STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Enrique Lopez

Case No.: FEC 19-362

TO: Enrique Lopez 14381 Southwest 37th Street Miami, FL 33175

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (CONSENT ORDER)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, August 13, 2019 at 9:30 am, *or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard*, at the following location: Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Room 110-S, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

Failure to appear in accordance with this notice will constitute a waiver of your right to participate in the hearing. Continuances will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, which governs your participation as follows:

If you are the Respondent, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have 5 *minutes* to present your case to the Commission. However, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless you request to be heard or the Commission requests that your case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, your case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are the Complainant, you may attend the hearing, but you will *not* be permitted to address the Commission. In addition, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless the Respondent requests to be heard or the Commission requests that the case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, the case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are an Appellant, and you have requested a hearing, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have 5 *minutes* to present your case to the Commission.

Please be advised that both confidential and public cases are scheduled to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission on this date. As an Appellant, Respondent or Complainant in one case, you will *not* be permitted to attend the hearings on other confidential cases.

The Commission will electronically record the meeting. Although the Commission's recording is considered the official record of the hearing, the Respondent may provide, at his own expense, a certified court reporter to also record the hearing.

If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Ann Malphurs at (850) 922-4539 or by mail at 107 West Gaines Street, The Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at least 5 days before the hearing.

See further instructions on the reverse side.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission July 29, 2019 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

If this is a hearing to consider **an appeal from an automatic fine**, the Filing Officer has imposed a fine on you for your failure to file a campaign treasurer's report on the designated due date and, by filing an appeal, you have asked the Commission to consider either (1) that the report was in fact timely filed; or (2) that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure to file the report timely. You are required to prove your case. If the Commission finds that the report was filed timely or that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure, it may waive the fine, in whole or in part. The Commission may reduce a fine after considering the factors in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes. If the Commission finds that the report was not timely filed and there were no unusual circumstances, the fine will be upheld.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order before a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed and become public. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the case will remain confidential, unless confidentiality has been waived.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order after a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the Respondent will be entitled to another hearing to determine if the Respondent committed the violation(s) alleged.

If this is a **probable cause hearing**, the Commission will decide if there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent committed a violation of Florida's election laws. Respondent should be prepared to explain how the staff in its recommendation incorrectly applied the law to the facts of the case. *Respondent may not testify, call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence at the probable cause hearing*. The Commission will only decide whether Respondent should be *charged* with a violation and, before the Commission determines whether a violation has occurred or a fine should be imposed, Respondent will have an opportunity for another hearing at which evidence may be introduced.

If this is an **informal hearing**, it will be conducted pursuant Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes; Chapter 28 and Commission Rule 2B-1.004, Florida Administrative Code. At the hearing, the Commission will decide whether the Respondent committed the violation(s) charged in the Order of Probable Cause. The Respondent will be permitted to testify. However, the Respondent may not call witnesses to testify.

Respondent may argue why the established facts in the Staff Recommendation do not support the violations charged in the Order of Probable Cause. At Respondent's request, the Commission may determine whether Respondent's actions in the case were willful. The Respondent may also address the appropriateness of the recommended fine. If Respondent claims that his limited resources make him unable to pay the statutory fine, *he must provide the Commission with written proof of his financial resources* at the hearing. A financial affidavit form is available from the Commission Clerk.

THIS FILE CONTAINS INFORMATION THAT IS CONFIDENTIAL AND EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES

STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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Case No.: FEC 19-362 F.O. No.: FOFEC <#>

CONSENT ORDER

Respondent, Enrique Lopez, and the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) agree

that this Consent Order resolves all of the issues between the parties in this case. The parties jointly stipulate to the following facts, conclusions of law, and order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent was a 2018 candidate for State Representative, District 119.

2. On June 11, 2019, the Commission received a complaint alleging that Respondent

violated the following section(s) of The Florida Election Code:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, 2018 candidate for State Representative, District 119, 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 M6
- 2018 M2
- 2018 P1
- 2018 P2
- 2018 P3

3. No other legally sufficient violation of Chapter 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, was alleged in the complaint.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this cause, pursuant to Section 106.26, Florida Statutes.

5. The Commission considers the allegation(s) contained in the complaint a minor violation, pursuant to Rule 2B-1.003, Florida Administrative Code.

Respondent neither admits nor denies that he violated Section(s) 106.07(7), Florida
 Statutes.

ORDER

7. Respondent and the staff of the Commission have entered into this Consent Order freely and voluntarily.

8. Respondent shall bear his own attorney's fees and costs that are in any way associated with this case.

9. Respondent understands that before this Consent Order is final agency action, it must be approved by the Commission. The Commission will consider this Consent Order at its next available meeting.

10. Respondent voluntarily waives confidentiality upon approval of this Consent Order by the Commission, the right to any further proceedings under Chapters 104, 106, and 120, Florida Statutes, and the right to appeal the Consent Order.

11. Respondent will carefully review Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and avoid any future violation of the chapter.

12. Respondent agrees to correct immediately, if feasible, the violations alleged in the complaint.

13. Respondent shall remit to the Commission a civil penalty in the amount of \$250, inclusive of fees and costs. The civil penalty shall be paid by cashier's check, money order good

for at least 120 days, or attorney trust account check. The civil penalty shall be made payable to the Florida Elections Commission and sent to 107 West Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, as a condition precedent to the Commission's execution of this Consent Order.

Respondent hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Consent Order on $\frac{7}{26}/19$

Ennique Lopez

14381 SW 37th Street Miami, FL 33175

Commission staff hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Consent Order on

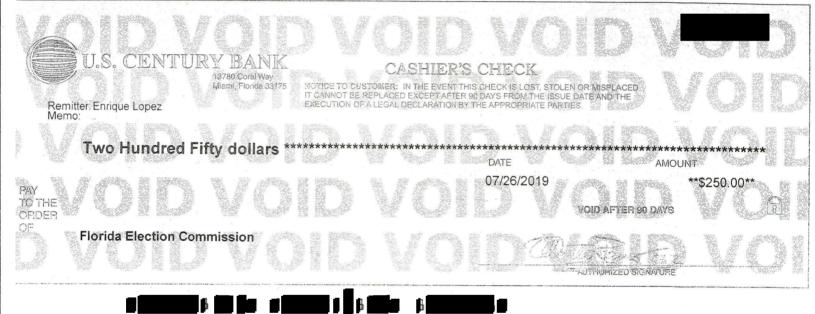
Stephanie J. Cunningham Assistant General Counsel Florida Elections Commission 107 West Gaines Street The Collins Building, Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

Approved by the Florida Elections Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting held on

, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Chair Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Stephanie J. Cunningham, Assistant General Counsel Enrique Lopez, Respondent Division of Elections, Complainant





FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION 107 W. Gaines Street Collins Building, Suite 224 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050 Telephone: (850) 922-4539 Fax: (850) 921-0783 www.fec.state.fl.us; fec@myfloridalegal.com

July 10, 2019

Enrique Lopez 14381 Southwest 37 Street Miami, FL 33175

RE: Case No.: FEC 19-362; Respondent: Enrique Lopez

Dear Mr. Lopez:

On June 11, 2019, 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 violation(s):

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, 2018 candidate for State Representative, District 119, 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 M6
- 2018 M2
- 2018 P1
- 2018 P2
- 2018 P3

However, prior to an investigation, you have the option to <u>resolve your case now by</u> signing a minor violation consent order and <u>paying a fine of \$250</u>, per Rule 2B-1.003, Florida Administrative Code, <u>rather than the potential \$1,000 per violation</u> provided for in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes.

If you sign the consent order, <u>you would not be required to admit or deny the allegation(s)</u> in the complaint, but you would be required to immediately correct the violation, if feasible.





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The signed consent order would then be considered by the Commission at its next available meeting, and would constitute final action by the Commission once it is accepted and approved by the Commission.

<u>Please contact Stephanie Cunningham at 850-922-4539</u>, or at the address listed above, to accept this minor violation consent order offer.

If you choose not to resolve the case by consent order, an investigation will be conducted, and then the Commission will hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violation(s) occurred and, if so, the amount of the fine to be imposed upon you. For more information, please see our FAQs available at <u>http://www.fec.state.fl.us</u>.

Sincerely,

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Tim Vaccaro Executive Director

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

To FEC from Division of Elections

Candidate:	Enrique Lopez
Account Number:	69715
Treasurer:	Enrique Lopez

The Division of Elections hereby provides this notice to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to Sections 106.07(8)(d), 106.22(7), and 106.25(2), Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, has occurred based upon repeated late filings or failure to file notifications to the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date under s. 106.07(7).

2017 M6

2018 M2

2018 P1

2018 P2

2018 P3

- Enrique Lopez (69715) was a 2018 candidate for the office of State Representative.
- On March 14, 2017, Mr. Lopez filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division designating himself as treasurer.
- The 2017 M6 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 10, 2017. Mr. Lopez failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Lopez filed a notification of no activity on July 15, 2017. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2018 M2 campaign treasurer's report was due on March 12, 2018. Mr. Lopez failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Lopez filed a notification of no activity on April 24, 2018. (See attached file receipt and letter.)

- The 2018 P1 campaign treasurer's report was due on June 29, 2018. Mr. Lopez failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Lopez filed a notification of no activity on August 1, 2018. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2018 P2 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 13, 2018. Mr. Lopez failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Lopez filed a notification of no activity on August 1, 2018. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2018 P3 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 27, 2018. Mr. Lopez failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Lopez filed a notification of no activity on August 1, 2018. (See attached file receipt and letter.)

Sent By: Kristi Reid Willis Date: May 20, 2019

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Treasurer Report Status

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July 18, 2017

Enrique Lopez 14381 Southwest 37 Street Miami, FL 33175-3175

CAN 69715

Dear Mr. Lopez:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of July 10, 2017, was not filed until July 15, 2017. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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

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Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

F Treasurer Report Status

ID: 69715 Name: Enrique Log	bez
Report: 2018 - M2 - 12 Election: 2018 General Election Covers: 2/1/2018-2/28/2018 Due: 3/12/2018	Print Date: 5/20/2019 9:14:23 AM
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May 9, 2018

Enrique Lopez 14381 Southwest 37 Street Miami, FL 33175-3175

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Dear Mr. Lopez:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of March 12, 2018, was not filed until April 24, 2018. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

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Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

F Treasurer Report Status

Report: 2018 - P1 - 16 Election: 2018 General Election Covers: 6/1/2018-6/22/2018 Due: 6/29/2018 Filed: 8/1/2018 3:25:43 PM File Status: Filed Report File Status: Filed Report	ID: 69715	Name: Enrique Lope	Z	
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August 6, 2018

Enrique Lopez 14381 Southwest 37 Street Miami, FL 33175-3175

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Dear Mr. Lopez:

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F Treasurer Report Status

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Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

Treasurer Report Status

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Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records