

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
CASE REPORT
Case Number: FEC-18-283

NAME: UNITED WE STAND

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 09/21/18

DATE REPORT DUE: 08/24/18 (2018 P7)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 08/28/18

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 4

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$1,885.15

FINE BASED ON: () NUMBER OF DAYS () 25% OF RECEIPTS (X) 25% OF EXPENDITURES

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$6,000.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$7,540.58

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 08/27/18

SUMMARY: United We Stand is a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair and treasurer is Eric Robinson.

The PC is appealing the fine claiming that the Division of Elections website was not working properly the day the report was due. According to Mr. Robinson, the website kept closing while he was trying to file the report. He states that a Division representative told them that they were having issues because so many reports were being filed at the same time. Mr. Robinson states that because of this issue he inadvertently forgot to go back and finish filing the report.

- The 2018 P7 Original Report covers the period from 08/11/18-08/23/18; it was due on 08/24/18.
- The 2018 P7 Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created and filed on 08/28/18.
- United We stand reported receiving 2 contributions, while making 1 expenditure.
- The Division of Elections does not have any notes that pertains to United We Stand's 2018 P7 report. However, the Bureau Chief responded to staff and stated that during the time the report was due the website was running slower than usual but was never down.

PRIOR CASES: None.

CANDIDATE []	STATE [X]
PC [X]	DISTRICT []
CCE []	COUNTY []
POLITICAL PARTY []	CITY []
ECO []	



Robinson, Hanks, Young and Roberts, P.A.
Certified Public Accountants

Eric W. Robinson, C.P.A.

Susan C. Hanks, C.P.A.

Sydney P. Young, C.P.A.

Donna M. Roberts, C.P.A.

133 South Harbor Drive • Venice, Florida 34285

Tel: 941.488.7794 Fax: 941.488.1718

www.robinsonhanks.com

REC'D: FL ELECTIONS COM
21 SEP 18 10:49

September 20, 2018

Florida Elections Commission

107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0150

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to appeal the fine for United We Stand ID# 69830 with whom I am the Treasure. On the day the report was due August 24, 2018 the Department of Election website was not working properly. The website would keep closing down while trying to file electronic reports. A phone call was made from my office inquiring about the problem. She was told that they were having issues because of so many reports were being filed at the same time. Because of this issue I inadvertently forgot to go back and finish filing this report.

I am asking that the Election Commission reconsider this fine of \$1,885.15.

Sincerely,

Eric Robinson Treasure



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

September 17, 2018

Eric Robinson, Chairperson
United We Stand
133 South Harbor Drive
Venice, FL 34285-4285

PAC 69830

Dear Mr. Robinson:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on August 24, 2018, was filed on August 28, 2018. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$1,885.15.

You have 20 days from the receipt of this notice to either:

1. Pay the fine to the Florida Division of Elections (For a candidate only, a fine is not an allowable campaign expenditure and must be paid from personal funds) at:

*Florida Division of Elections
R.A. Gray Building, Room. 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-025011*

2. Appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission (See Rules 2B-1.005 and 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code) at:

*Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150*

If you appeal, please send a copy also to the Florida Division of Elections so that you will not receive further notices from the Division about this matter.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

August 27, 2018

Eric Robinson, Chairperson
United We Stand
133 South Harbor Drive
Venice, FL 34285-4285

PAC 69830

Dear Mr. Robinson:

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 24, 2018.

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,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

(1) United We Stand (2) 69830
 Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 133 South Harbor Drive Venice FL 34285
 Address (number and street) City State Zip Code

☐ Check box if address has changed since last report

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

☐ Candidate (office sought):
☒ Political Committee ☐ Check If PC has DISBANDED
☐ Committee of Continuous Existence ☐ Check If CCE has DISBANDED
☐ Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 08/11/2018 To 08/23/2018 Report Type: P7

☒ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks \$6,000.00
 Loans \$0.00
Total Monetary \$6,000.00
 In-Kind \$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures \$7,540.58
 Transfers to Office Account \$0.00
Total Monetary \$7,540.58

(8) Other Distributions

Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss.839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of ☐ Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

X
 Signature

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of ☐ Candidate ☒ Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X
 Signature

Name: United We Stand

Report: 2018 P7

Period: 08/11/2018 to 08/23/2018

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
		Type	In-Kind Description	
1 08/22/2018	AUXADYNE 200 NE COMMERCIAL CIR KEYSTONE HEIGHTS, FL 32656	B CHE	MEDICAL PRODUCTS	\$3,000.00
2 08/23/2018	WORKING FOR FLORIDA'S FAMILIES 2640A MITCHAM DR TALLAHASSEE, FL 32308	F CHE	PAC	

ID: 69830

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

Page 1 of 1

Name: United We Stand

Report: 2018 P7

Period: 08/11/2018 to 08/23/2018

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 08/23/2018	KESSLER CREATIVE 12276 SAN JOSE BLVD STE 115 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32223	MON	PRINTING & MAIL EXPENSE NOTE CARDS	\$7,540.58

Name: United We Stand

Report: 2018 P7

Period: 08/11/2018 to 08/23/2018

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Nature of Account	Amount
				Amend

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED DISTRIBUTIONS

Page 1 of 1

Name: United We StandReport: 2018 P7Period: 08/11/2018 to 08/23/2018**** Records in Filed Report ****

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Recipient	Purpose	Amount
		Type	Related Expenditure	Amend

Queued Items for 2018-P7

Account: 69830

United We Stand

Rpt Seq: 23

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	69830	8/28/2018 1:24:37 PM	8/28/2018 1:24:37 PM
Process Uploaded File	Processing Complete	69830	8/28/2018 1:24:37 PM	8/28/2018 1:24:37 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	69830	8/28/2018 1:24:55 PM	8/28/2018 1:24:55 PM


[search](#) | [directory](#) | [contact us](#) | [411](#) | [subscribe](#) | [tour](#) | [help](#)

Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Committee Name: United We Stand

Name:

Account: 69830

Election:

Acct: 69830

Type:

Committee

Search

Reset

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Fined
9/14/2018	G1A	9/14/2018						
9/7/2018	G1	9/6/2018						
8/31/2018	P7A	8/28/2018						
8/24/2018	P7	8/28/2018	SNT	4	\$1,885.15		\$1,885.15	
8/17/2018	P6	8/16/2018						
8/10/2018	P5	8/9/2018						
8/3/2018	P4	8/3/2018						
7/27/2018	P3	7/26/2018						
7/20/2018	P2A	7/19/2018						
7/13/2018	P2	7/12/2018						
7/6/2018	P1A	7/5/2018						
6/29/2018	P1	6/28/2018						
6/11/2018	M5	6/9/2018						
5/10/2018	M4	5/5/2018						
4/10/2018	M3	4/9/2018						
3/12/2018	M2	3/12/2018						
2/12/2018	M1	2/9/2018						
1/10/2018	M12	1/6/2018						
12/11/2017	M11	12/8/2017						
11/13/2017	M10	11/9/2017						
10/10/2017	M9	10/5/2017						
9/22/2017	M8	9/7/2017						
8/10/2017	M7	8/7/2017						
7/10/2017	M6	7/1/2017						
6/12/2017	M5	6/5/2017						

Br'Axeton Wims

From: Willis, Kristi R. (Bronson) <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 12:42 PM
To: Br'Axeton Wims
Subject: RE: FEC- Document Request for 69830- United We Stand (2018 P7 Report)

The system was slower than usual but was never down. Because there is only a one-day filing time period for the report due immediately before an election, everyone is trying to file at once and it puts files in a queue to file in the order submitted.

From: Br'Axeton Wims [mailto:Braxeton.Wims@myfloridalegal.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 12:05 PM
To: Willis, Kristi R. (Bronson) <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>
Subject: RE: FEC- Document Request for 69830- United We Stand (2018 P7 Report)

Good Afternoon,

Are there any known issues with the DOE website/filing system during the time 2018 P7 reports were due?
I just want to have an answer in case the commissioners ask. ☺

Thank you.

Br'Axeton E. Wims
Administrative Assistant II
Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines St
Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050
850-922-4539 Ext. 109
br'axeton.wims@myfloridalegal.com

From: Willis, Kristi R. (Bronson) <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>
Sent: Monday, October 15, 2018 12:39 PM
To: Br'Axeton Wims <Braxeton.Wims@myfloridalegal.com>
Subject: RE: FEC- Document Request for 69830- United We Stand (2018 P7 Report)

No notes for this committee.

From: Br'Axeton Wims [mailto:Braxeton.Wims@myfloridalegal.com]
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2018 9:06 AM
To: Willis, Kristi R. (Bronson) <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>
Subject: FEC- Document Request for 69830- United We Stand (2018 P7 Report)

Good Morning,

Can you send me the Report, Queued Transaction Report, and History Notes for:

Thank you and have a wonderful day.

Br'Axeton E. Wims
Administrative Assistant II
Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines St
Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050
850-922-4539 Ext. 109
br'axeton.wims@myfloridalegal.com

The Department of State is committed to excellence.
Please take our Customer Satisfaction Survey.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

May 19, 2017

Eric Robinson, Chairperson
United We Stand
133 South Harbor Drive
Venice, Florida 34285

Dear Mr. Robinson:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **United We Stand**, which were placed on file in our office on May 19, 2017. 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 **June 12, 2017**. The report will cover the period of May 1-31, 2017 (M5). 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: 69830

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



Eric Robinson, Chairperson
May 19, 2017
Page Two

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.

Eric Robinson, Chairperson
May 19, 2017
Page Three

Instructions and Assistance

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

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristi Reid Bronson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/njt

Enclosures

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR
POLITICAL COMMITTEES
(Sections 106.011(1) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

RECEIVED

17 MAY 19 AM 9:17

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
SECRETARY OF STATE

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

OFFICE USE ONLY



Original Appointment of Treasurer



Reappointment of Treasurer



Deputy Treasurer

1. Committee or Organization

UNITED WE STAND

2. Telephone

(941) 488-7794

3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

ERIC ROBINSON

4. Email (optional)

ERIC@ROBINSONHANKS.COM

5. Telephone (optional)

(941) 488-7794

6. Mailing Address

133 S. HARBOR DRIVE VENICE FL 34285

7. Street Address

133 S. HARBOR DRIVE VENICE FL 34285

8. The following bank has been designated as the



Primary Depository



Secondary Depository

9. Name of Bank

SUNTRUST BANK

10. Street Address

200 S. NOKOMIS AVE

11. City

VENICE

12. State

FL

13. Zip Code

34285

14. Signature of Chairman

X 

15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type)

ERIC ROBINSON

Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

I, ERIC ROBINSON

(Please Print or Type)

, do hereby accept the appointment as

treasurer or deputy treasurer for

UNITED WE STAND

(Committee or Organization)

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.

May 18, 2017

Date

X


Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



Florida Department of State Division of Elections

United We Stand

Campaign Finance Activity

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

Contributions							
	Filing Period	Monetary	Loans	InKind	Expend	Other	Transfers
W	05/09/2017 - 05/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/01/2017 - 06/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/01/2017 - 07/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/01/2017 - 08/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/01/2017 - 09/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/01/2017 - 10/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/01/2017 - 11/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/01/2017 - 12/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2018 - 01/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/01/2018 - 02/28/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	03/01/2018 - 03/31/2018	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	04/01/2018 - 04/30/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/01/2018 - 05/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/01/2018 - 06/22/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	06/23/2018 - 06/29/2018	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/30/2018 - 07/06/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

	07/07/2018 - 07/13/2018						
W	07/14/2018 - 07/20/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/21/2018 - 07/27/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/28/2018 - 08/03/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	08/04/2018 - 08/10/2018	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	08/11/2018 - 08/23/2018	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,540.58	0.00	0.00
W	08/24/2018 - 08/24/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	08/25/2018 - 08/31/2018	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/01/2018 - 09/07/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/08/2018 - 09/14/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/15/2018 - 09/21/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	09/22/2018 - 09/28/2018	500.00	0.00	0.00	20.95	0.00	0.00
W	09/29/2018 - 10/05/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
●	All Dates (Totals)	20,500.00	0.00	0.00	7,621.53	0.00	0.00

Note: ^(E) indicates that report was filed electronically

X Indicates that detail has not been released

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

Select Detail Type

Contributions ▼

Select Sort Order

Date(Ascending) ▼

Select Output Type

Display On Screen ▼

Submit Query Now

[Query the Campaign Finance Data Base](#)

[\[Department of State\]](#) [\[Division of Elections\]](#) [\[Candidates and Races\]](#) [\[Campaign Finance Information\]](#)