

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Alachua County Democratic Party

Case No.: FEC 19-020

TO: Alachua County Democratic Party
Cynthia Moor Chestnut, Chair
PO Box 5216
Gainesville, FL 32627

Alachua County SOE
Josiah T. Walls Building, 515 N. Main Street,
Suite 300
Gainesville, FL 32601

NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **May 14, 2019 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**. Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

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.

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
April 30, 2019

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-19-020

NAME: **ALACHUA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 01/22/19

DATE REPORT DUE: 11/02/18 (2018 G7)

DATE OF HAND DELIVERED RECEIPT: 12/05/18

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 33

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$16,500.00

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$5,180.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$4,812.55

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 01/11/19

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

SUMMARY: Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee is a political executive committee registered with the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections. The PC's chair is Cynthia Moore Chestnut and its treasurer was Chanae Baker.

The Committee is appealing the fine, claiming several circumstances. According to Cynthia Moore Chestnut, the treasurer was hospitalized from 10/9/18-10/11/18 and placed on bed rest from 10/11/18-1/4/19 for a serious medical condition. Ms. Moore Chestnut also states that she did not receive notice regarding the late report from the treasurer or the filing officer. She notes that the Treasurer was not in contact with the Chair due to the Treasurer's illness, and the Chair did not have access to passwords or filing information, preventing the filing of the report by a person other than the Treasurer.

Ms. Moore Chestnut also states that the report was due the Friday before the General Election and that they were deeply involved in candidate campaigns and later involved in the recount. They request a waiver of the fine due to these circumstances. Medical documentation for the treasurer's illness has been provided.

- The 2018 G7 Original Report covers the period from 08/24/18-11/01/18; it was due on 11/02/18.
- The 2018 G7 Original Report shows that it was filed on 12/05/18.
- Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee reported receiving 6 contributions, while making 8 expenditures.
- The Alachua County Supervisor of Elections office sent emails and a note to FEC staff regarding Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee's 2018 G7 report. A resignation letter from the treasurer was included in the documents from the SOE's office.

PRIOR CASES: None.

Alachua County
Democratic Executive Committee

PO Box 5216
Gainesville, FL 32627

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acdecchair@gmail.com



Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Chair

Democratic Party Center

Tel: (352) 317-8291

February 8, 2019

Ms. Br'Axeton Wims
Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street
Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050

Dear Ms. Wims,

On behalf of the Alachua County Democratic Party Executive Committee I am submitting for your consideration an appeal to the fine issued on January 14th 2019. Based on your January 23, letter we are forced with no other decision but to accept your decision and appeal based on unusual circumstances. I am appealing on the grounds of unusual circumstances as outlined in 2B-1.0055 referenced in the original letter and the Supervisor of Elections failure to notify the Chair of the late report per the Florida Elections Commission Statutes Fla.Stat.106.29.3B. For your convenience in traversing the dates and circumstances mentioned throughout this letter, I have also included a brief timeline of events following the details of our appeal.

2B-1.005, Referenced in the Florida Election Commission Letter dated Jan. 23, 2019

2B-1.0055 (c):

We believe that the Treasurer's hospitalization from 10/9/18 to 10/11/18 and bed rest from 10/11/18 to 1/4/19 constitutes a "serious illness, disability or non-elective surgery of the candidate or campaign treasurer" that prevented the timely filing of the report as outlined in 2B-1.0055(c). Please see the attached letter from Dr. Kwo Wei David Ho and UF Health Physicians for the mentioned necessary evidence of the nature of the medical intervention and the associated dates.

2B-1.0055 (g)

The Chair was not notified by the Treasurer that the report was late within the first 7-day period of the report being late as outlined in 2B-1.0055(g) which prevented the Chair from being able to file the report within a timely enough manner to avoid further financial penalties.

Florida Elections Commission Statutes and Rules

Fla.Stat. 106.29.3B

We also think it is worth noting that the Florida Elections Commission Statutes and Rules specifies that “Upon determining that a report is late, the filing officer shall immediately notify the chair of the executive committee or the leader of the affiliated party committee as defined in FLA.Stat. 103.092 as to the failure to file a report by the designated due date and that a fine is being assessed for each late day”. Unfortunately, the Supervisor of Elections did not notify the Chair that the report had not been filed. Had the Chair been notified in a timely manner, the report would have been filed closer to the deadline in order to avoid further financial penalties.

Timeline of Events:

11/2/2018: Report originally due

12/20/2018: Report submitted online

1/9/2019: Chair of ACDEC contacted the Supervisor of Elections which was the first time the SOE Office had contact with the Chair regarding the late filing of the report

1/14/2019: First notification regarding the late filing of report from the SOE Office

In closing, we think it is worth noting that the Treasurer was not in contact with the Chair due to the Treasurer’s illness and that the Chair did not have access to the passwords or filing information, preventing the filing of the report by a person other than the Treasurer. Further, we also find it important to note that in the 100 years of the Alachua County Democratic Party’s existence, records have always been filed in a timely manner. Finally, given the highly unusual nature of the 2018 election with the recount, we ask for your utmost consideration regarding this appeal. Based on the foregoing reasons we respectfully request a waiver of the fine.

Yours truly,

Cynthia Moore Chestnut

Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Chair
Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee

cc: Erin Riley, Deputy Agency Clerk
attachment: Letter from Kwo Wei David Ho, M.D.

Letter Details



Chanae Lynell Jackson Baker
2143 Nw 85 Terr
Gainesville FL 32606

UF Health
200 SW 62nd Blvd, Suite
Gainesville FL 32607-03
Phone: 352-265-09
Fax: 352-627-44
Kwo Wei David Ho, MD, PhD

February 6, 2019

Patient: **Chanae Lynell Jackson Baker**
Date of Birth: **6/11/1979**
Date of Visit: **2/6/2019**

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is to certify that Chanae Baker has been hospitalized from 10/9/18-10/11/18. She was diagnosed with idiopathic intracranial hypertension (or pseudotumor cerebri) and is undergoing continuous medical treatment. With this condition, she has severe headaches, blurry vision and blindness caused by excessive swelling of the optic nerve discs, significant fatigue that can be worsened with a cognitive load. Ms. Baker was on strict bed rest and driving restrictions and recommended to focus on medical interventions to improve symptoms and medical prognosis. We appreciate allowing her time to heal and a slow return to regular activities based on her symptom improvement. On 1/4/19, Ms. Baker was cleared to return to work with a reduced work schedule until she completely recovers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Ho, Kwo Wei David, MD, PhD

ALACHUA COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
PO Box 5216
GAINESVILLE, FL 32627

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acdecchair@gmail.com



CYNTHIA MOORE CHESTNUT, CHAIR

DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTER
TEL: (352) 317-8291
JANUARY 14, 2019

Agency Clerk
Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street
Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050

Dear Agency Clerk,

I am filing an Appeal on behalf of the Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee pursuant to F.S., 106.29 (3) ©. We respectfully request that you waive the fine imposed for the following reasons and a Hearing if need be:

1. The Treasurer was in the hospital
2. The Chair had no access to password or information for filing
3. The Report was due the Friday before the General Election and we were deeply involved in candidate campaigns
4. The Chair was not notified by the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Office that our Report was not received.
5. Following the November 6th General Election we were involved in the Recount

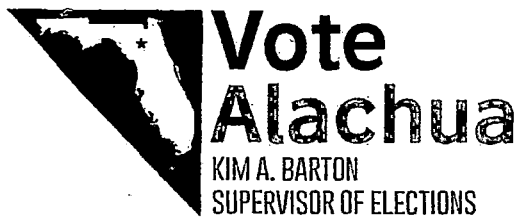
We ask that you please waive the fine imposed in the attached letter. Should you have additional questions I may be contacted at: 352-317-8291.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia Moore Chestnut".

Cynthia Moore Chestnut

cc: Kim A. Barton, Supervisor of Elections
Alachua County



January 11, 2019

Alachua County Democratic Party
Cynthia Moor Chestnut, Chair
P.O. Box 5216
Gainesville, FL 32627

Dear Chair Chestnut:

Your 2018 (18G7) Campaign Treasurer's Report was due in our office on November 2, 2018, which covers the period from August 24, 2018 to November 1, 2018. We did not receive your report until December 5, 2018.

Florida Statutes 106.29 (3) (b) states, "any county executive committee failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, any executive committee that fails to file a report on the Friday immediately preceding special election or general election, the fine shall be \$10,000 per day for each day a state executive committee is late, \$10,000 per day for each day an affiliated party committee is late, and \$500 per day for each day a county executive committee is late." Please note: The percentage method is not used for late-filed reports that are due immediately preceding a special election or general election for political parties or affiliated party committees (Florida Statutes 106.29).

The filing officer shall determine the amount of the fine based upon the earliest of the following:

1. When the report is actually received by my office.
2. When the report is postmarked.
3. When the certificate of mailing is dated.
4. When the receipt from an established courier company is dated.
5. When the electronic receipt issued pursuant to s. 106.0705 is dated.

We received your electronic receipt of your report on December 5, 2018. The report was 33 days late, so at \$500.00 per day, the total fine is \$16,500.00. The fine shall be paid to our office within 20 days after receipt of this notice of payment due, unless you would like to appeal to the Florida Elections Commission. An officer or member of an executive committee shall not be personally liable for such fine.

Pursuant to F.S. 106.29 (3) (c), "The chair of an executive committee may appeal or dispute the fine, based upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and may request and shall be entitled to a hearing before the Florida Elections Commission, which shall have the authority to waive the fine in whole or in part. Any such request shall be made within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment due. In



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Alachua**

KIM A. BARTON
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

such case, the chair of the executive committee shall, within the 20-day period, notify the filing officer in writing of his or her intention to bring the matter before the commission."

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact my office at (352) 374-5252.

Sincerely,



Kim A. Barton

Alachua County Supervisor of Elections

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Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Chair

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JAN 11 2019

Gainesville, FL 32627

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

late report

(1) Alachua County Democratic Party

Name

(2) P.O. Box 5216

Address (number and street)

Gainesville, FL 32627

City, State, Zip Code

☐ Check here if address has changed

OFFICE USE ONLY
ONLINE SUBMISSION
[1181057]

Submitted on:

12/5/2018 08:50:56 (eastern)

18 DEC 5 AM 9:47

(3) ID Number: 269

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

☐ Candidate Office Sought: _____

☐ Political Committee (PC)

☐ Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO)

☒ Party Executive Committee (PTY)

☐ Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications)

☐ 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 8 / 24 / 2018 To 11 / 1 / 2018 Report Type: 18G7

☒ Original

☐ Amendment

☐ Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, 5 , 180 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, 5 , 180 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 0 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, 4 , 812 . 55

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, 4 , 812 . 55

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$, 557 , 643 . 89

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$, 482 , 543 . 99

(11) 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:

(Type name) Charae Baker

☐ Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) ☒ Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

x [Signature]
Signature

(Type name) Gordie In. Chestnut

☐ Candidate ☒ Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

x [Signature]
Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Alachua County Democratic Party (2) I.D. Number 269

8/24/2018 11/1/2018

(3) Cover Period 8/24/2018 through 11/1/2018 (4) Page 1 of 1

| (5) Date | (7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) | (8) Contributor | | (9) Contribution | (10) In-kind | (11) Amendment | (12) Amount |
|---------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| (6) Sequence Number | Street Address & City, State, Zip Code | Type | Occupation | Type | Description | | |
| 8/24/2018 1 | Anderson, Neesha 2371 SW 79th DR Gainesville, FL 32607 | I | | CA | | | \$5.00 |
| 8/24/2018 2 | Atkins, Will 4741 SW 76th Terr Gainesville, FL 32608 | I | | CA | | | \$25.00 |
| 8/24/2018 3 | Bailey, John 27264 NW 203rd Pl High Springs, FL 32643 | I | | CA | | | \$25.00 |
| 8/24/2018 4 | Gonzalez, Sandra 2760 SW 106th street Gainesville, FL 32608 | I | | CA | | | \$50.00 |
| 8/24/2018 5 | Lipsio, Vincent 1708 NW 10th Ave Gainesville, FL 32601 | I | | CA | | | \$75.00 |
| 8/30/2018 6 | Harper, Adrian 12076 Technology Ave Alachua, FL 32615 | I | ceo & president | CH | | | \$5,000.00 |
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Alachua County Democratic Party

(2) I.D. Number 269

8/24/2018 through 11/1/2018

(3) Cover Period 8/24/2018 through 11/1/2018

(4) Page 1 of 1

| (5) Date | (7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code | (8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate) | (9) Expenditure Type | (10) Amendment | (11) Amount |
|-------------------|--|--|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 9/1/2018 / / | Saul Silber Properties, 3434 SW 24th Ave Suite A Gainesville, FL 32607 | rent | MO | | \$1,230.00 |
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| 10/1/2018 / / | Saul Silber Properties, 3434 SW 24th Ave Suite A Gainesville, FL 32607 | rent | MO | | \$1,230.00 |
| 2 | | | | | |
| 11/1/2018 / / | Properties, Saul Silber 3434 SW 24th Ave Suite A Gainesville, FL 32607 | rent | MO | | \$1,230.00 |
| 3 | | | | | |
| 8/28/2018 / / | CoxCommunications, PO Box 9001077 Louisville, KY 40290 | internet | MO | | \$239.48 |
| 4 | | | | | |
| 9/28/2018 / / | CoxCommunications, PO Box 9001077 Louisville, KY 40290 | internet | MO | | \$239.48 |
| 5 | | | | | |
| 10/28/2018 / / | Cox Communications, CoxCommunications PO Box 9001077 Louisville, KY 40290 | internet | MO | | \$239.48 |
| 6 | | | | | |
| 8/28/2018 / / | Burrell Copier, 9638 SW 84th St Gainesville, FL 32608 | copier maintenance | MO | | \$260.46 |
| 7 | | | | | |
| 8/28/2018 / / | Publix, 1302 N Main ST Gainesville, FL 32601 | food | MO | | \$143.65 |
| 8 | | | | | |

2018 Calendar of Reporting Dates

for Political Party Executive Committees and Affiliated Party
Committees that file with the **Division of Elections**

| <u>Cover Period</u> | <u>Report Code</u> | <u>Due Date</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 10/1/17 – 12/31/17 | 2017 Q4 | 01/10/18 |
| 1/1/18 – 3/31/18 | 2018 Q1 | 4/10/2018 |
| 4/1/18 – 8/23/18 | 2018 P7 | 8/24/2018 |
| 8/24/18 – 11/1/18 | 2018 G7 | 11/2/2018 |
| 11/2/18 – 12/31/18 | 2018 Q4 | 1/10/2019 |

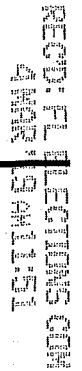
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Florida Elections Commission
ATTN: Br'Axeton Wims
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Dear Ms. Wims:

If you need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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F: 352-374-5264
VoteAlachua.com

Report Due Dates: Political Parties

2018/2019 Campaign Report Due Dates

Per F.S. 106.29(1), "The state executive committee and each county executive committee of each political party and affiliated party committee regulated by chapter 103 shall file regular reports of all contributions received and all expenditures made by such committee. However, the reports shall not include contributions and expenditures that are reported to the Federal Election Commission. In addition, when a special election is called to fill a vacancy in office, each state executive committee, and each county executive committee making contributions or expenditures to influence the results of the special election or the preceding special primary election must file campaign treasurers' reports on the dates set by the Department of State pursuant to s. 100.111. Such reports shall contain the same information as do reports required of candidates by s. 106.07 and shall be filed on the 10th day following the end of each calendar quarter, except that, during the period from the last day for candidate qualifying until the general election, such reports shall be filed on the Friday immediately preceding each special primary election, special election, primary election, and general election. In addition to the reports filed under this section, the state executive committee, each county executive committee, and each affiliated party committee shall file a copy of each prior written acceptance of an in-kind contribution given by the committee during the preceding calendar quarter as required under s. 106.08(6). Each state executive committee and affiliated party committee shall file its reports with the Division of Elections. Each county executive committee shall file its reports with the supervisor of elections in the county in which such committee exists. Any state or county executive committee or affiliated party committee failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine as provided in subsection (3). No separate fine shall be assessed for failure to file a copy of any report required by this section".

Political Party Executive Committee Reporting

Per F.S. 106.0702(1), "An individual seeking a publicly elected position on a political party executive committee who receives a contribution or makes an expenditure shall file a report of all contributions received and all expenditures made. The report shall be filed on the 4th day immediately preceding the primary election".

Regular Report Due Dates

| Due Date | Period Covered |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| January 10, 2018 | 10/01/17 - 12/31/17 |
| April 10, 2018 | 01/01/18 - 03/31/18 |
| August 24, 2018 | 04/01/18 - 08/23/18 |
| November 02, 2018 | 08/24/18 - 11/01/18 |
| January 10, 2019 | 11/02/18 - 12/31/18 |
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On the SDE Website

Kim A. Barton

From: Cynthia Chestnut <acdecchair@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 1:11 PM
To: Tim Williams
Cc: Yvette Carreras; Kim A. Barton; Cynthia Chestnut
Subject: Re: Chanae Baker
Attachments: Letter requesting Treasurer Bakers resignation.docx

Good afternoon,

Attached is the letter sent to Chanae Baker on January 16, requesting her resignation as Treasurer of the Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee. She did not submit a letter of resignation, instead, she sent an email on January 23, stating her resignation. I submitted a copy of that email this morning, along with my acceptance of her resignation.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Chair
Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee
acdecchair@gmail.com
M: 352.317.8291

Kim A. Barton

From: Cynthia Chestnut (via Google Docs) <cchestnut49@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 9:23 AM
To: Kim A. Barton
Subject: Chanae Baker's Resignation
Attachments: Chanae Baker's Resignation.pdf

Cynthia Chestnut has attached the following document:



Chanae Baker's Resignation



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Cynthia Chestnut <acdecchair@gmail.com>

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Re: Update

1 message

Cynthia Chestnut <acdecchair@gmail.com>

Wed, Jan 23, 2019 at 11:53 PM To: Chanae Baker <cljackson5677@gmail.com>

Cc: jtconsult@gmail.com, Richard Powell <rhpowell43@gmail.com>, gainesvilledemocrat@gmail.com, stefanmarcie@gmail.com, Stephon Adams <stephon.adams2@gmail.com>, Tina Certain <certainte@bellsouth.net>, Horace Moore <horacejustice@horacejustice.com>, saseddie@bellsouth.net, amoljethwani@gmail.com, mebmark@gmail.com, Barbara McDade Gordon <bmcdade07@gmail.com> Bcc: acdecchair@gmail.com

Hi Chanae, Thank you, I accept your resignation as treasurer of the ACDEC. Best regards,

Cynthia Moore Chestnut Sent from my iPad

On Jan 23, 2019, at 8:29 PM, Chanae Baker <cljackson5677@gmail.com> wrote

Hi,

This email is in response to your request for Treasurer resignation. I have received your letter and this email serves as my resignation.

Thank you,

Chanae Baker

On Fri, Jan 18, 2019 at 8:22 AM Cynthia Chestnut <acdecchair@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Morning,

Per the request of the body at the General Meeting of the ACDEC on January 9, the attached letter was sent by Certified Mail and US Mail to Treasurer Chanae Baker. Both letters were mailed on January 16.

On Monday, January 14, I received a letter from the Supervisor of Elections indicating

the amount of the fine to ACDEC for late filing of the Campaign Treasurer's Report, \$16,500. I appealed the fine on the same day by letter.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 317-8291.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Chair Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee
acdecchair@gmail.com M: 352.317.8291

Chanae Baker

Kim A. Barton

From: Cynthia Chestnut <cchestnut49@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 10:08 AM
To: Kim A. Barton
Subject: Fwd: ACDEC Minutes
Attachments: Jan-18DECMeeting (1).docx

Hi Kim,

The Minutes of January 2018 were included in an earlier email, that is when she was elected.

Cynthia
Cynthia Moore Chestnut
cchestnut49@gmail.com
352-317-8291

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Cynthia Chestnut <cchestnut49@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Feb 20, 2019 at 9:25 AM
Subject: ACDEC Minutes
To: Kim A. Barton <KBarton@alachuacounty.us>

Chanae Baker's election as ACDEC Treasurer

Cynthia Moore Chestnut
cchestnut49@gmail.com
352-317-8291

Kim A. Barton

From: Cynthia Chestnut <cchestnut49@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 9:26 AM
To: Kim A. Barton
Subject: ACDEC Minutes
Attachments: Jan-18DECMeeting (1).docx

Chanae Baker's election as ACDEC Treasurer

Cynthia Moore Chestnut
cchestnut49@gmail.com
352-317-8291

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ALACHUA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January, 2018 General Membership Meeting

Chair Cynthia Moore Chestnut convened the meeting at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, 10 January 2018 in the Hall of Heroes, GPD, Gainesville, Florida.

Chair Chestnut led members in the Pledge to the Flag followed by a moment of silence.

State Committeeman Robert Mounts asked about presenting a report calling for sanctions on a member. He suggested that any action was out of order since no committee procedures had been approved. No action was taken. Discussion followed on the procedure for considering the Grievance Committee report and possible sanctions. There followed a motion that the vote on sanctions be taken by paper ballot rather than by roll call, seconded, and after discussion and passage of the previous question, carried.

Agenda: A motion was made to adopt the agenda, seconded, and carried.

Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November, 2017 meeting, seconded and carried. (There was no December meeting.)

Chair Chestnut appointed Linda Bassham and Terry Fleming to be sergeants-at-arms.

Chair's Report: Chair Chestnut reported that Terry Rizzo, Palm Beach County DEC Chair was elected Chair of the FDP. The State Committee is gearing up for a special election in Sarasota County.

Introduction of Guests: Chair Chestnut introduced the following guests: Scott Austin, Oakleigh Barber, Rachel Bhattacharita, Sanita Brown, Doug Bernal, Catherine Goggan, Jonathan Coran, Rick Eddie, Kayser Enneking, Kristina Fields, Claudia Frese, Don Glendenin, Joey Grossman, Armondo Grundy, Bob Hallman, Rayjohn Odum, Alex Pizzaro, Liz Quenby, Tamara Robbins, Carmen Sanchez, Gigi Simmons, Mark Sorokey, and Ray Washington, Esq.

Membership Committee: Co-chair Doris Harvey presented the following persons for DEC membership: Marilyn Eisenberg (Pct 45), Francesca Kayser Enneking (Pct 50), Charlotte Hill (Pct 56), Amol Jethwani (Pct 5), Carmen Sanchez (Pct 31), and Kristen Thompson (Pct 42). The Chair has agreed to appoint Tina Fields (Pct 61AL) and Gwendolyn Thompson (Pct 62AL). There followed a motion to accept these applicants as DEC members with all rights and privileges thereunto appertaining, seconded, and carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Chair Chestnut explained the procedure for the election of officers. The election produced the following results:

State Committeewoman: Marcie Stefan de Alvarado (Pct 57) was elected by acclamation.

Vice-Chair: Seth Smith (Pct 30) withdrew from the race for Vice-Chair, and in the election, James Thompson (Pct 48) received 57 votes and Casey Willits (Pct 7) received 40 votes.

Treasurer: Chanæ Baker (Pct 48) was elected by acclamation.

Chair Chestnut presented a recommendation from the SC for annual dues of \$25 with \$10 designated as "dues," and \$15 designated as "a donation," with all money going to the program budget. After spirited discussion, a motion to accept the recommendation was made and seconded. There followed an amendment to add "voluntary" before "annual" which was seconded. Then, there was an amendment to the amendment to add "suggested" before the word "voluntary" in the amendment to the original motion which was seconded. The vote on the secondary amendment was 84-1, the vote on the primary amendment was 82-3, and the vote on the original motion, which now reads, "Suggested, voluntary annual dues for DEC members will be \$25, with \$10 designated as 'dues' and \$15 designated as 'a donation,' with all money going to the program budget," carried 74-11.

Grievance Committee: Interim Chair Melvin Flournoy presented the recommendations of the Committee regarding the complaint Susan Bottcher brought against Debbie Martinez. The recommendations are:

1. Mrs. Martinez shall be prohibited from participating in any and all ACDEC sponsored events for a period of one (1) year from the date that this sanction is approved by the ACDEC General Body.
2. Mrs. Martinez shall have until 31 January 2018 to properly execute and submit a new, un-altered Florida Democratic Party Loyalty Oath to the Membership Committee.
3. Furthermore, any future ruling that finds Mrs. Martinez in violation of the loyalty oath or any sanctions imposed by the ACDEC General Membership as a result of this matter shall result in her immediate removal from her ACDEC office.

A motion was made to accept these recommendations. There followed an amendment to strike No. 3 (above) which was seconded. After some discussion and passage of the previous question, the amendment carried 67-1. At this point, Ray Washington, Esq., representing Debbie Martinez, spoke on her behalf. There followed a motion to postpone a vote on sanctions indefinitely, seconded, and failed 25-48. Lively debate on the main motion ensued. Speakers supporting the motion included Susan Bottcher (Pct 24), Scott Schmidt (Pct 54), Helen Strain (Pct 33), Linda Basham (Pct 33AL), Richard Powell (Pct 22), Julia Reiskind (Pct 32), and Kristen Young (Pct 18). They spoke alternatively with those opposed to the motion – Sam Collins (Pct 16), Paula Stahmer (Pct 32), Maurice Levy (Pct 50), Kristen Thompson (Pct 42), Don Fields (Pct 61), Robert Mounts (Pct 5), and Mark Goldstein (Pct 17). After time expired for debate, a vote was taken on the amended motion. While tellers counted the vote, members made the following announcements.

The Pleasant Street neighborhood is sponsoring a candidate forum for Gainesville City Commission candidates.

Faye Williams expressed concern and disappointment about what happened tonight. She asked for forgiveness for all members and suggested we move forward from this dreadful event.

Casey Willits reported that ten Florida congressional districts, including CD 3, have met their quota for the Second Chances Amendment.

Annie Orlando, a former candidate for Gainesville City Commission, reviewed her race and severely criticized the loyalty oath.

Joe Addition announced that he had withdrawn as a candidate for Florida HD 3.

The amended motion (above) from the Grievance Committee carried 58-28.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Hays Powell
Secretary

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CYNTHIA MOORE CHESTNUT, CHAIR

DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTER
901 NW 8TH AVENUE, SUITE A-3, GAINESVILLE, FL
TEL: (352) 373-1730

JANUARY 16, 2019

TO: Kim A. Barton
Supervisor of Elections
515 North Main Street
Gainesville, FL 32601

FROM: Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Chair

RE: Update on Party Officers

Please be advised Tina Certain has been added as Deputy Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer, effective January 1. At this time the Office of Corresponding Secretary held by Kameelah Spence is open, as she and her husband are relocating to another city. We will update as soon as the Office is filled.

Many thanks.

From: Lundgren, Jimmie Harrell <jimlund@uflib.ufl.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 9:59 AM
To: Cynthia Chestnut <acdecchair@gmail.com>; Kim A. Barton <KBarton@alachuacounty.us>
Cc: Charlotte Gleeson Hill <charlotte.gleeson@gmail.com>; Richard Powell <rhpowell43@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: New Alachua County Democratic Party Officers-February 13, 2019

Good Morning,
Please make the following adjustment to my contact information:

Treasurer, Jimmie Lundgren
7704 E. County Rd 225
Gainesville, FL 32609
jimlund@ufl.edu
352-468-3219
352-278-5816

Thank you very much,
Jimmie

From: Cynthia Chestnut <acdecchair@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 9:49 AM
To: Kim A. Barton <KBarton@alachuacounty.us>
Cc: Lundgren, Jimmie Harrell <jimlund@uflib.ufl.edu>; Charlotte Gleeson Hill <charlotte.gleeson@gmail.com>; Richard Powell <rhpowell43@gmail.com>
Subject: New Alachua County Democratic Party Officers-February 13, 2019

Hi Kim,

On February 13, the Alachua County Democratic Party elected the following new officers:

Treasurer, Jimmie Lundgren
7704 E. County Rd 225
Gainesville, FL 32609
jimlund@ufl.edu
352-376-3077
352-278-5816

Corresponding Secretary: Charlotte Gleeson-Hill
1505 Fort Clarke Blvd, Apt. 10201
Gainesville, FL 32606
321-784-9446
321-784-9446
charlotte.gleeson@gmail.com

I will send the official Minutes substantiating their appointments within the week.
Please send Ms. Lundgren a schedule of when Treasurer's Reports are due.,
jimlund@ufl.edu.

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Many thanks!

Cynthia.

Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Chair
Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee
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M: 352.317.8291

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March 30, 2017

Florida Democratic Party
214 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

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To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed are the compliance information reports required. Included is a complete transaction report for the year, which is equivalent to a running Treasurer's report for the entire year, 2016.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Chestnut

Chair

Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee

Enclosures: Letter to Supervisor of Elections from Auditor
Letter to Supervisor of Elections from Chair
Financial Report for 2016
Balance Sheet for 2016
Transactions Report for 2016

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TO: The Honorable Kim Barton, Alachua County Supervisor of Elections
The Honorable Stephen Bittel, Chair, Florida Democratic Party
Members of the Florida State Democratic Executive Committee
Members of the Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee

FROM: Cynthia Chestnut, Chair, Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee

RE: Financial Audit for Calendar Year 2016

In compliance with Article V, Section 6.2 (Audits) of the Bylaws of the Florida Democratic Party, enclosed is the Financial Audit of the Alachua County DEC for the calendar year 2016.

This financial audit is in compliance with applicable Florida Statutes, and has been reviewed by a qualified examiner who is not a member of the Alachua County DEC. It has been conducted in substantial compliance with standard accounting procedures.

The 2016 Audit will be retained by the Chair of the DEC for public examination. Copies have been furnished to the Office of the Supervisor of Elections prior to March 31, 2017 as required by law. Persons wishing to inquire of the Chair regarding any matters revealed in this Financial Audit should do so by addressing correspondence to Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Chair ACDEC, P.O. Box 5216, Gainesville, FL 32627.

Bertha M. Cato
Name

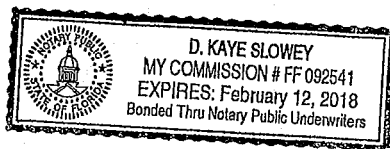
March 30, 2017
Date

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ALACHUA

Before me this day personally appeared Bertha M. Cato, who being duly sworn, deposes and says the attached audit statements are in fulfillment of the requirements pursuant to the Chapter 103.21, Florida Statutes, as evidenced by the signature above.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30 day of March A.D. 2017.

D. Kaye Slowey
Notary Public
State of Florida



My commission expires on 2-12-18.

**Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee
Financial Report for 2016**

| | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Balance 12/31/2015 | \$ 62,086.38 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 91,556.57 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 103,034.38 |
| Net Change in 2016 | \$ (11,477.81) |
| Balance 12/31/2016 | \$ 50,608.57 |

**Transaction Detail Report (attached)
Bank Statements from Florida Credit Union, Capital City Bank
Documentaion for all expenditures**

Total Account Balances (12/31/2016)

| | |
|---|--------------|
| FI Credit Union Account Balance 12/31/2016 | \$ 6,030.20 |
| Capital City Program Account (12/31/2016) | \$ 31,019.94 |
| Capital City Account Operating (12/31/2016) | \$ 14,401.15 |
| Outstanding Checks | \$ 842.72 |
| Transaction Detail Balance (12/31/2016) | \$ 50,608.57 |

Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee
Balance Sheet
12/31/2016

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash \$ 51,451.29

OTHER ASSETS *

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 51,451.29

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 842.72

ALACHUA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CASH BALANCE

Total Revenue \$ 91,556.57

Total Expenses \$ 103,034.38

Difference of revenue and expenses \$ (11,477.81)

Beginning Cash Balance \$ 62,086.38

Balance 12/31/2016 \$ 50,608.57

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Cynthia Moore Chestnut, Chair

TO: The Honorable Kim Barton, Alachua County Supervisor of Elections
The Honorable Terrie Rizzo, Chair, Florida Democratic Party
Members of the Florida State Democratic Executive Committee
Members of the Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee

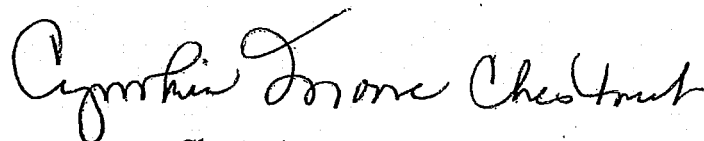
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Cynthia Moore Chestnut
Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee

STATE OF FLORIDA
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**Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee
Financial Report for 2017**

| | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Balance 12/31/2016 | \$ 50,608.57 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 141,872.71 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 132,318.05 |
| Net Change in 2017 | \$ 9,554.66 |
| Balance 12/31/2017 | \$ 60,163.23 |

Transaction Detail Report (attached)
Bank Statements from Florida Credit Union, Capital City Bank
Documentaion for all expenditures

Total Account Balances (12/31/2017)

| | |
|---|--------------|
| FI Credit Union Account Balance 12/31/2017 | \$ 5,718.90 |
| Capital City Program Account (12/31/2017) | \$ 22,617.02 |
| Capital City Account Operating (12/31/2017) | \$ 31,827.31 |
| Outstanding Checks | \$ - |
| Transaction Detail Balance (12/31/2017) | \$ 60,163.23 |

Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee
Balance Sheet
12/31/2017

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | \$ 60,163.26 |
| Cash | |
| OTHER ASSETS * | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 60,163.26 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$ 805.82 |

ALACHUA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CASH BALANCE

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total Revenue | \$ 141,872.71 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 132,318.02 |
| Difference of revenue and expenses | \$ 9,554.69 |
| Beginning Cash Balance | \$ 50,608.57 |
| Balance 12/31/2017 | \$ 60,163.26 |

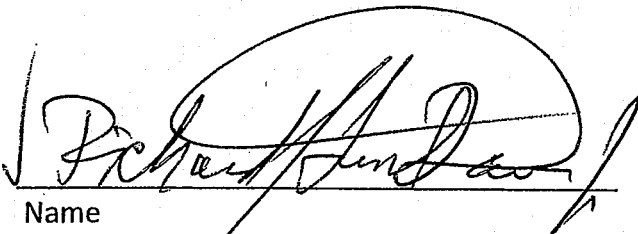
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Alachua Co. Supervisor of Elections
515 N. Main Street, Gainesville, FL 32601

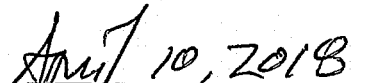
Florida Democratic Party
PO Box 1758
Tallahassee, FL 32302

I have examined the Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2017 of the Alachua County Democratic Executive Committee and the related Statement of Revenue, Expenses, Fund Balance, and the Changes in Financial Position for the year ending December 31, 2017.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and other auditing procedures as are necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of the Alachua County DEC as of December 31, 2017, and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year ended and in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

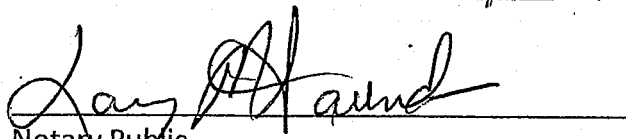

Name


Date

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ALACHUA

Before me this day personally appeared Richard Hart Davis, Jr. who, being duly sworn, deposes and says the attached audit statements are in fulfillment of the accounting requirements pursuant to Chapter 103.21, Florida Statutes, as evidenced by his signature above.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of April A.D., 2018


Notary Public
State of Florida

My commission expires on

