C. Gibson			(2)) I.D. Number		
(3) Cover Period	5 / <u>1</u> / <u>2020</u>	throu	gh /	1 / ²⁰²⁰	(4) Page	1	of
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Number 5 14 2020 / /	City, State, Zip Code Gibson, Kyle PO Box 590581 Ft Lauderdale, Fl 33359	Type s	Occupation	Type Cash	Description	Amendment	Amount
5 26 2020 / /	Gibson, Joan 837 NW 1st Ave Ft Lauderdale, Fl 33311	I	Retired	CHE			\$250.00
5 27 2020	Gibson, Kyle 837 NW 1st Avenue Ft Lauderdale, Fl 33311	I	Retired	Che			\$250.00
5 28 2020 / /	Gibson, Kyle PO Box 590581 Ft Lauderda;e, Fl 33359	S		cash			
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Exhibit 2.





July 17, 2020

Kyle KC Gibson PO Box 590581 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33359-0581

It has been brought to my attention that your M-5 Report is incomplete. Pursuant to Florida Statutes (F.S.), 106.07- Reports; certification and filing, this letter serves as notification that your M-5 (see attached), DSDE-12 form filed on June 10, 2020 lists an expenditure, \$60.22. To date, our Office has not received a DSDE-14 (see attached) reporting the itemized expenditure(s). See F.S. 106.07 below:

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Please provide to the City Clerk's Office in person or per mail below:

Please send to: City Clerk's Office ATTEN: Jeffrey Modarelli 100 N Andrews Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Please me know if you have any questions.

Sincere

Jeffrey A. Modarelli City Clerk, City of Fort Lauderdale

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EXHEBET 3





July 17, 2020

Kyle KC Gibson PO Box 590581 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33359-0581

Pursuant to Florida Statutes (F.S.), 106.07- Reports; certification and filing, this letter serves as notification that your M-6 Report due on July 10, 2020 has not been filed to date(as of July 17, 2020). See F.S. 106.07 below:

(2)(a)1. All reports required of a candidate by this section shall be filed with the officer before whom the candidate is required by law to qualify. All candidates who file with the Department of State shall file their reports pursuant to s. <u>106.0705</u>. Except as provided in s. <u>106.0705</u>, reports shall be filed not later than 5 p.m. of the day designated; however, any report postmarked by the United States Postal Service no later than midnight of the day designated is deemed to have been filed in a timely manner. Any report received by the filing officer within 5 days after the designated due date that was delivered by the United States Postal Service is deemed timely filed unless it has a postmark that indicates that the report was mailed after the designated due date.

(b) Upon determining that a report is late, the filing officer shall immediately notify the candidate or chair of the political committee as to the failure to file a report by the designated due date and that a fine is being assessed for each late day. The fine is \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each special primary election, special election, primary election, and general election, the fine is \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater election, the fine is \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. For reports required under s. <u>106.141(8)</u>, the fine is \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. Upon receipt of the report, the filing officer shall determine the amount of the fine which is due and shall notify the candidate or chair or registered agent of the political committee.

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> City Clerk's Office 100 North Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 Telephone (954) 828-5002 www.fortlauderdale.gov

Please me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Modarelli City Clerk, City of Fort Lauderdale

Exhibit 4





July 17, 2020

Kyle KC Gibson 837 NW 1 Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311

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Please me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Modarelli City Clerk, City of Fort Lauderdale

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CAMPAIGN TREASURE	R'S REPORT SUMMARY							
(1) <u>Ryle C. Gibson</u>	REFORE HORE ONLY CITY CLERK							
(2) <u>POROX 590581</u>								
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<u>FT. Lowder dale F1 33359</u> City, State, Zip Code								
Check here if address has changed	(3) ID Number: ()							
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I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:								
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