

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Vets and Families for Truth**

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**Case No.: FEC 17-408**

**TO:** Vets and Families for Truth  
Curtis McClees, Chair  
950 Blanding Blvd., Suite 19  
Orange Park, FL 32065

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **May 14, 2019 at 8:30 am**, or *as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard*, at the following location: **Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Room 110-S, Tallahassee, Florida 32399**. Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

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**See further instructions on the reverse side.**

*Tim Vaccaro*  
Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
April 30, 2019

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,  
Petitioner,**

**Case No.: FEC 17-408**

v.

**Vets and Families for Truth,  
Respondent.**

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**ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

**THIS MATTER** was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 26, 2019, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On December 18, 2018, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff's Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation(s):

**Count 1:**

On or about September 16, 2016, Vets and Families for Truth violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2016 G1A Report.

**Count 2:**

On or about October 7, 2016, Vets and Families for Truth violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2016 G3 Report.

**Count 3:**

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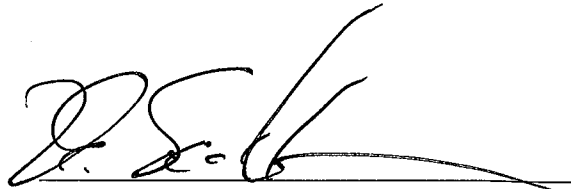
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**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on February 26, 2019.



M. Scott Thomas, Chairman  
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:  
Wilson Brantley, Florida Elections Commission  
Curtis McClees, Chair for 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 consent order 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 informal hearing held before the Commission, if you do not 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 formal hearing 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.

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Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
February 11, 2019

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**Case No.: FEC 17-408**

**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 November 1, 2018, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On November 9, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections (“Division”), alleging that Vets and Families for Truth (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division of Elections. (ROI Exhibit 1, page 3-4)<sup>1</sup>

3. By letter dated August 9, 2018, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provisions:

**Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:** As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee, may have 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 2016 G1A, 2016 G3, 2016 D2, 2016 D3, and 2016 G7 reporting periods.

4. By letter dated July 28, 2016, Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received its Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees form and that its name was placed on the 2016 active committee list as a political committee. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)

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<sup>1</sup> The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as “ROI.”



5. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all candidates filing reports with the Division are required to use the Electronic Filing System (“EFS”) and provided Respondent with a user identification number and initial password to access to the EFS. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1) The letter further advised Respondent that all of the Division’s publications and reporting forms were available on its website, and directed Respondent to print 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 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 political committee 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 *Political Committee Handbook* references the statutory requirement regarding written notification and directs political committees to notify the Division by way of the Division’s EFS. (ROI Exhibit 3, pages 1 & 7). The *Political Committee EFS User’s Guide* shows the process through which to notify the Division. The user’s guide instructs political committees 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)

8. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods (ROI Exhibit 5, page 1). The tardiness of the reports is summarized in the table below. (ROI page 1, ¶ 7)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2016 G1A	09/03/16 – 09/09/16	09/16/16	09/23/16	7
2016 G3	09/24/16 – 09/30/16	10/07/16	10/11/16	4
2016 D2	10/29/16 – 10/29/16	10/30/16	11/01/16	2
2016 D3	10/30/16 – 10/30/16	10/31/16	11/01/16	1
2016 G7	10/22/16 – 11/03/16	11/04/16	11/08/16	4

9. The chairperson for the Respondent stated that he was out of town on several occasions. Respondent’s chairperson also stated that he was out of the country during late April to early May and there was no internet available. He stated that he realized the reports had been filed late. (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 political committee registered with the Division. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods: 2016 G1A, 2016 G3, 2016 D2, 2016 D3, and 2016 G7 reporting periods.

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

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Respectfully submitted on December 18, 2018.

  
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Wilson Brantley, J.D.

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 18 day of December 2018.

  
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Eric M. Lipman  
General Counsel

  
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Tim Vaccaro  
Executive Director

## FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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

**Case Number:** FEC 17-408

**Respondent:** Vets and Families for Truth

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

**Complainant:** Division of Elections

**Respondent Type:**

- Candidate  
 Political Committee

#### I. Preliminary Information:

1. An appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on July 22, 2016 and July 27, 2016. (Ex. 1)

2. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on Respondent's DS-DE 6 on July 28, 2016, 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 notice-of-no-activity when there is no activity to disclose on page 26. (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, 2014, 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)

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8. Respondent did not provide a written response to the referral.

9. Respondent's chair was interviewed by telephone. He acknowledged that the notices-of-no-activity were filed late. He stated on several occasions he was out of town. He stated that during late April – early May he was out of the country. (Ex. 6)

**III. FEC History:**

10. Respondent does not have any prior cases before the Commission.

**Conclusion:**

11. Respondent's chair stated during a telephone interview that he did not read the *Political Committee Handbook*. He added that he did not download the Calendar of Reporting Dates. (Ex. 6) He stated that the committee has been disbanded; therefore, it did not matter. (Ex. 7)

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:

*Margie B. Wade*

Date:

*11/01/18*

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Vets and Families for Truth -- FEC 17-408**

<b>LIST OF EXHIBITS</b>	
<b>Exhibits #s</b>	<b>Description of Exhibits</b>
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 6 Forms
Exhibit 2	Acknowledgement Letter
Exhibit 3	Relevant Pages from the Handbook
Exhibit 4	Relevant Pages from the EFS User's Guide
Exhibit 5	Filing History
Exhibit 6	Phone Log
Exhibit 7	Disbandment Letter

# STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

(PLEASE TYPE)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

TALLAHASSEE, FL

Telephone

904-278-0924

1. Full Name of Committee  
Vets and Families for Truth

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)  
950 Blanding Blvd., #19, Orange Park, FL 32065

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)  
SAME

2. Affiliated or Connected Organizations (includes other committees of continuous existence and political committees)

Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization	Mailing Address	Relationship
NONE		

3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee  
Political committee supporting or opposing statewide, legislative, multicounty candidates and issues

4. Nature of Organization or Organization's Special Interest (e.g., medical, legal, education, etc.)

To provide conservative principles in the state of Florida

5. Identify by Name, Address and Position, the Custodian of Books and Accounts (include treasurer's name)

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
Curtis McClees	950 Blanding Blvd., #19 Orange Park, FL 32065	Chairman/Treasurer

**6. List by Name, Address and Position, Other Principal Officers, Including Officers and Members of the Finance Committee, If Any (include chairman's name)**

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
None		

**7. List by Name, Address, Office Sought and Party Affiliation Each Candidate or Other Individual that this Committee is Supporting (if none, please indicate)**

Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party
To be determined			

**8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting:** To be determined  
**List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing:** To be determined

**9. If this Committee is Supporting the Entire Ticket of a Party, Give Name of Party**  
 N/A

**10. In the Event of Dissolution, What Disposition will be Made of Residual Funds?**  
 Distribute prorata to donors or donate to charity or political org.

**11. List all Banks, Safety Deposit Boxes, or Other Depositories Used for Committee Funds**

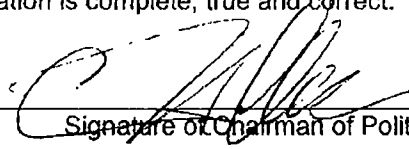
Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address
Ameris Bank	485 Blanding Blvd. Orange Park, FL 32065

**12. List all Reports Required to be Filed by this Committee with Federal Officials and the Names, Addresses and Positions of Such Officials, If Any**

Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of Official	Mailing Address
None			

STATE OF Florida COUNTY Clay

I, Curtis McClees, certify that the information in this Statement of Organization is complete, true and correct.

**X**  Signature of Chairman of Political Committee

July 21, 2016 Date



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Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
Curtis McClees	950 Blanding Blvd., #19 Orange Park, FL 32065	Chairman/Treasurer

**7. List by Name, Address, Office Sought and Party Affiliation Each Candidate or Other Individual that this Committee is Supporting (if none, please indicate)**

Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party
To be determined			

**8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting:** To be determined

**List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing:** To be determined

**9. If this Committee is Supporting the Entire Ticket of a Party, Give Name of Party**

N/A

**10. In the Event of Dissolution, What Disposition will be Made of Residual Funds?**

Distribute prorata to donors or donate to charity or political org.

**11. List all Banks, Safety Deposit Boxes, or Other Depositories Used for Committee Funds**

Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address
Ameris Bank	485 Blanding Blvd Orange Park, FL 32073

**12. List all Reports Required to be Filed by this Committee with Federal Officials and the Names, Addresses and Positions of Such Officials, If Any**

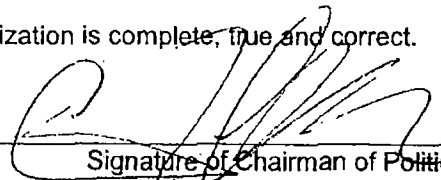
Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of Official	Mailing Address
None			

STATE OF Florida Clay COUNTY

I, Curtis McClees, certify that the information in this Statement of

Organization is complete, true and correct.

X

  
Signature of Chairman of Political Committee

July 26, 2016

Date



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

**RICK SCOTT**  
Governor

**KEN DETZNER**  
Secretary of State

July 28, 2016

Curtis McClees, Chairperson  
Vets and Families for Truth  
950 Blanding Boulevard, #19  
Orange Park, Florida 32065

Dear Mr. McClees:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Vets and Families for Truth**, which were placed on file in our office on July 27, 2016. 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 **August 5, 2016**. The report will cover the period of July 23-29, 2016 (P4). 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:** 69342

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**Pin Numbers**

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

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 not later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight, Eastern Standard Time, 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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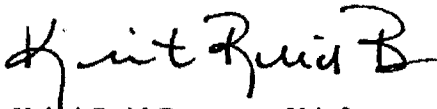
**Instructions and Assistance**

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 <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: 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

KRB/zjs

Enclosures

# 2016 Political Committee Handbook

**FLORIDA**  
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## Chapter 1: Background

The information contained in this publication is intended as a quick reference guide only and is current upon publication. To the extent that this handbook covers material beyond that contained in law or rule, the Division of Elections (Division) offers such material to candidates as guidelines.

Chapters 97-106, Florida Statutes, the Constitution of the State of Florida, Division of Elections' opinions and rules, Attorney General opinions, county charters, city charters and ordinances, and other sources should be reviewed in their entirety for complete information regarding campaign financing.

All forms and publications mentioned in the handbook are available on the Division's website at:

<http://dos.myflorida.com/elections>

Please direct any questions to either your county supervisor of elections or the Division at 850.245.6280. (See also Appendix A – Frequently Asked Questions.) Below you will find some other useful websites:

### Florida Elections Commission

<http://www.fec.state.fl.us>

### Florida Elected Officials

<http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/contact/elected-officials/>

### Florida Supervisors of Elections

<http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/contact/s/supervisor-of-elections>

### Florida Association of City Clerks

<http://www.floridaclerks.org>

### Florida Attorney General

<http://myfloridalegal.com>

### Federal Election Commission

<http://www.fec.gov>

## Chapter 10: Filing Campaign Reports

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

The chairperson and 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 chairperson 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.

(Sections 106.011  
and 106.07, F.S.)

### Where to File

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

Committees filing reports with the Division are required to file by means of the Electronic Filing System (see Chapter 11, Electronic Filing of Campaign Reports). If the committee'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: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>

(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 committee or organization 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 political committee required to file reports with the Division must file reports:

1. 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.
2. 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.

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

<http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/forms-publications/publications/>

Any political committee required to file reports with a filing officer other than the division 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.

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. (See Chapter 12, Electronic Filing of Campaign Reports.)

(Sections 106.07, 106.0705  
and 106.141, F.S.)

### Penalty for Late Filing

Any political committee 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 due immediately prior to the primary and general elections, 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.

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

### Notice of No Activity

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 is waived. The political committee shall notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date. 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.)

A notice of no activity filed with the Division must be filed electronically using the Division's electronic filing system.

(Section 106.0705, F.S.)

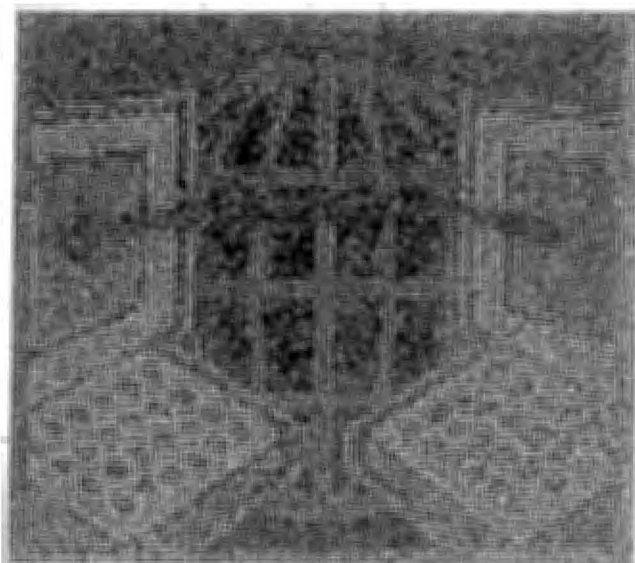
### Special Election Reports

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.

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# Political Committee EFS User's Guide



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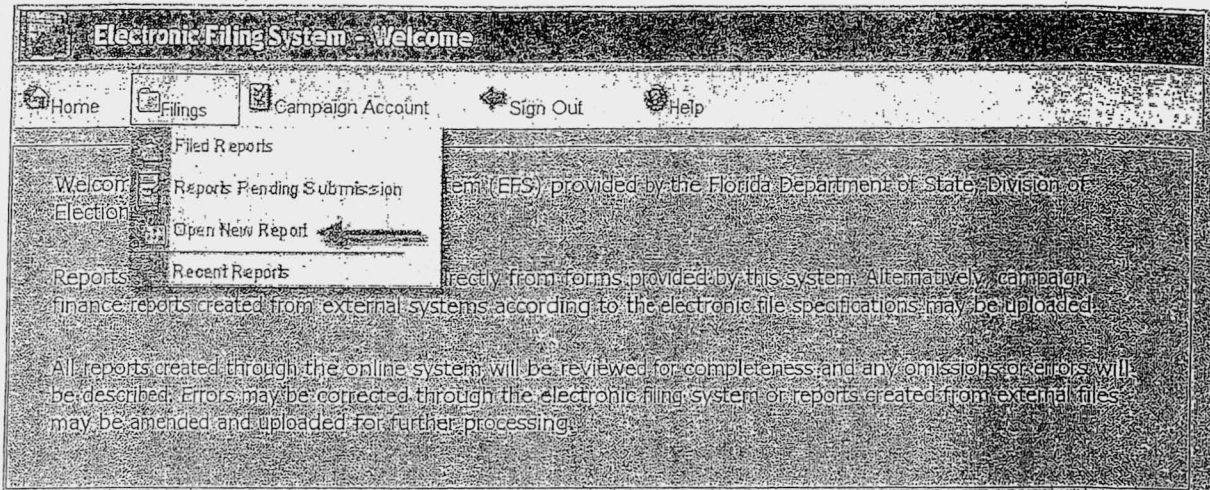
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# Create a New Report by Data Entry

From the Welcome screen, click  Filings and then  Open New Report.



Use this form to submit an original report. To submit an amendment to a previously filed report, first select the report from the Filed Reports listing and then choose the Amend Report option from the Edit menu item.

**Coverage Periods**  
Campaign finance reports itemize financial activity occurring during a specific reporting period. The reporting periods are declared by first selecting the reporting year and then the report type. The beginning and ending coverage dates and filing due date of the report are automatically associated with the Reporting Year and Report Type.


Election Cycle:


Report Type:

Coverage Period:   Due Date:

Special Election Report  Waiver

**Uploading a Campaign Finance Report**  
A Campaign Finance report file meeting the department's specifications may be uploaded at the time a report is opened. Use the Browse button to locate and select the report text or zip file to be uploaded. You may upload the report file in a compressed zip. The zip file must contain only one report file.

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.)

\*\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*\*

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

Election Cycle: 2010 General Election  
 Report Type: F2 2010  
 Coverage Period: 7/17/2010 - 7/30/2010 Due Date: 10/06/2010  
 Special Election Report  Waiver

Click  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.

Report: 2010 - G4 - 27 2010 General Election Covers: 10/16/2010-10/26/2010 Due: 10/29/2010

Amendment  Waiver Complete Status: Incomplete Detail Records  
 File Date: Review Status: Not Reviewed  
 Status: Data Entry Last Review:

# of Transactions: 0

Contributions		Total Amount	Expenditures		Total Amount
Cash and Checks:		0.00	Monetary:		0.00
Loans:		0.00	Transfers to Off Acct:		0.00
Total Monetary:		0.00	Total Monetary:		0.00
In-Kind:		0.00	Other Distributions:		0.00

Review Messages

Created: 10/26/2010 11:41:25 AM By: 50552 Revised: 10/26/2010 11:41:25 AM By: 50552

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# File the Report

If the **Review Status** is Updated Detail – Needs Review the report has not been reviewed since the last update. (See page 39 for instructions on how to submit the report to the system for review.)

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

Click on Go To File Report

The chairperson enters his or her PIN, and then selects Report Approved

**NOTE: A PIN is the same as your signature attesting to the validity of the report.**

Step 1: Enter the candidate/chairperson PIN.

Step 2: Select the 'Report Approved' button.

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Report: 2010 - F3 - 26      Coverage Period: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010      Due: 8/20/2010

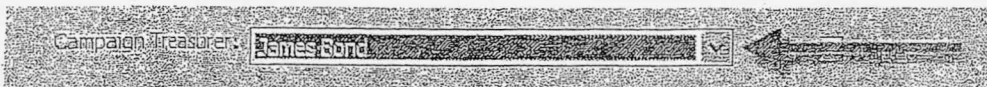
Review Status: Reviewed       Original     Amended

Waiver

PIN for Candidate/Chairperson:       Report Approved ←

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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.

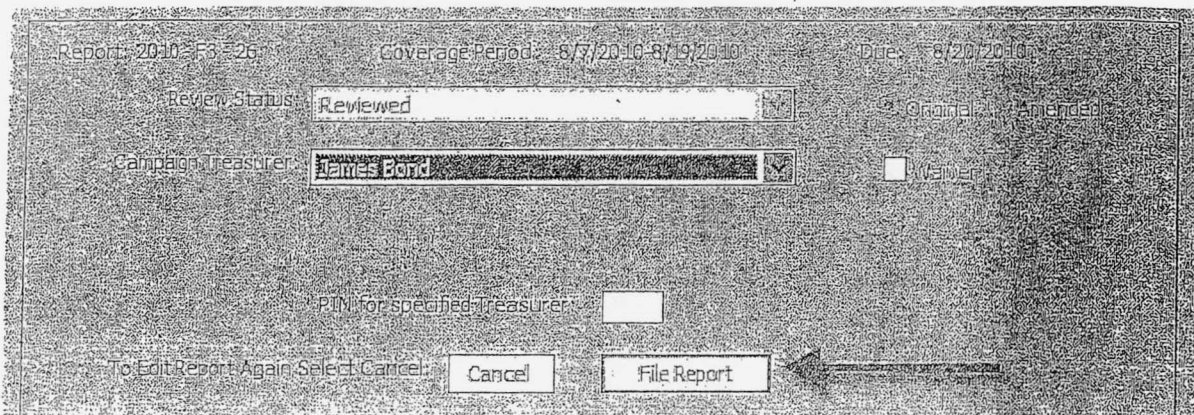


Campaign Treasurer: James Bond

The treasurer enters his PIN and then clicks



File Report



Report: 2010-F3-26 Coverage Period: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010 Date: 8/20/2010

Review Status: Reviewed

Campaign Treasurer: James Bond

PIN for specified treasurer: [ ]

To Edit Report Again Select Cancel: Cancel File Report

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

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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Committee Name: Vets and Families for Truth

Name:

Account: 69342

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
9/7/2018	G1	8/31/2018						
8/31/2018	P7A	8/27/2018						
8/24/2018	P7	8/24/2018						
8/17/2018	P6	8/17/2018						
8/10/2018	P5	8/4/2018						
8/3/2018	P4	7/30/2018						
7/27/2018	P3	7/27/2018						
7/20/2018	P2A	7/20/2018						
7/13/2018	P2	7/10/2018						
7/6/2018	P1A	7/2/2018						
6/29/2018	P1	6/25/2018						
6/11/2018	M5	6/5/2018						
5/10/2018	M4	5/8/2018						
4/10/2018	M3	4/9/2018						
3/12/2018	M2	3/9/2018						
2/12/2018	M1	2/8/2018						
1/10/2018	M12	1/9/2018						
12/11/2017	M11	12/5/2017						
11/13/2017	M10	11/2/2017						
10/10/2017	M9	10/6/2017						
9/22/2017	M8	9/2/2017						
8/10/2017	M7	8/1/2017						
7/10/2017	M6	7/5/2017						
6/12/2017	M5	6/1/2017						
5/10/2017	M4	5/8/2017						
4/10/2017	M3	4/8/2017						
3/10/2017	M2	3/17/2017	CLO	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
2/10/2017	M1	2/11/2017	CLO	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
1/10/2017	M12	1/9/2017						
12/12/2016	M11	12/7/2016						
11/4/2016	G7	11/8/2016	FEC	4	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/4/2016	D6	11/3/2016						
11/2/2016	D5	11/1/2016						
11/1/2016	D4	11/1/2016						
10/31/2016	D3	11/1/2016	FEC	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/30/2016	D2	11/1/2016	FEC	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/29/2016	D1	10/28/2016						
10/28/2016	G6	10/27/2016						
10/21/2016	G5	10/21/2016						
10/14/2016	G4	10/11/2016						
10/7/2016	G3	10/11/2016	FEC	4	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/30/2016	G2A	9/30/2016						
9/23/2016	G2	9/23/2016						
9/16/2016	G1A	9/23/2016	FEC	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/9/2016	G1	9/9/2016						

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9/2/2016 P7A 9/2/2016  
8/26/2016 P7 8/26/2016  
8/19/2016 P6 8/19/2016  
8/12/2016 P5 8/11/2016  
8/5/2016 P4 8/1/2016

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**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION  
PHONE LOG  
Case No.: FEC 17-408**

**Respondent:** Vets and Families for Truth

**Complainant:** Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** 08/27/18  
**Name:** Respondent called  
**Phone #:** 904-278-0924  
**Summary:** Respondent returned my phone call. He expressed interest in disbanding the committee and I provided the phone number to the Division of Elections. He is not interested in accepting the MVCO.  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** SC
2. **Date and time:** September 14, 2018 @ 9:46 a.m.  
**Name:** Respondent  
**Phone #:** 904-278-0924  
**Summary:** I called Respondent to introduce myself as the investigator assigned to the case and to query about the repeated late filings. I spoke with Mandy. She stated that Respondent was not available. I left a message with Mandy.  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** MBW
3. **Date and time:** September 18, 2018 @ 11:02 a.m.  
**Name:** Respondent  
**Phone #:** 904-278-0924  
**Summary:** I called Respondent to introduce myself as the investigator assigned to the case and to query about the repeated late filings. I spoke with Mandy. She stated that Respondent was not available. I left a message with Mandy.  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** MBW
4. **Date and time:** October 30, 2018 @ 3:12 p.m.  
**Name:** Respondent  
**Phone #:** 904-278-0924  
**Summary:** I called regarding the allegations in the referral. He stated that he realized that he filed the reports late. He stated on several occasions he was out of town. He stated that during late April – early May he was out of the country and there was no internet available. He stated that he did not feel that it's fair to charge him a fine when there was no activity in the committee. He stated that he was disbanded the committee because there was no activity. He stated that he will have to file again if he wants to do anything in 2020. I asked him if he downloaded a copy of the Calendar of Reporting Dates or read the Handbook. He stated he did not; he added that it didn't matter because the committee has been disbanded.  
**Memo to File?** No

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Entered by: MBW

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

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

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**Curtis McClees**

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**From:** Curtis McClees <concepts@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 1:11 PM  
**To:** elecrecords@dos.myflorida.com  
**Cc:** concepts@bellsouth.net  
**Subject:** RE: Vets and Families for Truth PAC 69342 Notice to Disband

August 27, 2018

To: Division of Elections

This email will serve as a final notice that the committee "Vets and Families for Truth" is disbanding and will no longer be in existence. All remaining funds have been distributed and a final report will be sent effective with filing requirements.

Respectfully,

  
~~Curtis McClees~~  
Chairman Vets and Families for Truth

Curtis McClees  
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**RICK SCOTT**  
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**KEN DETZNER**  
Secretary of State

August 29, 2018

Curtis McClees, Chairperson  
Vets and Families for Truth (69342)  
950 Blanding Boulevard, #19  
Orange Park, Florida 32065

Dear Mr. McClees:

This will acknowledge receipt of your committee's letter informing us of the disbandment of **Vets and Families for Truth** as a political committee. This information has been placed on file in our office. Your final report (2018 G1) may be filed at any time but is due no later than **September 7, 2018**. This report must be filed via the Division's Electronic Filing system. If you have no activity to report, you are still required to file a waiver. Should you need to file amendments after the final report has been filed, please contact our office to have your account activated.

If you have any questions, or if we may be of further assistance to you at any time, please do not hesitate to call (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Reid Willis".

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

KRW/ms

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August 9, 2018

Curtis McClees, Chair  
Vets and Families for Truth  
950 Blanding Blvd., #19  
Orange Park, FL 32065-2065

**RE: Case No.: FEC 17-408: Respondent: Vets and Families for Truth**

Dear Mr. McClees:

On November 9, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission received a legally sufficient complaint alleging that your committee violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, by failing to timely file waiver(s) of the following campaign treasurer's report(s): 2016 G1A, 2016 G3, 2016 D2, 2016 D3, and 2016 G7.

You have the option to resolve your case now by signing a minor violation consent order and paying a fine of \$250, which is \$50 per reporting period, per Rule 2B-1.003, Florida Administrative Code. Should you not accept this offer, the potential fine for the alleged violation(s) is \$5,000, which is \$1,000 per reporting period, as 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. 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. Please contact Stephanie Cunningham at 850-922-4539, extension 107, or at the address listed above, to accept this minor violation consent order offer.

If you choose not to resolve the case by minor violation 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 <http://www.fec.state.fl.us>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy McKeever Toman".

Amy McKeever Toman  
Executive Director

AMT/enr

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To FEC from Division of Elections

STATE OF FLORIDA

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<b>Name:</b>	Vets and Families for Truth
<b>Account Number:</b>	69342
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Curtis McClees
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Curtis McClees
<b>Registered Agent</b>	Curtis McClees

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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).

2016 G1A

2016 G3

2016 D2

2016 D3

2016 G7

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**Sent By:** Kristi Reid Willis  
**Date:** November 7, 2017  
stb

KRW

**AFFIDAVIT**

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

**County of Leon**

**Kristi Reid Willis, being duly sworn, says:**

1. I am the Chief of the Bureau of Election Records of the Division of Elections (Division). In that 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.
3. Vets and Families for Truth (69342) is a Political Committee registered with the Division. On July 27, 2016, a DSDE 5 and DSDE 6 was filed with the Division of Elections indicating that Curtis McClees was the chairperson and the treasurer for the committee.
4. The 2016 G1A campaign treasurer's report was due on September 16, 2016. Mr. McClees failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. McClees filed a notification of no activity on September 23, 2016. (See attached letter and file receipt.)
5. The 2016 G3 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 7, 2016. Mr. McClees failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. McClees filed a notification of no activity on October 11, 2016. (See attached letter and file receipt.)
6. The 2016 D2 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 30, 2016. Mr. McClees failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. McClees filed a notification of no activity on November 1, 2016. (See attached letter and file receipt.)
7. The 2016 D3 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 31, 2016. Mr. McClees failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. McClees filed a notification of no activity on November 1, 2016. (See attached letter and file receipt.)

8. The 2016 G7 campaign treasurer's report was due on November 4, 2016. Mr. McClees failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. McClees filed a notification of no activity on November 8, 2016. (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.**

Christ Reid Willis  
Signature of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

Stacy L Bagley  
Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known



 **Treasurer Report Status**

ID: **69342**      Name: **Vets and Families for Truth**

Report: 2016 - G1A - 7

Print Date: **11/3/2017 3:40:40 PM**

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 9/3/2016-9/9/2016

Amended     Waiver

Due: 9/16/2016

Filed: **9/23/2016 7:03:40 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **9/23/2016**

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

September 26, 2016

Curtis McClees, Treasurer  
Vets and Families for Truth  
950 Blanding Boulevard, #19  
Orange Park, FL 32065-2065

PAC 69342

Dear Mr. McClees:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of September 16, 2016, was not filed until September 23, 2016. 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



**Treasurer Report Status**

ID: **69342** Name: **Vets and Families for Truth**

Report: 2016 - G3 - 10

Print Date: **11/3/2017 3:41:12 PM**

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 9/24/2016-9/30/2016

Due: 10/7/2016

Amended  Waiver

Filed: **10/11/2016 3:59:25 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **10/11/2016**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Pending Queued Items: **0**

**Number of Detail Records**

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

October 17, 2016

Curtis McClees, Treasurer  
Vets and Families for Truth  
950 Blanding Boulevard, #19  
Orange Park, FL 32065-2065

PAC 69342

Dear Mr. McClees:


The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of October 7, 2016, was not filed until October 11, 2016. 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.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

 **Treasurer Report Status**

ID: **69342**      Name: **Vets and Families for Truth**

Report: 2016 - D2 - 15

Print Date: **11/3/2017 3:41:30 PM**

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 10/29/2016-10/29/2016

Amended     Waiver

Due: 10/30/2016

Filed: **11/1/2016 9:03:49 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **11/1/2016**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Pending Queued Items: **0**

**Number of Detail Records**

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

November 4, 2016

Curtis McClees, Treasurer  
Vets and Families for Truth  
950 Blanding Boulevard, #19  
Orange Park, FL 32065-2065

PAC 69342

Dear Mr. McClees:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of October 30, 2016, was not filed until November 1, 2016. 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.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

 **Treasurer Report Status**

ID: **69342**      Name: **Vets and Families for Truth**

Report: 2016 - D3 - 16

Print Date: **11/3/2017 3:41:50 PM**

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 10/30/2016-10/30/2016

Amended     Waiver

Due: 10/31/2016

Filed: **11/1/2016 9:04:54 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **11/1/2016**

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

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

November 15, 2016

Curtis McClees, Treasurer  
Vets and Families for Truth  
950 Blanding Boulevard, #19  
Orange Park, FL 32065-2065

PAC 69342

Dear Mr. McClees:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of October 31, 2016, was not filed until November 1, 2016. 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.

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Sincerely,

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Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

 Treasurer Report StatusID: **69342** Name: **Vets and Families for Truth**

Report: 2016 - G7 - 19

Print Date: **11/3/2017 3:42:08 PM**

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 10/22/2016-11/3/2016

Due: 11/4/2016

 Amended  WaiverFiled: **11/8/2016 4:39:35 PM**File Status: **Filed Report**Reviewed: **11/1/2016**Review Status: **Reviewed**Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Pending Queued Items: **0****Number of Detail Records**

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 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

December 8, 2016

Curtis McClees, Treasurer  
Vets and Families for Truth  
950 Blanding Boulevard, #19  
Orange Park, FL 32065-2065

PAC 69342

Dear Mr. McClees:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of November 4, 2016, was not filed until November 8, 2016. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records