STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re	: Julia Diane Coakley	Case No.: FEC 16-605
TO:	Julia Diane Coakley	Division of Elections
	3630 Oak Vista Lane	500 S Bronough Street, Room 316
	Winter Park, FL 32792	Tallahassee, FL 32399

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, November 28, 2017 at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: 412 Knott Building, Pat Thomas Committee Room, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

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.

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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.

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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 November 13, 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.

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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.

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Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

Case No.: FEC 16-605

Julia Diane Coakley, Respondent.

V.

ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 16, 2017, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On June 12, 2017, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff's Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation(s):

Count 1:

On or about September 22, 2016, Julia Diane Coakley violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when she failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that she would not be filing her 2016 Termination Report.

The Commission finds that there is **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating Sections 106.141(1), and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on August 16, 2017.

M. Scott Thomas, Chairman Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Stephanie J. Cunningham, Assistant General Counsel Julia Diane Coakley, Respondent Division of Elections, Complainant

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING

As the Respondent, you may elect to resolve this case in several ways. First, you may elect to resolve this case by <u>consent order</u> where you and Commission staff agree to resolve the violation(s) and agree to the amount of the fine. The consent order is then presented to the Commission for its approval. To discuss a consent order, contact the FEC attorney identified in the Order of Probable Cause.

Second, you may request an <u>informal hearing</u> held before the Commission, if you <u>do not</u> dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to make written or oral arguments to the Commission concerning the legal issues related to the violation(s) and the potential fine. At the request of Respondent, the Commission will consider and determine willfulness at an informal hearing. Otherwise, live witness testimony is unnecessary.

Third, you may request a <u>formal hearing</u> held before an administrative law judge in the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), if you dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to present evidence relevant to the violation(s) listed in this order, to cross-examine opposing witnesses, to impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence presented against you.

If you do not elect to resolve the case by consent order or request a formal hearing at the DOAH or an informal hearing before the Commission within 30 days of the date this Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission, the case will be sent to the Commission for a formal or

informal hearing, depending on whether the facts are in dispute. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order.

To request a hearing, please send a written request to the Commission Clerk, Donna Ann Malphurs. The address of the Commission Clerk is 107 W. Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050. The telephone number is (850) 922-4539. The Clerk will provide you with a copy of Chapter 28-106, *Florida Administrative Code*, and other applicable rules upon request. No mediation is available.

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NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **August 16, 2017 at 10:30 am,** *or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard*, at the following location: **Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Room 110-S, Tallahassee, Florida 32399**

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the referral in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7)**, and **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Sections 106.141(1)**, and **106.19(1)(c)**, **Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on May 19, 2017, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

- 1. On October 21, 2016, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections ("Division" or "Complainant"), alleging that Julia Diane Coakley ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
- 2. Respondent was a 2016 candidate for State Representative, District 28. (ROI Exhibit 9)¹
- 3. By letter dated March 8, 2017, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provisions:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, may have failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because she had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2016 termination reporting period.

Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, failed to timely file her 2016 Termination Report reflecting the disposition of all remaining campaign funds.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in her 2016 Termination Report, as required by Chapter 106.

¹ The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as "ROI."

- 4. By letter dated July 21, 2015, Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received her Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form and that her name was placed on the 2016 active candidate list. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1)
- 5. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all candidates filing reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system ("EFS"), and provided Respondent with a user identification number and initial password to grant access to the EFS. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1) The letter further advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms were available on its website and directed Respondent to print out the Calendar of Reporting Dates as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 3)

Alleged Violation: Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes

- 6. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida's election laws by failing to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed for the 2016 Termination reporting period.
- 7. Respondent's 2016 Termination Report was due to be filed by September 22, 2016; however, Respondent failed to timely file the report or notify the filing officer that no report would be filed. (ROI Exhibit 7, page 1) By letters dated September 23, 2016, and October 3, 2016, the Division notified Respondent that her 2016 Termination Report had not been received. The letters also notified Respondent that she was still required to notify the Division if she had no reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibits 4 & 5) The October 3, 2016 letter was confirmed delivered. (ROI Exhibit 5, page 2)
- 8. A subpoena was issued to Respondent's designated campaign depository to ascertain whether any financial activity occurred during the relevant reporting period, i.e., June 25, 2016 September 21, 2016. The financial institution had no records responsive to the Commission's subpoena. (ROI Exhibit 8)
- 9. Respondent stated that she was unaware that a termination report was required to be filed. (ROI Exhibit 6, page 1) As of May 18, 2017, Respondent had not filed her 2016 Termination Report or notified the filing officer that no report would be filed.
- 10. Based upon a review of Respondent's campaign finance activity, the campaign submitted notices of no activity for the twelve reporting periods prior to the 2016 Termination reporting period showing that there was no reportable financial activity that took place during the campaign.
- 11. As it appears that Respondent had no financial activity, Respondent was required to notify the filing officer in writing that she would not be filing her 2016 Termination Report on the prescribed reporting date, but failed to do so.

Alleged Violation: Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes

- 12. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida's election laws by failing to file the campaign's 2016 Termination Report.
- 13. Based on the above analysis, it appears that Respondent had no financial activity for the relevant reporting period. Therefore, it does not appear that Respondent was required to file the campaign's 2016 Termination Report as the report was waived due to a lack of reportable financial activity.

Alleged Violation: Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes

- 14. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida's election laws by falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
- 15. Based on the above analysis, it appears that Respondent had no financial activity for the relevant reporting period. Therefore, it does not appear that Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in her 2016 Termination Report as the report was waived due to a lack of reportable financial activity.
- 16. "Probable Cause" is defined as reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. Schmitt v. State, 590 So. 2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reasonable man to reach the conclusion that an offense has been committed. Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles v. Favino, 667 So. 2d 305, 309 (Fla. 1st DCA 1995).
- 17. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a 2016 candidate for State Representative, District 28. It appears that Respondent had no financial activity during the relevant reporting period, and therefore was required to notify the filing officer in writing that she would not be filing her 2016 Termination Report on the prescribed reporting date, but failed to do so. Therewith, it does not appear that Respondent was required to file the campaign's 2016 Termination Report nor does it appear that Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in her 2016 Termination Report as the report was waived due to a lack of reportable financial activity.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find no probable cause to charge Respondent with violating Sections 106.141(1), and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, and find probable cause to charge Respondent with violating the following:

Count 1:

On or about September 22, 2016, Julia Diane Coakley violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when she failed to notify the

filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that she would not be filing her 2016 Termination Report.

Respectfully submitted on June 17, 2017.

Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 12 hday of June 2017.

Amy McKeever Toman

Executive Director

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Case No.: FEC 16-605

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Complainant: Division of Elections

Respondent: Julia Diane Coakley

On October 21, 2016, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Division of Elections alleging that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Commission staff investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes, failure to timely file the 2016 Termination Report reflecting the disposition of all remaining campaign funds;

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statues, failing to notify the filing officer, in writing, on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because she had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2016 Termination Reporting period; and

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, falsely reporting or deliberately failing to report information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

I. Preliminary Information:

- 1. Respondent was a first-time candidate for 2016 State Representative, District 28; she did not complete the candidate-qualifying process.
 - 2. Complainant is the Division of Elections (Division).
- 3. Respondent's filing officer is Kristi Reid-Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records.

II. Alleged Violation of 106.141(1), Florida Statues:

- 4. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to timely file a 2016 Termination Report (TR) reflecting the disposition of all remaining campaign funds.
- 5. On October 20, 2016, a Division staff representative, Kristi Reid-Bronson, submitted a sworn affidavit regarding Respondent's failure to file a 2016 TR campaign treasurer's

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report. To review the October 20, 2016 sworn affidavit, refer to Exhibit 1.

- 6. On July 20, 2015, Respondent filed the "Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository" (DS-DE 9) with her filing officer. Respondent appointed herself as her own campaign treasurer. To review a copy of Respondent's DS-DE 9 form, refer to Exhibit 2.
- 7. On July 21, 2015, Complainant mailed Respondent a letter acknowledging receipt of the DS-DE 9 form and informing her that her name had been placed on the 2016 active candidate list. To view a copy of the July 21, 2015 acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 3.
- 8. On September 23, 2016, Complainant mailed Respondent notification that the 2016 TR treasurer's report had not been filed. This letter was sent to the address Respondent provided on her DS-DE 9 form; Exhibit 2. To review a copy of the Respondent's September 23, 2016 letter, refer to Exhibit 4.
- 9. On October 3, 2016, Complainant mailed Respondent a certified letter titled "Final Notice" informing her that the 2016 TR treasurer's report had not been filed, which included a delivery confirmation receipt. This letter was also sent to the address Respondent provided on her DS-DE 9 form; Exhibit 2. To view a copy of the October 3, 2016 letter with delivery confirmation, refer to Exhibit 5.
- 10. In a telephone interview on February 7, 2017, Respondent stated she had moved and had not received any notices from Complainant in the mail. She stated she was unaware that the 2016 TR treasurer's report was supposed to be filed through the electronic filing system (EFS), and that she would sign into the EFS and file the report that evening. To review a copy of the telephone log, refer to Exhibit 6, entry 1.
- 11. During the course of the investigation, I reviewed Respondent's previous filing history. I determined that there were twelve reporting periods prior to the 2016 TR reporting period. Notices-of-no-activity were filed for all twelve reporting periods. To review a copy of Respondent's filing history, refer to Exhibit 7.
- 12. As of the day of this report, there is no record that Respondent has filed a 2016 TR campaign treasurer's report.
 - 13. No record of Respondent having previously violated this section of law was found.

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

- 14. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because she had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2016 Termination Reporting period.
- 15. On March 20, 2017, a letter regarding Respondent's campaign account records were received as a result of a subpoena from PNC Bank, Respondent's campaign depository listed on her DS-DE 9 form filed on July 20, 2015; Exhibit 2. The letter indicates that they could not

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locate any records in regards to Respondent's campaign account. To review the March 20, 2017 letter, refer to Exhibit 8.

- 16. As previously stated in paragraph 11, during the investigation, Respondent's filing history revealed that she had filed notices-of-no-activity for all previous reporting periods, prior to the 2016 TR reporting period; Exhibit 7.
- 17. There is record of Respondent having previously violated this section of law. In the matter of FEC 16-030, the Florida Elections Commission voted to approve a Consent Order agreed to by Respondent and Commission staff.

IV. Alleged Violation of Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:

- 18. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information in a 2016 Termination Report.
- 19. As of the date of this report, no termination report has been filed. As previously stated in paragraph 11, Respondent's filing history revealed that she filed notices-of-no-activity for all previous reporting periods prior to the 2016 TR reporting period; Exhibit 7.
- 20. As previously stated in paragraph 15, PNC Bank stated they could not locate any record of Respondent's campaign account; Exhibit 8.
 - 21. No record of Respondent having previously violated this section of law was found.

V. FEC History:

22. As previously discussed in paragraph 17, in the matter of FEC 16-030, the Florida Elections Commission, at its August 2016 meeting, voted to approve a Consent Order agreed to by Respondent and Commission staff. The consent final order was filed with the clerk of the commission on August 24, 2016. This case pertained to the untimely filing of two notices-of-no-activity (waivers).

Conclusion:

- 23. As previously discussed in paragraph 10, Respondent stated in a telephone interview that she had been unaware that she was supposed to file a 2016 TR report through the EFS; Exhibit 6. Respondent did not return a questionnaire-affidavit, or a final telephone call to make additional comments regarding the findings of this investigation. I am unable to ascertain whether she has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and/or the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook.
- 24. In the July 21, 2015 acknowledgement letter, Respondent was informed that all of the Division's publications were available online at the DOE's website. In the letter, Respondent was admonished as follows: 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: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, Calendar of Reporting Dates, and Rule 18-2.017, Florida Administrative Code;

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Exhibit 3.

25. On July 20, 2015, Respondent filed her Statement of Candidate for Florida State Representative, District 28 acknowledging that she had been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. To view a copy of the Statement of Candidate, refer to Exhibit 9.

Respectfully submitted on May 19, 2017.

Samantha Spore

Investigation Specialist

Current address of Respondent

Ms. Julia Diane Coakley 3630 Oak Vista Lane Winter Park, FL 32792

Current address of Complainant

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

Name and Address of Filing Officer:

Ms. Kristi Reid-Bronson Chief of Bureau of Election Records 500 South Bronough Street, Room 316 Tallahassee, FL 32399

Copy furnished to: Mr. David Flagg, Investigations Manager

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Julia Diane Coakley -- FEC 16-605

	LIST OF EXHIBITS
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits
Exhibit 1	October 20, 2016 Sworn Affidavit
Exhibit 2	July 20, 2015 DS-DE 9 Form
Exhibit 3	July 21, 2015 Acknowledgment Letter
Exhibit 4	September 23, 2016 Letter
Exhibit 5	October 3, 2016 Letter With Delivery Confirmation
Exhibit 6	Investigative Telephone Log
Exhibit 7	Respondent's Filing History
Exhibit 8	March 20, 2017 PNC Bank Letter
Exhibit 9	July 20, 2015 Statement of Candidate

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Leon

Kristi Reid Bronson, being duly sworn, says:

- 1. I am the Chief of the Bureau of Election Records of the Division of Elections (Division). In that capacity, I oversee the Division's duties related to the filing of campaign finance reports.
- 2. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
- 3. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
- 4. Julia Diane Coakley (64823) was a 2016 candidate for the office of State Representative.
- 5. On July 20, 2015, Ms. Coakley filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division. She appointed herself as treasurer. (See attached documents and acknowledgment letter.)
- 6. The 2016 TR campaign treasurer's report was due on September 22, 2016. On September 23, 2016, the Division mailed Ms. Coakley notification that the 2016 TR treasurer's report had not been filed. (See attached letter.)
- 7. On October 3, 2016, the Division mailed Ms. Coakley final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2016 TR treasurer's report had not been filed. (See attached letter with delivery confirmation.)
- 8. Ms. Coakley did not notify the Division of Elections prior to or on the prescribed reporting date for the 2016 TR report that no report was to be filed.

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9. As of October 20, 2016, Ms. Coakley has not filed the 2016 TR report.

I hereby swear or affirm that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 20th day

of October, 2016.

Signature of Notary Public - State of Morida

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MY COMMISSION # FF 115466

EXPIRES: May 16, 2018

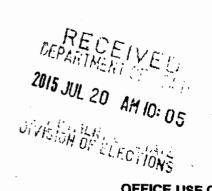
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APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN **DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

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Julia Diane Coakley	•			code) 602 Casa Park Court O						
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Governor

KEN DETZNER Secretary of State

July 21, 2015

Ms. Julia Diane Coakley 602 Casa Park Court O Winter Springs, Florida 32708

Dear Ms. Coakley:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Representative, which was placed on file in our office on July 20, 2015. Your name has been placed on the 2016 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

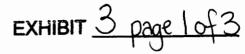
Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on August 10, 2015. The report will cover the period of July 1-31, 2015 (M7). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. You, your campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting these passwords 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: 64823



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Julia Diane Coakley July 21, 2015 Page Two

Pin Numbers

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update personal information. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your confidential pin numbers.

Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that 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 filed 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 due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

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 3 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 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 candidate and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.



Julia Diane Coakley July 21, 2015 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: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, Candidate and Campaign Treasurer 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 Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

KRB/js

Enclosures



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Ken Detzner

Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

September 23, 2016

Julia Diane Coakley 602 Casa Park Court O Winter Springs, FL 32708-2708 CAN 64823

Dear Ms. Coakley:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your termination report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was September 22, 2016.

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 \$50 per day until you file your report. 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 Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Final Notice Delivery Confirmation:

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October 3, 2016

Julia Diane Coakley 602 Casa Park Court O Winter Springs, FL 32708-2708

CAN 64823

Dear Ms. Coakley:

A recent review of the Division's records show that the Division has not yet received your termination report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable.

The Division has previously notified you of the unfiled report or notification. Please file your report or notification. If the report or notification is not filed within 7 days of receipt of this letter, the Division will refer this matter to the Florida Elections Commission, which may impose civil penalties of up to \$1000 per violation, apart from that automatic fine provisions of s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) that are applicable only to campaign finance reports.

As we stated in the prior notices, even if you now file the report or notification, the 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,

Krikti Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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October 5, 2016, 3:47 am

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October 3, 2016, 10:02 pm

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

Case No.: FEC 16-605

Respondent: Julia Diane Coakley

Complainant: Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** 02/07/2017- 9:17 AM

Name: Respondent **Phone** #: 321-947-6013

Summary: I made an initial call to the Respondent at the number listed above. She stated she had been unaware that she had a complaint filed against her from the Division, and had not received our notices in the mail. She has moved, and has a new mailing address: 3630 Oak Vista Lane, Winter Park, FL 32792. She enquired what the complaint was regarding, and I explained that she had not filed her 2016 TR report, that was due on 09/22/2016. She stated she had been unaware that this report was supposed to be filed, and that she would go on to the EFS this evening to try and take care of the matter. She stated she would do it now, however, she was running late, and was trying to leave her house for the day. I explained that her case was still open for investigation, and to call me if she had any questions. She wrote down my name and telephone number and extension.

Memo to File? No Entered by: S. Spore

2. **Date and time:** 02/07/2017- 2:05 PM

Name: PNC Bank- Sanford Phone #: 407-688-8890

Summary: I called and spoke with a young woman who stated that their bank accepts subpoenas through the mail. She told me to mail it to any of the branches, and it would be forwarded to the legal department.

Memo to File? No Entered by: S. Spore

3. **Date and time:** 03/02/2017-11:40 AM

Name: PNC Bank- Sanford Phone #: 407-688-8890

Summary: I called and spoke with Keri, who stated that all subpoenas are sent to their legal processing department. She attempted to look Respondent up in the system, to see if she could give me a status update, however, she couldn't find Respondent in the system. She took down my name and telephone number, and stated she would have someone from the legal department return my call.

Memo to File? No Entered by: S. Spore

4. **Date and time:** 03/07/2017-11:08 AM

Name: PNC Bank- Sanford Phone #: 407-688-8890 Summary: I called again, and spoke with a bank representative. I asked for the branch manager, and was told that unfortunately, none of the managers were in today. I explained that I was calling in reference to a subpoena that was sent for bank records, and asked if I could speak to someone in the legal department. I was told that they could not forward my call. The bank representative I spoke with asked if I was the person who had spoken to "Matt", and I explained that I had not spoken to any Matts, but had spoken with Keri on March 2, 2017, and had not heard back regarding the subpoena. The representative told me that Keri is not in the office today, and gave me her email address, in case I would like to follow up with her by email: kerianne.penafiel@pnc.com. I looked Keri up in the PNC system after this phone call, however, she is a mortgage broker with PNC Bank, and is not the person I need to speak with regarding the status of the subpoena.

Memo to File? No Entered by: S. Spore

5. **Date and time:** 03/07/2017-3:18 PM

Name: PNC Bank- Orlando Phone #: 407-841-6369

Summary: I called the Pine Street branch of PNC Bank in Orlando, to see if they could assist me in my follow-up with the subpoena that was mailed on 02/07/2017, as the Sanford branch did not seem to be able to give me any information when I have contacted them. I spoke with Matthew McGovern, the branch manager. He stated that there was no one at the local level that I could speak to regarding subpoenas, and there was no way for him to look up information regarding this on his end. I asked if he had a telephone number for the legal department, for me to follow-up on the subpoena, however, he stated he does not have a telephone number for the legal department. He explained that the only number he has for the legal department was their fax number, however, this fax number is for internal use only, and he cannot give me that information. He told me that if I e-mailed a copy of the subpoena to his e-mail address at the bank, he would be able to fax the subpoena to the legal department internally. His email address: matthew.mcgovern@pnc.com. He said he would attempt to fax the subpoena by close of business today. I thanked him for his help.

Memo to File? No Entered by: S. Spore

6. **Date and time:** 03/09/17-9:26 AM **Name:** PNC Bank Legal Department

Phone #: 412-762-5917

Summary: I received a phone message that Terri from PNC Bank's legal department had tried to call me. I returned her call at the number provided for me, and reached her voicemail box. I left a message, asking her to return my call.

Memo to File? No Entered by: S. Spore

7. **Date and time:** 03/09/17- 9:49 AM **Name:** PNC Bank Legal Department

Phone #: 412-762-5917

Summary: Terri returned my call, and stated that they have attempted to locate a bank account under Respondent's name, and have been unsuccessful. She asked if we had Respondent's social security number, as she has tried every possible way to locate a bank

account, without success. I let her know that we do not have a social security number to give her. She stated that, using every search deviation she could think of, it looked as if there was no account opened by Respondent. She stated they would be sending out a response to the subpoena today. I thanked her for her assistance.

Memo to File? No Entered by: S. Spore

8. **Date and time:** 05/08/17-1:48 PM

Name: Respondent **Phone** #: 321-947-6013

Summary: I called to speak with Respondent for a final interview. I reached a voicemail box, and left a message, asking her to return my call. I left my name, phone number and extension on the voicemail.

Memo to File? No Entered by: S. Spore

9. Date and time:

Name: Phone #: Summary:

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

10. Date and time:

Name: Phone #:

Summary:

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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Loc	oku _j o	Candid	ate N	ame: Julia [Diane Co	oakley			
Name: Coakley			Acc	ount: <u>64823</u>					
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		9/10/2015	M8	9/10/2015					
		8/10/2015	M7	8/10/2015					

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2016 General Election Julia Diane Coakley (DEM) State Representative

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.

			Contributions				
	Filing Period	Monetary	Loans	InKind	Expend	Other	Transfers
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W	10/01/2015 - 10/31/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/01/2015 - 11/30/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/01/2015 - 12/31/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2016 - 01/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/01/2016 - 02/29/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/01/2016 - 03/31/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2016 - 04/30/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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W	06/01/2016 - 06/24/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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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

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Query the Campaign Finance Data Base

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Samantha Spore Florida Elections Commission 107 W. Gaines St., Ste. 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

Regarding: Julia Coakley

PNC Bank File No: PNC-2017-R2821

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	PNC Bank cannot produce customer documents to you absent the consent of our customer or receipt of a subpoena or other item of legal process.
	The item that was received by the Records Custodian was not served on PNC Bank in accordance with procedures provided to us by the bank's Legal Department.
	The customer and/or account identified in your request cannot be located through the description provided by you. Please forward to the Records Custodian any additional information you may have to assist the bank in identifying records. For example, a tax identification number, or a copy of the record which led you to believe that PNC Bank would have records.
\boxtimes	PNC Bank finds no records responsive to your request.

On all e-mails, phone calls and correspondence please refer to the file number that is set forth above.

Sincerely,

Cheryl A Basko Records Custodian Phone: 216-257-8213 Fax: 888-678-1472 4100 W 150th St

Charge Basko

Cleveland OH 44135

Email: cheryl.basko@pnc.com

Notice to Recipient: You are the Addressee (or authorized to receive for the Addressee), you may not use, copy or disclose to anyone the information contained in the attachments. If you have received these attachments in error, please return to the sender or advise the sender who may instruct you to destroy the attachments.

If you are the Addressee or otherwise authorized to receive, please ensure that the attached materials are for the customer for whom you have asked for information.

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

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Julia Diane Coakley ,
candidate for the office of Florida State Representative (District 28) - Year 2016 ;
have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
X lulie Dean Costilles July 17, 2015
Signature of Candidate Date

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224 Collins Building Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050 Telephone: (850) 922-4539 Fax: (850) 921-0783

March 8, 2017

Julia Diane Coakley 3630 Oak Vista Ln Winter Park, FL 32792

RE: Case No.: FEC 16-605; Respondent: Julia Diane Coakley – AMENDED LETTER OF LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

Dear Ms. Coakley:

On October 21, 2016, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more legally sufficient allegations. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violations:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, may have failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because she had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2016 termination reporting period.

Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, failed to timely file her 2016 Termination Report reflecting the disposition of all remaining campaign funds.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in her 2016 Termination Report, as required by Chapter 106.

You may respond to the allegations above by filing a notarized statement providing any information regarding the facts and circumstances surrounding the allegations. Your response will be included as an attachment to the investigator's report.

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation will be mailed to you at the above address. You may file a response to the report within 14 days from the date the report is mailed to you. Based on the results of the investigation, legal staff will make a written recommendation to the Commission on whether there is probable cause to believe you have violated Chapter 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. A copy of the Staff Recommendation will be mailed to you and you may file a response within 14 days from the date the recommendation is mailed to you. Your timely filed response(s) will be considered by the Commission when determining probable cause.

The Commission will then hold a hearing to determine whether there is probable cause to believe you have violated Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You and the complainant will receive a notice of hearing at least 14 days before the hearing. The notice of hearing will indicate the location, date, and time of your hearing. You will have the opportunity to make a brief oral statement to the Commission, but you will not be permitted to testify or call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence.

At any time before a probable cause finding, you may notify us in writing that you want to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a settlement via consent agreement.

The Report of Investigation, Staff Recommendation, and Notice of Hearing will be mailed to the above address as this letter. Therefore, if your address changes, you must notify this office of your new address. Otherwise, you may not receive these important documents. Failure to receive the documents will not delay the probable cause hearing.

Under section 106.25, Florida Statutes, complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, are confidential until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause. The confidentiality provision does not apply to the person filing the complaint. However, it does apply to you unless you waive confidentiality in writing. The confidentiality provision does not preclude you from seeking legal counsel. However, if you retain counsel, your attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Commission before any member of the Commission staff can discuss this case with him or her.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact **Samantha Spore**, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,

Amy McKeever Toman

Executive Director

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224 Collins Building Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050 Telephone: (850) 922-4539 Fax: (850) 921-0783

January 27, 2017

Julia Diane Coakley 602 Casa Park Court O Winter Springs, FL 32708

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At any time before a probable cause finding, you may notify us in writing that you want to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a settlement via consent agreement.

The Report of Investigation, Staff Recommendation, and Notice of Hearing will be mailed to the above address as this letter. Therefore, if your address changes, you must notify this office of your new address. Otherwise, you may not receive these important documents. Failure to receive the documents will not delay the probable cause hearing.

Under section 106.25, Florida Statutes, complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, are confidential until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause. The confidentiality provision does not apply to the person filing the complaint. However, it does apply to you unless you waive confidentiality in writing. The confidentiality provision does not preclude you from seeking legal counsel. However, if you retain counsel, your attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Commission before any member of the Commission staff can discuss this case with him or her.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact **Samantha Spore**, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,

Amy McKeever Toman

Executive Director

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

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STATE OF FLORIDA

To FEC from Division of Elections

Name:

Julia Diane Coakley

Account Number:

64823

Treasurer:

Julia Diane Coakley

The Division of Elections hereby provides this notice to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to Sections 106.07(8)(d), 106.22(7) and 106.25, Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, F.S., has occurred based upon the candidate's alleged failure to file a report after notice as required by section 106.07(8)(d), Florida Statutes, or failure to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report was to be filed as required by Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes.

The following report or notice is outstanding after notification:

2016 TR

Sent By:

Kristi Reid Bronson

Date:

October 20, 2016

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STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Leon

Kristi Reid Bronson, being duly sworn, says:

- 1. I am the Chief of the Bureau of Election Records of the Division of Elections (Division). In that capacity, I oversee the Division's duties related to the filing of campaign finance reports.
- 2. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
- 3. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
- 4. Julia Diane Coakley (64823) was a 2016 candidate for the office of State Representative.
- 5. On July 20, 2015, Ms. Coakley filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division. She appointed herself as treasurer. (See attached documents and acknowledgment letter.)
- 6. The 2016 TR campaign treasurer's report was due on September 22, 2016. On September 23, 2016, the Division mailed Ms. Coakley notification that the 2016 TR treasurer's report had not been filed. (See attached letter.)
- 7. On October 3, 2016, the Division mailed Ms. Coakley final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2016 TR treasurer's report had not been filed. (See attached letter with delivery confirmation.)
- 8. Ms. Coakley did not notify the Division of Elections prior to or on the prescribed reporting date for the 2016 TR report that no report was to be filed.

9. As of October 20, 2016, Ms. Coakley has not filed the 2016 TR report.

I hereby swear or affirm that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 20th day of October, 2016.

Signature of Notary Public - State of Forda

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

> JOEL MYNARD MY COMMISSION ≱ FF 115466 EXPIRES: May 16, 2018 Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwrite

Personally Known _

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

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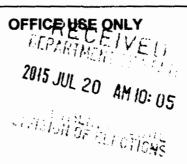


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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)



I, Julia Diane Coakley ,
candidate for the office of Florida State Representative (District 28) - Year 2016;
have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
X Julia Diana County July 17, 2015 Signature of Candidate Date

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).



Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

July 21, 2015

Ms. Julia Diane Coakley 602 Casa Park Court O Winter Springs, Florida 32708

Dear Ms. Coakley:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Representative, which was placed on file in our office on July 20, 2015. Your name has been placed on the 2016 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on August 10, 2015. The report will cover the period of July 1-31, 2015 (M7). All candidates who 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 your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. You, your campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting these passwords 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: 64823





Julia Diane Coakley July 21, 2015 Page Two

Pin Numbers

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update personal information. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your confidential pin numbers.

Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that 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 filed 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 due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

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 3 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 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 candidate and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

Julia Diane Coakley July 21, 2015 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: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, Candidate and Campaign Treasurer 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 Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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Enclosures



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Ken Detzner

Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

CAN 64823

September 23, 2016

Julia Diane Coakley 602 Casa Park Court O Winter Springs, FL 32708-2708

Dear Ms. Coakley:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your termination report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was September 22, 2016.

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 \$50 per day until you file your report. 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 Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner

Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

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October 3, 2016

Julia Diane Coakley 602 Casa Park Court O Winter Springs, FL 32708-2708

CAN 64823

Dear Ms. Coakley:

A recent review of the Division's records show that the Division has not yet received your termination report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable.

The Division has previously notified you of the unfiled report or notification. Please file your report or notification. If the report or notification is not filed within 7 days of receipt of this letter, the Division will refer this matter to the Florida Elections Commission, which may impose civil penalties of up to \$1000 per violation, apart from that automatic fine provisions of s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) that are applicable only to campaign finance reports.

As we stated in the prior notices, even if you now file the report or notification, the 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.

Krikti Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records **Customer Service**

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