

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Latino Rising**

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**Case No.: FEC 18-017**

**TO:** Latino Rising  
Mark Herron, Chair  
PO Box 1701  
Tallahassee, FL 32302-1701

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, **March 13, 2018 at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **Augustus B. Turnbull Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola Street, Room 103, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.**

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  
February 26, 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-18-017**

**NAME:** **LATINO RISING**

**DATE APPEAL RECEIVED:** 1/31/18

**DATE REPORT DUE:** 12/19/17 (2017 SP1)

**DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT:** 12/30/17

**DATE FILING OFFICER RECEIVED REPORT:** 12/30/17

**NUMBER OF DAYS LATE:** 11

**AMOUNT OF FINE:** \$250.00

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

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$0

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$1,000.00

**DATE FIRST NOTIFICATION WAS SENT:** 12/20/17

**SUMMARY:** Latino Rising is a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair and treasurer is Mr. Mark Herron.

The PC is appealing the fine claiming that unusual circumstances existed that caused the 2017 SP1 Report to be untimely filed. According to Mr. Herron, "On November 21, 2017, Appellant made a \$1,000.00 contribution to Lori Berman, a candidate seeking nomination and election to the Florida Senate in the special election called to fill the vacancy in SD 31 caused by the resignation of Senator Jeff Clemens from the Florida Senate. In accordance with the SD 31 special election reporting schedule set forth in a memorandum from the Division of Elections dated November 9, 2017, a contribution made to a candidate in the SD 31 special election during the period from November 6, 2016 – December 14, 2017 was to be included on the SP1 report due on December 19, 2017. Instead of being included on the SP1 report, the November 21, 2017 contribution to the Lori Berman campaign was included on Appellant's 2017 M11 report which covered the November 1, 2017 – November 30, 2017 reporting period which was due December 11, 2017. Appellant filed its 2017 M11 report on December 3, 2017. As a consequence, the public was aware that Appellant made a \$1,000.00 contribution to the Lori Berman campaign on December 3, 2017, some 16 days in advance of the SP1 report due date of December 19, 2017. Upon receiving notice from the Division of Elections that Appellant had failed to include the November 21, 2017 contribution to the Lori Berman campaign on the SP1 report, Appellant amended its 2017 M11 report to delete the contribution from the report and amended its SP1 report to include the November 21, 2017 contribution on that report".

- The 2017 SP1 Report covers the time-period from 11/6/17 through 12/14/17.
- The PC reported receiving 0 contributions while making 1 expenditure during this reporting period.
- The 2017 SP1 Queued-Transaction Report reflects that this report was created on 12/30/17 at approximately 1:27 p.m., before being filed on 12/30/17 at approximately 1:33 p.m.

**PRIOR CASES:** None

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

BEFORE THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: PAC 64987

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**Appeal of Automatic Fine**

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As provided by Section 106.07(8)(c), Florida Statutes, the Chair of Latino Rising, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections ("Appellant"), appeals the automatic fine of \$250.00 imposed by the Division of Elections pursuant to Section 106.07(8)(b), Florida Statutes, and requests a hearing with respect to this appeal before the Florida Elections Commission. As grounds for this appeal, Appellant states:

1. On November 21, 2017, Appellant made a \$1,000.00 contribution to Lori Berman, a candidate seeking nomination and election to the Florida Senate in the special election called to fill the vacancy in SD 31 caused by the resignation of Senator Jeff Clemens from the Florida Senate.

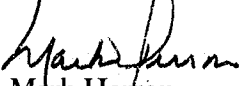
2. In accordance with the SD 31 special election reporting schedule set forth in a memorandum from the Division of Elections dated November 9, 2017, a contribution made to a candidate in the SD 31 special election during the period from November 6, 2016 - December 14, 2017 was to be included on the SP1 report due on December 19, 2017.

3. Instead of being included on the SP1 report, the November 21, 2017 contribution to the Lori Berman campaign was included on Appellant's 2017 M11 report which covered the November 1, 2017 - November 30, 2017 reporting period which was due December 11, 2017. Appellant filed its 2017 M11 report on December 3, 2017.

4. As a consequence, the public was aware that Appellant made a \$1,000.00 contribution to the Lori Berman campaign on December 3, 2017, some 16 days in advance of the SP1 report due date of December 19, 2017.

5. Upon receiving notice from the Division of Elections that Appellant had failed to include the November 21, 2017 contribution to the Lori Berman campaign on the SP1 report, Appellant amended its 2017 M11 report to delete the contribution from that report and amended its SP1 report to include the November 21, 2017 contribution on that report.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that the Florida Elections Commission waive the \$250.00 fine imposed by the Division of Elections.



Mark Herron

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Tallahassee, FL 32302-1701

Telephone (850) 567-4878



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

January 16, 2018

Mark Herron, Chairperson  
Latino Rising  
Post Office Box 1701  
Tallahassee, FL 32302-1701

**Special Election Report**  
Senate 31 - SPI

PAC 64987

Dear Mr. Herron:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on December 19, 2017, was filed on December 30, 2017. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$250.00.

**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

December 20, 2017

Mark Herron, Treasurer  
Latino Rising  
Post Office Box 1701  
Tallahassee, FL 32302-1701

**Special Election Report**  
**Senate 31 - SPI**

PAC 64987

Dear Mr. Herron:

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 December 19, 2017.

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

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

(1) Latino Rising (2) 64987  
Candidate, Committe or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) Post Office Box 1701 Tallahassee FL 32302-1701  
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 11/06/2017 To 12/14/2017 Report Type: SP1  
 Original  Amendment  Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$0.00
Loans	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$0.00
In-Kind	\$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$1,000.00
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$1,000.00

(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



ID:

# CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Page 1 of 1

Name: Latino Rising

Report: 2017 SP1

Period: 11/06/2017

to 12/14/2017

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

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
		Type	In-Kind Description	Amend

Name: Latino Rising

Report: 2017 SP1

Period: 11/06/2017 to 12/14/2017

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

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 11/21/2017	LORI BERMAN CAMPAIGN, (Office: STS 031) 2945 WINDSWEPT DRIVE #105 LANTANA, FL 33462	CAN	CONTRIBUTION	\$1,000.00

ID:

**CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED FUND TRANSFERS**

Name: Latino Rising

Report: 2017 SP1

Period: 11/06/2017 to 12/14/2017

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

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

# Queued Items for 2017-SP1

Account: 64987

**Latino Rising**

Rpt Seq: 48

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File Pending Report	Processing Complete	64987	12/30/2017 1:33:37 PM	12/30/2017 1:33:37 PM



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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Name:

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Committee Name: Latino Rising  
 Account: 64987

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
1/26/2018	SP2	1/26/2018						
1/10/2018	M12	1/6/2018						
12/19/2017	SP1	12/30/2017	APP	11	\$250.00		\$250.00	\$0.00
12/11/2017	M11	12/3/2017						
11/13/2017	M10	11/7/2017						
10/10/2017	M9	10/6/2017						
9/22/2017	M8	9/4/2017						
8/10/2017	M7	8/6/2017						
7/10/2017	M6	7/2/2017						
6/12/2017	M5	6/3/2017						
5/10/2017	M4	5/1/2017						
4/10/2017	M3	4/7/2017						
3/11/2017	M2	3/5/2017						
2/10/2017	M1	2/4/2017						
1/10/2017	M12	1/2/2017						
12/12/2016	M11	12/3/2016						
11/4/2016	D6	11/3/2016						
11/4/2016	G7	11/4/2016						
11/2/2016	D5	11/2/2016						
11/1/2016	D4	11/1/2016						
10/31/2016	D3	10/31/2016						
10/30/2016	D2	10/30/2016						
10/29/2016	D1	10/29/2016						
10/28/2016	G6	10/23/2016						
10/21/2016	G5	10/18/2016						
10/14/2016	G4	10/8/2016						
10/7/2016	G3	10/1/2016						
9/30/2016	G2A	9/24/2016						
9/23/2016	G2	9/18/2016						
9/16/2016	G1A	9/10/2016						
9/9/2016	G1	9/7/2016						
9/2/2016	P7A	8/30/2016						
8/26/2016	P7	8/26/2016						
8/19/2016	P6	8/17/2016						
8/12/2016	P5	8/6/2016						
8/5/2016	P4	8/4/2016						
7/29/2016	P3	7/23/2016						
7/22/2016	P2A	7/16/2016						
7/15/2016	P2	7/15/2016						
7/8/2016	P1A	7/3/2016						
7/1/2016	P1	6/27/2016						
6/10/2016	M5	6/4/2016						
5/10/2016	M4	5/9/2016						
4/11/2016	M3	4/5/2016						
3/10/2016	M2	3/4/2016						

2/10/2016 M1 2/6/2016  
1/11/2016 M12 1/5/2016  
12/10/2015 M11 12/1/2015  
11/10/2015 M10 11/10/2015

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
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 Committee of Continuous Existence  Check If CCE has DISBANDED  
 Party Executive Committee

**(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS**

Cover Period: From 11/01/2017 To 11/30/2017 Report Type: M11

Original  Amendment  Special Election Report

**(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT**

Cash & Checks	\$0.00
Loans	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$0.00
In-Kind	\$0.00

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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: Latino Rising

Report: 2017 M11

Period: 11/01/2017 to 11/30/2017

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

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 11/14/2017	GARY FARMER CAMPAIGN, (Office: STS 034) 425 N. ANDREWS AVENUE #2 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301	CAN	CONTRIBUTION	\$1,000.00
2 11/21/2017	LORI BERMAN CAMPAIGN, (Office: STS 031) 2945 WINDSWEPT DRIVE #105 LANTANA, FL 33462	CAN	CONTRIBUTION	\$1,000.00 DEL
2 11/21/2017	LORI BERMAN CAMPAIGN, (Office: STS 031) 2945 WINDSWEPT DRIVE #105 LANTANA, FL 33462	CAN	CONTRIBUTION	\$1,000.00 History 12/30/17



**Queued Items for 2017-M11**

Account: 64987

**Latino Rising**

Rpt Seq: 46

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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

**RICK SCOTT**  
Governor

**KEN DETZNER**  
Secretary of State

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Political Parties, Affiliated Party Committees, Political Committees, and Electioneering Communication Organizations

**FROM:** Kristi Reid Willis, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records *KRW*

**DATE:** November 9, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Special Election - State Senate, District 31

A special election has been called for the office of State Senate, District 31. The special primary election for this race is scheduled for January 30, 2018. The special election for this race is scheduled for April 10, 2018.

When a special election is called to fill a vacancy in office, all political committees, electioneering communication organizations, political parties and affiliated party committees making contributions or expenditures to influence the results of such special election shall file campaign treasurer's reports with the filing officer on the dates set by the Department of State.

Committees or organizations are required to file special election campaign treasurer's reports only if the committee or organization makes a contribution to a special election candidate during the special election reporting periods (see chart on next page) or makes an expenditure to influence the results of the special election.

**Please note that activities reported on special election reports are only expenditures that are made to influence the results of the special election. All other activity (e.g., contributions) is reported on the appropriate campaign treasurer's report.**

Once a committee or organization has participated in the special election and has filed a special election campaign report, all remaining special election reports must be filed even if there is no further special election activity. If there is no further activity, a waiver must be filed.

#### Division of Elections

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850.245.6240 • 850.245.6260 (Fax) [dos.myflorida.com/elections](http://dos.myflorida.com/elections)



**MEMORANDUM**  
**November 9, 2017**  
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All reports must be filed through the Electronic Filing System (EFS) not later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by this time are late filed and subject to the penalties in Sections 106.07(8) and 106.29, 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 Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

The campaign reporting schedule for this special election is as follows:

<u>Report</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Covered Period</u>
SP1	12/19/17	11/06/17 – 12/14/17
SP2	01/26/18	12/15/17 – 01/25/18
SG1	03/09/18	01/26/18 – 03/02/18
SG2	04/06/18	03/03/18 – 04/05/18
* SG3	05/10/18	04/06/18 – 04/30/18

Contact our office at (850) 245-6280 if you have any questions.

KRW/mcc

\* Please note the addition of a close-out report that is due after the election.

**Cole Kekelis**

**From:** Willis, Kristi R. <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 05, 2018 12:39 PM  
**To:** Cole Kekelis  
**Subject:** RE: Latino Rising - account 64987  
**Attachments:** Memo - Committees - STS 31.pdf; Committee's 2017 M11 Report.pdf; Queued Trasaction Report for 2017 M11.pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Yes, this committee was emailed a copy of the special election memo:

1014	PAC	64943	n.wingard@verizon.net	11/13/2017 14:22	OK
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Ms. Willis:

Please provide the above committee's 2017 M11 report and QTR for that report.

Please also confirm whether or not this committee was emailed a memo reminding them of the due dates for reports pertaining to the Senate – District 31 race, and please provide a copy of that memo.

Thanks,

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