

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: ABCD Accountability=Better
Community Directors**

Case No.: FEC 20-255

TO: Stephanie Gibson, Chair
PO Box 244
Englewood, FL 34295

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

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission **on February 23, 2021 at 8:30 am, EST**, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard.

Please note that because of COVID-19, this will be a virtual meeting conducted by remote video or teleconference. Enclosed you will find additional details on joining the video conference via GoToWebinar, 9-Digit Webinar ID 627-359-707, or via teleconference by dialing (877) 309-2071 and entering the meeting access code 324-720-215, when prompted. If you wish to speak before the Commission, you will need to appear by webcam and will be sworn in remotely. Please be advised that the Commission will consider multiple cases, so you will need to wait until your case is considered. If you have any questions, please contact Commission staff at (850) 922-4539.

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 motions to dismiss 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 motions to dismiss 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. 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.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
February 2, 2021

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 **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

107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6596

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Commission Meeting February 23, 2021 at 8:30AM via GoToWebinar and OpenVoice

In order to participate in the public portion of the February 23, 2021, Florida Elections Commission meeting, please follow the instructions below:

- A. GoToWebinar – Remote Video Conferencing
 1. Open your web browser and search GoToWebinar or enter www.gotowebinar.com
 2. Select Join A Webinar in the upper right corner of the website
 3. Enter the 9-digit Webinar ID: 627-359-707
And your email address
 4. Register your name and email address
 5. You will automatically join to the meeting as an attendee. Attendees are muted and can choose to their webcam.

- B. OpenVoice - Teleconference
 1. Call 1-877-309-2071
 2. Enter Audio Access Code 324-720-215
 3. You will automatically join the meeting as an attendee. Attendees are muted.

While this is a public meeting and advanced registration is not mandatory, we ask that if you plan to attend via Video Conference or Teleconference, that you notify our office in advance. This will give the Commission the opportunity to organize the agenda as efficiently as possible. It will be the goal of the Commission to hear cases in which parties are present, first, in order to reduce the standby time of the parties in attendance.

You can call or email our office of your intent to participate or of any questions you may have regarding this meeting. Please provide the case number(s) of interest, when contacting our office.

Thank you,

Commission Staff

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
CASE REPORT
Case Number: FEC-20-255

NAME: **ABCD: ACCOUNTABILITY= BETTER COMMUNITY DIRECTION**

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 08/07/2020

DATE REPORT DUE: 07/03/2020 (2020 P2)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 07/10/2020

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 7

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$15.33

FINE BASED ON: NUMBER OF DAYS 25% OF RECEIPTS 25% OF EXPENDITURES

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$61.30

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$0

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 07/06/2020 (Failure to File Ltr)

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

SUMMARY: ABCD: Accountability= Better Community Direction is a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair is Stephanie Gibson and its treasurer is Conni Brunni.

The PC is appealing the fine claiming that the previous treasurer, Rebecca Cyphert, unexpectedly quit and that the new treasurer did not receive the Division of Elections credentials until after the reporting deadline had passed.

According to the new treasurer, Conni Brunni, multiple issues regarding deficient DSDE6 forms delayed the receipt of credentials. She notes that the form was filed three times before they received the credentials in their P.O Box on or about July 3rd. Ms. Brunni also states that she had issues regarding her computer and was unable to file the report until it was repaired. A copy of emails to the Division of Elections and certified mail receipts have been provided.

- The 2020 P2 Original Report covers the period from 06/20/20-06/26/20; it was due on 07/03/20.
- The 2020 P2 Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created and filed on 07/10/20.
- ABCD: Accountability= Better Community Direction reported receiving 2 contributions, while making zero expenditures.
- The Division of Elections has four notes on file that pertain to ABCD: Accountability= Better Community Direction's 2020 P2 report. An entry dated 6/24/20 shows the confidential pin number was released to the treasurer, Conni Brunni, over the phone. Three other entries refer to the incomplete DSDE6 form.

PRIOR CASES: None.

8/2/20

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ABCD: Accountability=Better Community Direction

P.O. Box 244

Englewood, FL 34295-4295

Re: automatic fine appeal

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Florida Division of Elections,

On July 24, 2020, our organization received 2 letters dated 7/14/20 regarding automatic assessed late fine for a Treasurer's report that was due 6/19/20 of \$22.26, and for a Treasurer's report due on 7/3/20 of \$15.33. Pursuant to FAC Rule 2B-1.005 and 2B-10055 (1)(e) and (f), we hereby formally appeal said fines for the following reasons:

On 6/2/20 our Treasurer, Rebecca Cyphert, unexpectedly and abruptly notified the rest of the group that she quit. This was a circumstance over which we, the appealing party, had no control. Up to that point, Ms. Cyphert had filed reports timely and regularly. I as new Treasurer phoned the Elections Records Help Desk at (850) 245-6240. Based on that conversation, I emailed the info to elecrecords@dos.myflorida.com on 6/2/20 at 12:26pm (copy of email attached). I received an email response at 12:38pm from Kristi Reid Willis, Chief of Bureau of Election Records to submit forms. I also filled out the new DSDE6 with a letter explaining what had occurred to the Division of Elections address by overnight USPS mail (tracking #EJ64002625US) Copies of all documents and USPS receipt attached.

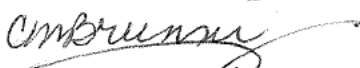
On 6/7/20, I believe by phone, we were notified that a deficiency in the DSDE6 occurred, so new paperwork was submitted. In my haste, I did not retain a copy of what was submitted. It was mailed 6/7/20 by USPS overnight mail tracking #EJ351578065US. Because we knew a report was due 6/10/20, we did everything in our power to ensure we could file reports. Unfortunately, we were informed that the Treasurer's online credential had been killed because she abruptly left, as indicated in our 6/2/20 correspondence; THIS WAS BEYOND OUR CONTROL. All activities were performed in good faith with no purpose of evasion.

On 6/19/20, we were again informed that something in the DSDE6 was deficient. So new paperwork was submitted again! The third set of paperwork was mailed by priority mail tracking #9505516012820172549794 on 6/20/20; copies are attached. At that point the 6/10/20 deadline for our report had passed.

We subsequently received a letter from the Division of Elections dated 6/24/20, and postmarked 6/25/20 with the Treasurer's credential. Given that the fine letters were postmarked 7/16/20 and received by us on 7/24/20, it is reasonable to believe a similar delivery time for the credential. That would mean it was received in our PO box on or about 7/3/20. At that time, my computer had failed and was taken to Lemon Bay Computer Services for repair. This was beyond my control and VERY distressing.

When the computer was up and running, we filed all reports since the abrupt and unexpected loss of our Treasurer on 7/10/20. All subsequent filings have been and will be timely. All attempts to submit new paperwork were performed in good faith and without purpose of evasion. The only money into the account was the opening deposit of \$100 from me, the Treasurer and the expense was a bank charge for check printing. We respectfully and humbly appeal the automatically assessed late fine of \$22.26 and \$15.33, respectively, for the periods stated above.

Sincerely,


Treasurer

2/20

ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction
P.O. Box 244
Englewood, FL 34295

Florida Division of Elections
RA Gray Building, Suite 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Ms. Willis (Bronson),

Per your email conversation earlier today with our new Treasurer, Conni Bruni, I have enclosed an updated Form DSDE6 for our political committee, ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction; Committee ID #75042. Our current treasurer (Rebecca Cyphert) is not available, and has moved on to other pursuits; she is therefore being removed per her request.

We are concerned because we have a report due on or before June 10, 2020, and we will need new electronic credentials. Please let us know what we can do to ensure our report is filed timely.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Gibson, Chairperson
(941) 284-8199

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286-4103
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(800) 275-8777
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Scott Brunni <jd644h@gmail.com>

Id #75042, treasurer

9 messages

Scott Brunni <jd644h@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 12:11 PM

To: elecrecord@dos.myflorida.com

Bcc: Kate Shakirov <kate.shakirov@gmail.com>, City Watch North Port Fl <CityWatchNorthPortFL@outlook.com>

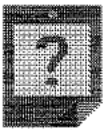
Pur political committee, ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction needs to change our Treasurer. Rebecca Cyphert has moved on to other pursuits. How do we accomplish this change properly, and how do we deal with report that us due by 6/10?? Thank you for your assistance in this urgent matter. I can be reached at (661)201-4328. I will be the new Treasurer.

Sincerely,
Conni Brunni

Mail Delivery Subsystem <mailer-daemon@googlemail.com>

Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 12:11 PM

To: jd644h@gmail.com

**Address not found**

Your message wasn't delivered to **elecrecord@dos.myflorida.com** because the address couldn't be found, or is unable to receive mail.

The response from the remote server was:

550 5.1.1 User Unknown

Final-Recipient: rfc822; elecrecord@dos.myflorida.com

Action: failed

Status: 5.1.1

Remote-MTA: dns; mxa-0033a101.gslb.pphosted.com. (148.163.141.213, the server for the domain dos.myflorida.com.)

Diagnostic-Code: smtp; 550 5.1.1 User Unknown

Last-Attempt-Date: Tue, 02 Jun 2020 09:11:44 -0700 (PDT)

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From: Scott Brunni <jd644h@gmail.com>

To: elecrecord@dos.myflorida.com

Cc:

Bcc:

Date: Tue, 2 Jun 2020 12:11:29 -0400

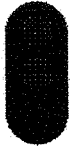
Subject: Id #75042, treasurer

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Sincerely,
Conni Brunni

Mail Delivery Subsystem <mailer-daemon@googlemail.com>
To: jd644h+caf_=cbrunni=bak.rr.com@gmail.com


Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 12:11 PM



Message blocked

Your message to **cbrunni@bak.rr.com** has been blocked. See technical details below for more information.

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The response from the remote server was:

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Final-Recipient: rfc822; cbrunni@bak.rr.com

Action: failed

Status: 5.2.0

Remote-MTA: dns; pkvw-mx.msg.pkvw.co.charter.net. (47.43.26.7, the server for the domain bak.rr.com.)

Diagnostic-Code: smtp; 552 5.2.0 <jd644h+caf_=cbrunni=bak.rr.com@gmail.com> sender rejected. Please see <https://www.spectrum.net/support/internet/understanding-email-error-codes> for more information AUP#In-1010

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Date: Tue, 02 Jun 2020 09:11:44 -0700 (PDT)

Subject: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

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Scott Brunni <jd644h@gmail.com>
To: elecrecords@dos.myflorida.com

Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 12:26 PM

Subject: Id #75042

Our political committee, ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction needs to change our Treasurer. Rebecca Cyphert has moved on to other pursuits. How do we accomplish this change properly, and how do we deal with report that us due by 6/10?? Thank you for your assistance in this urgent matter. I can be reached at (661)201-4328. I will be the new Treasurer.

Sincerely,
Conni Brunni

Willis, Kristi R. (Bronson) <Kristi.Willis@dos.myflorida.com>
To: Scott Brunni <jd644h@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 12:38 PM

You will need to submit a new DSDE 6 along with a letter from the current treasurer stating that they are resigning or a letter from an officer indicating that the current treasurer is being removed.

The original form must be submitted to the Division. You may wish to use an expedited delivery service so that the form is delivered to the Division in time to provide credentials for a new treasurer to file the report due on June 10, 2020.

Regards,

*Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records*

From: Scott Brunni <jd644h@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 02, 2020 12:26 PM
To: ElecRecords <DOS.ElecRecords@DOS.MyFlorida.com>
Subject: Fwd: Id #75042, treasurer

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

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Scott Brunni <jd644h@gmail.com>
To: "Willis, Kristi R. (Bronson)" <Kristi.Willis@dos.myflorida.com>

Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 12:44 PM

Thank you for the info. We will get this out today, as you suggested by expedited delivery. Do you think there is enough time to ensure our report is timely? It will be a waiver--no money raised or spent in May 2020.

Conni Brunni

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Brunni Ag Recycling (BAR)
Scott Brunni, President
Cell 661-201-4281

Scott Brunni <jd644h@gmail.com>
To: "Willis, Kristi R. (Bronson)" <Kristi.Willis@dos.myflorida.com>

Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 12:50 PM

And what address should we use fir expedited delivery??
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Willis, Kristi R. (Bronson) <Kristi.Willis@dos.myflorida.com>
To: Scott Brunni <jd644h@gmail.com>

Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 12:55 PM

Division of Elections

R.A. Gray Building

500 South Bronough Street

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

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500 South

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

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Scott Brunni <jd644h@gmail.com>
To: "Willis, Kristi R. (Bronson)" <Kristi.Willis@dos.myflorida.com>

Tue, Jun 2, 2020 at 12:56 PM

Thank you.
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ABCD

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ENGLEWOOD, FL 34223-9998
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(800)275-8777
06/20/2020 11:42 AM

Product	Qty	Unit Price	Price
LetsCelebrate	1	\$0.55	\$0.55
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

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Governor

LAUREL M. LEE
Secretary of State

June 24, 2020

Conni Brunni, Treasurer
ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction (75042)
Post Office Box 244
Englewood, Florida 34295

Dear Ms. Brunni:

Your appointment as campaign treasurer for **ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction** was filed in this office on June 23, 2020. Enclosed is your confidential PIN number to access the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS) for submitting campaign treasurer's reports.

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <https://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.

If you have questions concerning your campaign account or the EFS, you may call the Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRW/dlh

Enclosures

pc: Stephanie Gibson, Chairperson

EQE Sunshine = pmw 7/10/20. CW

Division of Elections

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurel M. Lee
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 6, 2020

Stephanie Gibson, Chairperson
ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction
Post Office Box 244
Englewood, FL 34295-4295

PAC 75042

Dear Ms. Gibson:

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 3, 2020.

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

cc: Conni Brunni, Treasurer

Rec'd 7/24/20 CW



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurel M. Lee
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 14, 2020

Stephanie Gibson, Chairperson
ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction
Post Office Box 244
Englewood, FL 34295-4295

PAC 75042

Dear Ms. Gibson:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on July 3, 2020, was filed on July 10, 2020. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$15.33.

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, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

- (1) ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction (2) 75042
Candidate, Committe or Party Name I.D. Number
- (3) Post Office Box 244 Englewood FL 34295
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 Existance Check If CCE has DISBANDED
 Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 06/20/2020 To 06/26/2020 Report Type: P2
 Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT		(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT	
Cash & Checks	\$0.00	Monetary Expenditures	\$0.00
Loans	\$0.00	Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$0.00	<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$0.00
In-Kind	\$61.30	(8) Other Distributions	

Certification

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

<p>I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete</p> <p>_____ Name of <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Treasurer</p> <p><u>X</u> _____ Signature</p>	<p>I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete</p> <p>_____ Name of <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chaiman (PC/PTY Only)</p> <p><u>X</u> _____ Signature</p>
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Name: ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction

Report: 2020 P2

Period: 06/20/2020 to 06/26/2020

**** Records in Filed Report ****

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	In-Kind Description	Amend
1	BRUNNI, CONNI	I	RETIRED	\$8.30
06/20/2020	1395 BAYSHORE DR ENGLEWOOD, FL 34223	INK	POSTAGE TO DEPT OF STATE	
2	BRUNNI, CONNI	I	RETIRED	\$53.00
06/20/2020	1395 BAYSHORE DR ENGLEWOOD, FL 34223	INK	PO BOX RENTAL	

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

Name: ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction

Report: 2020 P2

Period: 06/20/2020

to 06/26/2020

**** Records in Filed Report ****

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

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED FUND TRANSFERS

Name: ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction

Report: 2020 P2

Period: 06/20/2020

to 06/26/2020

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

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED DISTRIBUTIONS

Name: ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction

Report: 2020 P2

Period: 06/20/2020

to 06/26/2020

**** 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 2020-P2

Account: 75042

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Rpt Seq: 7

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	75042	7/10/2020 1:33:24 PM	7/10/2020 1:33:24 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	75042	7/10/2020 1:36:43 PM	7/10/2020 1:36:43 PM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	ejrowlette	7/13/2020 11:35:18 AM	7/13/2020 11:35:18 AM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	75042	7/13/2020 11:35:22 AM	7/13/2020 11:35:22 AM



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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Committee Name: ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction

Name:

Account: 75042

Election:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
8/7/2020	P6	8/6/2020						
7/31/2020	P5	7/24/2020						
7/24/2020	P4	7/24/2020						
7/17/2020	P3	7/10/2020						
7/10/2020	P2A	7/10/2020						
7/3/2020	P2	7/10/2020	SNT	7	\$15.33		\$15.33	\$0.00
6/26/2020	P1A	7/10/2020	CLO	14	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/19/2020	P1	7/10/2020	SNT	21	\$22.26		\$22.26	\$0.00
6/10/2020	M5	6/30/2020	CLO	20	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
5/11/2020	M4	5/8/2020						
4/10/2020	M3	4/10/2020						
3/10/2020	M2	3/9/2020						

Acct:

Type:



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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.

	Filing Period	Contributions			Expend	Other	Transfers
		Monetary	Loans	InKind			
<input type="radio"/>	02/14/2020 - 02/29/2020	0.00	0.00	225.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/01/2020 - 03/31/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2020 - 04/30/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/01/2020 - 05/31/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	06/01/2020 - 06/12/2020	0.00	0.00	89.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	06/13/2020 - 06/19/2020	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	06/20/2020 - 06/26/2020	0.00	0.00	61.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	06/27/2020 - 07/03/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.30	0.00	0.00
W	07/04/2020 - 07/10/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/11/2020 - 07/17/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	07/18/2020 - 07/24/2020	0.00	0.00	211.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/25/2020 - 07/31/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/01/2020 - 08/13/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/14/2020 - 08/14/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/15/2020 - 08/21/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/22/2020 - 08/28/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	All Dates (Totals)	100.00	0.00	587.25	32.30	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) ▼

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STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

(PLEASE TYPE)

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1. Full Name of Committee

Telephone

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Direction

(941) 315-8030

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)

PO Box 244
Englewood, FL 34295

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)

1395 Bayshore Dr
Englewood, FL 34223

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

Name of Affiliated or
Connected Organization

Mailing Address

Relationship

~~N
A~~

3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee Supporting and/or opposing statewide, multicounty, or local candidates and issues.

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

Transparency and openness of government processes at all levels.

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

Full Name

Mailing Address

Committee Title or Position

Rebecca Cyphert

PO Box 244 - Englewood, FL
34295

Treasurer

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

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
Stephanie Gibson	PO Box 244 - Englewood, FL 34295	Chairperson
Kate Shakirov	PO Box 244 - Englewood, FL 34295	Secretary
Conni Brunni	PO Box 244 - Englewood, FL 34295	Registered Agent

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

Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party
TBD			

8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting: TBD

List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing: TBD

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

N/A

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

Donate to First Amendment Foundation (Florida)

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

Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address
Centennial Bank acct # tbd.	500 US Highway 41 Bypass - N. Venice, FL 34285

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

Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of Official	Mailing Address
N/A			

STATE OF Florida COUNTY Sarasota

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

X

Signature of Chairman of Political Committee

2-18-20

Date (orig 2/2/20)

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR
POLITICAL COMMITTEES**
(Sections 106.011(2) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

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Re-filing to Change: Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer Primary/Secondary Depository

1. Committee ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction 2. Telephone (661) 301-4328

3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer _____ 4. Email (optional) _____
5. Telephone (optional) () _____

6. Mailing Address
PO Box 244 - Englewood, FL 34295

7. Street Address
1395 Bayshore Dr - Englewood, FL 34223

8. The following bank has been designated as the Primary Depository Secondary Depository

9. Name of Bank

10. Street Address

11. City

12. State

13. Zip Code

14. Signature of Chairman
[Handwritten Signature]
X

15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type)
Stephanie Gibson

Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

I, Conni Brunni, do hereby accept the appointment as
(Please Print or Type)
treasurer or deputy treasurer for ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction
(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.**

6-2-2020
Date

X Conni Brunni
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR
POLITICAL COMMITTEES**
(Sections 106.011(2) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

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CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

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1. Committee <i>ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction</i>		2. Telephone <i>(661) 201-4328</i>	
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer <i>Connie Brunni</i>		4. Email (optional) <i>jd6441@gmail.com</i>	
5. Telephone (optional) <i>() _____</i>			
6. Mailing Address <i>PO Box 244 - Englewood, FL 34295</i>			
7. Street Address <i>1395 Bayshore Dr. - Englewood, FL 34223</i>			
8. The following bank has been designated as the <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Depository			
9. Name of Bank		10. Street Address	
11. City		12. State	13. Zip Code
14. Signature of Chairman <i>[Signature]</i>		15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type)	

Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

I, *Connie Brunni*, do hereby accept the appointment as
(Please Print or Type)
treasurer or deputy treasurer for *ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction*
(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.**

6-2-2020
Date

Connie Brunni
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR
POLITICAL COMMITTEES**
(Sections 106.011(2) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

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CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

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Re-filing to Change: Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer Primary/Secondary Depository

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1. Committee ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction 2. Telephone
(661) 201-4328

3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer 4. Email (optional) 5. Telephone (optional)
Conni Brunni jd644h@gmail.com ()

6. Mailing Address PO Box 244 - Englewood, FL 34295

7. Street Address 1395 Bayshore Dr - Englewood, FL 34223

8. The following bank has been designated as the Primary Depository Secondary Depository

9. Name of Bank Centennial Bank 10. Street Address
500 US Highway 41 Bypass, North

11. City Venice 12. State FL 13. Zip Code 34285

14. Signature of Chairman X 15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type)
Stephanie Gibson

Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

I, Conni Brunni, do hereby accept the appointment as
(Please Print or Type)
treasurer or deputy treasurer for ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction
@ Conne (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.**

6-19-2020
Date

X Conni Brunni
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**REGISTERED AGENT
STATEMENT OF APPOINTMENT**
(Section 106.022, F.S.)

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Registered Agent and Office Information

Name Conni Brunni Telephone (941) 315-8030

Street Address 1395 Bayshore Dr

City Englewood State FL Zip Code 34223

Mailing Address PO Box 244

City Englewood State FL Zip Code 34295

I accept this appointment and confirm that I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position as set forth in Section 106.022, F.S. I also understand that I may resign this appointment by executing a written statement of resignation and filing it with the applicable filing officer.

CM Brunni
Signature of Registered Agent

2-18-2020
Date

Former Registered Agent and Office Information (for changes only)

Name Telephone

Street Address

City State Zip Code

N/A

Committee or Organization Information

Name of Committee or Organization
ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction

Street Address Telephone
40 1395 Bayshore Dr (941) 315-8030

City State Zip Code
Englewood FL 34223

Signature of Chairperson

Stephanie Gibson
Printed Name of Chairperson

2/18/2020
Date



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Secretary of State

February 25, 2020

Stephanie Gibson, Chairperson
ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction
Post Office Box 244
Englewood, Florida 34295

Dear Ms. Gibson:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction**, which were placed on file in our office on February 24, 2020. 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 **March 10, 2020**. The report will cover the period of February 1-29, 2020 (2020 M2). 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: 75042

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

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Stephanie Gibson, Chairperson
February 25, 2020
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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 <https://dos.myflorida.com/elections>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, *Political Committee Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRW/zjs

Enclosures

pc: Rebecca Cyphert, Treasurer

HISTORY NOTES

ABCD: Accountability = Better Community Direction - 75042

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
69630	6/24/2020 4:15:00 PM		dlhoward
Ref: Confidential Credentials			
I released the cofidential treasurers pin number to Conni Bruni over the phone. DLH			
69361	6/15/2020 8:20:00 AM		dlhoward
Ref: Incomplete DSDE 6			
I again attempted to make contact with Stephanie Gibson in reference to the DSDE 6 received on June 10, 2020 to appoint a new treasurer. The form was stamped incomplete and a new form is needed. Since I did not get an answer, I had t leave a voice message requesting a return call. DLH			
69339	6/11/2020 12:59:00 PM		dlhoward
Ref: Incomplete DSDE 6			
I attempted to make contact with Stephanie Gibson in reference to the DSDE 6 received by this office on June 10, 2020 and was stamped as incomplete because block #15 (Name of Chairperson) was not provided. Therefore, the request to appoint the new treasurer is not authorized. Since I did not get an answer, I had to leave a voice message requesting a call back. DLH			
69147	6/5/2020 8:52:00 AM		dlhoward
Ref: Incomplete DSDE 6			
On June 4, 2020, this office received a letter, signed by Stephanie Gibson, to removed Rebecca Cyphert from the treasurer position. This office complied with this request. However, the request to appoint Conni Bruni as the new treasurer was not authorized because the DSDE 6 form which accompanied the letter was stamped as incomplete since block #3 did not contain the new treasurers name. I made contact with Ms. Gibson and informed her that this office will need received a completed DSDE 6 form within 10 days or face termination as a Political Actions Committee. DLH			
68098	3/5/2020 11:08:00 AM		dlhoward
Ref: Confidential Credentials			
I received a call from Rebecca Cyphert and upon her request, I released his confidential credentials (Pin Number) over the phone. DLH			
68095	3/5/2020 10:55:00 AM		zjsantos
RE: Treasurer PIN			
I left a voicemail for the treasurer to call back if she has yet to receive her credentials, and reminded her that they're first report is due 3/10/2020.			
68060	3/3/2020 11:00:00 AM		njtaylor
EFS Credentials for Stephanie Gibson			
I gave Stephanie Gibson her EFS account ID, password and chairperson pin. -njt 3/3/2020			