# STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: For Our Children's Future Case No.: FEC 22-299

TO: Ramon Alexander, Chair PO Box 11012 Tallahassee, FL 32302

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

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

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **August 15, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.,** or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: **Virtual Meeting via GoTo Webinar:** 

WEB PARTICIPATION: <a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4391393799096818270">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4391393799096818270</a>
AUDIO PARTICIPATION: 1 877 309 2074 ATTENDEE ACCESS CODE: 424-284-031

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission August 1, 2023 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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

# STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

Case No.: FEC 22-299

For Our Children's Future, 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 May 16, 2023, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On February 8, 2023, 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 violations:

### Count 1:

On or about June 24, 2022, For Our Children's Future 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 2022 P1 Report.

## Count 2:

On or about July 1, 2022, For Our Children's Future 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 2022 P1A Report.

# Count 3:

On or about July 22, 2022, For Our Children's Future 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 2022 P3 Report.

# Count 4:

On or about July 29, 2022, For Our Children's Future 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 2022 P4 Report.

# Count 5:

On or about August 5, 2022, For Our Children's Future 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 2022 P5 Report.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on May 16, 2023.

The Vaccaro, J.D., Executive Director *For* Joni Alexis Poitier, Vice Chair Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Mattie T. Clay, Assistant General Counsel For Our Children's Future, 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 thirty (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 thirty (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 thirty (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.

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# STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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TO: Ramon Alexander, Chair Division of Elections

PO Box 11012 500 South Bronough Street, Room 316

Tallahassee, FL 32302 Tallahassee, FL 32399

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https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpdumuqTsqGt1MNuvpQBOl5XPapAI 9zfC

 Audio Participation:
 Meeting ID:
 Passcode:

 Dial: 1 301 715 8592
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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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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 December 1, 2022, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

- 1. On September 7, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections ("Division"), alleging that For Our Children's Future ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
- 2. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. (ROI Exhibit 2; Attachment A)<sup>1</sup> Ramon Alexander was appointed to serve as the committee's chairperson, and Dana Dudley was appointed to serve as the committee's treasurer. (ROI Exhibit 1, page 1; ROI Exhibit 2, page 2) Respondent's registration was previously cancelled due to limited financial activity; however, Respondent reformed on June 18, 2021. (ROI Exhibit 2; Attachment B)
- 3. By letter dated November 8, 2022, 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, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, 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 following reporting periods:

• 2022 P1

2022 P4

2022 P1A

• 2022 P5

- 2022 P3
- 4. By letter dated June 24, 2021, Donna S. Brown, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received its Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees forms. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1)

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

- 5. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all committees 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 grant access to the EFS. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1) The letter further advised Respondent that all 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 3, page 2)
- 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 electronic filing system. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 2) 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 5, pages 2 & 3)
- 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 6, page 1)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2022 P1	06/01/22 - 06/17/22	06/24/22	07/08/22	14
2022 P1A	06/18/22 - 06/24/22	07/01/22	07/08/22	7
2022 P3	07/09/22 - 07/15/22	07/22/22	08/10/22	19
2022 P4	07/16/22 - 07/22/22	07/29/22	08/10/22	12
2022 P5	07/23/22 - 07/29/22	08/05/22	08/10/22	5

- 9. Commission staff attempted to contact Respondent's chairperson on three occasions to discuss the allegations. The chairperson did not reply to the investigation. (ROI Exhibit 7, page 1) The chairperson was elected to the office of State Representative, District 8, in the 2016, 2018, and 2020 elections but failed to qualify in the 2022 election. (ROI Exhibit 7, page 2; Attachment C)
- 10. Commission staff contacted Respondent's treasurer, who stated that the committee received correspondence regarding some reporting issues; however, she believed all reports had been filed. (ROI Exhibit 7, page 1)

- 11. "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).
- 12. The facts set forth above show that Respondent is 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 2022 P1, 2022 P1A, 2022 P3, 2022 P4, and 2022 P5 reporting periods.

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

# Count 1:

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Mattie T. Clay

Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 2023.

Stephanie J. Cuminghan

General Counsel

# Committee Tracking System

# For Our Children's Future

Type:Political Committee

Status: Active

Address: Post Office Box 11012

Tallahassee, FL 32302

Phone: (850)216-1002

Chairperson:Ramon Alexander

Treasurer: Dana Dudley

Post Office Box 11012

Tallahassee, FL 32302

Registered Agent:Ramon Alexander

1028 East Park Avenue

Tallahassee, FL 32301

Purpose: Affiliates:

Campaign Finance Activity

Campaign Documents

# STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS,

Petitioner,

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FOR OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE (69644),

Respondent.

Final Order No. DOS 21-23 DE

## FINAL ORDER

The Florida Department of State, Division of Elections (the "Division"), pursuant to Section 106.03(7), Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code, promulgated thereunder, hereby enters its Final Order canceling the registration of For Our Children's Future ("Respondent") as a political committee in the State of Florida. The Division, being fully advised as to the premises, finds and orders as follows:

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Rule 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code, establishes procedures for the Division to cancel the registration of a political committee for, among other reasons, "limited activity," defined as "aggregate reported financial activity in each of two consecutive calendar years" of "\$500 or less, unless the committee is only registered and required to report as the sponsor of a proposed constitutional amendment by initiative. . ."

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## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is a registered political committee but not for the sole purpose of seeking signatures of registered electors in support of an initiative. Respondent's registration number is 69644. In calendar year 2019, Respondent's aggregate reported financial activity was \$300. In calendar year 2020, Respondent's aggregate reported financial activity was \$0.
- 2. On January 26, 2021, the Division mailed an Initial Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration (attached and incorporated by reference) to the most recent addresses on file for both Respondent's chairperson and Respondent's registered agent. The notice stated that Respondent had limited financial activity during the 2019 and 2020 calendar years. The Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration informed Respondent of the opportunity to provide documentation to the Division to show why the Respondent's registration should not be canceled.
- On February 16, 2021, the Division received Respondent's response to the Initial
   Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration. (See attached letter.)
- 4. On February 17, 2021, the Division mailed Respondent's registered agent a Final Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration (attached and incorporated by reference). The notice informed Respondent that the Division determined the explanation to be insufficient. Furthermore, the notice informed Respondent of the right to a hearing and advised that if a request for hearing was not made within 30 days of the date of the notice, the right to hearing would be waived and final action taken by the Division.
  - 5. Respondent did not respond or otherwise timely request a hearing.

# CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing and a complete review of the record, it is ORDERED that Respondent's registration as a political committee with the Florida Department of State, Division of Elections, is hereby CANCELED.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, this 2nd day of fune, 2021.

Maria I Matthews, Director

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of the foregoing Final Order was hand-delivered to the Agency Clerk, Department of State, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250 and that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order was mailed on this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021, by certified U.S. mail to Dana Dudley, Registered Agent, For Our Children's Future, Post Office Box 11012, Tallahassee, Florida 32302.

Ashley E. Davis

Deputy General Counsel Florida Department of State

Florida Bar No. 48032

500 S. Bronough Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399



RON DESANTIS
Governor

LAUREL M. LEE Secretary of State

January 26, 2021

The Honorable Ramon Alexander, Chairperson For Our Children's Future (69644) Post Office Box 11012 Tallahassee, Florida 32302

RE: INITIAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL REGISTRATION

Dear Representative Alexander:

This Initial Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration of your political committee is based on the following pursuant to Section 106.03(7), Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code:

• The committee had limited financial activity during the 2019 and 2020 calendar years.

If you object to this cancellation, you have 30 days from the date of this notice to provide documentation showing why the committee's registration should not be canceled. Alternatively, you may choose to voluntarily terminate your committee's registration before the end of the 30 days.

All further notices regarding cancellation of this committee's registration will be sent only to the registered agent's most recent address on file.

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If you have any questions, please call (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

KRW/mcc

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Governor

LAUREL M. LEE Secretary of State

January 26, 2021

Dana Dudley, Registered Agent For Our Children's Future (69644) Post Office Box 11012 Tallahassee, Florida 32302

RE: INITIAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL REGISTRATION

Dear Ms. Dudley:

This Initial Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration of your political committee is based on the following pursuant to Section 106.03(7), Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code:

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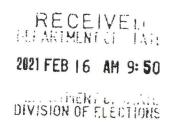
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February 9, 2021

Ms. Kristi Reid Willis Bureau of Election Records Chief 500 South Bronough St. R.A. Gray Building, Suite 316 Tallahassee, FL 33299

RE: For Our Children's Future (69644)

Dear Ms. Willis,

We are in receipt of your recent correspondence regarding the above referenced political committee, For Our Children's Future (number 69644) in which you have provided a Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration. Please note that we respectively object to the intent to cancel registration and request that this committee remain in an active status. Despite limited recent financial activity, we comply to every reporting period on time and maintain an active bank account, and further anticipate gaining momentum in the upcoming year.

If you need any further information regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at 850-216-1002. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Dana Dudley
Registered Agent



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Governor

LAUREL M. LEE Secretary of State

February 17, 2021

Dana Dudley, Registered Agent For Our Children's Future (69644) Post Office Box 11012 Tallahassee, Florida 32302

RE: FINAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL REGISTRATION

Dear Ms. Dudley:

The Division of Elections is in receipt of your letter in response to the Division's Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration dated January 26, 2021. The Division has determined the documentation to be insufficient and will proceed with the cancellation of the committee's registration.

If you object to this cancellation, you must file a request for a hearing within 30 days of the date of this Final Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration (Final Notice). The request must be filed with the Florida Department of State, Division of Elections, Bureau of Election Records (use the address at the bottom of this letter) and will be forwarded to the Florida Elections Commission (FEC). The FEC will conduct a hearing based upon your request and any supporting documentation.

If you want to appear personally in the hearing, you must ask to appear in the request for the hearing. If you fail to file a request for a hearing, you waive your right to a hearing and a final order will be issued canceling the committee's registration.

You may still opt to terminate your committee's registration within 30 days of the Final Notice. You are still obligated for any fines or fees imposed automatically by law or by the FEC.

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# 2016 General Election

State Representative
District 8

## Ramon Alexander

**Democrat** 

Address

2606 Pottsdamer Street Tallahassee, FL 32310

Phone: (850)575-4239

**Campaign Treasurer** 

Tommy L. Mitchell Sr. 2980 Raymond Diehl Road Tallahassee, FL 32309-

Status:Elected
Date Filed:10/01/2013
Date Qualified:06/20/2016
Method:Petition method

Campaign Finance Activity

Campaign Documents

**Petition Signatures** 

# 2018 General Election

State Representative
District 8

### Ramon Alexander

**Democrat** Incumbent

Address

2606 Pottsdamer Street Tallahassee, FL 32310

Phone: (850)575-4239

**Campaign Treasurer** 

Lorenzo Alexander 2606 Pottsdamer Street Tallahassee, FL 32310

Status:Elected
Date Filed:01/06/2017
Date Qualified:06/18/2018
Method:Paid Qualifying Fee

Campaign Finance Activity

Campaign Documents

## 2020 General Election

State Representative
District 8

## Ramon Alexander

**Democrat** Incumbent

Address

2606 Pottsdamer Street Tallahassee, FL 32310

Phone: (850)575-4239

**Campaign Treasurer** 

Lorenzo Alexander 2606 Pottsdamer Street Tallahassee, FL 32310-

Status:Elected
Date Filed:12/10/2018
Date Qualified:06/08/2020

Method:Paid Qualifying Fee

Campaign Finance Activity

Campaign Documents

# 2022 General Election

State Representative District 8

### Ramon Jermaine Alexander

Democrat Incumbent

Address

2606 Pottsdamer Street Tallahassee, FL 32310

Phone: (850)575-4239

Campaign Treasurer

Lorenzo Alexander 2606 Pottsdamer Street Tallahassee, FL 32310-

Status: Did Not Qualify Date Filed:01/08/2021 Date Qualified:

Method: Filed intent to qualify by petition method

Campaign Finance Activity

Campaign Documents

Petition Signatures

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## FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

# Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer

Case Number: FEC 22-299

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

**Respondent:** For Our Children's Future

Respondent's Atty: N/A

**Division of Elections (Division)** 

**Referral Filed:** September 7, 2022

**Respondent Type:** Political Committee

# I. Preliminary Information:

1. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division.

- 2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on June 18, 2021. Dana Dudley was appointed as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 6, refer to Exhibit 1.
- 3. A Statement of Organization (DS-DE 5) for the political committee was filed with the Division on June 18, 2021. To review the Statement of Organization, refer to Exhibit 2.
- 4. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on the DS-DE 6 on June 24, 2021, advising Respondent that all political committee filing reports with the Division are required to file by means of the Division's electronic filing system (EFS). Respondent was provided with a user identification number and initial password allowing access to the EFS.
- 5. The acknowledgement letter also advised Respondent that all 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*. The letter further advised that it was Respondent's responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. To review the acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 3.
- 6. The *Political Committee Handbook* discusses filing a waiver when there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant page of the *Handbook*, refer to Exhibit 4.
- 7. The *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* discusses how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, the *Handbook* instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant pages from the *EFS User's Guide*, refer to Exhibit 5.

# II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:

8. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by not timely notifying the filing officer, in writing, that no report(s) would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making expenditures during the following reporting period(s). To review Respondent's filing history reflecting the untimely filed notifications summarized below, refer to Exhibit 6.

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Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2022 P1	06/01/22 - 06/17/22	06/24/22	07/08/22	14
2022 P1A	06/18/22 - 06/24/22	07/01/22	07/08/22	7
2022 P3	07/09/22 - 07/15/22	07/22/22	08/10/22	19
2022 P4	07/16/22 - 07/22/22	07/29/22	08/10/22	12
2022 P5	07/23/22 - 07/29/22	08/05/22	08/10/22	5

<sup>9.</sup> Respondent did not respond to the referral.

10. I attempted to contact Respondent's Chairperson, Ramon Alexander, on three occasions for the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the referral. As of the date of this report, my telephone calls have not been returned. There were no email addresses available on the Division's website for Respondent. Therefore, I am unable to ascertain whether Mr. Alexander has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and/or the *Political Committee Handbook*. On November 14, 2022, I spoke with Respondent's Treasurer, Dana Dudley, who stated they had received correspondence regarding some reporting issues, but she believed all the reports had been filed. I requested that Mr. Alexander call me back or contact me by email. Ms. Dudley stated she would, "pass the information along." On November 29, 2022, I called Ms. Dudley again since Mr. Alexander had not called me back, but she was not available. I left a message asking her to return my call. As of the date of this report, neither Mr. Alexander nor Ms. Dudley have returned my calls. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 7.

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR: Helen Hinson Date: December 1, 2022.

# FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

# REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

For Our Children's Future -- FEC 22-299

LIST OF EXHIBITS			
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits		
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 6		
Exhibit 2	Statement of Organization		
Exhibit 3	Division's Acknowledgement Letter		
Exhibit 4	Relevant page of the Political Committee Handbook		
Exhibit 5	Relevant pages of the Political Committee EFS User's Guide		
Exhibit 6	Respondent's Filing History		
Exhibit 7	Phone Log		

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

(Sections 106.011(2) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

# POLITICAL COMMITTEES

# RECEIVED

2021 JUN 18 AM 8: 55

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:		DIVISION OF ELECT <b>IONS</b> TAKE AHASSEE, FL			
Initial Filing for: Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer			OFFICE USE ONLY		
Re-filing to Change: Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer	Primary/Seco	ondary Depository			
Committee     For Our Children's Future	2. Telephone	2. Telephone			
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer 4. Email (optional)  Dana Dudley		5. Telephone (o	5. Telephone (optional)		
6. Mailing Address PO Box 11012, Tallahassee, FL 32302					
7 Street Address					
8. The following bank has been designated as the Print	nary Depositor	y Secondar	ry Depository		
9. Name of Bank Hancock Bank 10. Street Address 2453 Mahan Drive					
11. City Tallahassee  12. State FL  13. Zip Code 32308					
4. Signature of Chairman (Frint or Type) Ramon Alexander			9)		
Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment					
Dana Dudley , do hereby accept the appointment as					
treasurer or deputy treasurer for For Our Children's Future					
(Committee)  UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S  ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED ARE TRUE.					
Date  X Munduly Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer					

# STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

(PLEASE TYPE)

OFFICE USE ONLY

# RECEIVED

2021 JUN 18 AM 8: 55

		DIVISIE	IN OF ELECTIONS
1. Full Name of Committee For Our Children's Future	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	n e	850-216-1002
Mailing Address (include cit PO Box 11012, Tallahass			
Street Address (include city, 1028 E Park Avenue, Tall			
Affiliated or Connected Or committees)	rganizations (includes other committee	s of continuous ex	cistence and political
Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization	Mailing Address	Mailing Address	
none			
3. Area, Scope and Jurisdict supporting or opposing sta	ion of the Committee atewide, legislative and multicount	y issues	
4. Nature of Organization or resources for youth	Organization's Special Interest (e.g., m	edical, legal, educ	ation, etc.)
5. Identify by Name, Address	s and Position, the Custodian of Books	and Accounts (inc	clude treasurer's name)
Full Name	Mailing Address	Com	mittee Title or Position
Dana Dudley	PO Box 11012, Tallahassee, FL	32302 Treasure	er
		Exhib	it 2 (Page 1 of 2)

<ol><li>List by Name, Address and Position, Other Principal Officers, Including Officers and Members of the Finance Committee, If Any (include chairman's name)</li></ol>						
Full Name	Mailing Address		Committee Title or Position			
Ramon Alexander Dana Dudley  PO Box 11012, Tallahass PO Box 11012, Tallahass			Chair Treasure	r		
	Office Sought and Party Affiling (if none, please indicate)	ation Each Candida	ite or Other	Individual that this		
Full Name	Mailing Address	Office	Sought	Party		
none						
8. List Any Issues this Co	mmittee is Supporting: none a	at this time				
List Any Issues this Co	mmittee is Opposing: none a	at this time				
9. If this Committee is Su n/a	pporting the Entire Ticket of a	Party, Give Name o	f Party			
10. In the Event of Dissol give to charitable organ	ution, What Disposition will be nization 501(c)(3)	Made of Residual I	unds?			
11. List all Banks, Safety	Deposit Boxes, or Other Depos	sitories Used for Co	mmittee F	unds		
Name of Bank or Dep	ository & Account Number		Mailing A	ddress		
Hancock Bank Account 7  2453 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32308						
12. List all Reports Requi and Positions of Sucl	red to be Filed by this Commit Officials, If Any	tee with Federal Of	ficials and t	the Names, Addresses		
Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of	of Official	Mailing Address		
none						
STATE OF Florida Leon COUNTY						
Organization is complete, true and correct.						
Signature of	Signature of Chairman of Political Committee  Signature of Chairman of Political Committee  Exhibit 2 (Page 2 of 2)					



RON DESANTIS

Governor

LAUREL M. LEE Secretary of State

June 24, 2021

The Honorable Ramon Alexander, Chairperson For Our Children's Future Post Office Box 11012 Tallahassee, Florida 32302

Dear Representative Alexander:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for For Our Children's Future, which were placed on file in our office on June 23, 2021. 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 July 12, 2021. The report will cover the period of June 1-30, 2021 (2021 M6). 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).

# EFS Access

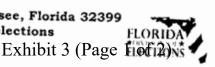
Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. Enclosed are the committee's confidential, filing credentials.

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

Identification Number: 79535

# Timely Filing

All reports must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the



The Honorable Ramon Alexander, Chairperson June 24, 2021 Page Two

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 three days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the 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 chairperson and campaign treasurer, and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

# Instructions and Assistance

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

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <a href="https://dos.myflorida.com/elections">https://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: 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,

Donna S. Brown, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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Enclosures

pc: Dana Dudley, Treasurer

# Political Committee Handbook

Florida Department of State Division of Elections R. A. Gray Building, Room 316 500 South Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250 850.245.6280



(Rev. 9/27/2019)

Any political committee required to file reports with a filing officer other than the Division must file reports on the 60<sup>th</sup> day immediately preceding the primary election and bi-weekly on each Friday thereafter through and including the 4<sup>th</sup> day immediately preceding the general election, with additional reports due on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> days before the primary election and the general election.

Unless the electronic filing requirements of Section <u>106.0705</u>, 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 five 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 <u>Electronic Filing System</u> (<u>EFS</u>) 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>, Fla. Stat.; Chapter 11: Electronic Filing of Campaign Reports)

# **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 <u>106.07(8)</u>, Fla. Stat.)

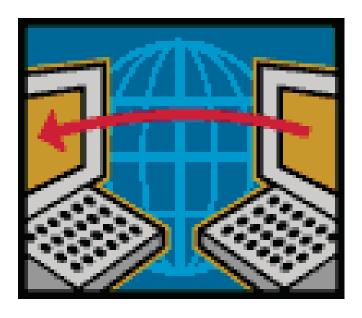
# **Notice of No Activity**

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. However, the political committee **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 <u>EFS</u>.) The next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed.

(Sections 106.07(7) and 106.0705, Fla. Stat.)

# **Department of State Division of Elections**

# Political Committee EFS User's Guide



Florida Department of State Division of Elections R.A. Gray Building, Room 316 500 S Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

**EFS HELP LINE: 850-245-6280** 

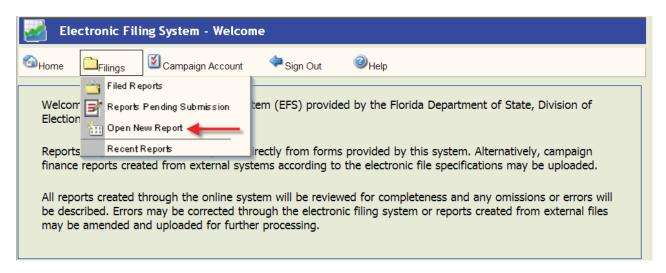
January 2011

Rule 1S-2.017, F.A.C.

DS-DE 110B (eff. 01/11)

# **Create a New Report by Data Entry**

From the Welcome screen, click and then Open New Report





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 I	-			
Report Type:	F2 2010	~			
Coverage Period:	7/17/2010	7/30/2010		Due Date:	08/06/2010
	al Election Repor		Waive	er 👉	

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.

Report: 201	0 - G4 - 27 201	0 General Election		Covers: 10/10	6/2010-10/28/2010	Due: 10/29/2010	
Amendment Waiver Complete Status: Incomplete Detail Records							
File Date:		Re	view Status: Not	Reviewed			
Status:	Data Entry		Last Review:				
# of Transa	actions: 0	Review	Recalculate	Go To File Report	Append File Dele	te Report Save	
(	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 A	м Ву: 50552	

### 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 39 for instructions on how to submit the report to the system for review.)

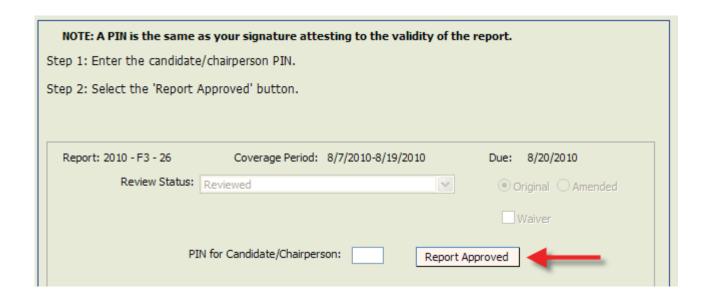
If the status of the report is <u>Complete</u> <u>Detail Records</u>, you are ready to file the report.



Click on Go To File Report

The chairperson enters his or her PIN, and then selects

Report Approved

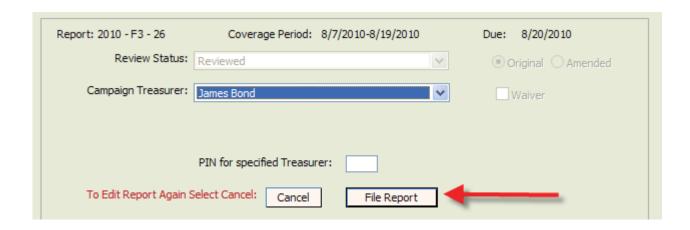


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If there is more than one treasurer, click on the drop down and select the treasurer that is filing the report.



The treasurer enters his **PIN** and then clicks File Report



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



## Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

### Florida Election System Reports

Ca	indidate/Committee Lo	ookup	Commit	tee N	lame: For O	ur Childi	ren's Fut	ure			
Name:				Acc	ount: 79535						
Election:			Date Due	Туре	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed Ap	pealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
		~	11/4/2022	G6	11/3/2022						
Acct:	79535		11/3/2022	D6	11/3/2022						
Type:	Committee	~	11/2/2022	D5	11/3/2022						
			11/1/2022	D4	11/3/2022						
	Search Reset	]	10/31/2022	D3	11/3/2022						
		-	10/30/2022	D2	11/3/2022						
			10/29/2022	D1	11/3/2022						
			10/28/2022	G5	10/24/2022						
			10/21/2022	G4A	10/24/2022	PEN	3	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
			10/14/2022	G4	10/14/2022						
			10/7/2022	G3A	10/14/2022	CLO	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
			10/7/2022	G3	10/7/2022						
			9/23/2022	G2A	9/16/2022						
			9/16/2022	G2	9/16/2022						
			9/9/2022	G1A	9/2/2022						
			9/2/2022	G1	8/26/2022						
			8/26/2022	P7A	8/19/2022						
			8/19/2022	P7	8/19/2022						
			8/12/2022	P6	8/10/2022						
			8/5/2022	P5	8/10/2022	CLO	5	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
			7/29/2022	P4	8/10/2022	CLO	12	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
			7/22/2022	P3	8/10/2022	CLO	19	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
			7/15/2022	P2A	7/8/2022						
			7/8/2022	P2	7/8/2022						
			7/1/2022	P1A	7/8/2022	CLO	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
			6/24/2022	P1	7/8/2022	CLO	14	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
			6/10/2022	М5	6/10/2022						
			5/10/2022	M4	5/10/2022						
			4/11/2022	М3	4/11/2022						
			3/10/2022	M2	3/8/2022						
			2/10/2022	M1	2/10/2022						
			1/10/2022	M12	1/10/2022						
			12/10/2021	M11	12/10/2021						
			11/10/2021	M10	11/10/2021						
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			9/10/2021	M8	9/9/2021						
			8/10/2021	M7	8/10/2021						
			7/12/2021	М6	7/6/2021	CLO	0	\$615.74		\$615.74	\$615.74

### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

**Case No.: FEC 22-299** 

**Respondent: For Our Children's Future** 

**Complainant: Division of Elections** 

1. **Date and time:** Monday, November 14, 2022; 11:15 a.m.

Name: Respondent—For Our Children's Future

**Phone** #: 850-216-1002

**Summary:** I called the number provided on the Division's website for Respondent; I reached a voice-mail message, "You've reached Wilhelmina Square, Press 1 for the Pittman

Law Group...." **Entered by:** HH

2. **Date and time:** Monday, November 14, 2022; 1:38 p.m.

Name: Dana Dudley, treasurer for Respondent

**Phone** #: 850-216-1002

**Summary:** After reviewing online information for Respondent, R's chairman and Ms. Dudley as this is the only phone number available and there is no email address provided for Respondent or R's chairman, I phoned the number for Ms. Dudley, identified myself, requested to speak with Ms. Dudley (CFO at the Pittman Law Group & R's treasurer); Ms. Dudley answered, she identified herself, I identified myself, I explained that I'm trying to reach Mr. Alexander, Respondent's chairman, I understand she is Respondent's treasurer but due to the confidential nature of my investigation, I need to speak with him.

Ms. Dudley indicated this is not Mr. Alexander's office, she explained that her office intern picked up mail today, she confirmed receiving correspondence today regarding some reporting issues, but she believes all the reports have been filed; I explained that I reviewed the Division's website today and saw that several notices from the Division were sent recently regarding multiple failure-to-file notices (reports due October 7, October 21, October 29, October 31, and November 2, 2022), in addition to any correspondence from us, but we are a separate entity from the Division of Elections. I requested that Mr. Alexander return my call or contact me via email, I provided my contact number, email address and she agreed to "pass the information along."

**Entered by:** HH

3. Date and time: Tuesday, November 29, 2022; 2:33 pm

Name: Dana Dudley, treasurer for Respondent

**Phone** #: 850-216-1002

**Summary:** I called, identified myself, requested to speak with Ms. Dudley, Respondent's treasurer and I was informed she isn't available, he asked if he could take a message and I explained that I had spoken to Ms. Dudley 2 weeks ago, was following up my earlier call, requested she return my call, I identified myself again by name, title, agency, and provided my contact information.

**Entered by:** HH

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Name: Phone #: Summary: Entered by:

#### 5. **Date and time:**

Name: Phone #: Summary: Entered by:

### RESPONDENT INTERVIEW MEMO – Call details at #[LOG NUMBER]

- The 2022 P1 was 14 days late; 2022 P1A was 7 days late; 2022 P3 was 19 days late; 2022 P4 was 12 days late; 2022 P5 was 5 days late. Please explain why the 5 notices-of-no-activity were filed after the due date.
- Have you ever run for public office? YES If so, please name each office you ran for and state what year each election occurred. Respondent's chairman was elected to the Florida House in 2016, 2018 and 2020. He failed to qualify in 2022.
- Have you ever been appointed to act as a campaign treasurer for a candidate? If so, please name each such candidate, the office each ran for, and state what year each election occurred.
- Have you ever held the office of chairperson, treasurer, or other similar position for a political committee or electioneering communications organization? If so, please name each committee, state the office you held for each, and state when you held each office.
- Have you ever prepared or signed a campaign treasurer's report? If so, please state the name of the candidate or **committee** whose report you prepared or signed.
- What action have you taken to determine your responsibilities under Florida's election laws?
- Do you possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- Do you possess a copy of the [Candidate and Campaign Treasurer OR Political Committee OR Electioneering Communications Organization] Handbook? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- If a section of Chapter 104 is listed in the LS letter, ask: Do you possess a copy of Chapter 104, Florida Statutes? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- Did you receive any other materials from your filing officer? If so, please describe them.
- Do you have anything else to add for the Commission's consideration regarding the charges specified in the letter of legal sufficiency in this case?



### Florida Elections Commission

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November 8, 2022

Ramon Alexander For Our Children's Future P.O. Box 11012 Tallahassee, FL 32302

RE: Case No.: FEC 22-299; Respondent: For Our Children's Future

Dear Mr. Alexander:

On September 7, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that your committee 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:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, 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 following reporting periods:

- 2022 P1
- 2022 P1A
- 2022 P3
- 2022 P4
- 2022 P5

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to you at the above address. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will prepare and present a written Staff Recommendation (SR) to the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to charge, the Respondent, with violating Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You will have an opportunity to respond to both the ROI and the SR. The Commission will then hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violation occurred and, if so, the amount of the fine to be imposed upon your committee. Notice will be mailed to you and the Complainant at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(i)3., Florida Statutes, the Commission may enter into a consent agreement with a Respondent to settle a complaint prior to a finding of probable cause. If you are

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interested in entering negotiations directed towards reaching a consent agreement to resolve this matter, please contact the Commission and request to speak with the attorney assigned to this case.

Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you notify us of a new address.

Pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, complaints, investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, are confidential until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause, unless the Respondent files a written waiver of confidentiality with the Commission. The confidentiality provision does not apply to the Complainant or the Respondent.

Should you retain counsel, your attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Commission before any member of the commission staff can discuss this case with him or her.

For additional information, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Commission's website.

If you have additional questions, please contact **Helen Hinson**, the investigator assigned to this case, by phone at (850) 922-4539 or by email at Helen.Hinson@myfloridalegal.com.

Sincerely, Jackaer

Executive Director

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# DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

To FEC from Division of Elections

Name: For Our Children's Future

Account Number: 79535

Chairperson: Ramon Alexander

Treasurer: Dana Dudley

Registered Agent: Ramon Alexander

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 notify the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date as required by section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, for the following reports:

2022 P1 2022 P1A

2022 P3 2022 P4

2022 P5

- For Our Children's Future (79535) is a political committee registered with the Division of Elections. On June 23, 2021, the committee filed the DSDE 5 and DSDE 6 with the Division appointing Ramon Alexander as the chairperson and Dana Dudley as treasurer for the committee.
- The 2022 P1 campaign treasurer's report was due on June 24, 2022.
   For Our Children's Future failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On July 8, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2022 P1A campaign treasurer's report was due on July 1, 2022.
   For Our Children's Future failed to notify the Division that

no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On July 8, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt.)

- The 2022 P3 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 22, 2022.
   For Our Children's Future failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On August 10, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2022 P4 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 29, 2022.
   For Our Children's Future failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On August 10, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2022 P5 campaign treasurer's report was due on August 5, 2022.
   For Our Children's Future failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On August 10, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt and letter.)

Sent By: Donna S. Brown

Date: September 2, 2022

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ID: 79535 Name: For Our Children's Future

Report: 2022 - P1 - 13 Print Date: **8/18/2022 11:24:58 AM** 

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 6/1/2022-6/17/2022

Due: 6/24/2022

Amended Waiver

Filed: 7/8/2022 4:11:24 PM File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 7/8/2022 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
Fund Transfers: 0

Pending Queued Items: 0

Distributions: 0



#### Cord Byrd Secretary of State

### **DIVISION OF ELECTIONS**

June 28, 2022

Ramon Alexander, Chairperson For Our Children's Future Post Office Box 11012 Tallahassee, FL 32302-2302 PAC 79535

Dear Representative Alexander:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was June 24, 2022.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Dana Dudley, Treasurer



ID: 79535 Name: For Our Children's Future

Report: 2022 - P1A - 14 Print Date: **8/18/2022 11:25:34 AM** 

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 6/18/2022-6/24/2022

Due: 7/1/2022

Amended Waiver

Filed: 7/8/2022 4:11:55 PM File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 7/8/2022 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
Fund Transfers: 0

Pending Queued Items: 0

Distributions: 0



ID: 79535 Name: For Our Children's Future

Report: 2022 - P3 - 17 Print Date: **8/18/2022 11:25:24 AM** 

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 7/9/2022-7/15/2022

Due: 7/22/2022

Amended Waiver

Filed: 8/10/2022 5:25:38 PM File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 8/10/2022 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
Fund Transfers: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**Distributions: 0



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### **DIVISION OF ELECTIONS**

July 26, 2022

Ramon Alexander, Chairperson For Our Children's Future Post Office Box 11012 Tallahassee, FL 32302-2302

PAC 79535

### Dear Representative Alexander:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was July 22, 2022.

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

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Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Dana Dudley, Treasurer

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ID: 79535 Name: For Our Children's Future

Report: 2022 - P4 - 18

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 7/16/2022-7/22/2022

Due: 7/29/2022

Print Date: 8/18/2022 11:24:46 AM

Amended Waiver

Filed: **8/10/2022 5:26:19 PM** 

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 8/10/2022

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

Pending Queued Items: 0

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**Number of Detail Records** 

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Expenditures: 0

Contributions:

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0



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### **DIVISION OF ELECTIONS**

August 1, 2022

Ramon Alexander, Chairperson For Our Children's Future Post Office Box 11012 Tallahassee, FL 32302-2302 PAC 79535

Dear Representative Alexander:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was July 29, 2022.

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

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Sincerely,

Bureau of Election Records

cc: Dana Dudley, Treasurer

Name: For Our Children's Future ID: **79535** 

Report: 2022 - P5 - 19

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 7/23/2022-7/29/2022

Due: 8/5/2022

Print Date: 8/18/2022 11:25:10 AM

Amended Waiver

Filed: 8/10/2022 5:26:53 PM

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 8/10/2022

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

**Number of Detail Records** 

File Method: Web Filed

Pending Queued Items: 0

Contributions:

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Expenditures: 0

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions:



### Cord Byrd

Secretary of State

#### **DIVISION OF ELECTIONS**

August 9, 2022

Ramon Alexander, Chairperson For Our Children's Future Post Office Box 11012 Tallahassee, FL 32302-2302 PAC 79535

Dear Representative Alexander:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was August 5, 2022.

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

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