#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Maritime Leadership Committee Case No.: FEC 17-353

TO: Maritime Leadership Committee Harold Daggett, Chair

1007 North American Way, Suite 407

Miami, FL 33132

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

#### **NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, March 13, 2018 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 103, 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 February 26, 2018 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-17-353

NAME:	MARITIME LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE				
DATE APPI	EAL RECEIVED: 10/18/17	CANDIDATE [ ] STATE [X] PC [X] DISTRICT [ ]			
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POLITICAL PARTY [ ]

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**DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 10/04/17** 

DATE FILING OFFICER RECEIVED REPORT: 10/04/17

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 12

**AMOUNT OF FINE: \$250.00** 

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$0

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$1,000.00** 

DATE FIRST NOTIFICATION WAS SENT: 09/26/17

**SUMMARY:** Maritime Leadership Committee is a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair is Harold Daggett and its treasurer is Stephen Knott.

The PC is appealing the fine claiming unusual circumstances. According to Zac Quinn, the Compliance Director, "The allegations in your letter are factually correct. However, I would like to offer the following statement explaining that the committee disclosed the transaction to the Danny Perez Campaign for House seat 116 on the Senate 40 SG-2 report due the same day. Had we known that the transaction should have been disclosed on a separate SG-2 report, we would not have intentionally missed the September 22 deadline. On October 4th, we received a letter informing us that we had not filed a report for the contribution to Danny Perez's Campaign. After contracting the help desk on October 4th, we immediately amended the original Senate 40 SG-2 report and created a new House 116 SG-2 report to properly disclose the transaction. Based on the preceding explanation, I respectfully request leniency with regard to any civil penalty that may be levied in this matter."

- The 2017 SG2 Report covers the time period of 08/19/17 through 09/21/17.
- The 2017 SG2 Queued-Transactions Report for House 116 reflects that the report was created on 10/04/17 at approximately 4:51 p.m., before being filed on 10/04/17 at approximately 5:20 p.m.
- The 2017 SG2 Queued-Transactions Report for Senate 40 reflects that the report was created on 09/21/17 at approximately 8:46 a.m. and was filed on 09/22/17 at approximately 8:10 a.m. It was amended on 10/04/17 at approximately 4:46 p.m., before being filed on 10/04/17 at 5:18 p.m.
- In an e-mail dated 09/05/17, Ms. Kristi Willis advised commission staff that when a special election has been called, the Division sends out a memo to PCs via the e-mail system providing dates and information for filing special election reports. The information is also posted on the Division's website. In addition, the Division also sends out a report reminder to all PCs regarding special election reports, if the PC has provided an e-mail address in order to receive the reminder.
- The PC has not provided an e-mail address to the Division, in order to receive the reminders.

**PRIOR CASES:** There have been no prior cases before the FEC.

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Harold Daggett, Chair Maritime Leadership Committee 1007 North American Way, Suite 407 Miami, FL 33132

Fiorida Elections Commission 107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224 Collins Building Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Case No.: FEC 17-353; Campaign Treasurer's Report due 09/22/17 - 2017-SG2 (House 116)

Zac Quinn represented me when he filed an appeal on October 18, 2017, for the fine assessed to the Maritime Leadership Committee by the Florida Election Commission.

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Harold Daggett

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Date



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STATE OF FLORIDA

Zac Quinn Compliance Director

October 18, 2017

PAC 61217

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Florida Elections Commission 107 West Gaines Street, Ste 224 Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Ms. Willis

This is in response to your October 6, 2017 letter which was received by the committee on October 16, 2017 in which you cite the Maritime Leadership Committee (ID:61217) for failure to file the House 116 SG-2 campaign treasurer's report where the filing deadline was September 22, 2017.

The allegations in your letter are factually correct. However, I would like to offer the following statement explaining that the committee disclosed the transaction to the Danny Perez Campaign for House seat 116 on the Senate 40 SG-2 report due the same day. Had we known that the transaction should have been disclosed on a separate SG-2 report, we would not have intentionally missed the September 22 deadline.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the aforementioned is true.

Zac Quinn

**Compliance Director** 

Date

5845 Richmond Highway, Suite 820 Alexandria, VA 22303 (Phone) 703.347.6551 (Fax) 703.347.6612

#### Filed Report Receipt

\*\* Report has been Filed \*\*

ID: 61217

Name: Maritime Leadership Committee

Report: 2017 - SG2 - 92

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File Status: Submitted Report for Filing

Reviewed: 9/21/2017

Review Status: Reviewed

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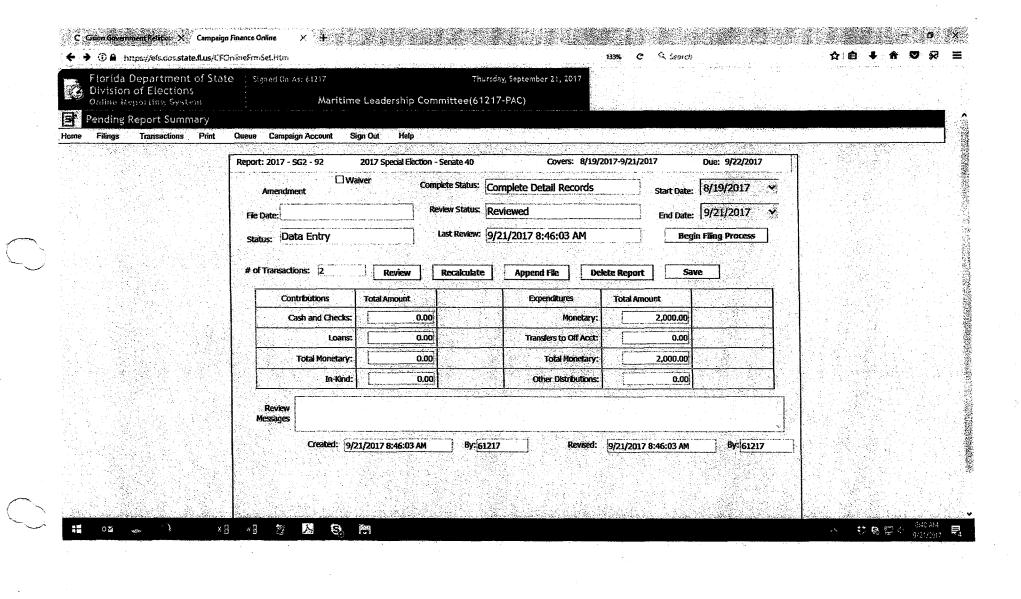
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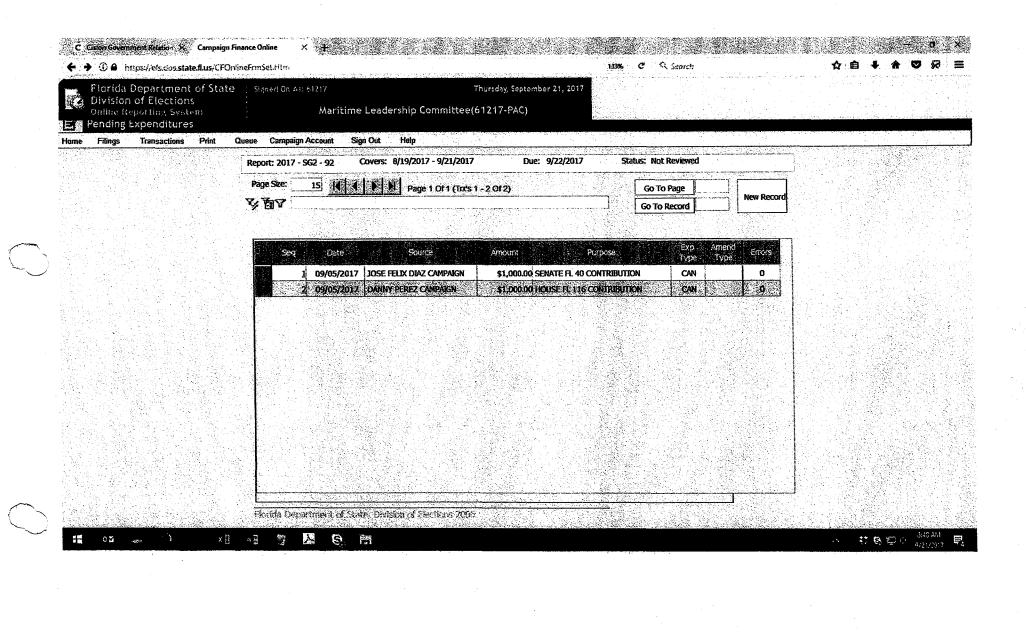
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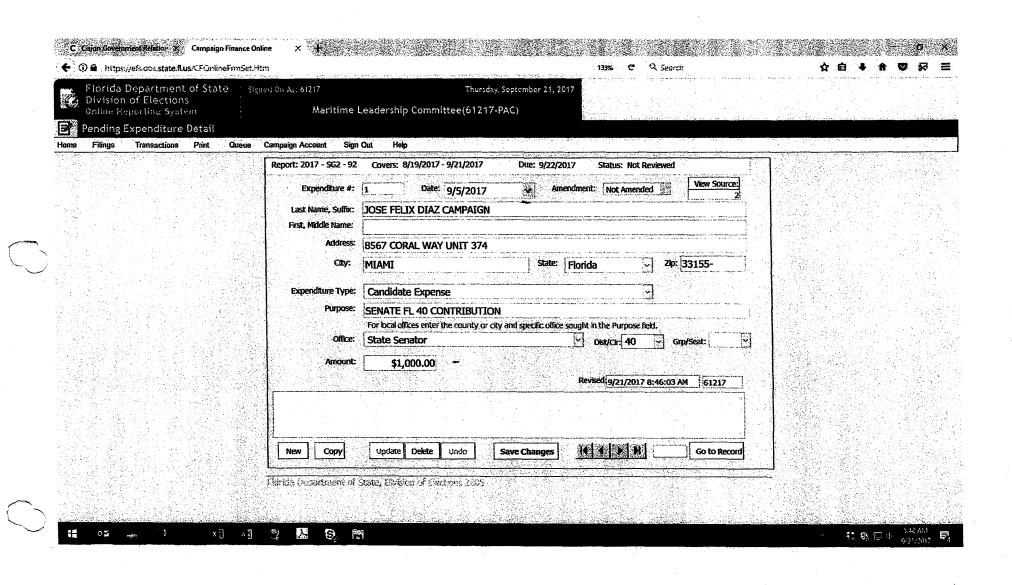
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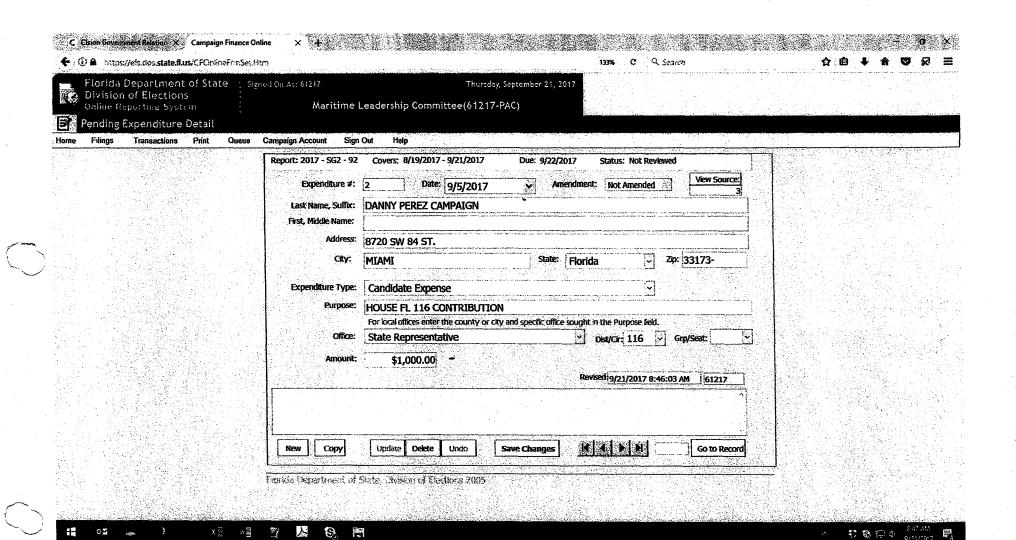
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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

#### Ken Detzner Secretary of State

#### **DIVISION OF ELECTIONS**

October 6, 2017

Stephen Knott, Treasurer Maritime Leadership Committee 5000 West Side Avenue North Bergen, NJ 07047-7047

Special Election Report
House 116 - SG2

PAC 61217

Dear Mr. Knott:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on September 22, 2017, was filed on October 4, 2017. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$250.00.

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

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

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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

cc: Harold Daggett, Chairperson



### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

#### Ken Detzner Secretary of State

#### DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

September 26, 2017

Stephen Knott, Treasurer Maritime Leadership Committee 5000 West Side Avenue North Bergen, NJ 07047-7047 PAC 61217

Special Election Report

Dear Mr. Knott:

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 September 22, 2017.

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
  - 5500 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.

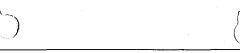
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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Harold Daggett, Chairperson



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**DSBrown** 

RE: Fine Letter - SG2 - HD116

Michael Curley called about the fine letter the PC received. He apologized for filing the contribution incorrectly. He said he did not realize there was two SG2 reports. He put the contribution for SD40 and HD116 on the same report. I advised him that the DOE has no jurisdiction once the fine is imposed and recommended that he should file any appeal with the FEC before the time deadline. He said he wasn't sure what they were going to do yet, but he wanted us to know that they did received the letter and were working on it.

42612

4/23/2015 12:55:00 PM

jvquinn

Re: Audit

4/23/2015- Received a call from a lady stating that she was unaware that the PAC had to make the changes listed in the audit. She stated that she did not agree with having to change "Friends of" when contributing to a candidate's campaign. The lady stated that she never before had to change these in the past and that she is not willing to do it now. She also advised me that she has spoken to several people at our office and that she was told the same thing over and over. She stated that she will go through the statute before making of the changes that we have listed in the audit. I advised her that that we will be sending a second notice soon.

35909

12/18/2013 4:06:00 PM

slbagley

RE: M11 Audit

First Notice was mailed today. (2013 M11 is incorrect)

SLB

35511

.12/4/2013 11:51:00 AM

ddbeach

Spoke w/Alex Reynolds/General Council - called back (in response to message left with attendant earlier) to verify that the chairperson/treasure have received their credentials and are aware that the initial financial report is due 12/10/13.



Special Election Reports Willis, Kristi R.

to:

Amy Toman 09/05/2017 12:01 PM

Cc:

Eric Lipman, Stephanie Cunningham, Donna Malphurs, Cole Kekelis

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From: "Willis, Kristi R." < Kristi. Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>

To: Amy Toman <a href="mailto:Amy.Toman@myfloridalegal.com">Amy.Toman@myfloridalegal.com</a>

Cc: Eric Lipman < Eric.Lipman @myfloridalegal.com >, Stephanie Cunningham

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#### 2 Attachments





Email Notification Memo (COM-PTY).doc Memo - Committees.pdf

Good afternoon, Amy -

As you will be seeing some appeals dealing with special election reporting, I wanted to share some information with you.

Since at least January of 2011, the Division has included the attached memo in letters to PCs, ECOs, and political parties when acknowledging initial registration, change in treasurer/deputy treasurer, and change in chairperson. (See attached memo). As you can see, the memo advises that these entities that if they wish to receive notices from the division, including information regarding special elections, they must provide an email in the EFS. The memo also has step-by-step instructions on how to include an email address in an entities EFS account. The memo has been updated several times since 2011, but the body of the memo has remained the same.

When a special election has been called, the Division sends out a memo via the email system to all PCs, ECOs, and political parties advising that a special election has been called and providing dates and information for filing special election reports. (see example, attached.) The information is also posted on the Division's website.

Unlike reports required in an general election cycle, there is no way for the Division to automatically generate and send out fail to file notices for special elections. Because not all PCs, ECOs and parties are required to file special election reports, the division must manually audit and review reports filed by special election candidates to determine which entities are required to file the special election reports. This is a time consuming and cumbersome process depending on how many candidate are in the special election and how large their reports are. Thus, there can be a delay in sending out a fail to file letter to an entity who did not file a required special election report. However, the Division sends the fail to file letters out immediately upon determining which entities should have filed but did not. The Division does its best to send them out as soon as possible but ultimately it is the entity's responsibility to determine whether a special election report is required.

In addition, the Division also sends out a report reminder to all PCs, ECOs, and political parties regarding special election reports in the same manner it does for the normal election cycle. The reminder advises that an entity is required to file a special election report if it has made any expenditures to influence the results of this special

election or contributed to any special candidates. Again, an entity must have provided an email in order to receive the reminder.

I hope this information is helpful. If you or your staff have any questions, please let me know.

Regards,

Krístí Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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RE: Account # 61217 Willis, Kristi R.

to:

Samantha Spore 11/06/2017 10:02 AM

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From: "Willis, Kristi R." < Kristi. Willis@DOS. MyFlorida.com>
To: Samantha Spore < Samantha. Spore@myfloridalegal.com>

History: This message has been forwarded.

Joel - please handle

Samantha – No, they did not sign up for email reminders.

From: Samantha Spore [mailto:Samantha.Spore@myfloridalegal.com]

Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 9:51 AM

To: Willis, Kristi R. <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>

Subject: Account # 61217

Good Morning!

This e-mail is in regards to Maritime Leadership Committee (61217).

Could I please get copy of the 2017 SG2 - House 116 Report with the associated queued-transactions reports and notes? Also, has this PC registered an e-mail to receive reminders for special election report filing?

Thank you so much! Hope you are having a great Monday!

#### Samantha Spore

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