

STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: **Tiffany Washington**

Case No.: **FEC 17-088**

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**TO:** Tiffany Washington  
1121 Germain Street  
Pensacola, FL 32534

Escambia County Supervisor of Elections Office  
P.O. Box 12601  
Pensacola, FL 32591

**NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **May 17, 2017 at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **Augustus B. Turnbull Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola Street, Room 214, Tallahassee, Florida 32301**

Failure to appear in accordance with this notice will constitute a waiver of your right to participate in the hearing. Continuances will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, which governs your participation as follows:

**If you are the Respondent**, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission. However, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless you request to be heard or the Commission requests that your case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, your case will *not* be individually heard.

**If you are the Complainant**, you may attend the hearing, but you will *not* be permitted to address the Commission. In addition, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless the Respondent requests to be heard or the Commission requests that the case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, the case will *not* be individually heard.

**If you are an Appellant**, and you have requested a hearing, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission.

Please be advised that both confidential and public cases are scheduled to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission on this date. As an Appellant, Respondent or Complainant in one case, you will *not* be permitted to attend the hearings on other confidential cases.

The Commission will electronically record the meeting. Although the Commission's recording is considered the official record of the hearing, the Respondent may provide, at his own expense, a certified court reporter to also record the hearing.

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

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

*Amy McKeever Toman*  
Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
May 1, 2017

Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

If this is a hearing to consider **an appeal from an automatic fine**, the Filing Officer has imposed a fine on you for your failure to file a campaign treasurer's report on the designated due date and, by filing an appeal, you have asked the Commission to consider either (1) that the report was in fact timely filed; or (2) that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure to file the report timely. You are required to prove your case. If the Commission finds that the report was filed timely or that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure, it may waive the fine, in whole or in part. The Commission may reduce a fine after considering the factors in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes. If the Commission finds that the report was not timely filed and there were no unusual circumstances, the fine will be upheld.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order before a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed and become public. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the case will remain confidential, unless confidentiality has been waived.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order after a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the Respondent will be entitled to another hearing to determine if the Respondent committed the violation(s) alleged.

If this is a **probable cause hearing**, the Commission will decide if there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent committed a violation of Florida's election laws. Respondent should be prepared to explain how the staff in its recommendation incorrectly applied the law to the facts of the case. *Respondent may not testify, call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence at the probable cause hearing.* The Commission will only decide whether Respondent should be *charged* with a violation and, before the Commission determines whether a violation has occurred or a fine should be imposed, Respondent will have an opportunity for another hearing at which evidence may be introduced.

If this is an **informal hearing**, it will be conducted pursuant Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes; Chapter 28 and Commission Rule 2B-1.004, Florida Administrative Code. At the hearing, the Commission will decide whether the Respondent committed the violation(s) charged in the Order of Probable Cause. The Respondent will be permitted to testify. However, the Respondent may not call witnesses to testify.

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.

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**CASE REPORT**  
Case Number: **FEC-17-088**

**NAME:** TIFFANY WASHINGTON

**DATE APPEAL RECEIVED:** 2/22/2017

**DATE REPORT DUE:** 10/21/16 (2016 G5)

**DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT:** 10/22/16

**DATE FILING OFFICER RECEIVED REPORT:** 10/22/16

**NUMBER OF DAYS LATE:** 1

**AMOUNT OF FINE:** \$33.48

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

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$75.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$133.92

**DATE FIRST NOTIFICATION SENT:** 2/2/17

**SUMMARY:** Tiffany Washington was a candidate for Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Board Member, District 5 in the 2016 elections. Ms. Washington appointed herself as her own treasurer.

Ms. Washington is appealing the fine claiming that unusual circumstances existed that caused the 2016 G5 Report to be untimely filed. According to Ms. Washington, "The aforementioned report was received by the local Supervisor of Elections Office approximately one hour after the deadline. Multiple attempts were made to send the report earlier but I repeatedly received an error message indicating that there was no connection to the server. I regret that the report was not received by the deadline. However, the fee poses a financial hardship and I respectfully ask that it be waived".

- The 2016 G5 Report covers the time period from 10/8/16 through 10/14/16.
- Ms. Washington reported receiving 1 contribution, while making 10 expenditures during this reporting period.
- Ms. Washington reported receiving her only contribution for this reporting period on 10/14/16.

**PRIOR CASES:** None.

CANDIDATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	STATE <input type="checkbox"/>
PC <input type="checkbox"/>	DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/>
CCE <input type="checkbox"/>	COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/>
POLITICAL PARTY <input type="checkbox"/>	CITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



**Re: letter of appeal (G5 Campaign Report)**  
mstawashington to: fec  
Cc: soe, Keelie Sekerka

02/22/2017 05:34 PM

From: mstawashington@gmail.com  
To: fec@myfloridalegal.com  
Cc: soe@escambiavotes.com, Keelie Sekerka <kfrankli@escambiavotes.com>

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To Whom It May Concern:

I, Tiffany Washington, a former candidate for the office of Emerald Coast Utilities Authority Board Member, District 5, am writing for the purpose of appealing the fine, in the amount of \$33.48, assessed to me for the tardy remittance of the G5 campaign report.

The aforementioned report was received by the local Supervisor of Elections Office approximately one hour after the deadline. Multiple attempts were made to send the report earlier but I repeatedly received an error message indicating that there was no connection to the server.

I regret that the report was not received by the deadline. However, the fee poses a financial hardship and I respectfully ask that it be waived.

With thanks,  
Tiffany Washington, candidate



**David H. Stafford**  
 ESCAMBIA COUNTY  
 SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

Post Office Box 12601  
 Pensacola, FL 32591-2601  
 EscambiaVotes.com

Phone: (850) 595-3900  
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 esc@escambiatele.com

February 2, 2017

Tiffany Washington  
 1121 Germain Street  
 Pensacola FL 32534

Article # - 52148969009997501525158228

Dear Ms. Washington:

This letter is to notify you that you have been assessed a fine for the following campaign report.

Per Section 106.07 of the Florida Statutes, any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the late report. The fine must be paid from personal funds.

Your fine is \$33.48 for your G5 campaign report

The fine is paid to the filing officer (Supervisor of Elections Office) within 20 days from the receipt of this letter. Please make your personal check payable to the Escambia County General Fund and send it to:

Supervisor of Elections  
 PO Box 12601  
 Pensacola, FL 32591

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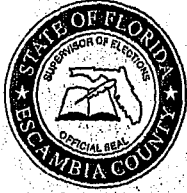
If you have any questions, please contact the Qualifying Dept at (850) 595-3900.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

David H. Stafford, CERA  
 Supervisor of Elections

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Certified Mail Fee  
\$3.35

Extra Services & Fees (check box, add fee as appropriate)

Return Receipt (hardcopy) \$1.45

Return Receipt (electronic) \$

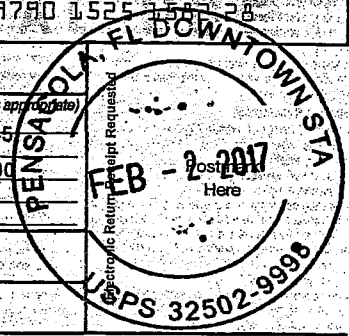
Certified Mail Restricted Delivery \$0.00

Adult Signature Required \$

Adult Signature Restricted Delivery \$

Postage \$0.460

Total Postage and Fees \$5.260



Sent To Washington, Tiffany  
Street, Apt. No., ECUA District 3 Campaign  
or PO Box No. 1121 Germain Street  
City, State, Zip+4 Pensacola, FL 32534

PS Form 3800, April 2015 See Reverse for Instructions

I also called on 10-21-16 & reminded  
Mo. Washington the G5 report is due.

Keelie Sekerka

From: Keelie Sekerka  
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2016 8:39 AM  
Subject: G5 Campaign Report Reminder

Importance: High

**Reminder of Campaign Report G5 Due before midnight on  
10/21/16!**

Candidates and Political Committees: Please be aware that your **Campaign Report (G5)** is due before midnight 10/21/16. The covered period is 10/08/16 through 10/14/16. If you have not already submitted your report, please do so on or before the deadline.

**Remember! You Have to submit the waiver report if you had no expenditures or contributions.**

**PENALTY FOR LATE FILING:** Per F.S. 106.07 (8)(b), you are subject to a fine of \$50.00 per day for each late date, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.

<i>Cover Period</i>	<i>Report Code</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
08/26/16 – 09/02/16	2016 G1	09/09/16
09/03/16 – 09/16/16	2016 G2	09/23/16
09/17/16 – 09/30/16	2016 G3	10/07/16
10/01/16 – 10/07/16	2016 G4	10/14/16
10/08/16 – 10/14/16	2016 G5	10/21/16
10/15/16 – 10/21/16	2016 G6	10/28/16
10/22/16 – 11/03/16	2016 G7	11/04/16
<b><i>Termination Reports</i></b>		
11/04/16 – 02/06/17	TR-G	02/06/17



## CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Tiffany Washington

Name

(2) 1121 Germain St

Address (number and street)

Pensacola, FL 32534

City, State, Zip Code

Check here if address has changed

**OFFICE USE ONLY**  
**ONLINE SUBMISSION**

[1132270]

Submitted on:

10/22/2016 01:51:02 (eastern)

(3) ID Number: 516

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

Candidate Office Sought: ECUA, District 3

Political Committee (PC)

Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO)

Party Executive Committee (PTY)

Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications)

Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded

Check here if PTY has disbanded

Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

### (5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 10 / 8 / 2016 To 10 / 14 / 2016 Report Type: G5

Original

Amendment

Special Election Report

#### (6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$        ,        , 75 . 00

Loans \$        ,        , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$        ,        , 75 . 00

In-Kind \$        ,        , 0 . 00

#### (7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$        ,        , 133 . 92

Transfers to Office Account \$        ,        , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$        ,        , 133 . 92

#### (8) Other Distributions

\$        ,        , 0 . 00

#### (9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$        , 1 , 954 . 51

#### (10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$        , 1 , 869 . 30

### (11) 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:

(Type name)

Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.)  Treasurer  Deputy Treasurer

**X**

Signature

(Type name)

Candidate  Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

**X**

Signature

## CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Tiffany Washington (2) I.D. Number 516

10/8/2016 through 10/14/2016

(3) Cover Period / / through / / (4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name: (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor		(9) Contribution	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
(6) Sequence Number		Type	Occupation	Type			
10/14/2016 / /	Radford, David PO Box 2153 Harrisonburg, Va 22801	I		CH			\$75.00
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## CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Tiffany Washington

(2) I.D. Number 516

10/8/2016                      10/14/2016

(3) Cover Period     /    /     through     /    /    

(4) Page 1 of 2

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
(6) Sequence Number					
10/9/2016 / /	Circle K, 4450 Bayou Blvd Pensacola, Fl 32503	snacks for volunteers	MO		\$6.26
1					
10/8/2016 / /	Circle K, 4450 Bayou Blvd Pensacola , Fl 32503	snacks for volunteers	MO		\$5.92
2					
10/13/2016 / /	Real Time Fitness, 1095 E Nine Mi Rd Pensacola, Fl 32514	water	MO		\$1.08
3					
10/13/2016 / /	Shell, 2200 Hwy29 Cantonment, Fl 32533	fuel	MO		\$28.02
4					
10/13/2016 / /	Circle K, 2200 Hwy 29 Suite B Cantonment , Fl 32533	snacks for volunteers	MO		\$4.14
5					
10/12/2016 / /	All In One, 1100 West Scott St Pensacola, Fl 32501	lunch	MO		\$16.50
6					
10/10/2016 / /	Circle K, 2350 Muchigan Ave Pensacola , Fl 32505	snacks for volunteers	MO		\$7.07
7					
10/10/2016 / /	Hungry Howies , 3230 Michigan Ave Pensacola, Fl 32505	dinner for volunteer	MO		\$4.93
8					

## CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Tiffany Washington

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(3) Cover Period 10/8/2016 through 10/14/2016

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(6) Sequence Number					
10/14/2016 / /	NAACP, 615 N W Street Pensacola, Fl 32505	networking event	MO		\$30.00
9					
10/10/2016 / /	Shell, 7950 Pensacola Blvd Pensacola , Fl 32534	fuel	MO		\$30.00
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# Candidate: Tiffany Washington

## Office: ECUA, District 3

Report Date: G5  
(10/8/2016 - 10/14/2016)

### Campaign Treasurer's Report - Itemized Contributions

1	David Radford	Individual	Check	
10/14/2016	Box 2153			\$75.00
	Harrisonburg, Va			
	22801			

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**Total** **\$75.00**  
**Contributions**

### Campaign Treasurer's Report - In-Kind Contributions

**Total In-Kind** **\$0.00**  
**Contributions**

### Campaign Treasurer's Report - Itemized Expenditures

1	Circle K	Snacks for	Monetary	
10/9/2016	4450 Bayou Blvd	volunteers		\$6.26
	Pensacola, Fl			
	32503			
2	Circle K	Snacks for	Monetary	
10/8/2016	4450 Bayou Blvd	volunteers		\$5.92
	Pensacola, Fl			
	32503			
3	Real Time	Water	Monetary	
10/13/2016	Business			\$1.08
	1095 E Nine Mi			
	Rd			
	Pensacola, Fl			
	32514			
4	Shell	Fuel	Monetary	
10/13/2016	800 Hwy29			\$28.02
	Cantonment, Fl			
	32533			

5	Circle K 10/13/2016 1600 Hwy 29 Suite B Cantonment , Fl 32533	Snacks for volunteers	Monetary	\$4.14
6	All In One 10/12/2016 1600 West Scott St Pensacola, Fl 32501	Lunch	Monetary	\$16.50
7	Circle K 10/10/2016 1650 Muchigan Ave Pensacola , Fl 32505	Snacks for volunteers	Monetary	\$7.07
8	Hungry Howies 10/10/2016 1630 Michigan Ave Pensacola, Fl 32505	Dinner for volunteer	Monetary	\$4.93
9	NAACP 10/14/2016 665 N W Street Pensacola, Fl 32505	Networking event	Monetary	\$30.00
10	Shell 10/10/2016 1650 Pensacola Blvd Pensacola , Fl 32534	Fuel	Monetary	\$30.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$133.92</b>		

### Campaign Treasurer's Report - Fund Transfers

### Campaign Treasurer's Report - Distributions

\* Petty cash expenditures are realized when the funds are withdrawn for petty cash. Therefore, the referenced item is not included in the total.

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION  
PHONE LOG  
Case No.: FEC 17-088**

**Respondent:** Tiffany Washington

**Complainant:** Escambia County SOE

1. **Date and time:** March 6, 2017 @ 9:40 am

**Name:** Keelie Sekerka—Filing Officer assistant

**Phone #:** (850) 595-3900

**Summary:** I had telephone contact to inquire about the best method to send them the Filing Officer questionnaire-affidavit. I was instructed to send it directly to her attention for her to complete. Email address: [keelie\\_sekerka@escambiavotes.com](mailto:keelie_sekerka@escambiavotes.com). I thanked her for her assistance with this matter.

**Memo to File?** No

**Entered by:** CKO