#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: South Florida Cannabis Committee Case No.: FEC 15-389

**TO:** South Florida Cannabis Committee

Brandon McNaughton, Chair 9410 Birmingham Drive Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 Division of Elections 500 S Bronough Street, Room 316 Tallahassee, FL 32399

#### NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, May 18, 2016 at 9:00 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

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:

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

See further instructions on the reverse side.

Amy McKeever Toman

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission May 3, 2016 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.

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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.

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#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

v.

South Florida Cannabis Committee,
Respondent.

#### ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 18, 2016, in Tallahassee, Florida

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 June 10, 2015, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before June 10, 2015, that Respondent would not be filing its 2015 M5 Report on the prescribed due date

#### Count 2:

On or about July 10, 2015, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before July 10, 2015, that Respondent would not be filing a 2015 M6 Report on the prescribed due date.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on February 18, 2016.

M. Scott Thomas, Chairman Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel
South Florida Cannabis Committee, Respondent
Division of Elections, 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.

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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 informal hearing, depending on whether the facts are in dispute. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order.

To request a hearing, please send a written request to the Commission Clerk, Donna Ann Malphurs. The address of the Commission Clerk is 107 W. Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050. The telephone number is (850) 922-4539. The Clerk will provide you with a copy of Chapter 28-106, *Florida Administrative Code*, and other applicable rules upon request. No mediation is available.

#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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**TO:** South Florida Cannabis Committee

9410 Birmingham Drive

Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

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

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#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re:	South Florida	Cannabis Committee	Case No.: FEC 15-3	389
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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 referral in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7)**, **Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on October 6, 2015, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation.

- 1 On August 4, 2015, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from Division of Elections ("Division") alleging that South Florida Cannabis Committee ("Respondent" or "Committee") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes
- Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division of Elections Its chairman is Brandon McNaughton. On April 28, 2015, Respondent filed its Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees form designating Kelsey McNaughton as its campaign treasurer (ROI Exhibits 1 and 6)<sup>1</sup>
- 3. On September 16, 2015, the Executive Director sent Respondent notification that Commission staff would investigate the following section of law:

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

- 2015 M5
- 2015 M6
- By letter dated April 29, 2015, Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, notified Mr McNaughton that the name of the Committee had been placed on the Division's active committee list as a political committee. A copy of the letter was sent to Respondent's treasurer. The letter advised Respondent that all political committees filing reports

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Report of Investigation shall be referred to herein as "ROI"

with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system ("EFS") and provided Respondent with a user identification number and initial password to grant access to the EFS (ROI Exhibit 2, pages 1 and 3)

- Ms. Bronson's April 29, 2015 letter further advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms were on its website. Additionally, the letter directed Respondent to print a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Political Committee Handbook* ("Handbook"), and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates* ("Calendar"). (ROI Exhibit 2, page 3 and Attachment A)
- Pages 12, 13, 45, and 46 of the *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* ("Guide") explain the steps a political committee should take to notify the Division in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed for the reporting period using the EFS Specifically, at the top of page 13, the Guide instructs the user to click the box next to "Waiver" if there is no financial activity to report (ROI Exhibit 4)
  - 7. Section 106 07(7), Florida Statutes, provides:

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)

8 Additionally, page 18 of the Handbook states that:

When there has been no reportable activity in the campaign account during a reporting period (no funds expended or received) the filing of the report may be waived by notifying the filing officer in writing that no activity has occurred. This notification must be made on the prescribed reporting date (Section 106 07, F.S.)

All waivers filed with the Division of Elections must be filed electronically using the Division's electronic filing system (Section 106 0705, F.S.)

(ROI Exhibit 3, pages 1 and 4)

9. The table below reflects Respondent's untimely written notifications to the Division:

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2015 M5	5/1/15 - 5/31/15	6/10/15	6/16/15	6
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(ROI Exhibit 5, page 1, ROI Paragraph 7)

- 10. Investigator Oliver attempted to contact Respondent's chairman on three occasions. Mr. Oliver left a voice message for Respondent each time requesting Mr. McNaughton to return the phone call However, Respondent's chairman failed to respond to any of Investigator Oliver's messages (Attachment B)
- "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).
- The above facts show that Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division Respondent failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed filing dates for the 2015 M5 and 2015 M6 Reports that it would not be filing a report for the corresponding reporting periods because it did not have any reportable financial transactions

Based on the foregoing, I recommend that the Commission find probable cause to charge Respondent with violating the following provisions of law:

#### Count 1:

On or about June 10, 2015, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before June 10, 2015, that Respondent would not be filing its 2015 M5 Report on the prescribed due date

#### Count 2:

On or about July 10, 2015, Respondent violated Section 106 07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before July 10, 2015, that Respondent would not be filing a 2015 M6 Report on the prescribed due date

Respectfully submitted on January 6, 2016,

Enril Eric M Lipman

General Counsel

I have reviewed this Staff Recommendation on the 6th day of January 2016.

Amy McKeever Tornan Executive Director

## 2015 Calendar of Reporting Dates

Candidates, Political Committees and Electioneering Communications Organizations registered with the Division of Elections

Cover Period	Report Code	<u>Due Date</u>
12/01/14 - 12/31/14	2014 M12	01/12/15
01/01/15 - 01/ 31/15	2015 M1	02/10/15
02/01/15 – 02/28/15	2015 M2	03/10/15
03/01/15 – 03/31/15	2015 M3	04/10/15
04/01/15 – 04/30/15	2015 M4	05/11/15
05/01/15 - 05/31/15	2015 M5	06/10/15
06/01/15 – 06/ 30/15	2015 M6	07/10/15
01/01/2014 - 12/31/14	2015 MUC*	06/30/15
07/01/15 – 07/31/15	2015 M7	08/10/15
08/01/15 – 08/31/15	2015 M8	09/10/15
09/01/15 – 09/30/15	2015 M9	10/13/15
10/01/15 – 10/31/15	2015 M10	11/10/15
11/01/15 – 11/ 30/15	2015 M11	12/10/15
12/01/15 – 12/31/15	2015 M12	1/11/16

<sup>\*</sup> If not reported as individual contributions when received, a political committee must report contributions that comprise multiple uniform contributions from the same person aggregating no more than \$250 per calendar year, collected by an organization that is the affiliated sponsor of the political committee. The report must list the name, address, and occupation of the person making the contribution; however, the occupation need not be listed if the aggregate contribution from the person is \$100 or less.

## FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

Case No.: FEC 15-389

Respondent: South Florida Cannabis Committee

Complainant: Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** September 24, 2015 @ 9:40 am

Name: Brandon McNaughton—Chair

**Phone #**: (561) 667-6916

Summary: I attempted telephone contact to make initial contact. I left a message to

return my call.

Memo to File? No
Entered by: CKO

2 Date and time: September 25, 2015 @ 3:30 pm

Name: Brandon McNaughton—Chair

**Phone #**: (561) 667-6916

Summary: I attempted telephone contact to make initial contact. I left a message to

return my call.

Memo to File? No
Entered by: CKO

3 **Date and time:** October 5, 2015 @ 8:50 am

Name: Brandon McNaughton—Chair

**Phone** #: (561) 667-6916

Summary: I attempted telephone contact to complete final interview. I left a message to

return my call
Memo to File? No
Entered by: CKO

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

### Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer Case Number FEC 15-389 Respondent: South Florida Cannabis Committee Section 106 07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a Complainant: Division of Elections political committee that did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a Respondent Type: reporting period to notify timely the filing Candidate officer, in writing, that no report is being filed Political Committee I. Preliminary Information: 1 An appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on April 28, 2015 (Ex 1) 2. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on Respondent's DS-DE 6 on April 29, 2015 advising Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the Political Committee Handbook, and the Calendar of Reporting Dates (Ex 2) 3 The acknowledgement letter also states, "An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports" and provides the telephone number for the Division's EFS Help Desk 4. The Political Committee Handbook discusses filing a waiver when there is no activity to disclose on page 18 (Ex 3) 5. Pages 12, 13, 45, and 46 of the Political Committee EFS User's Guide discuss how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, page 13 instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose (Ex 4) 6. In a telephone interview on April 2, 2015, Kristi Reid-Bronson clarified that once the waiver box is chosen and a new report is opened as shown on Page 12, the only available option on the report summary screen will be "Go To File Report" as shown on Page 13 Choosing "Go To File Report" will take the user directly to the screens where the chairman/treasurer PINS are entered as shown on Pages 45 and 46. II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:

7 Respondent's filing history reflects the untimely filed notifications summarized below. (Ex 5)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2015 M5	5/1/15 - 5/31/15	6/10/15	6/16/15	6
2015 M6	6/1/15 - 6/30/15	7/10/15	7/13/15	3

- 8. Respondent's chairman did not provide a written response to the referral
- 9. Respondent's chairman did not complete a questionnaire-affidavit nor did he return telephone calls where he would have had an opportunity to explain the late filings

#### III. FEC History:

10. Respondent has not had any prior cases before the Commission.

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11 Because Respondent has not contacted the Commission or returned the questionnaire, I am unable to ascertain whether Respondent has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and/or the *Political Committee Handbook* Respondent's chairman signed his Statement of Organization form on April 28, 2015 (Ex. 6)

Date: 10

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:

### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

### REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

South Florida Cannabis Committee -- FEC 15-389

LIST OF EXHIBITS						
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits					
Exhibit 1	Respondent's DS-DE 6 form					
Exhibit 2	Acknowledgement Letter					
Exhibit 3	Relevant pages from the 2014 Political Committee Handbook					
Exhibit 4	Relevant pages from the Political Committee EFS User's Guide					
Exhibit 5	Respondent's filing history					
Exhibit 6	Statement of Organization form					

# APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR

POLITICAL COMMITTEES

(Sections 106.011(1) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

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CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:			OFFICE USE ONLY
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RICK SCOTT Governor KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

April 29, 2015

Brandon McNaughton, Chairperson South Florida Cannabis Committee 9410 Birmingham Drive Palm Beach Gaden, Florida 33410

Dear Mr. McNaughton:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for South Florida Cannabis Committee, which were placed on file in our office on April 27, 2015 This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

#### Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on May 11, 2015. The report will cover the period of April 1-30, 2015 (M4). All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

#### Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains the committee's initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. The chairperson, campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting this password from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using these credentials, unless the Division is notified that your credentials have been compromised.

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

Identification Number: 64688





Brandon McNaughton, Chairperson April 29, 2015 Page Two

#### Pin Numbers

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update information. The enclosed sealed envelope provides a confidential pin number for the chairperson By copy of this letter, a confidential pin number to access the EFS was sent to the treasurer

Each political committee chairperson is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that the password is forgotten or lost. When you enter the campaign account screen, there will be a drop down box where you pick a question (such as What is your mother's maiden name?) and supply an answer. All passwords and answers to questions are stored as encrypted data and cannot be viewed by Division staff and given out over the phone. Please notify the Division if your credentials have been compromised

#### Timely Filing

All reports 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, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date is subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per 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 chairperson and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106 07(5), Florida Statutes.

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Brandon McNaughton, Chairperson April 29, 2015 Page Three

#### 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 <a href="http://elections.myflorida.com">http://elections.myflorida.com</a>. 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: Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, *Political Committee Handbook*, Calendar of Reporting Dates, and Rule 18-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

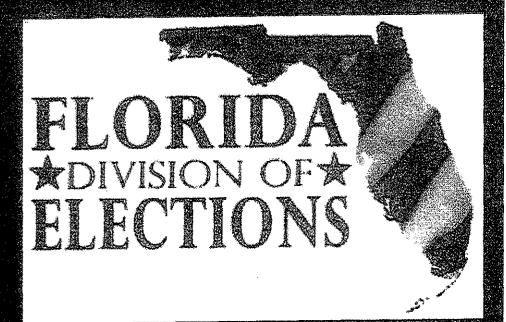
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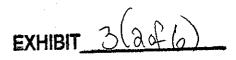
# Political Committee Handbook



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#### Waiver of Report

When there has been no reportable activity in the campaign account during a reporting period (no funds expended or received) the filing of the report may be waived by notifying the filing officer in writing that no activity has occurred. This notification must be made on the prescribed reporting date.

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

All waivers filed with the Division must be filed electronically using the Division's electronic filing system.

(Section 106.0705, F.S.)

#### **Special Election Reports**

When a special election is called to fill a vacancy in office, all political committees making contributions or expenditures to influence the results of the special election shall file campaign treasurers' reports with the filing officer on the dates set by the Department of State pursuant to Section 100 111, F.S.

When an election is called for an issue to appear on the ballot at a time when no candidates are scheduled to appear on the ballot, all political committees making contributions or expenditures in support of or in opposition to such issue shall file reports on the 18th and 4th days prior to such election

Committees are to include on the special election campaign treasurer's reports only expenditures related to the special election made by the committee during the special election reporting periods. All contributions received and all expenditures made not related to the special election during the current quarter should be filed on the next quarterly report. Once a committee has participated in the special election and has filed a special election campaign report, all other special election reports remaining must also be filed by the committee, even if there is no further special election activity

(Section 106 07(1), F.S.)

#### Incomplete Reports

Note: The Division's Electronic Filing System will allow a committee to file an incomplete report, however, filing a report that is incomplete means filing a report that is not in compliance with the Florida Statutes

If a campaign treasurer files a report that is deemed incomplete, he or she will be notified by the filing officer by certified mail, or by another method using a common carrier that provides a proof of delivery as to why the report is incomplete. The campaign treasurer must file an addendum to the incomplete report within seven days of notification. The addendum must include all necessary information to complete the report. Failure to file a complete report after notice constitutes a violation of Chapter 106, F.S.

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

#### **Reporting Total Sums**

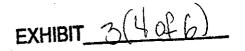
Each campaign treasurer's report required by Chapter 106, F.S., shall contain the total sums of all loans, in-kind contributions, and other receipts, and total sums of all expenditures made during the reporting period. The reporting forms shall be designed to elicit separate totals for in-kind contributions, loans, and other receipts.

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

#### Reporting Contributions

Each report must contain:

- 1. Full name, address, specific occupation, amount, and date of each person making a contribution Reports must provide as clear a description as practicable of the principal type of business conducted for corporations contributing. Occupations or principal type of business are not required if the contribution is \$100 or less
- Name, address, amount, and date of each political committee or organization making any transfer of funds



records of petty cash expenditures must be kept

- 4. Amount and nature of debts and obligations owed by or to the committee, which relate to the conduct of any political campaign
- 5. The amount and nature of any separate interest-bearing accounts or certificates of deposit Identification of the financial institution in which such accounts or certificates of deposit are located must be identified
- 6 The primary purposes of an expenditure made indirectly through a campaign treasurer for goods and services such as communications media placement or procurement services, campaign signs, insurance and other expenditures that include multiple components as part of the expenditure. The primary purpose of an expenditure shall be that purpose, including integral and directly related components, that comprises 80 percent of such expenditure. (See also Reporting Other Distributions)

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

#### Reporting Other Distributions

Every distribution should be reported during the coverage period when the distribution actually occurred, as is the case with the expenditures and contributions The related distribution(s) and expenditure can and often do occur in different reporting periods

#### Types of distributions:

- Prepaid
- Credit card purchases/payments
- Reimbursements
- In-kind

#### Reports must contain:

- 1 Full name and address of each person to whom payment for reimbursement was made by check drawn upon the campaign account together with the purpose of such payment.
- 2 Expenditures made indirectly through a treasurer for goods or services, such as communications media placement or procurement services, campaign signs, insurance or other expenditures that include multiple integral components as part of the expenditure.
- 3. Distribution of goods and services to a candidate, committee or party.

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

# <u>Chapter 11: Electronic Filing of</u> <u>Campaign Reports</u>

The Electronic Filing System (EFS) is an Internet system for recording and reporting campaign finance activity by reporting period Each political committee required to file reports with the Division pursuant to Section 106 07, F.S., must file such reports with the Division by means of the EFS Reports filed pursuant to this section:

- 1 Shall be completed and filed through the EFS not later than midnight of the day designated. Reports not filed by midnight of the day designated are late filed and are subject to the penalties under Section 106.07(8), FS, as applicable
- 2 Are considered to be under oath by the chairperson and treasurer, and such persons are subject to provisions of Section 106 07(5), F.S. Persons given a secure signon to the EFS are responsible for protecting such from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using such credentials, unless they



have notified the Division that their credentials have been compromised:

(Sections 106.0705 and 106.0706, F.S.)

#### Accessing the EFS

From Internet Explorer, you can access the EFS at <a href="https://efs.dos.state.fl.us">https://efs.dos.state.fl.us</a> Each person filing a report is provided an identification number and initial password to gain entry. Once you log in using the initial password, you will be prompted to change it to a confidential one. You are responsible for protecting the password from disclosure. Contact the Division immediately if your password has been compromised.

#### **Creating Reports**

Campaign reports must be entered, saved, reviewed, and filed via the EFS either by directly entering data into the web application or by uploading data using an approved vendor's software. The Division maintains a list of approved software vendors whose programs meet the file specifications for filing campaign reports. Instructions for uploading reports are provided in the EFS Help Guide located at:

http://election.dos.state.fl.us/EFS/pdf/dsde110B UderGuidePAC.pdf

#### **Submitting Reports**

Reports will be held in pending status until the report is ready to be filed Each person eligible to file a report will receive a PIN (personal identification number) that allows the person to file reports via the EFS. A person's PIN is considered the same as that person's signature on a filed report

#### **Electronic Receipts**

The person filing a report on the EFS may print an electronic receipt verifying the report was filed with the Division Each report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath and such persons filing the report are subject to the provisions of Chapter 106, F S

#### **EFS HELP LINE**

(850) 245-6280

#### **EFS HELP GUIDE**

http://election.dos.state.fl.us/EFS/pdf/dsde110B\_U serGuidePAC.pdf

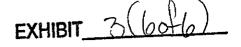
#### NOTES:

- 1 For further information on the EFS, see Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code; Reporting Requirements for Campaign Treasurer's Reports.
- Political committees that do not file their campaign treasurer's reports with the Division must consult their filing officer for filing instructions

# <u>Chapter 12: Electioneering</u> <u>Communications</u>

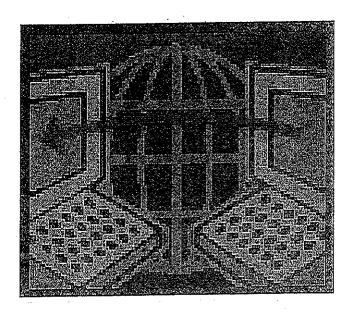
Electioneering communication means communication publicly distributed by a television station, radio station, cable television system, satellite system, newspaper, magazine, direct mail, or telephone that:

- 1 Refers to or depicts a clearly identified candidate for office without expressly advocating the election or defeat of a candidate but that is susceptible of no reasonable interpretation other than an appeal to vote for or against a specific candidate;
- 2 Is made within 30 days before a primary or special primary election or 60 days before any other election for the office sought by the candidate; and
- 3 Is targeted to the relevant electorate in the geographical area the candidate would represent if elected



# Department of State Division of Elections

# Political Committee EFS User's Guide



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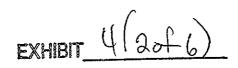
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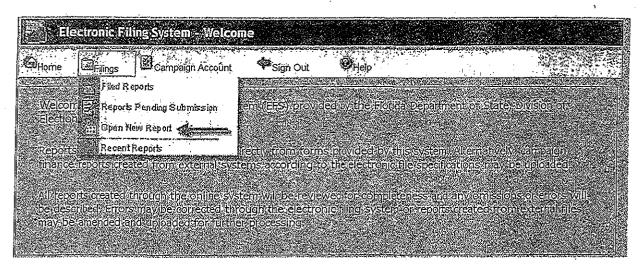


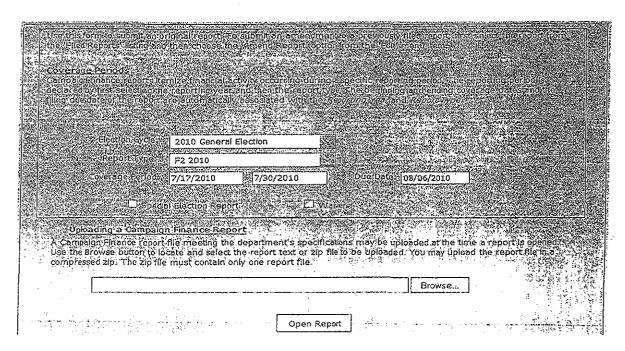
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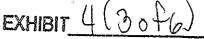




Click arrow next to Election Cycle. Scroll to the cycle associated with the report you are entering

Click arrow next to Report Type select report type corresponding to the correct cover period and due date.

The Cover Period dates will automatically fill in based on the Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates.



The Due Date will automatically fill in based on the Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates.

If this report is for a special election, click the box next to Special Election Report. (If no special elections are scheduled this option will not be available.)

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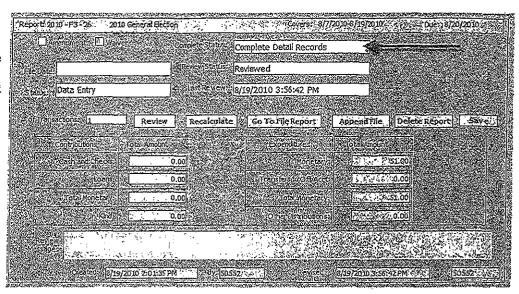
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### File the Report

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If the status of the report is <u>Complete</u> <u>Detail Records</u>, you are ready to file the report.



Click on Go To File Report

The chairperson enters his or her PIN, and then selects

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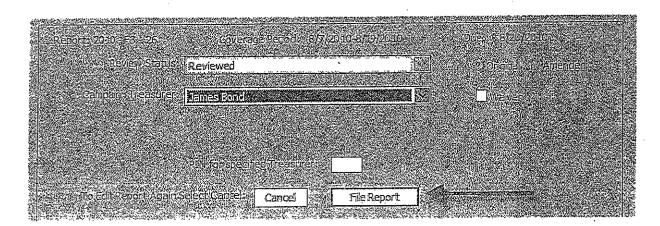
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The treasurer enters his PIN and then clicks



IMPORTANT NOTE: If changes need to be made <u>after</u> a chairperson PIN is entered, the treasurer must <u>undo</u> the chairperson PIN validation before the system will allow changes. See page 49 for instructions.

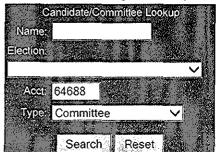
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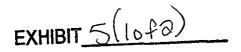
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#### Florida Election System Reports



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#### South Florida Cannabis Committee

#### **Campaign Finance Activity**

**Note:** The information presented below was obtained from the Committee's/Candidate's Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with the Division of Elections About the Campaign Finance Data Base If all contributions for a reporting period are less than 1 dollar Then they may not be displayed

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Note: (E) indicates that report was filed electronically

X Indicates that detail has not been released

W Indicates that a waiver was filed and L Indicates that a loan report was filed

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Submit Query Now

Query the Campaign Finance Data Base

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# STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

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### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224 Collins Building Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050 Telephone: (850) 922-4539 Fax: (850) 921-0783

September 16, 2015

South Florida Cannabis Committee Attn: Brandon McNaughton, Chair 9410 Birmingham Drive Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

RE: Case No.: FEC 15-389; Respondent: South Florida Cannabis Committee

Dear Mr McNaughton:

On August 4, 2015, 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, for each of the following reporting periods, Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the reporting periods:

- 2015 M5
- 2015 M6

You may respond to the allegations above by filing a notarized statement providing any information regarding the facts and circumstances surrounding the allegations. Your response will be included as an attachment to the investigator's report.

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation will be mailed to you at the above address. You may file a response to the report within 14 days from the date the report is mailed to you. Based on the results of the investigation, legal staff will make a written recommendation to the Commission on whether there is probable cause to believe you have violated Chapter 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. A copy of the Staff Recommendation will be mailed to you and you may file a response within 14 days from the date the recommendation is mailed to you. Your timely filed response(s) will be considered by the Commission when determining probable cause.

The Commission will then hold a hearing to determine whether there is probable cause to believe you have violated Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You and the complainant will receive a notice of hearing at least 14 days before the hearing. The notice of hearing will indicate the location, date, and time of your hearing. You will have the opportunity to make a brief oral statement to the Commission, but you will not be permitted to testify or call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence.

At any time before a probable cause finding, you may notify us in writing that you want to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a settlement via consent agreement.

The Report of Investigation, Staff Recommendation, and Notice of Hearing will be mailed to the above address as this letter. Therefore, if your address changes, you must notify this office of your new address. Otherwise, you may not receive these important documents. Failure to receive the documents will not delay the probable cause hearing.

Under section 106 25, Florida Statutes, complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, are confidential until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause. The confidentiality provision does not apply to the person filing the complaint. However, it does apply to you unless you waive confidentiality in writing. The confidentiality provision does not preclude you from seeking legal counsel. However, if you retain counsel, your attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Commission before any member of the Commission staff can discuss this case with him or her

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Cedric Oliver, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,

Amy McKeever Toman

Executive Director

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#### **DIVISION OF ELECTIONS** 2015 AUG -4 P 1: 04 **FEC NOTICE FORM**

To FEC from Division of Elections

Name:

South Florida Cannabis Committee

Account Number: 64688

Chairperson: Treasurer:

Brandon McNaughton Kelsey McNaughton

Registered Agent: Ashley Brewster

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).

2015 M5

2015 M6

Sent By:

Kristi Reid Bronson

Date:

August 4, 2015 2017

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#### **AFFIDAVIT**

## STATE OF FLORIDA County of Leon

## Kristi Reid Bronson, being duly sworn, says:

- I am the Chief of the Bureau of Election Records of the Division of Elections (Division) In this capacity, I oversee the Division's duties related to the filing of campaign finance reports. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
- 2 I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
- South Florida Cannabis Committee (64688) is a political committee registered with the Division. On April 27, 2015, Mr. McNaughton filed the DSDE 5 and 6 with the Division of Elections indicating that he was the chairperson and Kelsey McNaughton was the treasurer for the committee (See attached documents and acknowledgment letter)
- The 2015 M5 treasurer's report was due on June 10, 2015. On June 12, 2015, the Division mailed Kelsey McNaughton notification that the 2015 M5 campaign treasurer's report had not been filed. Ms McNaughton filed a waiver for this report on June 16, 2015. (See attached letter and file receipt.)
- 5. On June 17, 2015, the Division mailed Ms McNaughton notification that failure to file a notification of no reportable activity occurring during a reporting period may constitute a violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes (See attached letter)
- The 2015 M6 treasurer's report was due on July 10, 2015. On July 13, 2015, the Division mailed Ms. McNaughton notification that the 2015 M6 campaign treasurer's report had not been filed. Ms. McNaughton filed a waiver for this report on July 13, 2015. (See attached letter and file receipt.)

I hereby swear or affirm that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\* #EE 129681

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 16th day of July, 2015.

Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known

## STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

(PLEASE TYPE)

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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# APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR POLITICAL COMMITTEES

(Sections 106.011(1) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

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## **REGISTERED AGENT** STATEMENT OF APPOINTMENT

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# POLITICAL COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET CFINANCE ELECTRONIC CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING

Date 4-1-2015
Chairs Name Brandon McNaughton
Committee Name South Florida Cannabis Committee
Address 9410 Birmingham DC PBG FL 33410
Telephone 501-667-6910
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Treasurer Ketsey Managhton Store Tary of State
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RICK SCOTT Governor KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

April 29, 2015

Brandon McNaughton, Chairperson South Florida Cannabis Committee 9410 Birmingham Drive Palm Beach Gaden, Florida 33410

Dear Mr. McNaughton:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for South Florida Cannabis Committee, which were placed on file in our office on April 27, 2015 This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106 03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

## Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on May 11, 2015 The report will cover the period of April 1-30, 2015 (M4). All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

## Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains the committee's initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential signon. The chairperson, campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting this password from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using these credentials, unless the Division is notified that your credentials have been compromised.

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

Identification Number: 64688



Brandon McNaughton, Chairperson April 29, 2015 Page Two

## Pin Numbers

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update information. The enclosed sealed envelope provides a confidential pin number for the chairperson. By copy of this letter, a confidential pin number to access the EFS was sent to the treasurer

Each political committee chairperson is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that the password is forgotten or lost. When you enter the campaign account screen, there will be a drop down box where you pick a question (such as What is your mother's maiden name?) and supply an answer. All passwords and answers to questions are stored as encrypted data and cannot be viewed by Division staff and given out over the phone. Please notify the Division if your credentials have been compromised.

## **Timely Filing**

All reports 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, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date is subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per 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 chairperson and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

Brandon McNaughton, Chairperson April 29, 2015 Page Three

## 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 <a href="http://elections.myflorida.com">http://elections.myflorida.com</a>. 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: Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, *Political Committee 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 Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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Enclosures

pc: Kelsey McNaughton, Treasurer



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

#### Ken Detzner Secretary of State

## DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

PAC 64688

June 12, 2015

Kelsey McNaughton, Treasurer South Florida Cannabis Committee 9410 Birmingham Drive Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Dear Ms. McNaughton:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was June 10, 2015.

The law (s 106.07(8)(b), Pla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report:
  - \$50 for the first 3 days late
  - \$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late
  - If the required report immediately precedes a primary and general election, the automatic fine is \$500 for each late day.

The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission

• If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Brandon McNaughton, Chairperson



### Treasurer Report Status

ID: **64688** Name: South Florida Cannabis Committee

Report: 2015 - M5 - 2

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 5/1/2015-5/31/2015

Due: 6/10/2015

Print Date: 7/16/2015 9:50:28 AM

Amended Waiver

Filed: 6/16/2015 4:09:29 PM

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 6/16/2015

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

**Number of Detail Records** Contributions:

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Expenditures:

Pending Queued Items: 0

Fund Transfers:

Distributions:

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Ken Detzner Secretary of State DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 17, 2015

Kelsey McNaughton, Treasurer South Florida Cannabis Committee 9410 Birmingham Drive Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

PAC 64688

Dear Ms. McNaughton:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of June 10, 2015, was not filed until June 16, 2015. 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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

## Ken Detzner Secretary of State

#### DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

PAC 64688

July 13, 2015

Kelsey McNaughton, Treasurer South Florida Cannabis Committee 9410 Birmingham Drive Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Dear Ms. McNaughton:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was July 10, 2015.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla Stat) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due

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

Sincerely.

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Brandon McNaughton, Chairperson

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## Treasurer Report Status

ID: 64688 Name: South Florida Cannabis Committee

Report: 2015 - M6 - 3

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 6/1/2015-6/30/2015

Due: 7/10/2015

Print Date: 7/16/2015 9:57:03 AM

Amended Waiver

Filed: 7/13/2015 4:34:00 PM

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: **7/13/2015** 

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Expenditures: 0

Contributions:

Pending Queued Items: 0

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Ken Detzner Secretary of State

## DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 14, 2015

Kelsey McNaughton, Treasurer South Florida Cannabis Committee 9410 Birmingham Drive Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

PAC 64688

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Brandon McNaughton, Chairperson

## **HISTORY NOTES**

## South Florida Cannabis Committee - 64688

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