STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: John G. Heim		Case No.: FEC 17-449 /
то:	John G. Heim	Cheryl Futch
	8931 Somerset Blvd., # 31-D Ft. Myers, FL 33919	2480 Thompson Street
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NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, August 14, 2018 at 9:00 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: First District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Drive, 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.

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Amy McKeever Toman

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission July 30, 2018 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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JUDE 12, 2018 TO Whom IT MAY CONCERN: TH REFERENCE TO CASE # FEC 17-44 93 TEC CASE # 17-382. I WITHDREW MONSIBERATION ON MY PROPOSED CANIDARY FOR THE ELECTED POSTTRON OF FRE LOUNTY COMMISSIONAR LAE COUNTY, FL. THE DATE WAS BEFORE THE DATES OF SEPTETH 2017 & NOV 13,2017. I WITH DREW, MY NOTENTIONS TO BE A CANDATE FOR This CommissioNER POSITION VIA A LETTER TO ELECTION, COMMISSION, LEE COUNTY BEFORE THESE DATES, ALSO STATING ON REQUIRED MR MIO REPORTING PERIODS, STATING THERE WAS NO FUNDS, RECEIVED OR SPENT FOR The CAMPAGO BECAUSE AGAIN I WITH DREW MY NOTONTIONS TO BE A DANIDATE = SINCE THERE WAS NO MIENT COMMIT ELZOTION FRAUD, I BELIEVE, THERE IS NO KEGAL MEANS TO CITE ME VITNE ME FOR This LAWS. CAN TRO! STUBSTIONS ON THIS MATTER CAN BE ABRESSED TO ME VIA MAIL E-MAIL: LOWTBEFILMS @ GMAIL . COM OR BY MY OPIL # 407 # 400 6452 -RESPECTFULLY SUBITIES

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STATE OF FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

Case No.: FEC 17-449

v.

John G. Heim, Respondent.

ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 15, 2018, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On April 10, 2018, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff's Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation(s):

Count 1:

On or about November 13, 2017, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because Respondent had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2017 M10 reporting period.

The Commission also finds there is no probable cause to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on May 15, 2018.

M. Scott Thomas, Chairman Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel John G. Heim, Respondent Cheryl Futch, Complainant

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING

As the Respondent, you may elect to resolve this case in several ways. First, you may elect to resolve this case by <u>consent order</u> where you and Commission staff agree to resolve the violation(s)s and agree to the amount of the fine. The consent order is then presented to the Commission for its approval. To discuss a consent order, contact the FEC attorney identified in the Order of Probable Cause.

Second, you may request an <u>informal hearing</u> held before the Commission, if you <u>do not</u> dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to make written or oral arguments to the Commission concerning the legal issues related to the violation(s) and the potential fine. At the request of Respondent, the Commission will consider and determine willfulness at an informal hearing. Otherwise, live witness testimony is unnecessary.

Third, you may request a <u>formal hearing</u> held before an administrative law judge in the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), if you dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to present evidence relevant to the violation(s) listed in this order, to cross-examine opposing witnesses, to impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence presented against you.

If you do not elect to resolve the case by consent order or request a formal hearing at the DOAH or an informal hearing before the Commission within 30 days of the date this Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission, the case will be sent to the Commission for a formal or

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STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: John G. Heim		,	Case No.: FEC 17-449
TO:	John G. Heim		Cheryl Futch
	8931 Somerset Blvd., # 31-D		2480 Thompson Street
	Ft. Myers, FL 33919		Ft Myers FL 33901

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION) (Only change made was to correct Complainant's Name and Address)

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TO:	John G. Heim		Division of Elections
	8931 Somerset Blvd., # 31-D		500 S Bronough Street, Room 316

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Tallahassee, FL 32399

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the complaint in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7)**, **Florida Statutes**, and **no probable cause** to charge Respondent to with violating **Section 106.19(1)(c)**, **Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on March 20, 2018, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

- 1. On December 7, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a complaint from Cheryl Futch, filing officer for the Lee County Supervisor of Elections Office ("Complainant"), alleging that John G. Heim ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
- 2. Respondent was a write-in candidate for the Lee County Commission, District, 2, in the 2018 election. Respondent's Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form was filed with the Lee County Supervisor of Elections ("LCSOE") on June 30, 2017. Respondent withdrew from the race on December 26, 2017. (ROI Exhibits 1 and 2)¹
- 3. By letter dated March 8, 2018, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provisions:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent may have failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

- 2017 M8
- 2017 M9
- 2017 M10

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

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when he failed to file a report on the prescribed reporting date for the following reporting periods:

- 2017 M8
- 2017 M9
- 2017 M10

Sections 106.07(7) and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

- 4. Complainant alleged that Respondent failed to file a 2017 M8, 2017 M9, and 2017 M10 Report. However, Respondent's failure to file a report or notice of no reportable activity for the 2017 M8 and 2017 M9 reporting periods was investigated in a previous case. Therefore, this Staff Recommendation will only address Respondent's 2017 M10 Report.
 - 5. Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, provides that:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, in any reporting period during which a candidate or political committee has not received funds, made any contributions, or expended any reportable funds, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. However, the next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed, and any candidate or political committee not reporting by virtue of this subsection on dates prescribed elsewhere in this chapter shall notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date. (Emphasis added)

6. Page 47 of the Handbook states:

In any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds or made any expenditures, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. However, the candidate must notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date. (Emphasis in original)

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

(Attachment A)

7. Respondent's 2017 M10 Report covering the dates of October 1, 2017, through October 31, 2017, was due on November 13, 2017. On November 9, 2017, and November 13, 2017, Ms. Lipa sent Respondent an email reminding Respondent that his 2017 M10 Report was due on November 13, 2017. (ROI Exhibit 8, page 1, 2, 3, and 4)

- 8. Respondent failed to timely file a 2017 M10 Report or a notice of no reportable activity for the 2017 M10 reporting period. On November 15, 2017, Complainant sent Respondent an email notifying Respondent that his 2017 M10 Report was late and he needed to file the report. (ROI Exhibit 8, pages 5 and 6; ROI Exhibit 12)
- 9. Commission staff subpoenaed copies of Respondent's bank account records from Branch Banking and Trust Company ("BB&T"). By letter dated January 5, 2018, BB&T notified the Commission that based on the information provided, it was unable to locate any records. Because Respondent did not have a campaign account, it appears that Respondent did not have any reportable activity during the 2017 M10 reporting period and should have filed a notice of no activity with the filing officer. (ROI Exhibit 10)
- 10. Tammy Lipa from the LCSOE's office told Investigator Smith that she and Complainant showed Respondent where to find Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* ("Handbook") published by the Division of Elections on the LCSOE's website. The LCSOE's office also provided Respondent with paper copies of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and the Handbook. (ROI Exhibit 14, pages 1 and 2, Phone Log Entry 3)²
- 11. Investigator Smith asked Respondent why he failed to file anything with the filing officer for the 2017 M10 reporting period. Respondent stated that he is a "lobbyist for clean water in our state," he is constantly traveling and does not always have access to a printer, and he was uncertain whether he was out of town during the reporting period. (ROI Exhibit 14, page 4, Phone Log Entry 2)
- 12. As of April 3, 2018, Respondent has not filed a 2017 M10 Report or a notice of no activity for the 2017 M10 reporting period. (Attachment B)
- 13. Based upon the foregoing facts and circumstances, it appears that Respondent may have failed to timely file a notice of no activity for the 2017 M10 reporting period. It also appears that Respondent may not have deliberately failed to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106 on a 2017 M10 Report.
- 14. "Probable Cause" is defined as reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. Schmitt v. State, 590 So.2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reasonable man to reach the conclusion that an offense has been committed. Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles v. Favino, 667 So.2d 305, 309 (Fla. 1st DCA 1995).

Ms. Lipa provided this information to Investigator Smith during the investigation relating to Respondent's 2017 M8 and 2017 M9 Reports.

- 15. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a write-in candidate for the Lee County Commission, District 2, in the 2018 election. Respondent's Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form was filed with the Lee County Supervisor of Elections on June 30, 2017. Respondent withdrew from the race on December 26, 2017.
- 16. The above facts also show that Tammy Lipa and Complainant showed Respondent where to find Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer's Handbook published by the Division of Elections on the LCSOE's website. Ms. Lipa and Complainant also provided Respondent with a paper copy of each document.
- 17. Additionally, the above facts show that Respondent failed to timely file a 2017 M10 Report or a notice of no activity for 2017 M10 reporting period. When asked why he did not file anything for the 2017 M10 reporting period, Respondent stated that he is a "lobbyist for clean water in our state," he is constantly traveling and does not always have access to a printer, and he was uncertain whether he was out of town during the reporting period. As of April 3, 2018, Respondent has failed to file a 2017 M10 Report or notice of no activity for the 2017 M10 reporting period.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find probable cause to charge Respondent with violating the following violation:

Count 1:

On or about November 13, 2017, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because Respondent had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2017 M10 reporting period.

I further recommend that the Commission find no probable cause to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

Respectfully submitted on April 10, 2018.

Eric M. Lipman

General Counsel

I have reviewed this Staff Recommendation this Wday of April 2018.

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Executive Director

2016 Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook

Florida Department of State Division of Elections R. A. Gray Building, Room 316 500 South Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250 850.245.6240

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ATTACHMENT A Page

An individual seeking a publicly elected position on a political party executive committee who receives a contribution or makes an expenditure must file a single report of all contributions and expenditures on the 4th day immediately preceding the primary election. (See Chapter 18, Reporting for Individuals Seeking a Publicly Elected Position on a Party Executive Committee.)

Unless the electronic filing requirements of Section 106.0705, Florida Statutes, apply, reports shall be filed no later than 5 p.m. of the day designated. A report postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight of the day designated is deemed timely filed. A report received by the filing officer within 5 days after the designated due date that was delivered by the U.S. Postal Service is deemed timely filed unless it has a postmark indicating the report was mailed after the designated due date. A certificate of mailing obtained from and dated by the U.S. Postal Service at the time of mailing or a receipt from an established courier company, which bears a date on or before the date on which the report is due, is proof of mailing in a timely manner. Reports filed with the Division through the Electronic Filing System (EFS) are due no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date.

> (Sections <u>106.07</u>, <u>106.0705</u> and <u>106.141</u>, F.S.)

Penalty for Late Filing

Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is

greater, for the period covered by the late However, for the reports immediately preceding the primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. For a candidate's termination report, the fine shall be \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the late report. All fines must be paid from the candidate's personal funds - not campaign funds.

(Section 106.07(2) and (8), F.S.)

Notice of No Activity

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(Section <u>106.07</u>, F.S.)

Incomplete Reports

If a campaign treasurer files a report that is deemed incomplete, it shall be accepted on a conditional basis. The campaign treasurer will be notified by the filing officer as to why the report is incomplete. The campaign

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Eric Lipman

From:

Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote>

Sent:

Tuesday, April 03, 2018 5:22 PM

To:

Eric Lipman

Cc:

Cheryl Futch

Subject:

Re: John Heim

Hi Mr. Lipman,

John Heim has not filed his M10 report which was due 11/13/2017.

Thank you,

Tammy Lipa **Administration Support Specialist** Post Office Box 2545 Fort Myers, FL 33902-2545

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On Tue, Apr 3, 2018 at 3:14 PM, Eric Lipman < Eric. Lipman@myfloridalegal.com > wrote:

Good Afternoon Ms. Lipa,

Can you please tell me if John Heim has filed his 2017 M10 Report or any other document for the 2017 M10 reporting period.

Thank you,

Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Case No.: FEC 17-449

Respondent: John G. Heim

Complainant: Cheryl Futch

On December 7, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a sworn complaint alleging that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Commission staff investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

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

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, prohibiting a person or organization from falsely reporting or deliberately failing to report information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

I. Preliminary Information:

- 1. Respondent, John G. Heim, was a 2018 write-in candidate for the Lee County Commission, District 2. Subsequently, Respondent withdrew from the race by filing a "Notice of Intent to Withdraw Candidacy" with the Lee County Supervisor of Elections (LCSOE) office on December 26, 2017. To review the "Notice of Intent to Withdraw Candidacy," refer to Exhibit 1.
 - 2. Complainant, Cheryl Futch, is the qualifying officer for the LCSOE office.
- 3. On June 30, 2017, Respondent's Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form (DS-DE 9) was filed with the LCSOE office. Respondent appointed himself as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 9 form, refer to Exhibit 2.
- 4. In a "Notification of Late Filing," dated September 20, 2017, Respondent was notified that his 2017 M8 report¹ had not been received. The letter was mailed via certified mail to the address provided on Respondent's DS-DE 9 form. To review a copy of the letter as well as the delivery confirmation, refer to Exhibit 3.

¹ The reporting period covered 08/01 - 08/31/17 and was due on 09/11/17.

- 5. On September 27, 2017, Respondent was notified that his 2017 M8 report had not been received². To review a copy of the letter, refer to Exhibit 4.
- 6. In a second notice of a "Notification of Late Filing," dated October 3, 2017, Respondent was again notified that his 2017 M8 report had not been received. The letter was mailed via certified mail to the address provided on Respondent's DS-DE 9 form. To review a copy of the letter as well as the delivery confirmation, refer to Exhibit 5.
- 7. In a "Notification of Late Filing," dated October 11, 2017, Respondent was notified that his 2017 M9³ report had not been received. The letter was mailed via certified mail to the address provided on Respondent's DS-DE 9 form. To review a copy of the letter as well as the delivery confirmation, refer to Exhibit 6.
- 8. On October 12, 2017, via e-mail, Complainant advised Respondent that both his 2017 M8 and 2017 M9 reports had not been received. To review a copy of the e-mail, refer to Exhibit 7.
- 9. In e-mails, dated November 9 and November 13, 2017, Respondent was advised that his 2017 M10⁴ report would be due on November 13, 2017. In an e-mail, dated November 15, 2017, Respondent was advised that the 2017 M10 report had not been filed. To review the e-mails, refer to Exhibit 8.
- 10. In an e-mail, dated November 29, 2017, Respondent was advised that staff with the LCSOE's office would assist him in the filing of his 2017 M8, M9 and M10 reports. It appears that the last communication with Respondent was an e-mail dated November 30, 2017. Tammy Lipa, Administration Support Specialist with the LCSOE's office, advised Respondent, "It is strongly recommended that you take care of your file deficiencies as soon as possible." To review the e-mails dated November 29 and November 30, 2017, respectively, refer to Exhibit 9.
- 11. The allegations that Respondent failed to report campaign activity, or in the alternative, failed to notify the filing officer, in writing, that no report would be filed for the 2017 M8⁵, M9 and M10 reporting periods will be discussed in the following paragraphs.

II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:

12. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to timely notify the filing officer, in writing, that no report would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making any expenditures during the 2017 M8, M9 and M10 reporting periods.

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13. I subpoenaed Respondent's campaign account records from his designated

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² It appears that the letter was mailed to address Respondent's concern about withdrawing his candidacy.

³ The reporting period covered 09/01 - 09/30/17 and was due on 10/10/17.

⁴ The reporting period covered 10/01 - 10/31/17 and was due on 11/13/17.

⁵ Both the 2017 M8 and M9 reporting periods have been addressed in a previous case.

campaign depository, BB&T Bank. In a written statement, the bank stated that they were unable to locate any records⁶. To review the written statement from the bank, refer to Exhibit 10.

- 14. Based upon the statement from Respondent's campaign depository, it appears that Respondent was required to notify the filing officer, in writing, that no report would be filed for the 2017 M8, M9 and M10 reporting periods.
- 15. On December 26, 2017, Respondent filed a notification-of-no-activity for the 2017 M8 reporting period; the notification-of-no-activity was due September 11, 2017. Respondent has not filed a notification-of-no-activity for the 2017 M9 reporting period nor the 2017 M10 reporting period. To review the notice-of-no-activity filed for the 2017 M8 reporting period, refer to Exhibit 11.
- 16. According to the LCSOE's office, Respondent filed timely a notice-of-no-activity for the 2017 M6 and 2017 M7 reporting periods. To review an e-mail from a representative of the LCSOE's office, refer to Exhibit 12.
 - 17. Respondent did not provide a response to the allegations.
- 18. No record was found to indicate that Respondent has previously violated this section of the election laws.

III. Alleged Violation of Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:

- 19. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by not reporting campaign activity during the 2017 M8, M9 and M10 reporting periods.
- 20. To review the circumstances regarding Respondent's campaign activity, please refer to paragraphs 13 through 15 of this report of investigation.
- 21. No record was found to indicate that Respondent has previously violated this section of the election laws.

IV. FEC History:

22. Respondent has had no prior history with the Florida Elections Commission.

Conclusion:

23. Respondent has stated in a previous case that the reason for not filing a notification-of-no-activity for the 2017 M8 and M9 reporting periods is that he was "in disposed" at the time as he had been out of town. Additionally, Respondent stipulated that he had no financial activity during the course of his campaign. During a telephone interview with Respondent on February 12, 2018, he claimed that he was planning to tend to any outstanding

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⁶ The subpoena requested records for the Campaign to Elect John G. Heim; Campaign to Elect John G. Heim for Lee County Commissioner; Campaign to Elect John G. Heim for Lee County Commissioner, District 2, and other variants of his name and office sought.

matters involving the Lee County Supervisor of Elections office⁷.

- 24. In a telephone interview with Respondent on March 20, 2018, Respondent was asked about the 2017 M10 reporting period. Respondent said that he was unsure whether he was out of town when the notification-of-no-activity was due but added that he is always traveling due to being "a lobbyist for clean water in our state." Respondent was encouraged to contact the Lee County Supervisor of Elections' office for assistance in tending to all outstanding reporting periods.
- 25. In a previous telephone interview, Tammy Lipa said that Respondent was provided with a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes as well as the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. She added that in addition to providing Respondent with a hard-copy of the publications, she and Ms. Futch (Complainant) showed Respondent the office's website and directed him to where the publications could be found. She further added that Respondent had not previously sought elective office.
- 26. Respondent executed a Statement of Candidate indicating that he had been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes; the form is dated as having been signed June 30, 2017. To review the Statement of Candidate form, refer to Exhibit 13.
- 27. To review the phone log from the previous case as well as for this report of investigation, refer to Exhibit 14.

Respectfully submitted on March 20, 2018.

Keith Smith

Investigation Specialist

⁷ In a telephone interview, Tammy Lipa stated Respondent has still not addressed the 2017 M9 and M10 reporting periods.

Current address of Respondent

Current address of Complainant

John G. Heim 8931 Somerset Boulevard #31-D Fort Myers, Florida 33919 Cheryl Futch 2480 Thompson Street Fort Myers, Florida 33901

Name and Address of Filing Officer:

The Honorable Tommy Doyle Lee County Supervisor of Elections Post Office Box 2545 Fort Myers, Florida 33902

Copy furnished to: David Flagg, Investigations Manager

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION John G. Heim -- FEC 17-449

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Exhibit 1	Notice of Intent to Withdraw Candidacy
Exhibit 2	DS-DE 9
Exhibit 3	Notice of Late Filing (M8) dated 09/20/17; delivery confirmation
Exhibit 4	09/27/17 ltr to R
Exhibit 5	2 nd Notice of Late Filing (M8) dated 10/03/17; delivery confirmation
Exhibit 6	Notice of Late Filing (M9) dated 10/11/17; delivery confirmation
Exhibit 7	10/12/17 e-mail from C to R
Exhibit 8	E-mails dated 11/09, 11/13 & 11/15/17
Exhibit 9	E-mails dated 11/29 & 11/30/17
Exhibit 10	Written statement from the bank
Exhibit 11	Notice-of-no-activity for 2017 M8 reporting period
Exhibit 12	E-mail from LCSOE's office re: timely filing of 2017 M6 & M7
Exhibit 13	Statement of Candidate
Exhibit 14	Ph Log



10-12-16 LeeSOE_FL

Date:



Notice of Intent to Withdraw Candidacy

Candidate Withdrawal Policy

The deadline for any candidate to withdraw is the end of qualifying. No qualifying fee shall be returned to the candidate unless the candidate withdraws his or her candidacy before the end of their qualifying period. (Florida Statutes 99.092)

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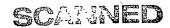
APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES

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

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NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.	OFFICE USE ONLY
1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):	
` '	reasurer/Deputy Depository Office Party
2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)	3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip
John G. Herm	Code) 8081 Somerset BLVD 311
4. Telephone 5. E-mail address	I AN MA NI - AIN
(407) 460-6452 LOWTIDEFILMSOCAN	Alcon FT MYERS FL 53919
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25. Date	26. Signature of Candidate
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1. John G. Herm	, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)	
designated above as: Campaign Treasurer	Deputy Treasurer.
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	signature of Campaign Treasurer of Deputy Treasurer



TOMMY DOYLE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS LEE COUNTY—FLORIDA

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NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

TO

John G Heim, Candidate/Treasurer

County Commission – 2

8931 Somerset Blvd., #31-D

Fort Myers, FL 33919

FROM:

Tammy Lipa, Administration Support Specialist

DATE

September 20, 2017

RE

M8 Campaign Treasurer's Report

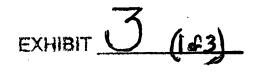
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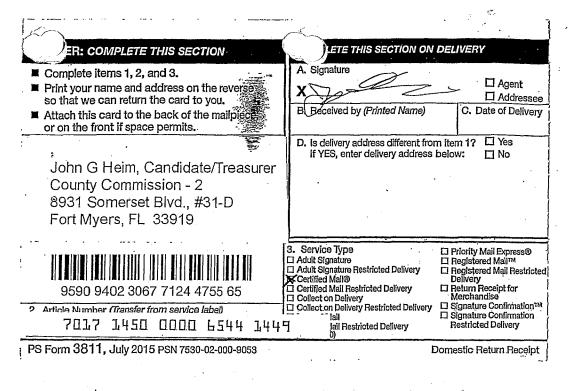
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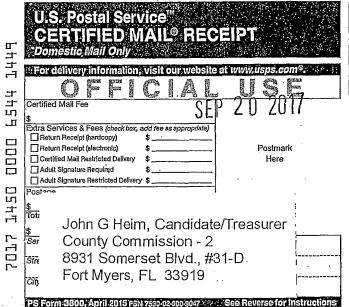
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September 27, 2017

John G. Heim 8931 Somerset Blvd. #31-D Fort Myers, FL 33919

Re: Withdrawal of Candidacy

Dear Mr. Heim:

As we discussed on the phone, a signed statement is required to withdraw as a candidate. The form is included. Please sign the form and send back to our office. You may scan and email the form or FAX the form to (239) 533-6310.

Also, you are still required to file the M-8 campaign report that was due on 09/11/2017 [even if it is a waiver]. Since you stated that you will be filing a Waiver Report, a Waiver Report form is also included.

And finally, a termination report will be due 90 days from the date we receive your candidacy withdrawal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. ...

Sincerely,

Tammy Lipa

Administration Support Specialist

Enclosures:

Notice of Intent to Withdraw Candidacy

Waiver Report M8-2017

Postage Paid Return Envelope

EXHIBIT

2nd Notice

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TO

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Fort Myers, FL 33919

FROM:

Cheryl Futch, Qualifying Officer

DATE

October 3, 2017

RE

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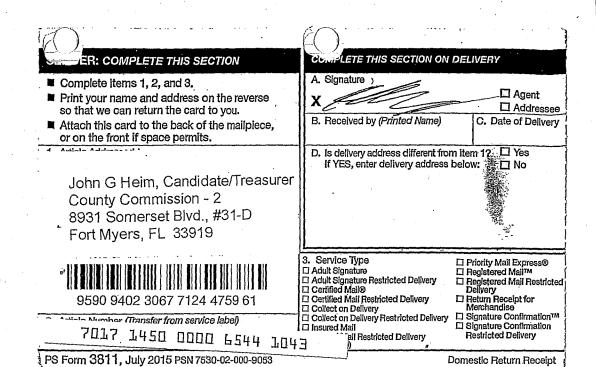
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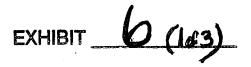
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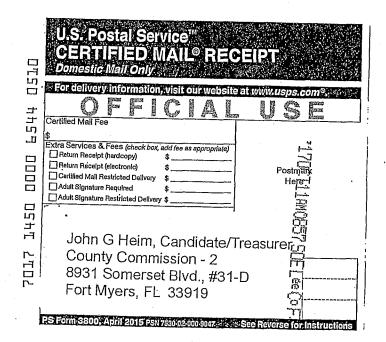
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Cheryl Futch <cfutch@lee.vote>

Re: Campaign Treasurer's Report Due [10/10/2017] [2017-M9] CANDIDATE

1 message

Cheryl Futch <cfutch@lee.vote>

Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 1:02 PM

To: Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote>, John Heim <lowtidefilms@gmail.com>, Bernie Feliciano

 feliciano @lee.vote>

Good Afternoon Mr. Heim,

In response to your reply to Tammy, you have on several occasions made indications you were coming into our office to withdraw from your race, we have yet seen you keep one of these dates. In addition, your non-written intent to withdraw does not alleviate your responsibility to file your required reports, the M8 that was due 09/11/17 and the M9 that was due on 10/10/17, of which one is egregiously late. At this time and according to statute I am referring your case to the Florida Election Commission for failure to file.

I hope to see you in our office so we can arrange to close your file.

Cheryl Futch

Qualifying Officer

PO Box 2545

Ft Myers FL 33902

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On Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 11:55 AM, Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote> wrote:

	Forwarded message
	From: john heim <lowtidefilms@gmail.cem>HIBIT Date: Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 11:52 AM</lowtidefilms@gmail.cem>
-	Date: Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 11:52 AM
-	Subject: Re: Campaign Treasurer's Report Due [10/10/2017] [2017-M9] CANDIDATE
İ	To: Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote></tlipa@lee.vote>



Campaign Treasurer's Report Due [11/13/2017] [2017-M10] CANDIDATE

1 message

Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote>

Thu, Nov 9, 2017 at 10:50 AM

To: NICHOLAS ALEXANDER <dr.n.c.alexander@gmail.com>, LISA ALEXANDER <another4lisa@gmail.com>, JOHN G

HEIM < lowtidefilms@gmail.com>

Cc: Bernie Feliciano

 Seliciano @lee.vote>, Cheryl Futch <cfutch@lee.vote>

Please respond that you have reviewed this communication.

Refer to the Calendar of Reporting Dates in order to ensure you file your campaign finance report on time. The Lee County Elections Office provides a courtesy reminder notice prior to each report due date, however, the absence of a reminder notice does not release the candidate or campaign treasurer from his/her obligation to timely file a required campaign finance report.

Due Date	Reporting Period Covered	Report Type Code
11/13/17	10/01/17 through 10/31/17	M10

User ID, password and PIN #s required. Submit the report BEFORE (Midnight) 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time of the report's due date. Access the Campaign Financial Reporting System by logging on:

https://www.voterfocus.com/ws/wscand/candidate_login.php?county=lee

A LATE REPORT WILL BE ASSESSED A FINE—FILE ON TIME!

Do not hesitate to contact the Qualifying Department if you have questions or concerns.

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Campaign Treasurer's Report Due [11/13/2017] [2017-M10] CANDIDATE

1 message

Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote>

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 8:06 AM

To: NICHOLAS ALEXANDER <dr.n.c.alexander@gmail.com>, LISA ALEXANDER <another4lisa@gmail.com>, JOHN G

HEIM < lowtidefilms@gmail.com>

Cc: Bernie Feliciano

 Sfeliciano@lee.vote>, Cheryl Futch <cfutch@lee.vote>

Please respond that you have reviewed this communication.

Refer to the Calendar of Reporting Dates in order to ensure you file your campaign finance report on time. The Lee County Elections Office provides a courtesy reminder notice prior to each report due date, however, the absence of a reminder notice does not release the candidate or campaign treasurer from his/her obligation to timely file a required campaign finance report.

Due Date	Reporting Period Covered	Report Type Code
11/13/17	10/01/17 through 10/31/17	M10

User ID, password and PIN #s required. Submit the report <u>BEFORE</u> (Midnight) 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time of the report's due date. Access the Campaign Financial Reporting System by logging on:

https://www.voterfocus.com/ws/wscand/candidate login.php?county=lee

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M10 REPORT DUE

1 message

Cheryl Futch <cfutch@lee.vote>
To: John Heim <lowtidefilms@gmail.com>, TAMMY LIPA <tlipa@lee.vote>

Wed, Nov 15, 2017 at 10:25 AM

2nd Notice

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I would like to remind you Mr. Heim in adding the streport being late to ustill have two previous reports that you still have not filed. Our office would appreciate you rectifying this situation.

Cheryl Futch

Qualifying Officer

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Candidate Withdrawal and Campaign Report Filings

1 message

Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote>

Wed, Nov 29, 2017 at 12:24 PM

To: JOHN G HEIM < lowtidefilms@gmail.com>

Cc: Bernie Feliciano bfeliciano@lee.vote, Cheryl Futch cfutch@lee.vote

Hi John,

It was good speaking with you this afternoon and glad to hear you are feeling better. To follow up our phone call, I look forward to seeing you in our office tomorrow.

At that time, we will assist you in filing the M8, M9 and M10 Campaign Reports that are past due, accept your withdrawal of candidacy and assist you in filing your Termination Report.

See you tomorrow.

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Missed Meeting - Candidate Withdrawal and Campaign Report Filings

Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote>

Thu, Nov 30, 2017 at 4:49 PM

Hi John,

You mentioned when we spoke yesterday that you would be in to see me regarding your past due reports and candidate withdrawal paperwork.

It is the end of the day, and you have not been in to satisfy your campaign requirements.

It is strongly recommended that you take care of your file deficiencies as soon as possible.

Thank you,

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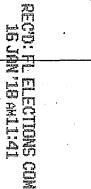
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Branch Banking and Trust Company

FIU - Legal Fulfillment PO Box 1489 Lumberton, NC 28359 Office (910) 272-4250

January 5, 2018

Eric Lipman or Keith Smith 107 W Gaines Street Collins Building, Ste 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

Dear Sirs:

RE: Case No. FEC 17-392

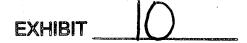
Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T) has received a subpoena requesting information regarding the above-referenced client(s) and responds as follows.

Based on the information provided, we are unable to locate any records. If you are able to provide additional information, we will initiate another search for records.

Should you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please contact BB&T Legal Fulfillment at the telephone number provided below.

Sincerely,

BB&T Legal Fulfillment (910) 272-4250



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WAIVER OF REPORT

(Section 106.07(7), F.S.)

(PLEASE TYPE)

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	John G. Heim	County Commiss	ioner - 2		
	Name	Office Sought			
	8931 Somerset Blvd. #31-D	Fort Myers	•	FL	33919
	Address	City		State	Zip Code
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EXHIBIT



From:

Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 07, 2018 3:01 PM

To:

Keith Smith

Cc:

Cheryl Futch

Subject:

JOHN HEIM

Good Afternoon Keith,

This is in response to your telephone inquiry regarding your file on John Heim.

The 2017-M6 and 2017-M7 reports were filed timely. At this time, Mr. Heim has 4 outstanding campaign reports 3 of which are delinquent:

- 2017-M9 due 10-10-2017
- 2017-M10 due 11-13-2017
- 2017-M11 due 12-11-2017
- 2018-TR1 due 03-26-2018 [termination report]

I did check with other staff members in our office, and came to the conclusion that this was Mr. Heim's the first attempt at candidacy in Lee County.

Thank you for your patience in waiting for our reply. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you need further information.

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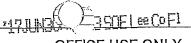
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EXHIBIT <u>12</u>



OFFICE USE ONLY

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)
(Please print or type)

Signature of Candidate

SCANNED

1, John G. Heim
candidate for the office of COUNTY COMMUSIONER DISTRICT
have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

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

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EXHIBIT 13





FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

Case No.: FEC 17-382

Respondent: John G. Heim Complainant: Cheryl Futch

1. **Date and time:** 01/05/18 @ 2:49 p.m.

Name: April - BB&T Bank **Phone** #: 910-272-4321

Summary: April, a representative with BB&T Bank, called in response to receiving the subpoena for bank records issued in this case. She inquired as to any other identifying information such as an address for Respondent as she was not having any success in locating records with how it was laid out in the subpoena. I reviewed the case-file and provided her with the address on file for Respondent. She said that she would use the address to see if she could find an account in Respondent's name.

Memo to File? No Entered by: KS

2. **Date and time:** 01/31/18 @ 10:13 a.m.

Name: Cheryl Futch - Complainant/Qualifying Officer

Phone #: 239-533-6311

Summary: I called Ms. Futch to ask her a few questions concerning Respondent, specifically, whether he has ever filed his M9 report and whether his first two reports were filed timely. Also, to inquire as to whether Respondent has run for office on previous occasions. I left a message on her voice-mail asking that she return my telephone call at her earliest convenience.

Memo to File? No Entered by: KS

3. **Date and time:** 01/31/18 @ 11:14 a.m.

Name: Tammy Lipa – Administrative Support Specialist

Phone #: 239-533-6329

Summary: Ms. Lipa, who works with Ms. Futch, called on behalf of Complainant as she

was out-of-the-office.

I inquired of her as to whether Respondent ever filed his 2017 M9 report and if so, the date he filed it. Ms. Lipa said that to her knowledge he has not filed the M9 report. She added that their filing system has been down for approximately 10 days and she is aware that Respondent has filed something but at this time she is unable to determine what it is he has filed. She said she is assuming that it may be his termination report but she is uncertain. It was agreed that when their system is up and running again that she would review what document or documents he has filed and that she would e-mail to advise me what he filed. When asked, she said that Respondent did timely file his M6 & M7 reports. I inquired of her as to whether Respondent has been a candidate on a previous occasion. She said that she does not believe he has run for office prior to this election but she would double-check to make sure.





Ms. Lipa was asked about Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook and if these items were provided to Respondent. She said that usually the office will direct the candidate to their office's website and advise him or her to download and print the documents. She said that she and Ms. Futch showed Respondent where the documents could be found on their website but in addition, the office provided him with hard copies of both Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and the candidate handbook. She said that where Respondent was a first-time candidate and he had started his campaign so early in the process, they provided him with actual copies of the documents.

Memo to File? No Entered by: KS

4. **Date and time:** 02/12/18 @ 10:45 a.m.

Name: Respondent **Phone** #: 407-460-6452

Summary: I tried calling Respondent for the purpose of providing him with an overview of the case and to afford him an opportunity to respond. I left a message on his voice-mail asking that he return my telephone call at his earliest convenience.

Memo to File? No Entered by: KS

5. **Date and time:** 02/12/18 @ 11:03 a.m.

Name: Respondent **Phone** #: 407-460-6452

Summary: Respondent returned my telephone call from earlier. I informed him that the referral from the local supervisor of elections office was the result of him not filing his M8 report, which he eventually did some time well after the complaint was filed, and his M9 report. I also informed him that it appeared that he did not have receive any funds or make any expenditures during his campaign; he agreed. Respondent was advised that he should have filed a notification-of-no-activity report covering both reporting periods but that he did not do so. Respondent's only response was that he was "in disposed" at the time and that he had been out-of-town. Respondent said that he is planning to go and visit the supervisor of elections office and "get this matter behind him" and take care of any outstanding matters with their office. When asked, Respondent confirmed his address as: 8931 Somerset Boulevard, #31-D, Fort Myers, FL 33919.

Memo to File? No Entered by: KS

6. Date and time:

Name: Phone #:

Summary:

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

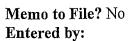
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Name:

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Summary:

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8. Date and time:
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Summary:
Memo to File? No
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9. Date and time:
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Memo to File? No
Entered by:

10. Date and time:
Name:
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Summary:
Memo to File? No
Entered by:

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

Case No.: FEC 17-449

Respondent: John G. Heim Complainant: Cheryl Futch

1. **Date and time:** 03/20/18 @ 9:38 a.m.

Name: Tammy Lipa – Lee County SOEs office

Phone #: 239-533-6329

Summary: I called Ms. Lipa to ensure that Respondent has not filed a notification-of-no-activity for the 2017 M9 and M10 reporting periods as it appeared he had not after viewing their website. Ms. Lipa confirmed that nothing has been filed for either reporting period.

Memo to File? No Entered by: KS

2. **Date and time:** 03/20/18 @ 10:08 a.m.

Name: Respondent **Phone** #: 407-460-6452

Summary: I called Respondent to advise him that I had previously contacted him concerning the 2017 M8 and M9 reporting periods and that subsequently the local supervisor of elections office notified our office about the 2017 M10 reporting period.

I reminded Respondent that he had informed me during our last telephone conversation in February 2018 that he was planning to take care of the outstanding reports, however, after speaking with Tammy Lipa earlier this morning, he has yet to take care of the 2017 M9 and 2017 M10 reporting periods.

Respondent said that he wants to "nip this in the bud" and take care of it once and for all but he was unsure as to what to file. I advised him to contact Tammy Lipa with the Lee County Supervisor of Elections office and I provided him with her direct telephone number.

I reminded Respondent that when we spoke in February concerning the 2017 M8 and M9 reporting periods, he had advised me that he was "in disposed" at the time as he had been out of town. When asked if that same reason applied to not filing anything for the 2017 M10 reporting period, he said that he was uncertain whether he was out of town during that reporting period. Respondent added that he is a "lobbyist for clean water in our state" and that he is constantly traveling and that he does not always have access to a printer.

Respondent was encouraged once more to contact Tammy at the LCSOEs office to determine what was needed for him to file notice with their office and to avoid other referral/complaints made against him; he said that he would.

Memo to File? No Entered by: KS

3. Date and time:

EXHIBIT 14 (4 or 5)

Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Memo to File? No
Entered by:

4. Date and time:

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Memo to File? No

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Entered by:

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Memo to File? No Entered by:

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Memo to File? No

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Summary:

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

EXHIBIT 14 (525)



FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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

Fax: (850) 921-0783

www.fec.state.fl.us; fec@myfloridalegal.com

March 8, 2018

John G. Heim 8931 Somerset Blvd. #31-D Ft. Myers, FL 33919

RE: Case No.: FEC 17-449; Respondent: John G. Heim

Dear Mr. Heim:

On December 7, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violations:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

- 2017 M8
- 2017 M9
- 2017 M10

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when he failed to file a report on the prescribed reporting date for the following reporting periods:

- 2017 M8
- 2017 M9
- 2017 M10

John G. Heim March 8, 2018 Page 2 FEC 17-449

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to you at the above address. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will make a written recommendation (Staff Recommendation or SR) to the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to charge respondent with violating Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You will have an opportunity to respond to both the ROI and the SR. The Commission will then hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violations occurred and, if so, the amount of the fine to be imposed. You and the complainant will receive notice at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you **notify us of a new address**. Also, please remember that complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, are **confidential** until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause.

For additional information, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Commission's website (www.fec.state.fl.us).

If you have additional questions, please contact **Keith Smith**, the investigator assigned to this case at extension 112.

Sincerely,

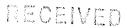
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Executive Director

AMT/enr

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

COMPLAINT



The Commission's records and proceedings in a case are confidential until the Commission rules on probable cause. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the person against whom it is brought.

1.	1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:	COLICIES COMMIS	SION
	Name: Cheryl Futch-Qualifying Officer W	ork Phone: (239)	533-6311
	Address: Lee County Supervisor of Elections-2480 Thompson St Ho	/ork Phone: (<u>239</u>) ome Phone: ()	N/A
	Address: Lee County Supervisor of Elections-2480 Thompson St Hocity: Fort Myers County: LEE State: FL	Zip Code: 33	901
2.	2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:		
	If you intend to name more than one individual or entity, please file can be an individual, political committee, political party, organization, club, corporation, partnership, company, association, organization, club, corporation, club,	electioneering cor	mmunication
	Name of individual or entity: John G. Heim		
	Address: 8931 Somerset Blvd #31-D	Phone: (<u>407</u>) <u></u>	460-6452
	Address: 8931 Somerset Blvd #31-D City: Fort Myers County: Lee State: FL	_ Zip Code: 339	919
	If individual is a candidate, list the office or position sought: County	/ Commission-Dis	strict 2
	Have you filed this complaint with the State Attorney's Office? (che		✓ No
	Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.271(2), F.S.? (check one)	Yes No	
	Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.2715, F.S.? (check one)	Yes 🖊 No	
3.	B. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):		
	Please attach a <u>concise</u> narrative statement in which you list the pr Code that you believe the person named above may have violated. T only to investigate provisions of Chapter 104 and Chapter 106, Flori following items as part of your attached statement:	The Commission ha	s jurisdiction
	 The facts and actions that you believe support the violations The names/telephone numbers of persons whom you believe A copy or picture of any political advertisement(s) you menti A copy of each document you mention in your statement; 	e may be witnesses	

SEE REVERSE SIDE OF DOCUMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any other evidence supporting your allegations.

An explanation of why you believe information you reference from websites is relevant; and

Any person who files a complaint while <u>knowing</u> that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes.

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050 4. OATH: STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF Lee I swear or affirm that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Sworn to and subscribed before	e me this 5th day of
December	, ₂₀ <u>17</u>
Jamais A Ju	
Signature of Officer Authorized	to Administer Oaths or Notary Public

Original/Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Comm# FF131843 Expires 6/11/2018	
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Publi	c)
Personally KnownOr Produced Identification	
ype of Identification Produced	

TAMARIS A. LIPA NOTARY PUBLIC

5. IMPROPERLY COMPLETED COMPLAINT FORMS MAY BE RETURNED:

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



CONSTITUTIONAL COMPLEX
P.O. BOX 2545
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 33902
(239) LEE-VOTE
(239) 533-8683
FAX: (239) 533-6310
www.lee.vote

December 5, 2017

Florida Elections Commission 107 Wes Gaines Street – Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

Re: John G. Heim – Candidate for County Commissioner-District2
Attachment to Initial Complaint – FAIL TO FILE CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORTS

Our office has been in contact with JOHN G. HEIM for some time now. Since he has verbally mentioned that he intends to withdraw his candidacy since mid-September, he has failed to file three [3] Campaign Treasurer's Reports. Mr. Heim has not sent in a written statement of withdrawal of candidacy [which has been provided to him several times]. Mr. Heim has advised our office several times that he would be in to complete the outstanding reports, submit a Candidate Withdrawal Statement and close his file; to date, this has not been completed.

Mr. Heim failed to file Campaign Treasurer's Report 2017-M8 due 09/11/2017 and Campaign Treasurer's Report 2017-M9 due 10/10/2017 which we have previously reported him for he now has a third report he has failed to file the 2017-M10 due 11/13/2017. This violates Chapter 106.07(1).

Also included are copies of supported documentation:

- emails of report reminder notices
- email correspondence
- Campaign Financial Reporting System Affidavit
- phone records

Cheryl Futch
Qualifying Officer
On behalf of Tommy Doyle
Supervisor of Elections



Fwd: John G Heim

1 message

Cheryl Futch <cfutch@lee.vote>

Mon, Oct 16, 2017 at 8:55 AM

To: John Heim <lowtidefilms@gmail.com>, TAMMY LIPA <tlipa@lee.vote>

Good Morning Mr. Heim,

Per your request to Tammy, I am providing you with the forms required to withdraw from the 2018 County Commission Election. These forms were originally sent to you September 22, 2017, by Tammy at your request. You may scan and email the form and send it to myself or Tammy or FAX the form to (239) 533-6310...

In addition, you still have two unfiled campaign reports you are responsible for filing. You will also have one Termination Report that will be due once we receive your withdraw paperwork.

Cheryl Futch

Qualifying Officer

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----- Forwarded message -----From: Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote> Date: Fri, Sep 22, 2017 at 12:28 PM

Subject: Re: John G Heim

To: john heim <lowtidefilms@gmail.com>

Cc: Bernie Feliciano

 Cheryl Futch <cfutch@lee.vote>

Hi John,

As we discussed on the phone, a signed statement is required to withdraw as a candidate. The form is attached, please sign the form and send back to our office.

"You may scan and email the form or \ ¬X the form to (239) 533-6310.

Also, you are still required to file the M-8 campaign report that was due on 09/11/2017 [even if it is a waiver]. After you withdraw your candidacy, you will be required to file a termination report 90 days from the date of termination.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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On Fri, Sep 22, 2017 at 11:48 AM, john heim <lowtidefilms@gmail.com> wrote:

Can I do this online with ya? Rather then come in to officially sort thru it all with a withdrawal of running and the filing of the paperwork. I can't get off work today so I can't come up. John G Heim.

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Candidate Call List

1 message

Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote>

Thu, Nov 9, 2017 at 10:49 AM

To: Bernie Feliciano

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Everyone has been contacted !!

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NICHOLAS ALEXANDER	10:41 AM	239-207-6497	Left message for Nicholas. Reminded him of report due.
JOHN HEIM	10:43 AM	407-460-6452	Left message for John. Reminded him of report due. Campaign File is in violation
FAMILIES FOR CAPE CORALS FUTURE	10:45 AM	239-542-1976	Left message for Yvonne.
CCPFF	10:47 AM	239-896-2204	Spoke w/Matthew. He will file by deadline.
COMMITTEE FOR A BETTER ESTERO	10:48 AM	239-405-8090	Spoke with Wayne. He will file by deadline.

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Campaign Treasurer's Report Due [11/13/2017] [2017-M10] CANDIDATE

1 message

Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote>

Thu, Nov 9, 2017 at 10:50 AM

To: NICHOLAS ALEXANDER <dr.n.c.alexander@gmail.com>, LISA ALEXANDER <another4lisa@gmail.com>, JOHN G

HEIM <lowtidefilms@gmail.com>

Cc: Bernie Feliciano <bfeliciano@lee.vote>, Cheryl Futch <cfutch@lee.vote>

Please respond that you have reviewed this communication.

Refer to the Calendar of Reporting Dates in order to ensure you file your campaign finance report on time. The Lee County Elections Office provides a courtesy reminder notice prior to each report due date, however, the absence of a reminder notice does not release the candidate or campaign treasurer from his/her obligation to timely file a required campaign finance report.

Due Date	Reporting Period Covered	Report Type Code
11/13/17	10/01/17 through 10/31/17	M10

User ID, password and PIN #s required. Submit the report **BEFORE** (Midnight) 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time of the report's due date. Access the Campaign Financial Reporting System by logging on:

https://www.voterfocus.com/ws/wscand/candidate login.php?county=lee

A LATE REPORT WILL BE ASSESSED A FINE—FILE ON TIME!

Do not he sitate to contact the Qualifying Department if you have questions or concerns.

Cheryl Futch, Qualifying Officer	239-533-6311	cfutch@lee.vote
Tammy Lipa, Administration Support Specialist	239-533-6329	tlipa@lee.vote
Bernie Feliciano, Chief Deputy, Administration	239-533-6304	bfeliciano@lee.vote

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Campaign Treasurer's Report Due [11/13/2017] [2017-M10] CANDIDATE

1 message

Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote>

Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 8:06 AM

To: NICHOLAS ALEXANDER <dr.n.c.alexander@gmail.com>, LISA ALEXANDER <another4lisa@gmail.com>, JOHN G

HEIM <lowtidefilms@gmail.com>

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M₁₀ REPORT DUE

1 message

Cheryl Futch <cfutch@lee.vote>

Wed, Nov 15, 2017 at 10:25 AM

To: John Heim <lowtidefilms@gmail.com>, TAMMY LIPA <tlipa@lee.vote>

2nd Notice

Please respond that you have reviewed this communication.

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I would like to remind you Mr. Heim in addition to this report being late you still have two previous reports that you still have not filed. Our office would appreciate you rectifying this situation.

Cheryl Futch

Qualifying Officer

PO Box 2545

Ft Myers FL 33902

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Direct Number: 239-533-6311

Fax Number: 239-533-6310

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Candidate Withdrawal and Campaign Report Filings

1 message

Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote>

Wed, Nov 29, 2017 at 12:24 PM

To: JOHN G HEIM < lowtidefilms@gmail.com>

Cc: Bernie Feliciano

 Sfeliciano@lee.vote>, Cheryl Futch <cfutch@lee.vote>

Hi John,

It was good speaking with you this afternoon and glad to hear you are feeling better. To follow up our phone call, I look forward to seeing you in our office tomorrow.

At that time, we will assist you in filing the M8, M9 and M10 Campaign Reports that are past due, accept your withdrawal of candidacy and assist you in filing your Termination Report.

See you tomorrow.

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Missed Meeting - Candidate Withdrawal and Campaign Report Filings

Tammy Lipa <tlipa@lee.vote>

Thu, Nov 30, 2017 at 4:49 PM

To: JOHN G HEIM <lowtidefilms@gmail.com>
Co: Bernie Feliciano

bfeliciano@lee.vote>

Hi John,

You mentioned when we spoke yesterday that you would be in to see me regarding your past due reports and candidate withdrawal paperwork.

It is the end of the day, and you have not been in to satisfy your campaign requirements.

It is strongly recommended that you take care of your file deficiencies as soon as possible.

Thank you,

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Candidate and Committee Campaign Financial Reporting System Affidavit

The Lee County Supervisor of Elections provides its own Campaign Financial Reporting System for the filing of campaign finance reports required in accordance with Sections 106.07(5), 106.0703(4), 106.071(1), FS 106.29(2) Florida Statutes. The Campaign Financial System (CFR System) facilitates the electronic filing of required campaign finance reports in lieu of filing original and signed campaign finance reports by hand delivery or standard mail.

Please indicate your position:

(If you hold more than one position, mark appropriate boxes.)

1. Candidate for Public Office (if candidate is also treasurer or a deputy treasurer, mark appropriate box 10 #5 or #5	2. Chairman—Executive Political Party 3. Chairman—PC-Political Committee 4. Principal Officer—ECO-Electioneering Organization (If also serving as treasurer or a deputy treasurer, mark appropriate box for #5 or #6)	5. Campaign Treasurer 6. Deputy Campaign Treasurer	
Individual or person filing an Independent Expenditure or Electioneering Communication Report (not same as #1 through #6)			

State of Florida County of Lee

In using the Campaign Financial Reporting System provided by the Lee County Supervisor of Elections, my signature on this affidavit serves as certification of any campaign treasurer's report filed by me or on my behalf as a candidate for public office; as a campaign treasurer or deputy campaign treasurer; as a chairman for an executive political party committee or political committee, as a principal officer of an electioneering communication organization; as an individual or person filing an independent expenditure report; or as an individual or person filing an electioneering communication report.

I certify that I will examine each report for correctne	ss and further certify to the accuracy and veracity o	of each report filed aff	ter such
examination.			
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Signature	Print Name	Date //	
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CANDIDATE CAMPAIGN FILE COVER SHEET

✓ORIGINAL	REVISED		
Candidate Name	JOHN G. HEIM		
Residence Address	8931 Source fot BLUD. 31-D		
City and Zip Code	FT MYERS 33919.		
	Check if same as above. Check if different from residence.		
Mailing Address			
Telephone Number(s)	Daytime (list below) OR OR		
	407-460-6460 N/A		
Campaign Email Address	CONTIDEFILM SC GMAIL. COMM.		
Campaign Website			
Office Sought	Lee County Commissioner.		
Area, District, Group or Seat #	DISTRICT #2.		
→ Judicial, School Board, Supervisor of Elections, and Special District Offices such as Community Development, Fire, Health System, Library and Mosquito Control are non-partisan offices. A candidate for any of these offices, must indicate "non-			
 partisan" on the line below. A candidate for a Constitutional Office or Coindicate a political party affiliation or "No Page 10". 	ounty Commission may file partisan or "No Party Affiliation" (NPA) and shall arty Affiliation" on the line below.		
→ Political Party for Office Sought	WRITE IN.		
Date of Birth	AV 12 70		
or Voter Registration ID #	07-12-10		
Date	6 30 17.		
Candidate Signature			

The Lee County Supervisor of Elections posts all candidate-qualifying documents and campaign finance reports on its website www.lee.vote or visit the following link: http://www.lee.vote/campaigns/candidate-packets/ and http://www.lee.vote/campaigns/candidate-packets/ and http://www.lee.vote/campaigns/candidate-packets/ and address, telephone number, and email address are available to the public. Do not hesitate to contact this office at (239) LEE-VOTE (239-533-8683) for more information about becoming a candidate for public office.

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APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.	OFFICE USE ONLY		
1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):			
· ·	reasurer/Deputy Depository Office Party		
2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)	3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code) & R Summer & BUD & D		
4. Telephone 5. E-mail address (907) 460-6452 LOWTIDEF LM COLOR	Alcon FT MYERS FL 33919		
6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number) COUNTY COMMISS 10 NEX DIST	7. If a candidate for a <u>nonpartisan</u> office, check if applicable: My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.		
8. If a candidate for a <u>partisan</u> office, check block and fill	in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a		
Write-In No Party Affiliation	Party candidate.		
9. I have appointed the following person to act as my	Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer		
10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer			
11. Mailing Address 893 Sowerse DUD	12. Telephone (407) - 460-6452.		
13. City 14. County 15. Str	ate 16. Zip Code 17. E-mail address 1. 33919 UWTIDE TIMSC GWAIL		
18 I have designated the following bank as my	Primary Depository Secondary Depository		
19. Name of Bank BR+T BANK	20. Address ESTERO BUD		
21. City 22. County Le	23. State 24. Zip Code 3393)		
UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.			
25. Date 6 30 17	26. Signature of Candidate		
27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointmen	t (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)		
I, ON G. HOLM (Please Print or Type Name)	, do hereby accept the appointment		
designated above as: Campaign Treasure	r Deputy Treasurer.		
6 30 17 X	Signature of Campaign Treasure of Beputy Treasurer		

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

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STATEMENT OF **CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.) (Please print or type)

Signature of Candidate

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. John G	. Heim		1	
candidate for the office of	County	Comamisioner	DISTRICT	$\tilde{\alpha}$

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

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

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