

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Sierra Club Florida Political Action
Committee**

Case No.: FEC 18-074

TO: Sierra Club Florida Political Action Committee
David Harbeitner, Chair
225 9th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **May 15, 2018 at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **412 Knott Building, Pat Thomas Committee Room, 404 South Monroe Street, 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
April 30, 2018

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.

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
CASE REPORT**

Case Number: FEC-18-074

NAME: **SIERRA CLUB FLORIDA POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 3/7/18

DATE REPORT DUE: 1/10/18 (2017 M12)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 1/11/18

DATE FILING OFFICER RECEIVED REPORT: 1/11/18

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 1

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$50.00

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$250.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$0

DATE FIRST NOTIFICATION WAS SENT: 1/11/18

CANDIDATE []	STATE [X]
PC [X]	DISTRICT []
CCE []	COUNTY []
POLITICAL PARTY []	CITY []
ECO []	

SUMMARY: Sierra Club Florida Political Action Committee is a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair is Mr. David Harbeitner and its treasurer is Mr. Max Goldstein.

The PC is appealing the fine claiming that unusual circumstances existed that caused the 2017 M12 Report to be untimely filed. According to Mr. Harbeitner, "Our first monetary activity in the PAC occurred in December 2017. The Treasurer believed the filing was due within 10 business days of month end and submitted the report on January 11th, one day after the January 10th due date...As a new PAC with new officers, the reporting process has been a bit cumbersome for us. While the Division of Elections has been outstanding in providing us the support we need to be successful at meeting our requirements, we have had some internal challenges acting in the required timeframes. We believe we have corrected these issues and fully expect to be compliant with the PAC rules going forward. Your consideration in waiving the fine, given this was the first month we had any reportable activity and we submitted the report the day after the deadline, is greatly appreciated".

- The 2017 M12 Report covers the period from 12/1/17 through 12/31/17.
- The 2017 M12 Queued-Transaction Report reflects that this report was created on 1/11/18 at approximately 9:58 pm, before being filed on 1/11/18 at approximately 10:15 pm.
- The PC reported receiving 1 contribution, while not making any expenditures during this reporting period.

PRIOR CASES: None



REC'D: FL ELECTIONS COM
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Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0150

March 1, 2018

Re: Late filing of December 2017 report by Sierra Club Florida PAC (70144)

Dear Commissioners:

I am in receipt of the letter from the Division of Elections informing me of the automatic \$50 fine being assessed to the Sierra Club Florida PAC as a result of filing the December 2017 report delinquenty. Attached you will find a copy of the letter.

No personal appearance in front of the Commission is requested; however I would like to ask the Commissioners to consider waiving the fine in this instance. Here are facts relevant to the late filing and this appeal.

This PAC was approved in October, 2017 and both the Treasurer and I are new to the roles for a PAC. Our initial filing for the month of October was submitted late as neither the Treasurer nor I had received our Credentials to allow us to submit the report. As soon as we were notified of the issue, we worked with the Division of Elections to receive our credentials and file the report.

Our first monetary activity in the PAC occurred in December 2017. The Treasurer believed the filing was due within 10 business days of month end and submitted the report on January 11th, one day after the January 10th due date. I spoke with the Treasurer and asked him to make sure to do subsequent filings with in the first week of the allowable reporting period. Our January 2018 report was filed on February 5th. Our goal is to submit our monthly reports shortly after month end going forward to ensure we do not have late filings in the future.

As a new PAC with new officers, the reporting process has been a bit cumbersome for us. While the Division of Elections has been outstanding in providing us the support we need to be successful at meeting our requirements, we have had some internal challenges acting in the required timeframes. We believe we have corrected these issues and fully expect to be compliant with the PAC rules going forward. Your consideration in waiving the fine, given this was the first month we had any reportable activity and we submitted the report the day after the deadline, is greatly appreciated.



SIERRA
CLUB
FOUNDED 1892



If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the contact information provided below.

Sincerely,

David Harbeitner
225 9th Ave N
St Petersburg, FL 33701
(727)202-7583
davidh@suncoastsierra.org

Copy:

Florida Department of State
Division of Elections
R. A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street, Room 316
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Max Goldstein
Treasurer, Sierra Club Florida PAC



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Final Notice
Delivery Confirmation:

March 1, 2018

David Harbeitner, Chairperson
Sierra Club Florida Political Action Committee
225 9th Avenue North
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701

PAC 70144

Dear Mr. Harbeitner:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on January 10, 2018, was filed on January 11, 2018. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$50.00.

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

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

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

2. Appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission (See Rules 2B-1.005 and 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code) at:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

February 15, 2018

David Harbeitner, Chairperson
Sierra Club Florida Political Action Committee
225 9th Avenue North
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701

PAC 70144

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristi Reid Willis".

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

January 11, 2018

David Harbeitner, Chairperson
Sierra Club Florida Political Action Committee
225 9th Avenue North
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701

PAC 70144

Dear Mr. Harbeitner:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was January 10, 2018.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Max Goldstein, Treasurer

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

(1) Sierra Club Florida Political Action Committee (2) 70144
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 220 Lakeview Drive Weston FL 33326
Address (number and street) City State Zip Code
 Check box if address has changed since last report

(4) Check appropriate box(es):
 Candidate (office sought):
 Political Committee Check If PC has DISBANDED
 Committee of Continuous Existence Check If CCE has DISBANDED
 Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 12/01/2017 To 12/31/2017 Report Type: M12
 Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks \$250.00
 Loans \$0.00
 Total Monetary \$250.00
 In-Kind \$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures \$0.00
 Transfers to Office Account \$0.00
 Total Monetary \$0.00

(8) Other Distributions

Certification

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

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

Name of Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X
Signature

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

Name of Candidate Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X
Signature

Name: Sierra Club Florida Political Action Committee

Report: 2017 M12

Period: 12/01/2017 to 12/31/2017

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

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
		Type	In-Kind Description	
* 1	SIERRA CLUB FLORIDA 1990 CENTRAL AVENUE ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33712	O	NON-PROFIT ENVIRONMENTAL ORG	\$250.00
		CHE		DEL
* 2		X		\$0.00
		X		DEL
3	SIERRA CLUB FLORIDA 1990 CENTRAL AVENUE ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33712	O	NON-PROFIT ENVIRONMENTAL ORG	\$250.00
12/29/2017		CHE		ADD

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

Name: Sierra Club Florida Political Action Committee

Report: 2017 M12

Period: 12/01/2017 to 12/31/2017

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

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

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED FUND TRANSFERS

Page 1 of 1

Name: Sierra Club Florida Political Action Committee

Report: 2017 M12

Period: 12/01/2017 to 12/31/2017

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

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

* Incomplete Record

Reviewed On: 1/11/18 10:28 pm

Prepared on: 3/15/18 10:33:58AM

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED DISTRIBUTIONS

Name: Sierra Club Florida Political Action Committee

Report: 2017 M12

Period: 12/01/2017 to 12/31/2017

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

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

Queued Items for 2017-M12

Account: 70144

Sierra Club Florida Political Action Committee

Rpt Seq: 4

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	70144	1/11/2018 9:58:23 PM	1/11/2018 9:58:23 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	70144	1/11/2018 10:11:50 PM	1/11/2018 10:11:50 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	70144	1/11/2018 10:15:21 PM	1/11/2018 10:15:21 PM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	70144	1/11/2018 10:16:33 PM	1/11/2018 10:16:33 PM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	70144	1/11/2018 10:16:39 PM	1/11/2018 10:16:39 PM
Recalc Filed Report Totals	Processing Complete	70144	1/11/2018 10:17:25 PM	1/11/2018 10:17:25 PM
Recalc Filed Report Totals	Processing Complete	70144	1/11/2018 10:17:29 PM	1/11/2018 10:17:29 PM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	70144	1/11/2018 10:20:17 PM	1/11/2018 10:20:17 PM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	70144	1/11/2018 10:20:19 PM	1/11/2018 10:20:19 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	70144	1/11/2018 10:28:35 PM	1/11/2018 10:28:35 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	70144	1/11/2018 10:30:23 PM	1/11/2018 10:30:23 PM



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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Committee Name: Sierra Club Florida Political Action Committee

Name:

Account: 70144

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
3/12/2018	M2	3/7/2018						
2/12/2018	M1	2/5/2018						
1/10/2018	M12	1/11/2018	SNT	1	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$0.00
12/11/2017	M11	12/10/2017						
11/13/2017	M10	11/20/2017	CLO	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00



**Florida Department of State
Division of Elections**

Sierra Club Florida Political Action Committee

Campaign Finance Activity

Note: The information presented below was obtained from the Committee's/Candidate's Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with the Division of Elections. About the Campaign Finance Data Base. If all contributions for a reporting period are less than 1 dollar Then they may not be displayed.

	Filing Period	Contributions			Expend	Other	Transfers
		Monetary	Loans	InKind			
W	10/08/2017 - 10/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/01/2017 - 11/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	12/01/2017 - 12/31/2017	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	01/01/2018 - 01/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/01/2018 - 02/28/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	All Dates (Totals)	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Note: ^(E) indicates that report was filed electronically

X Indicates that detail has not been released

W Indicates that a waiver was filed and **L** Indicates that a loan report was filed

Select Detail Type
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Select Sort Order
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[Query the Campaign Finance Data Base](#)

**STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION
OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE**

(PLEASE TYPE)

OFFICE USE ONLY
RECEIVED
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
17 OCT 18 AM 11:03
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

1. Full Name of Committee

Sierra Club Florida Political Action Committee

Telephone
954-296-3411

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)

220 Lakeview Drive, #305, Weston, FL 33326

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)

220 Lakeview Drive, #305, Weston, FL 33326

2. Affiliated or Connected Organizations (includes other committees of continuous existence and political committees)

Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization	Mailing Address	Relationship
Sierra Club	2101 Webster Street, #1300 Oakland, CA 94612	Parent Entity

3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee

To engage in statewide legislative and multi-county candidates and issues

4. Nature of Organization or Organization's Special Interest (e.g., medical, legal, education, etc.)

The environment and conservation issues

5. Identify by Name, Address and Position, the Custodian of Books and Accounts (include treasurer's name)

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
Max Goldstein	220 Lakeview Drive, #305 Weston, FL 33326	Treasurer

6. List by Name, Address and Position, Other Principal Officers, Including Officers and Members of the Finance Committee, If Any (include chairman's name)		
Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
David Harbeitner	225 9th Avenue North Saint Petersburg, FL 33701	Chairman

7. List by Name, Address, Office Sought and Party Affiliation Each Candidate or Other Individual that this Committee is Supporting (if none, please indicate)			
Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party
To be determined	To be determined	N/A	N/A

8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting: To be determined
 List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing: To be determined

9. If this Committee is Supporting the Entire Ticket of a Party, Give Name of Party
 N/A

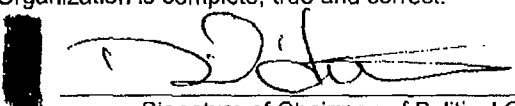
10. In the Event of Dissolution, What Disposition will be Made of Residual Funds?
 Funds will be donated to Sierra Club - 501(c)(4)

11. List all Banks, Safety Deposit Boxes, or Other Depositories Used for Committee Funds	
Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address
Space Coast Credit Union Account number forthcoming	8980 State Road #84 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33324

12. List all Reports Required to be Filed by this Committee with Federal Officials and the Names, Addresses and Positions of Such Officials, If Any			
Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of Official	Mailing Address
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/a

STATE OF Florida Pinellas COUNTY

I, David Harbeitner, certify that the information in this Statement of Organization is complete, true and correct.

 _____
 Signature of Chairman of Political Committee

10/16/2017
 Date



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

October 19, 2017

David Harbeitner, Chairperson
Sierra Club Florida Political Action Committee
225 9th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

Dear Mr. Harbeitner:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Sierra Club Florida Political Action Committee**, which were placed on file in our office on October 18, 2017. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **November 13, 2017**. The report will cover the period of October 1-31, 2017 (M10). All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

EFS Access

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

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>
Identification Number: 70144

Timely Filing

All reports must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to

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David Harbeitner, Chairperson
October 19, 2017
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the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date is subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Electronic Receipts

The person submitting the report on the EFS will be issued an electronic receipt indicating and verifying the report was filed. Each campaign treasurer's report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath by the chairperson and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

Instructions and Assistance

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

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

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRW/ljr

Enclosures

pc: Max Goldstein, Treasurer