#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re:	Rosa Maria	''Rosy''	Palomino		Case I	No.: I	<b>FEC 19-340</b>
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TO: Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino 2852 SW 33rd CT Miami, FL 33133-3438

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

#### **NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on February 23, 2021 at 8:30 am, EST, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard.

Please note that because of COVID-19, this will be a virtual meeting conducted by remote video or teleconference. Enclosed you will find additional details on joining the video conference via GoToWebinar, 9-Digit Webinar ID 627-359-707, or via teleconference by dialing (877) 309-2071 and entering the meeting access code 324-720-215, when prompted. If you wish to speak before the Commission, you will need to appear by webcam and will be sworn in remotely. Please be advised that the Commission will consider multiple cases, so you will need to wait until your case is considered. If you have any questions, please contact Commission staff at (850) 922-4539.

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission February 2, 2021 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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#### Florida Elections Commission

107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6596 Telephone: (850) 922-4539 · Facsimile: (850) 921-0783 FEC@mvfloridalegal.com · www.fec.state.fl.us



#### Commission Meeting February 23, 2021 at 8:30AM via GoToWebinar and OpenVoice

In order to participate in the public portion of the February 23, 2021, Florida Elections Commission meeting, please follow the instructions below:

- A. GoToWebinar Remote Video Conferencing
  - 1. Open your web browser and search GoToWebinar or enter www.gotowebinar.com
  - 2. Select Join A Webinar in the upper right corner of the website
  - 3. Enter the 9-digit Webinar ID: 627-359-707 And your email address
  - 4. Register your name and email address
  - 5. You will automatically join to the meeting as an attendee. Attendees are muted and can choose to their webcam.
- B. OpenVoice Teleconference
  - 1. Call 1-877-309-2071
  - 2. Enter Audio Access Code 324-720-215
  - 3. You will automatically join the meeting as an attendee. Attendees are muted.

While this is a public meeting and advanced registration is not mandatory, we ask that if you plan to attend via Video Conference or Teleconference, that you notify our office in advance. This will give the Commission the opportunity to organize the agenda as efficiently as possible. It will be the goal of the Commission to hear cases in which parties are present, first, in order to reduce the standby time of the parties in attendance.

You can call or email our office of your intent to participate or of any questions you may have regarding this meeting. Please provide the case number(s) of interest, when contacting our office.

Thank you,

**Commission Staff** 

#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,

Case No.: FEC 19-340

v.

Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino,
Respondent.

#### ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 1, 2020, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On March 19, 2020, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff's Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation(s):

#### Count 1:

On or about January 10, 2018, Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when she failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that she would not be filing her 2017 M12 Report.

#### Count 2:

On or about July 27, 2018, Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when she failed to notify the

filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that she would not be filing her 2018 P3 Report.

#### Count 3:

On or about August 3, 2018, Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when she failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that she would not be filing her 2018 P4 Report.

#### Count 4:

On or about February 4, 2019, Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when she failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that she would not be filing her 2019 Termination Report.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on December 1, 2020.

Joni Alexis Poitier, Vice Chair Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Stephanie J. Cunningham, Assistant General Counsel Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino, 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) and agree to the amount of the fine. The consent order is then presented to the Commission for its approval. To discuss a consent order, contact the FEC attorney identified in the Order of Probable Cause.

Second, you may request an <u>informal hearing</u> held before the Commission, if you <u>do not</u> dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to make written or oral arguments to the Commission concerning the legal issues

related to the violation(s) and the potential fine. At the request of Respondent, the Commission will consider and determine willfulness at an informal hearing. Otherwise, live witness testimony is unnecessary.

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

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

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#### NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **December 1, 2020 at 10:00 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.** Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

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Tim Vaccaro

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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.

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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 March 3, 2020, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

- 1. On June 3, 2019, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections ("Division"), alleging that Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
- 2. Respondent was a 2018 candidate for State Representative, District 112. (ROI Exhibit 7)<sup>1</sup>
- 3. By letter dated July 19, 2019, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provision:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, 2018 candidate for State Representative, District 112, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because she had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

- 2017 M12
- 2018 P3
- 2018 P4
- 2019 TR
- 4. By letter dated March 14, 2017, Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received her Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)
- 5. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms were available on its website and directed Respondent to print

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

out the Calendar of Reporting Dates as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 3)

- 6. Pursuant to Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, in any reporting period during which a candidate 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 candidate is required to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.
- 7. The Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook references the statutory requirement regarding written notification and directs candidates to notify the Division by way of the Division's electronic filing system. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 5) The Candidate EFS User's Guide shows the process through which to notify the Division. The user's guide instructs candidates to select the relevant reporting period and place a checkmark in a box titled "Waiver" to indicate the lack of reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibit 4, pages 3 & 4)
- 8. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods, as set forth in the table below. (ROI Exhibit 5, page 1)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2017 M12	12/01/17 - 12/31/17	01/10/18	01/11/18	1
2018 P3	07/07/18 - 07/20/18	07/27/18	07/30/18	3
2018 P4	07/21/18 - 07/27/18	08/03/18	08/17/18	14
2019 TR	11/02/18 - 02/04/19	02/04/19	03/09/19	33

- 9. Respondent stated that the notices of no activity were submitted untimely due to the holidays (2017 M12), back to school responsibilities (2018 P3 & 2018 P4), and Respondent's incorrect scheduling of the due date (2019 TR). (ROI Exhibit 6, page 3) Respondent was not a first-time candidate as she ran for City of Miami Commission in 2015 and for State Representative, District 112, in 2016. Respondent has since run for City of Miami Commission in 2019. (ROI Exhibit 6, page 1)
- 10. "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).
- 11. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a 2018 candidate for State Representative, District 112. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed

reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods: 2017 M12, 2018 P3, 2018 P4, and 2019 TR.

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

#### Count 1:

On or about January 10, 2018, Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when she failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that she would not be filing her 2017 M12 Report.

#### Count 2:

On or about July 27, 2018, Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when she failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that she would not be filing her 2018 P3 Report.

#### Count 3:

On or about August 3, 2018, Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when she failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that she would not be filing her 2018 P4 Report.

#### Count 4:

On or about February 4, 2019, Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when she failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that she would not be filing her 2019 Termination Report.

Respectfully submitted on March 19, 2020.

Stephanie J. Cunningham

Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this

day of March 2020.

Tim Vaccaro

**Executive Director** 

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

#### Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer

Case Number: FEC 19-340	Respondent: Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino
Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a	Complainant: Division of Elections
candidate who did not receive any contributions or	Respondent Type:
make any expenditures during a reporting period to notify timely the filing officer, in writing, that no	X Candidate
report is being filed	Political Committee

#### I. Preliminary Information:

- 1. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) was filed on March 13, 2017, wherein Respondent designated herself as treasurer. (Ex. 1)
- 2. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on Respondent's DS-DE 9 on March 14, 2017 advising Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer 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 Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook discusses filing a waiver when there is no activity to disclose on page 47. (Ex. 3)
- 5. Pages 12, 13, 44, and 45 of the *Candidate 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, 2014, Kristi Reid-Bronson clarified that once the waiver box is chosen and a new report is opened as shown on page 13, the only available option on the report summary screen will be "Go To File Report" as shown on page 44. Choosing "Go To File Report" will take the user directly to the screens where the candidate/treasurer PINS are entered as shown on pages 44 and 45.

#### 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
2017 M12	12/1/17 – 12/31/17	1/10/18	1/11/18	1
2018 P3	7/7/18 – 7/20/18	7/27/18	7/30/18	3
2018 P4	7/21/18 – 7/27/18	8/3/18	· 8/17/18	14
2019 TR	11/2/18 - 2/4/19	- 2/4/19	3/9/19	33

8. Respondent did not provide a written response to the referral filed June 3, 2019.

9. Respondent submitted an Affidavit of Background Information on February 24, 2020 wherein she stated that the campaign did not experience any financial activity during the campaign reporting periods in question. Furthermore, she explained that timely report filing was delayed due to such things as: holiday commitments, back to school responsibilities, and incorrect filing scheduling. Respondent also stated that: "No reminder was received from Division either." (Ex. 6)

#### III. FEC History:

10. Respondent has had one prior case before the Commission: FEC 17-043, Automatic Fine, \$50.00, fine paid.

#### Conclusion:

11. Respondent stated in her affidavit that she did read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and the *Candidate* and Campaign Treasurer Handbook (Ex. 6). Respondent signed her Statement of Candidate form on March 8, 2017. (Ex. 7)

Date:

12. The Investigative Phone Logis included with this report. (Ex. 8)

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

# REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Rosa Maria "Rosy'	Palomino	FEC 19-340
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Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 9 Form
Exhibit 2	DOE Acknowledgment Letter
Exhibit 3	Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook: Waiver Details
Exhibit 4	Candidate EFS User's Guide: Report & Waiver Filing Details
Exhibit 5	Filing History and Notices-of-No-Activity: 2017 M12, 2018 P3, 2018 P4, & 2019 TR
Exhibit 6	Affidavit of Background Information
Exhibit 7	DS-DE 84 Form
Exhibit 8	Phone Log

#### APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

03/08/2017

Date

RECEIVED DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF STATE OF STATE OF STATE

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying OFFICE USE ONLY officer before opening the campaign account. 1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES): Treasurer/Deputy Depository Office Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Party 3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip 2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last) Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino PO Box 331274 Miami, FL 33233 4. Telephone E-mail address Rosy@RunRosy.com (786 ) 393-2797 6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number) 7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable: State Representative - District 112 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 Republican No Party Affiliation Party candidate. Write-In Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer 9. I have appointed the following person to act as my 10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer Rosa Palomino 12. Telephone 11. Mailing Address PO Box 331274 (786) 393-2797 13. City 15. State 14. County 16. Zip Code 17. E-mail address Miami-Dade 33233 Rosy@RunRosy.com Miami Primary Depository Secondary Depository 18. I have designated the following bank as my X 20. Address 19. Name of Bank 2401 Ponce de Leon Blvd TD Bank 23. State 21. City 22. County 24. Zip Code Coral Gables 33134 Miami-Dade 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 26. Signature of Candidate 03/08/2017 Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block) 27. Rosa Palomino do hereby accept the appointment (Please Print or Type Name) Deputy Treasurer. Campaign Treasurer designated above as: X

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



RICK SCOTT Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

March 14, 2017

Rosa Maria Palomino Post Office Box 331274 Miami, Florida 33233

Dear Ms. Palomino:

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 March 13, 2017. Your name has been placed on the 2018 active candidate list.

#### Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on April 10, 2017. The report will cover the period of March 1-31, 2017 (M3). All candidates who 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 your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. You, your campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting these passwords 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: 69712

Division of Elections R.A. Gray Building, Suite 316 • 500 South Bronough Street • Taliahassee, Florida 32399 850.245.6240 • 850.245.6260 (Fax) dos.myflorida.com/elections/



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#### Pin Numbers

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update personal information. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your confidential pin numbers.

Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that 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 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.

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 3 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.

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#### **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://dos.myflorida.com/elections/">http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/</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: 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,

Krishi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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# Chapter 16: Filing Campaign Reports

Each campaign treasurer designated by a candidate shall file regular reports of all contributions received and all expenditures made by or on behalf of such candidate.

The candidate and his or her campaign treasurer shall certify as to the correctness of each report. Each person so certifying shall bear the responsibility for the accuracy and veracity of each report. Any campaign treasurer or candidate who willfully certifies the correctness of any report while knowing that such report is incorrect, false or incomplete commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

#### Where to File

A campaign treasurer is required to file campaign treasurer's reports with the officer with whom the candidate registers.

Candidates filing reports with the Division are required to file by means of the <u>Electronic Filing System</u>. If the candidate's filing officer is other than the Division, contact the appropriate filing officer to find out the requirements.

The web address for filing online with the Division is: <a href="https://efs.dos.state.fl.us/">https://efs.dos.state.fl.us/</a> (Section 106.07(2), F.S.)

#### When to File

Reports must be filed on the 10th day following the end of each calendar month from the time the candidate registers, except that if the 10th day occurs on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the report shall be filed on the next business day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

A statewide candidate must file reports:

- On the 60th day immediately preceding the primary election, and each week thereafter, with the last weekly report being filed on the 4th day immediately preceding the general election.
- On the 10th day immediately preceding the general election, and each day thereafter, with the last daily report being filed the 5th day immediately preceding the general election.

All other candidates must file reports on the 60th day immediately preceding the primary election and bi-weekly on each Friday thereafter through and including the 4th day immediately preceding the general election, with additional reports due on the 25th and 11th days before the primary election and the general election.

For candidates that file with the Division, see the "Reporting Dates Calendar" at:

http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/formspublications/publications/

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

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

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

#### Penalty for Late Filing

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

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

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

#### Notice of No Activity

In any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds or made any expenditures, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. However, the candidate must notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date. (A notice of no activity filed with the Division must be filed electronically using the EFS.) The next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed.

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

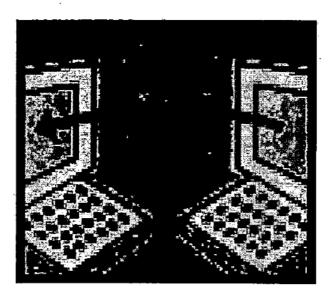
#### Incomplete Reports

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



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# Candidate EFS User's Guide



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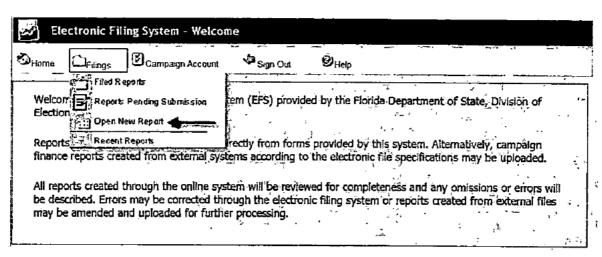
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Click arrow next to Election Cycle. Scroll to the cycle associated with the report you are entering.

Click arrow next to Report Type and select the report type that corresponds to the appropriate cover period and due date.

The Cover Period dates will automatically fill in based on the Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates. The end date can be changed for candidate termination reports.



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

#### \*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*

If this report is a waiver of report (no activity), click the box next to Waiver.

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Click Open Report at the bottom of the screen. A Report Detail screen (view only) will appear. This screen will not indicate any activity until individual detail data is entered, saved and a review is performed.

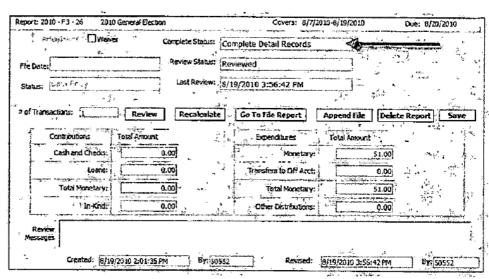
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### File the Report

If the **Review Status** is <u>Updated Detail – Needs Review</u> the report has not been reviewed since the last update. (See page 38 for instructions on how to submit the report to the system for review.)

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 candidate enters his or her PIN, and then selects

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If there is more than one treasurer, click on the drop down and select the treasurer that is filing the report.

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<u>IMPORTANT NOTE</u>: if changes need to be made <u>after</u> a candidate enters his PIN, the treasurer must <u>undo</u> the candidate's PIN validation before the system will allow changes. See page 48 for instructions.









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#### Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup	Candida	ite Na	ime: Rosa M	laria "R	osy" Pa	alomino			
Name: palomino		Acco	unt: <u>69712</u>						
Election:	Date Due	Туре	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
	2/4/2019	TR	3/9/2019	FEC	33	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
Acct: 69712	11/2/2018	G7	11/2/2018						
Type: Candidate	10/26/2018	G6	10/27/2018	DFS	1	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$0.00
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	9/21/2018	G2	9/21/2018						
	9/7/2018	G1	9/7/2018						
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	8/17/2018	P6	8/17/2018						
	8/10/2018	P5	8/7/2018						
	8/3/2018	P4	8/17/2018	FEC	14	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
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•	4/10/2018		4/10/2018						
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ID: 69712 Name: Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino

Report: 2017 - M12 - 10

Election: 2018 General Election

Covers: 12/1/2017-12/31/2017

Due: 1/10/2018

Print Date: 5/20/2019 9:25:09 AM

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Filed: 1/11/2018 6:28:52 AM File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 1/11/2018 Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: 0

Distributions: 0

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

ID: 69712 Name: Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino

Report: 2018 - P3 - 18

Print Date: 5/20/2019 9:26:13 AM

Election: 2018 General Election

Covers: 7/7/2018-7/20/2018

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Due: 7/27/2018

Filed: 7/30/2018 12:41:11 PM

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 7/30/2018

` Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

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Fund Transfers: 0

Pending Queued Items: 0

Distributions: 0

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

5/20/2019

ID: 69712

Name: Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino

Report: 2018 - P4 - 19

Print Date: 5/20/2019 9:26:58 AM

Election: 2018 General Election

Covers: 7/21/2018-7/27/2018

Due: 8/3/2018

☐ Amended ☑ Waiver

Filed: 8/17/2018 5:43:19 PM

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 8/17/2018

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

**Number of Detail Records** 

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: Expenditures:

Fund Transfers:

Pending Queued Items: 0

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

ID: **69712** 

Name: Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino

Report: 2019 - TR - 30

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Election: 2018 General Election Covers: 11/2/2018-2/4/2019

Due: 2/4/2019

Print Date: 5/20/2019 9:27:30 AM

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File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 3/9/2019

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Pending Queued Items: 0

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Number of Detail Records

Contributions: 0
Expenditures: 0

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

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

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION Case Number: FEC 19-340

# STATE OF FLORIDA County of Miami-Dade

#### Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino, being duly sworn, says:

1.	This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge.
2.	I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am currently oyed by Miami-Dade County Public Schools as 1st grade teacher.
empi	oyed by Ivilami-Dade County Public Schools as 1st grade teacher.
3. date(	Have you ever run for public office? If so, please name the office(s) you ran for and the (s) of the election(s) you ran in.
Yes	. 2015: City of Miami Commission; 2016: Florida State House District 112;
<u>201</u>	8: Florida State House District 112 and 2019: City of Miami Commission.
	Have you ever been appointed to act as a campaign treasurer for a candidate? If so, please the candidate(s) you served as treasurer, the office(s) the candidate ran for, and the dates of lection(s).
Yes.	See response to question 3.
•	Have you ever held the office of chairperson, treasurer, board member, or other similar ion for a political committee? If so, please list the names and addresses of the committees dates when you held the position.
No.	

	Have you ever prepared or signed a campaign treasurer's report? If sandidate or committee whose report you prepared or signed.	so, please l	ist the name
Yes. Se	ee response to question 3.		
7. V laws?	What action have you taken to determine your responsibilities un	nder Florid	a's election
Read a	<u>ind reviewed a copy of the Florida Election Law Handbook ar</u>	nd the Car	ndidate
and Ca	ımpaign Treasurer Handbook. I have also attended lengthy b	riefings wi	th the
election	ns clerk of the city of Miami about Florida election law and for	ms.	
8.	Do you possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes?	✓ Yes	☐ No
9.	If so, when did you first obtain it? 2015.		
10.	Have you read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes?	✓ Yes	☐ No
11.	Do you possess a copy of Chapter 104, Florida Statutes?	✓ Yes	☐ No
12.	If so, when did you first obtain it? 2015.		
13.	Have you read Chapter 104, Florida Statutes?	✓ Yes	☐ No
14. Treas	Do you possess a copy of the Candidate and Campaign urer Handbook?	☑ Yes	☐ No
15.	If so, when did you first obtain it? 2015.		
16. Handi	Have you read the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer book?	☑ Yes	□No
17.	List any additional materials you received from the Supervisor of	Elections.	

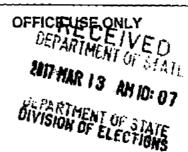
18. Can you please explain why you were unable to timely file waivers for the reporting periods: 2017 M12; 2018 P3; 2018 P4; and 2019 TR?	ne following
2017 M2: Campaign did not receive or spend any funds during this period. The filing was del	layed due to
the holidays; 2018 P3 & P4: Campaign did not have a primary. As such, the campaign did no	ot receive or
spend any funds during this period. The filing was delayed due to back to school responsibili	ities; 2019
TR: The campaign did not receive or spend any funds during this period. The filing was delay	yed due to
incorrect scheduling of month of March instead of February for filing. No reminder was received Division either.	ved from
Signature of Notary Public -, State of Floring Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public-State of Floridal Commission # GG 349404 My Commission Expires June 27, 2023	day of 20.

Case Investigator: C. Harrold Sheppard

# STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)



Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino
candidate for the office of State Representative District 112
have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
X Manual 03/08/2017 Signature/of Candidate 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).

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EXHIBIT 2/1.f/

# FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

Case No.: FEC 19-340

**Respondent:** Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino

Complainant: Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** 1/22/20 @ 3:34pm Name: Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino

**Phone #**: 786-393-2797

**Summary:** The voice message stated it was Rosy Palomino's campaign line. I explained that we needed to speak with her about the late filed waivers and left my direct line. I also mentioned that I anticipated the line's VM was still being checked; it seems she is still anticipating running for election in 2020 but nothing appears to be filed, yet.

Memo to File? No Entered by: CHS

2. **Date and time:** 1/28/20 @ 4:21pm

Name: Rosy Palomino Phone #: 305-409-0306

**Summary:** Voice message from Respondent; she received the Affidavit and has questions. She also stated that she has no idea what this could be about, since the campaign was from

2018.

Memo to File? No Entered by: CHS

3. Date and time: 1/29/20 Name: Rosy Palomino Phone #: 305-409-0306

Summary: I returned Ms. Palomino's VM and left a new voicemail message. I stated that I'd previously tried reaching her at the 786-393-2797 contact number. I also mentioned that we'd been trying to reach her since June/July 2019 about this issue, since her voicemail claimed that this matter was 2 years old. Requested a call-back.

Memo to File? No Entered by: CHS

4. **Date and time:** 1/29/20 @ 3:23pm

**Name:** Rosy Palomino **Phone** #: 305-409-0306

Summary: I received return call from Ms. Palomino. She stated that she doesn't understand why we're contacting her. I explained the process and that the investigation stems from late-filed waivers, mentioning specifically the 2019 TR report. Respondent stated she didn't raise much money from the campaign; I explained our investigation was about the reports/waivers. Ms. Palomino stated that she hadn't received anything in the mail. After I gave the address to which all mail had been directed (PO Box 331274), she initially stated that she didn't have a PO Box. Shortly thereafter, she recalled that her campaign manager

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used the PO box. After I provided the address and delivery date for the LS letter, Ms. Palomino said she'd been in South Carolina for a while and had never received anything via certified mail. She ended our call as she arrived at her home (she'd been on the road).

Memo to File? No Entered by: CHS

5. **Date and time:** 1/29/20 @ 3:42pm

Name: Rosy Palomino Phone #: 305-409-0306

Summary: Respondent called back after getting to her home office. She reiterated that she has never received any mail from us and again, stated that she doesn't understand the reason for our investigation, as her campaign raised minimal money. She stated that she's never had any issues like this previously. She had some questions and concerns about the affidavit and having it notarized. I stated that I would send her the LS letter via email, as this has some further info about the agency's process.

Memo to File? No Entered by: CHS

#### 6. Date and time:

Name:

Phone #:

Summary:

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

#### 7. Date and time:

Name:

Phone #:

Summary:

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

#### 8. Date and time:

Name:

Phone #:

**Summary:** 

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

#### 9. Date and time:

Name:

Phone #:

**Summary:** 

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

#### 10. Date and time:

Name:

### AFFIDAVIT OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION Case Number: FEC 19-340

# STATE OF FLORIDA County of Miami-Dade

## Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino, being duly sworn, says:

1. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge.
27- I am of-legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am-currently
employed by Miami-Dade County Public Schools as 1st grade teacher .
3. Have you ever run for public office? If so, please name the office(s) you ran for and the date(s) of the election(s) you ran in.
Yes. 2015: City of Miami Commission; 2016: Florida State House District 112;
2018: Florida State House District 112 and 2019: City of Miami Commission.
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4. Have you ever been appointed to act as a campaign treasurer for a candidate? If so, please name the candidate(s) you served as treasurer, the office(s) the candidate ran for, and the dates of the election(s).
Yes. See response to question 3.
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5. Have you ever held the office of chairperson, treasurer, board member, or other similar position for a political committee? If so, please list the names and addresses of the committees and dates when you held the position.
<u>No.</u>
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Have you ever prepared or signed a campaign treasurer's report? If so, please list the nan of the candidate or committee whose report you prepared or signed.				
<u>Yes. S</u>	ee response to question 3.			
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7 aws?	What-action have you taken to determine your responsibilities un	nder Florid	a's election	
Read a	and reviewed a copy of the Florida Election Law Handbook ar	nd the Car	<u>ndidate</u>	
and Ca	ampaign Treasurer Handbook. I have also attended lengthy b	riefings wi	ith the	
<u>electio</u>	ns clerk of the city of Miami about Florida election law and for	ms.		
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8.	Do you possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes?	✓ Yes	☐ No	
9.	If so, when did you first obtain it? 2015.			
10.	Have you read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes?	✓ Yes	☐ No	
11.	Do you possess a copy of Chapter 104, Florida Statutes?	✓ Yes	□ No	
12.	If so, when did you first obtain it? 2015.			
13.	Have you read Chapter 104, Florida Statutes?	✓ Yes	☐ No•	
14. Treas	Do you possess a copy of the Candidate and Campaign surer Handbook?	Yes	☐ No	
15.	If so, when did you first obtain it? 2015.		<u>-</u>	
16.	Have you read the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer lbook?	✓ Yes	☐ No	
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17.	List any additional materials you received from the Supervisor of	Elections.		

18. Can you please explain why you were unable to timely file waivers for the following reporting periods: 2017 M12; 2018 P3; 2018 P4; and 2019 TR?

2017 M2: Campaign did not receive or spend any funds during this period. The filing was delayed due to the holidays; 2018 P3 & P4: Campaign did not have a primary. As such, the campaign did not receive or spend any funds during this period. The filing was delayed due to back to school responsibilities; 2019 TR: The campaign did not receive or spend any funds during this period. The filing was delayed due to

incorrect scheduling of month of March instead of February for filling. No reminder was received from Division either.

HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE

BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature/of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this \_

Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print. Tyne, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

MICHAEL MELGAREJO Notary Public-State of Florida Commission # GG 349404 My Commission Expires June 27, 2023

Personally Known

or Produced Identification

Case Investigator: C. Harrold Sheppard



#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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July 19, 2019

Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino Post Office Box 331274 Miami, FL 33233-3233

RE: Case No.: FEC 19-340; Respondent: Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino

Dear Ms. Palomino:

On June 3, 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 112, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because she had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

- 2017 M12
- 2018 P3
- 2018 P4
- 2019 TR

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 \$200</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, you would not be required to admit or deny the allegation(s) in the complaint, but you would be required to immediately correct the violation, if feasible.

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.

Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino July 19, 2019 Page 2 FEC 19-340

<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 <a href="http://www.fec.state.fl.us">http://www.fec.state.fl.us</a>.

Sincerely,

Tim Vaccaro

**Executive Director** 

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# DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

To FEC from Division of Elections

Candidate: Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino

Account Number: 69712

Treasurer: Rosa Palomino

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 M12

2018 P3

2018 P4

2019 TR

- Rosa Maria Palomino (69712) was a 2018 candidate for the office of State Representative.
- On March 13, 2017, Rosa Maria Palomino filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division designating herself as treasurer.
- The 2017 M12 campaign treasurer's report was due on January 10, 2018. Ms. Palomino failed
  to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Ms.
  Palomino filed a notification of no activity on January 11, 2018. (See attached receipt and
  letter.)
- The 2018 P3 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 27, 2018. Ms. Palomino failed to
  notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Ms.
  Palomino filed a notification of no activity on July 30, 2018. (See attached file receipt and
  letter.)

- The 2018 P4 campaign treasurer's report was due on August 3, 2018. Ms. Palomino failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Ms. Palomino filed a notification of no activity on August 17, 2018. (See attached receipt and letter.)
- The 2019 TR campaign treasurer's report was due on February 4, 2019. Ms. Palomino failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Ms. Palomino filed a notification of no activity on March 9, 2019. (See attached file receipt.)

Sent By: Kristi Reid Willis Date: Kristi Reid Willis

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Treasurer Report Status ID: **69712** Name: Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino Report: 2017 - M12 - 10 Print Date: 5/20/2019 9:25:09 AM Election: 2018 General Election Covers: 12/1/2017-12/31/2017 Amended Waiver Due: 1/10/2018 Filed: 1/11/2018 6:28:52 AM File Status: Filed Report Review Status: Reviewed Reviewed: 1/11/2018 Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found **Number of Detail Records** File Method: Web Filed Contributions: 0 Entry Method: Web Data Entry Expenditures: Fund Transfers: 0 Pending Queued Items: 0 Distributions: 0 To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'



#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

#### Ken Detzner Secretary of State

Secretary of State

**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS** 

January 22, 2018

Rosa Palomino Post Office Box 331274 Miami, FL 33233-3233

CAN 69712

Dear Ms. Palomino:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of January 10, 2018, was not filed until January 11, 2018. 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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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

### Treasurer Report Status

ID: 69712 Name: Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino

Report: 2018 - P3 - 18

Print Date: 5/20/2019 9:26:13 AM

Election: 2018 General Election Covers: 7/7/2018-7/20/2018

Amended Waiver

Due: 7/27/2018

Filed: 7/30/2018 12:41:11 PM File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 7/30/2018 Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

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

August 6, 2018

Rosa Palomino Post Office Box 331274 Miami, FL 33233-3233

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CAN 69712

Dear Ms. Palomino:

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Sincerely

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

### Treasurer Report Status

ID: 69712

Name: Rosa Maria "Rosy" Palomino

Report: 2018 - P4 - 19

Print Date: 5/20/2019 9:26:58 AM

Election: 2018 General Election Covers: 7/21/2018-7/27/2018

☐ Amended ☑ Waiver

Due: 8/3/2018

Filed: 8/17/2018 5:43:19 PM

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 8/17/2018

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**

August 22, 2018

Rosa Palomino Post Office Box 331274 Miami, FL 33233-3233

CAN 69712

Dear Ms. Palomino:

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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.

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Sincerely.

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

ID: 69712 Name: Rosa Maria	a "Rosy" Palomino	
Report: 2019 - TR - 30	Print Date: <b>5/20/2019 9:27:30 AM</b>	
Election: 2018 General Election		
Covers: 11/2/2018-2/4/2019	☐ Amended ☑ Waiver	
Due: 2/4/2019		
Filed: <b>3/9/2019 10:28:12 AM</b>	File Status: Filed Report	
Reviewed: <b>3/9/2019</b>	Review Status: <b>Reviewed</b>	
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