

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Andy Mele

Case No.: FEC 20-600

TO: Andy Mele
1443 Sea Gull
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Division of Elections
500 S. Bronough Street, Room 316
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

AMENDED NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)
(ONLY CHANGES MADE WERE TO CORRECT WEBINAR ID &
TELECONFERENCE DIAL-IN NUMBER & ACCESS CODE

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Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
August 23, 2021

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Commission Meeting August 31, 2021 at 8:30AM via GoToWebinar and OpenVoice

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CASE REPORT
Case Number: FEC 20-600

NAME: ANDY MELE

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 12/02/2020

DATE REPORT DUE: 08/14/2020 (2020 P7)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 10/19/2020

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 66

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$3,175.33

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$12,701.33

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$0

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 11/24/2020 (Final Fine Notice)

SUMMARY: Andy Mele was a candidate for State Representative, District 71, in the 2020 elections. Mr. Mele was his own treasurer.

Andy Mele is appealing the fine claiming that he sent the report to Mindy LaCroix on August 17th for Ms. LaCroix to submit. Mr. Mele asserts that Ms. LaCroix was his treasurer. According to Mr. Mele, he is “willing to pay the fine for being 4 or 5 days late, but not for two months!” Mr. Mele included a partial screenshot from Microsoft Excel to show when he sent the report.

- The 2020 P7 Original Report covers the period from 08/01/20-08/13/20; it was due on 08/14/20.
- The 2020 P7 Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created and filed on 08/14/20.¹
- Andy Mele reported receiving 33 contributions while making zero expenditures.
- FEC staff was advised, “The candidate filed a notice of no activity (waiver) on 08/14/20. A waiver is not a report. On 10/19/20, the candidate filed a report showing \$12,701.33 of activity. The fine is based on 25% of the activity.”
- The Division of Elections does not have any notes that pertain to Andy Mele’s 2020 P7 report.

PRIOR CASES: None.

¹ The filing discussed in this bullet refers to the waiver that reflected zero activity.

Andy Mele
CAN 76043
1444 Sea Gull Ct.
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

November 20, 2020

Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines St., Ste. 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0150

To Whom it May Concern:

Regarding the DOE letter of November 4, 2020, I request an appeal of the \$3,175.33 fine levied, alleging that I did not file my P7 report until October 19. Attached please find a screen shot from my computer as proof that I completed the report and submitted it to Mindy LaCroix, my Treasurer, on August 17. Assuming she didn't get it to you until the following day, I am willing to pay the fine for being 4 or 5 days late, but not for two months!

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AM', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andy Mele

 6-27 to 7-10 donor report.xlsx	Jul 17, 2020 at 12:30 PM	17 KB	Micros...k (.xlsx)
 7-11 to 7-17 donor report.xlsx	Jul 18, 2020 at 1:17 PM	14 KB	Micros...k (.xlsx)
 7-18 to 7-24 donor report.xlsx	Jul 27, 2020 at 1:16 PM	14 KB	Micros...k (.xlsx)
 7-25 to 7-31 donor report.xlsx	Aug 7, 2020 at 4:11 PM	14 KB	Micros...k (.xlsx)
 8-1 to 8-13 donor report.xlsx	Aug 17, 2020 at 3:13 PM	16 KB	Micros...k (.xlsx)
 8-14 to 8-21 donors report.xlsx	Aug 27, 2020 at 4:12 PM	13 KB	Micros...k (.xlsx)
 8-22 to 9-4 donor report.xlsx	Sep 12, 2020 at 10:41 AM	16 KB	Micros...k (.xlsx)
 9-5 to 9-18 donor report.xlsx	Sep 28, 2020 at 12:50 PM	21 KB	Micros...k (.xlsx)
 9-19 to 10-2 Donor Report.xlsx	Oct 19, 2020 at 1:45 PM	20 KB	Micros...k (.xlsx)



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurel M. Lee
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Final Notice
Delivery Confirmation:

USPS TRACKING # **9114 9023 0722 4158 6711 85**
& CUSTOMER RECEIPT For Tracking or inquiries go to USPS.com
or call 1-800-222-1811

November 24, 2020

Andy Mele
Candidate for State Representative, District 71
1444 Sea Gull Court
Punta Gorda, FL 33950-3950

CAN 76043

Dear Mr. Mele:

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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

Laurel M. Lee
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

November 4, 2020

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Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

(1) Andy Mele (2) 76043
 Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 1444 Sea Gull Court Punta Gorda FL 33950
 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 08/01/2020 To 08/13/2020 Report Type: P7

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$3,501.33
Loans	\$9,200.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$12,701.33
In-Kind	\$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

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

(8) Other Distributions

Certification

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

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

Name of Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X
Signature

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

Name of Candidate Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X
Signature

Name: Andy Mele

Report: 2020 P7

Period: 08/01/2020 to 08/13/2020

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

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	In-Kind Description	Amend
1	GARRA, KATHRYN 7060 VENICE WAY #3102 NAPLES, FL 34119	I	ADMIN	\$1.02
08/01/2020		CHE		ADD
2	ELSWICK, DENISE 6904 7TH AVE. BLVD NW BRADENTON, FL 34209	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$25.00
08/02/2020		CHE		ADD
3	EACHO, WILLIAM 6223 KENNEDY DR. CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$50.00
08/03/2020		CHE		ADD
4	MELE ANDRE 1444 SEA GULL CT. PUNTA GORDA, FL 33950	S	CANDIDATE	\$1,200.00
08/03/2020		LOA		ADD
5	WOLFE, WILLIAM 525 SOUTH FLAGLER DRIVE WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33401	I	EXECUTIVE	\$50.98
08/03/2020		CHE		ADD
6	LEVIN, JOAN 14 UPLAND LANE ARMONK, NY 10504	I	ATTORNEY	\$1.96
08/04/2020		CHE		ADD
7	COLLIER, KENT 243 8TH ST. APT. 1R BROOKLYN, NY 11215	I	CEO	\$98.04
08/04/2020		CHE		ADD
8	COLLIER, KENT 243 8TH ST. APT. 1R BROOKLYN, NY 11215	I	CEO	\$58.82
08/04/2020		CHE		ADD
9	LEVENSON, BRUCE 11529 TWINING LANE POTOMAC, MD 20854	I	PARTNER	\$1,000.00
08/04/2020		CHE		ADD
10	MELE ANDRE 1444 SEA GULL CT. PUNTA GORDA, FL 33950	S	CANDIDATE	\$5,000.00
08/04/2020		LOA		ADD
11	STONE, DANIEL 75 LIVINGSTON ST. 14D BROOKLYN, NY 11201	I	PRODUCT MANAGER	\$2.00
08/04/2020		CHE		ADD
12	WERLINK, RUDY 1220 STONE HARBOUR WINTER SPRINGS, FL 32708	I	SCIENTIST	\$2.00
08/06/2020		CHE		ADD
13	BERNSTEIN, JILL 300 SEMINOLE AVE. APT. 5A PALM BEACH, FL 33480	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$100.00
08/06/2020		CHE		ADD
15	GARCIA, ELIZABETH 344 ROSELING CROSSING DAVENPORT, FL 33897	I	COUNSELOR	\$1.00
08/07/2020		CHE		ADD
16	DIAL, DONNA 520 WREN AVE. MIAMI, FL 33166	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$2.00
08/08/2020		CHE		ADD
17	SRAMEK, ANDRA 109 CHERRYWOOD DR. FISHKILL, NY 12424	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$100.00
08/09/2020		CHE		ADD
18	SCHAFFER, JOANNE 2219 SW 59 AVE. MIAMI, FL 33155	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$3.92
08/10/2020		CHE		ADD
19	ARMAN-VALDIVIA, JESSIKA 3232 MAYFLOWER ST. SARASOTA, FL 34231	I	REALTOR	\$100.00
08/10/2020		CHE		ADD
20	BLAND, SONYA 6525 KIOWA CT. PLANO, TX 75023	I	BARISTA	\$2.00
08/10/2020		CHE		ADD
21	CLINE, DYLAN 4274 QUEEN ANNE DR. UNION CITY, CA 94587	I	TEACHER	\$1.00
08/10/2020		CHE		ADD

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Report: 2020 P7

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08/10/2020		LOA		ADD
23	JOHNSTON, MICHELLE 4927 TAYWATER DELL SARASOTA, FL 34235	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$25.00
08/10/2020		CHE		ADD
24	KIRSCH, CAROL "2121 WEBSTER ST., APT. 301" SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94115	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$19.61
08/11/2020		CHE		ADD
25	JOSEPH, VICTORIA 7120 FAIRFAX RD. BETHESDA, MD 20814	I	PSYCHOTHERAPIST	\$4.90
08/11/2020		CHE		ADD
26	WEINTRAUB, RONALD "975 MEMORIAL DRIVE, APT. 211" CAMBRIDGE, MD 2138	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$400.00
08/11/2020		CHE		ADD
27	TRIGG, ANN 71 QUALLA HILLS ROAD WHITTIER, NC 28789	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$1.00
08/12/2020		CHE		ADD
28	GRAHAM, ROBYN 17329 BIRCHWOOD LANE FORT MYERS, FL 33908	I	LOGISTICS	\$1.00
08/12/2020		CHE		ADD
29	BROWN, INETTE 2300 WOLF ST. UNIT 4B DALLAS, TX 75201	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$102.00
08/12/2020		CHE		ADD
30	ZIOMEK, JOE AND GWEN 6106 MISTY OAKS ST. SARASOTA, FL 34243	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$1,000.00
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31	HIMMELFARB, ELLIOTT 1235 CENTER PLACE SARASOTA, FL 34236	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$100.00
08/13/2020		CHE		ADD
32	WOLFE, WILLIAM 525 SOUTH FLAGLER DR. WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33401	I	EXECUTIVE	\$52.00
08/13/2020		CHE		ADD
33	PESKOWSKI, PENELOPE 4801 INDIAN LANE NW WASHINGTON, DC 20016	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$196.08
08/06/2020		CHE		ADD

Name: Andy Mele

Report: 2020 P7

Period: 08/01/2020 to 08/13/2020

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

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

Name: Andy Mele

Report: 2020 P7

Period: 08/01/2020 to 08/13/2020

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

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

Name: Andy Mele

Report: 2020 P7

Period: 08/01/2020 to 08/13/2020

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

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

Queued Items for 2020-P7

Account: 76043

STR 071 Andy Mele

Rpt Seq: 8

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	76043	8/14/2020 5:10:20 PM	8/14/2020 5:10:20 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	76043	8/14/2020 5:10:57 PM	8/14/2020 5:10:58 PM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	76043	10/19/2020 4:07:35 PM	10/19/2020 4:07:35 PM
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Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	76043	10/19/2020 4:15:45 PM	10/19/2020 4:15:45 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	76043	10/19/2020 4:18:30 PM	10/19/2020 4:18:30 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	76043	10/19/2020 4:35:53 PM	10/19/2020 4:35:53 PM
Recalc Pending Report Total	Processing Complete	76043	10/19/2020 4:35:59 PM	10/19/2020 4:35:59 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	76043	10/19/2020 4:47:33 PM	10/19/2020 4:47:47 PM



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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Candidate Name: **Andy Mele**

Name:

Account: [76043](#)

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
2/1/2021	TR	1/31/2021						
10/30/2020	G6	10/30/2020						
10/23/2020	G5	10/29/2020	APP	6	\$1,122.72		\$1,122.72	\$0.00
10/9/2020	G4	10/9/2020						
9/25/2020	G3	9/25/2020						
9/11/2020	G2	9/11/2020						
8/28/2020	G1	8/28/2020						
8/14/2020	P7	8/14/2020	APP	0	\$3,175.33		\$3,175.33	\$0.00
8/7/2020	P6	8/7/2020	CLO	0	\$205.98		\$205.98	\$205.98
7/31/2020	P5	7/30/2020						
7/24/2020	P4	7/23/2020						
7/17/2020	P3	7/17/2020						
7/3/2020	P2	7/14/2020	CLO	11	\$525.00		\$525.00	\$525.00
6/19/2020	P1	6/18/2020						
6/10/2020	M5	6/12/2020	CLO	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00

HISTORY NOTES
Andy Mele - 76043

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
72081	10/26/2020 3:51:00 PM		dsbrown
RE: Credential Request Form			
Candidate said had just found out that the person that has been filing his campaign finance reports is in the hospital with COVID. She hasn't filed any reports for the past week. He needed the password reset because he didn't know it. He did have the pins. He was not where he could log into his computer during the call.			
69267	6/9/2020 5:33:00 PM		zjsantos
RE: Credentials			
I left Mr. Mele a voicemail for him to call back if he has yet to receive his credentials, and reminded him that the 2020 M5 is due by midnight tomorrow.			



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

RON DESANTIS

Governor

LAUREL M. LEE

Secretary of State

May 22, 2020

Andre Mele
1444 Sea Gull Court
Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

Dear Mr. Mele:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Representative, which was placed on file in our office on May 22, 2020. Your name has been placed on the 2020 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **June 10, 2020**. The report will cover the period of May 1-31, 2020 (2020 M5). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

EFS Access

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. Enclosed are your confidential, filing credentials.

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

Identification Number: 76043

Timely Filing

All reports filed must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

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Andre Mele
May 22, 2020
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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% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Electronic Receipts

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

Instructions and Assistance


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

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <https://dos.myflorida.com/elections>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



 Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRW/zjs

Enclosures

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

**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):

Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Treasurer/Deputy Depository Office Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

Andre Peter Mele

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

1444 Sea Gull Ct.
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

4. Telephone

(914) 204-0030

5. E-mail address

andymele@mac.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

Florida House, District 71

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a

Write-In No Party Affiliation Democratic Party candidate.

9. I have appointed the following person to act as my Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Andre Mele

11. Mailing Address

1444 Sea Gull Ct.

12. Telephone

(914) 204-0030

13. City

Punta Gorda

14. County

Charlotte

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

33950

17. E-mail address

andymele@mac.com

18. I have designated the following bank as my Primary Depository Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

Bank of America

20. Address

126 E. Olympia Ave., Ste. 101

21. City

Punta Gorda

22. County

Charlotte

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

33950

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

May 21, 2020

26. Signature of Candidate

X 

27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Andre Mele, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

May 21, 2020

Date

X


Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE**

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

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

I, Andre Mele

candidate for the office of Florida House, District 71

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

X



Signature of Candidate

May 21, 2020

Date

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).