# STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Roy Hardemon		Case No.: FEC 19-334
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TO:	Roy Hardemon	Division of Elections
	655 NW 48th Street	500 S Bronough Street, Room 316
	Miami, FL 33127	Tallahassee, FL 32399

# **NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on August 26, 2020 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 Meeting ID 602-468-659, or via teleconference by dialing (866) 901-6455 and entering the meeting access code 515-462-864, 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.

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission August 13, 2020 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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# Commission Meeting August 26, 2020at 8:30AM via GoToWebinar and OpenVoice

In order to participate in the public portion of the August 26, 2020, Florida Elections Commission meeting, please follow the instructions below:

- A. GoToWebinar Remote Video Conferencing
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  - 4. Register your name and email address
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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) when contacting our office.

Thank you,

**Commission Staff** 

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# NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

You are hereby notified that the previously scheduled **hearing for March 24-25, 2020 is cancelled**. It is anticipated that your case will be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting, which is currently set for May 2020. A Notice of Hearing will be mailed approximately 14 days prior to the hearing date indicating the exact date, time, and location.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission March 12, 2020

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# NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, March 24, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: House Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Room 28-H, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

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# ORDER DENYING MOTION TO CONTINUE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 19, 2019, in Tallahassee, Florida.

The Commission considered Respondent's Motion to Continue, staff's objection to Respondent's motion, and the presentments at the hearing. The Commission finds Respondent's motion should be **DENIED**. Therefore, it is

**ORDERED** that the Motion to Dismiss is **DENIED**.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on November 19, 2019.

Joni Alexis Poitier, Vice Chair Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel Roy Hardemon, Respondent Division of Elections, Complainant

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# STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

Case No.: FEC 19-334

v.

Roy Hardemon, Respondent.

# **ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 19, 2019, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On October 1, 2019, 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 there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violations:

# Count 1:

On or about April 10, 2017, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before April 10, 2017, that Respondent would not be filing a 2017 M3 Report on the prescribed due date.

# Count 2:

On or about May 10, 2017, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before May 10, 2017, that Respondent would not be filing a 2017 M4 Report on the prescribed due date.

# Count 3:

On or about June 12, 2017, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before June 12, 2017, that Respondent would not be filing a 2017 M5 Report on the prescribed due date.

# Count 4:

On or about July 10, 2017, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before July 10, 2017, that Respondent would not be filing a 2017 M6 Report on the prescribed due date.

# Count 5:

On or about August 10, 2017, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before August 10, 2017, that Respondent would not be filing a 2017 M7 Report on the prescribed due date.

### Count 6:

On or about October 10, 2017, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before October 10, 2017, that Respondent would not be filing a 2017 M9 Report on the prescribed due date.

# Count 7:

On or about April 10, 2018, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before April 10, 2018, that Respondent would not be filing a 2018 M3 Report on the prescribed due date.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on November 19, 2019.

Joni Alexis Poitier, Vice Chair Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel Roy Hardemon, 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.

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**Executive Director** Florida Elections Commission November 1, 2019

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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 complaint in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7)**, **Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on September 13, 2019, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation.

- 1. On June 3, 2019, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Division of Elections ("Division") alleging that Roy Hardemon ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
- 2. Respondent was a candidate for State Representative, District 108, in the 2018 election. Respondent's Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form was filed with the Division on March 7, 2017. (ROI Exhibit 1)<sup>2</sup>
- 3. By letter dated March 8, 2017, Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent a letter to Respondent notifying him that his name had been placed on file in the Division's office as a candidate for State Representative. The 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 access the EFS. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)<sup>3</sup>
- 4. Ms. Bronson's March 8, 2017 letter also stated that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms were on the Division's website and directed Respondent to print a copy of Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* ("Handbook"), and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 3)
- 5. On July 2, 2019, the Executive Director sent Respondent notification that Commission staff would investigate the following alleged violations:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Respondent is not a first-time candidate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Report of Investigation shall be referred to herein as "ROI."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Kristi Reid Bronson is now known as Kristi Reid Willis.

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2018 candidate for State Representative, District 108, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

- 2017 M3
- 2017 M4
- 2017 M5
- 2017 M6-
- 2017 M7
- 2017 M9
- 2018 M3
- 6. Page 47 of the Handbook states:

In any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds or made any expenditures, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. However, the candidate must notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date. (A notice of no activity filed with the Division must be filed electronically using the <u>EFS</u>.) (Emphasis in original)

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

(ROI Exhibit 3, pages 1 and 5)

- 7. Pages 12, 13, 44, and 45 of the Candidate EFS User's Guide ("Guide") explain the steps a candidate should take to notify the Division in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed for the reporting period using the EFS. Specifically, at the top of page 13, the Guide instructs the user to click the box next to "Waiver" if there is no financial activity to report. (ROI Exhibit 4)
  - 8. Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, provides:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, in any reporting period during which a candidate or political committee has not received funds, made any contributions, or expended any reportable funds, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. However, the next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed, and any candidate or political committee not

reporting by virtue of this subsection on dates prescribed elsewhere in this chapter shall notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date. (Emphasis added)

9. The table below reflects Respondent's untimely notices of no activity filed with the Division:

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2017 M3	03/07 - 03/31/17	04/10/17	04/11/17	1
2017 M4	04/01- 04/30/17	05/10/17	05/22/17	12
2017 M5	05/01 – 05/31/17	06/12/17	06/29/17	17
2017 M6	06/01 - 06/30/17	07/10/17	07/17/17	7
2017 M7	07/01 - 07/31/17	08/10/17	09/19/17	40
2017 M9	09/01 - 09/30/17	10/10/17	11/28/17	49
2018 M3	03/01 - 03/31/18	04/10/18	04/11/18	1

(ROI Exhibit 5; Attachment A; Attachment B; and ROI ¶7)

- 10. During a September 12, 2019 telephone conversation, Respondent told Investigator Smith that he was not sure why the notices of no activity were filed late, and he had given everything to his treasurer to handle. Respondent also stated that he did not read all of the Handbook. (ROI Exhibit 7)
- 11. "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).
- 12. The above facts show Respondent was a candidate for State Representative, District 108, in the 2018 election. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed due date for the 2017 M3, 2017 M4, 2017 M5, 2017 M6, 2017 M7, 2017 M9, and 2018 M3 Reports that he had no reportable financial activity and would not be filing a report for the applicable reporting period.

Based on the foregoing, I recommend that the Commission find probable cause to charge Respondent with the following violations:

# Count 1:

On or about April 10, 2017, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before April 10, 2017, that Respondent would not be filing a 2017 M3 Report on the prescribed due date.

# Count 2:

On or about May 10, 2017, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before May 10, 2017, that Respondent would not be filing a 2017 M4 Report on the prescribed due date.

# Count 3:

On or about June 12, 2017, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before June 12, 2017, that Respondent would not be filing a 2017 M5 Report on the prescribed due date.

# Count 4:

On or about July 10, 2017, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before July 10, 2017, that Respondent would not be filing a 2017 M6 Report on the prescribed due date.

### Count 5:

On or about August 10, 2017, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before August 10, 2017, that Respondent would not be filing a 2017 M7 Report on the prescribed due date.

# Count 6:

On or about October 10, 2017, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before October 10, 2017, that Respondent would not be filing a 2017 M9 Report on the prescribed due date.

# Count 7:

On or about April 10, 2018, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before April 10, 2018, that Respondent would not be filing a 2018 M3 Report on the prescribed due date.

Respectfully submitted on October \_\_\_\_, 2019.

Eric M. Lipman General Counsel

I have reviewed this Staff Recommendation on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of October 2019.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director

# 2017 Calendar of Reporting Dates

# Candidates, Political Committees and Electioneering Communications Organizations registered with the Division of Elections

Cover Period	Report Code	<u>Due Date</u>
01/01/17 - 01/31/17	2017 M1	02/10/17
02/01/17 - 02/28/17	2017 M2	03/10/17
03/01/17 - 03/31/17	2017 M3	04/10/17
04/01/17 - 04/30/17	2017 M4	05/10/17
05/01/17 - 05/31/17	2017 M5	06/12/17
01/01/2016 – 12/31/2016	2016 MUC* (PC Only)	06/30/17
06/01/17 – 06/30/17	2017 M6	07/10/17
07/01/17 - 07/31/17	2017 M7	08/10/17
08/01/17 - 08/31/17	2017 M8	09/11/17
09/01/17 - 09/30/17	2017 M9	10/10/17
10/01/17 - 10/31/17	2017 M10	11/13/17
11/01/17 – 11/30/17	2017 M11	12/11/17
12/01/17 – 12/31/17	2017 M12	1/10/18

<sup>\*</sup> If not reported as individual contributions when received, a political committee must report contributions that comprise multiple uniform contributions from the same person aggregating no more than \$250 per calendar year, collected by an organization that is the affiliated sponsor of the political committee. The report must list the name, address, and occupation of the person making the contribution; however, the occupation need not be listed if the aggregate contribution from the person is \$100 or less.

# Calendar of Reporting Dates for 2018 Candidates (other than statewide candidates) registered with the Division of Elections

Cover Period	Report Code	Due Date
12/1/17 - 12/31/17	.2017 M12	1/10/2018
1/1/18 - 1/31/18	2018 M1	2/12/2018
2/1/18 - 2/28/18	2018 M2	3/12/2018
3/1/18 - 3/31/18	2018 M3	4/10/2018
4/1/18 - 4/30/18	2018 M4	5/10/2018
5/1/18 - 5/31/18	2018 M5	6/11/2018
6/1/18 - 6/22/18	2018 P1	6/29/2018
6/23/18 - 7/6/18	2018 P2	7/13/2018
7/7/18 - 7/20/18	2018 P3	7/27/2018
7/21/18 - 7/27/18	2018 P4	8/3/2018
7/28/18 - 8/3/18	2018 P5	8/10/2018
8/4/18 - 8/10/18	2018 P6	8/17/2018
8/11/18 - 8/23/18	2018 P7	8/24/2018
8/24/18 - 8/31/18	2018 G1	9/7/2018
9/1/18 - 9/14/18	2018 G2	9/21/2018
9/15/18 - 9/28/18	2018 G3	10/5/2018
9/29/18 - 10/5/18	2018 G4	10/12/2018
10/6/18 - 10/12/18	2018 G5	10/19/2018
10/13/18 - 10/19/18	2018 G6	10/26/2018
10/20/18 - 11/1/18	2018 G7	11/2/2018

# **Termination Reports**

Cover Period	Report Code	Due Date
After April-May Qualifying	TR	8/2/2018
After June Qualifying	TR	9/20/2018
Primary Election	TR	11/26/2018
General Election	TR	2/4/2019





# FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

# Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate who did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to

notify timely the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed

Respondent: Roy Hardemon

Complainant: Division of Elections

Respondent Type:

X Candidate

Political Committee

# I. Preliminary Information:

Case Number: FEC 19-334

- 1. An appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) was filed on March 7, 2017. (Ex. 1)
- 2. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on Respondent's DS-DE 9 on March 8, 2017 advising Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, and the Calendar of Reporting Dates. (Ex. 2)
- 3. The acknowledgement letter also states, "An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports" and provides the telephone number for the Division's EFS Help Desk.
- 4. The Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, discusses filing a notification-of-no-activity when there is no activity to disclose on page 47. (Ex. 3)
- 5. Pages 12, 13, 44, and 45 of the *Candidate EFS User's Guide* discuss how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, page 13 instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose. (Ex. 4)
- 6. In a telephone interview on April 2, 2014, Kristi Reid-Bronson clarified that once the waiver box is chosen and a new report is opened as shown on page 12, the only available option on the report summary screen will be "Go To File Report" as shown on page 13. Choosing "Go To File Report" will take the user directly to the screens where the candidate/treasurer PINS are entered as shown on pages 44 and 45.

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

7. Respondent's filing history reflects the untimely filed notifications summarized below. (Ex. 5)

Report	Report Cover- Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2017 M3	03/07 - 03/31/17	04/10/17	04/11/17	: <b>1</b>
2017 M4	04/01-04/30/17	05/10/17	05/22/17	12
2017 M5	05/01 - 05/31/17	06/12/17	06/29/17	- <b>17</b> -4-4
2017 M6	06/01 - 06/30/17	07/10/17	07/17/17	7
2017 M7	07/01 - 07/31/17	08/10/17	09/19/17	40



- 8. Respondent stated that he was unsure the reason why nothing was filed timely for the reporting periods at issue. He said that he turned everything over to his treasurer to handle.
- 9. According to the filing history, Respondent has previously filed timely campaign reports and/or notifications-of-no-activity. (Ex. 5)

# III. FEC History:

10. Respondent's previous cases before the Commission have involved automatic-fine appeals and failure-to-file, on three occasions.

### Conclusion:

- 11. Respondent stated in a telephone interview that he partially read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. Respondent signed his Statement of Candidate form on March 7, 2017. (Ex. 6)
  - 12. The Investigative Phone Log is included with this report. (Ex. 7)

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:	Keitl Smith	Date: 09/13/19
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# FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

# REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Roy Hardemon -- FEC 19-334

LIST OF EXHIBITS			
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Exhibit 1	DS-DE 9		
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Exhibit 3	Page 47 - Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook		
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Exhibit 6	Statement of Candidate		
Exhibit 7	Phone Log		



# HAND DELIVERED

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

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

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8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a					
☐ Write-In ☐ No Party Affiliation ☑ <u>Democlet</u> Party candidate.					
9. I have appointed the following person to act as my	Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer				
10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer					
Roy Hardemon					
11. Mailing Address	12. Telephone				
13. City 14. County 15. State	(781)3560.707				
13. City 14. County 15. State	16. Zip Code 17. E-mail address				
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18.1 have designated the following bank as my	Primary Depository Secondary Depository				
19. Name of Bank 2	0. Address				
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21. City 22. County	23. State 24. Zip Code				
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Under Penalties of Perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing form for appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository and that the facts stated in it are true.					
25. Date 2	6. Signature of Candidate				
13/7/12	X/2				
27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)					
1. Rey Hardeman (Please Print or Type Name)	, do hereby accept the appointment				
designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.					
3/2//7 FXHIBIT X					
Date Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer					



Governor

KEN DETZNER Secretary of State

March 8, 2017

The Honorable Roy Hardemon 1431 Northwest 69 Street Miami, Florida 33147

Dear Representative Hardemon:

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 March 7, 2017. Your name has been placed on the 2018 active candidate list.

# Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **April 10, 2017**. The report will cover the period of March 1-31, 2017 (M3). 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

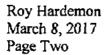
Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. You, your campaign treasurer, and deputy 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: 69705

EXHIBIT (1 & 3)





# 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.

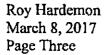
# Timely Filing

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.



# 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 <a href="http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/">http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/</a>. 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

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2016
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Treasurer
Handbook

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# Chapter 16: Filing Campaign Reports

Each campaign treasurer designated by a candidate shall file regular reports of all contributions received and all expenditures made by or on behalf of such candidate.

The candidate and his or her campaign treasurer shall certify as to the correctness of each report. Each person so certifying shall bear the responsibility for the accuracy and veracity of each report. Any campaign treasurer or candidate who willfully certifies the correctness of any report while knowing that such report is incorrect, false or incomplete commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

### Where to File

A campaign treasurer is required to file campaign treasurer's reports with the officer with whom the candidate registers.

Candidates filing reports with the Division are required to file by means of the <u>Electronic Filing System</u>. If the candidate's filing officer is other than the Division, contact the appropriate filing officer to find out the requirements.

The web address for filing online with the Division is: <a href="https://efs.dos.state.fl.us/">https://efs.dos.state.fl.us/</a> (Section 106.07(2), F.S.)

# When to File

Reports must be filed on the 10th day following the end of each calendar month from the time the candidate registers, except that if the 10th day occurs on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the report shall be filed on the next business day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

A statewide candidate must file reports:

- On the 60th day immediately preceding the primary election, and each week thereafter, with the last weekly report being filed on the 4th day immediately preceding the general election.
- 2. On the 10th day immediately preceding the general election, and each day thereafter, with the last daily report being filed the 5th day immediately preceding the general election.

All other candidates must file reports on the 60th day immediately preceding the primary election and bi-weekly on each Friday thereafter through and including the 4th day immediately preceding the general election, with additional reports due on the 25th and 11th days before the primary election and the general election.

For candidates that file with the Division, see the "Reporting Dates Calendar" at:

http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/formspublications/publications/ An individual seeking a publicly elected position on a political party executive committee who receives a contribution or makes an expenditure must file a single report of all contributions and expenditures on the 4th day immediately preceding the primary election. (See Chapter 18, Reporting for Individuals Seeking a Publicly Elected Position on a Party Executive Committee.)

Unless the electronic filing requirements of Section 106.0705, Florida Statutes, apply, reports shall be filed no later than 5 p.m. of the day designated. A report postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight of the day designated is deemed timely filed. A report received by the filing officer within 5 days after the designated due date that was delivered by the U.S. Postal Service is deemed timely filed unless it has a postmark indicating the report was mailed after the designated due date. A certificate of mailing obtained from and dated by the U.S. Postal Service at the time of mailing or a receipt from an established courier company, which bears a date on or before the date on which the report is due, is proof of mailing in a timely manner. Reports filed with the Division through the <u>Electronic Filing System</u> (EFS) are due no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date.

> (Sections <u>106.07</u>, <u>106.0705</u> and <u>106.141</u>, F.S.)

# **Penalty for Late Filing**

Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is

greater, for the period covered by the late However, for the reports immediately preceding the primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. For a candidate's termination report, the fine shall be \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the late report. All fines must be paid from the candidate's personal funds - not campaign funds.

(Section 106.07(2) and (8), F.S.)

# Notice of No Activity

In any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds or made any expenditures, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. However, the candidate must notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date. (A notice of no activity filed with the Division must be filed electronically using the EFS.) The next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed.

(Section <u>106.07</u>, F.S.)

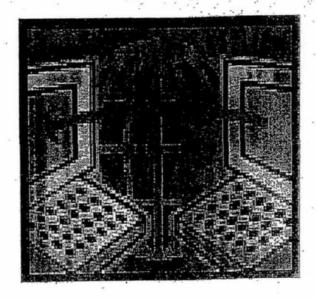
# Incomplete Reports

If a campaign treasurer files a report that is deemed incomplete, it shall be accepted on a conditional basis. The campaign treasurer will be notified by the filing officer as to why the report is incomplete. The campaign

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# Candidate EFS User's Guide



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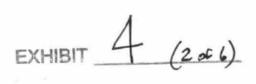
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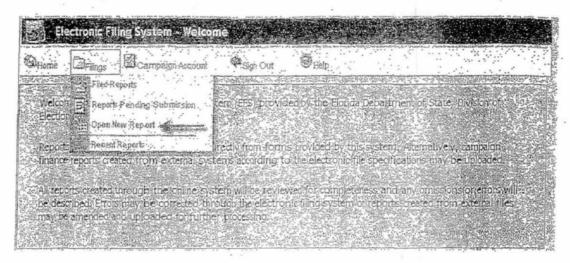
### Create a New Report by Data Entry

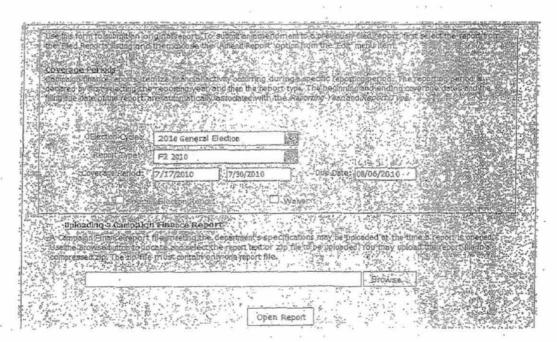
From the Welcome Screen, click



and then







Click arrow next to Election Cycle. Scroll to the cycle associated with the report you are entering.

Click arrow next to Report Type and select the report type that corresponds to the appropriate cover period and due date.

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The Due Date will automatically fill in based on the Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates.

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Click at the bottom of the screen. A Report Detail screen (view only) will appear. This screen will not indicate any activity until individual detail data is entered, saved and a review is performed.

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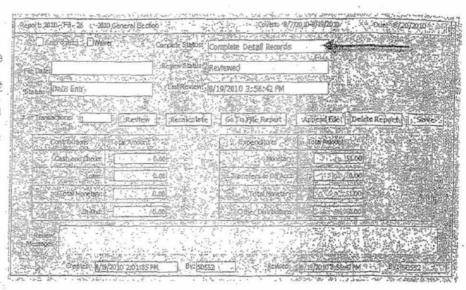
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If the Review Status is <u>Updated Detail - Needs Review</u> the report has not been reviewed since the last update. (See page 38 for instructions on how to submit the report to the system for review.)

If the status of the report is <u>Complete</u>

<u>Detail Records</u>, you are ready to file the report.



Click on Go To File Report

The candidate enters his or her PIN, and then selects

Report Approved

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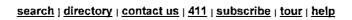


If there is more than one treasurer, click on the drop down and select the treasurer that is filing the report.

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IMPORTANT NOTE: If changes need to be made after a candidate enters his PIN, the treasurer must undo the candidate's PIN validation before the system will allow changes. See page 48 for instructions.





### Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

#### Florida Election System Reports

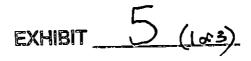
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Type: Candidate	8/17/2018	P6	8/17/2018						
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#### 2018 General Election Roy Hardemon (DEM) State Representative

#### **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.

		C	ontributions	_			
	Filing Period	Monetary	Loans	InKind	Expend	Other	Transfers
W	03/07/2017 - 03/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2017 - 04/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/01/2017 - 05/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/01/2017 - 06/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/01/2017 - 07/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/01/2017 - 08/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/01/2017 - 09/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	10/01/2017 - 10/31/2017	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	11/01/2017 - 11/30/2017	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/01/2017 - 12/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	01/01/2018 - 01/31/2018	19,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/01/2018 - 02/28/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/01/2018 - 03/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	04/01/2018 - 04/30/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,525.72	0.00	0.00
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0	07/28/2018 - 08/03/2018	10,550.00	0.00	0.00	1,163.22	0.00	0.00
	08/04/2018 - 08/10/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,700.00	0.00	0.00
0	08/11/2018 - 08/23/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,150.00	0.00	0.00
	08/24/2018 - 11/26/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,900.00	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

Select Detail Type	Select Sort Order	Select Output Type
Contributions ~	Date(Ascending)	Display On Screen 🗸

Submit Query Now

Query the Campaign Finance Data Base

[Department of State] [Division of Elections] [Candidates and Races] [Campaign Finance Information]

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### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)
(Please print or type)

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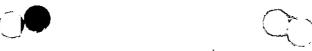
SECRETARY OF STATE

1. Roy Harkenon
candidate for the office of State House District 188 :
have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
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That and literary work file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days offer the
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

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Statutes).

EXHIBIT \_\_\_\_\_\_



#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG Case No.: FEC 19-334

**Respondent:** Roy Hardemon

Complainant: Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** 09/12/19 @ 2:02 p.m.

**Name:** Respondent **Phone** #: 786-356-0707

Summary: I called Respondent for the purpose of determining whether he wanted to accept the MVCO in this case relative to seven reports not being filed timely with the Division. Respondent was made aware that the MVCO was for \$\$350. Respondent said that he could not afford to pay the MVCO and added that he hasn't worked since he left office. When asked, Respondent said that he partially read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, that he didn't read all of it. Respondent said, when asked, that he was unsure why the reports were filed late as he had turned everything over to his treasurer for her to handle. Respondent was advised that he would receive a copy of the report of investigation and he would have an opportunity to respond, should he choose to do so. Having said that, Respondent confirmed his address as, 655 NW 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, Florida 33127.

Memo to File? No Entered by: KS

2. Date and time:

Name:

Phone #:

**Summary:** 

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

3. Date and time:

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#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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

www.fec.state.fl.us; fec@myfloridalegal.com

July 2, 2019

Roy Hardemon 800 North West 56 Street, R1 Miami, FL 33127

RE: Case No.: FEC 19-334; Respondent: Roy Hardemon

Dear Representative Hardemon:

On June 3, 2019, 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 violation(s):

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, 2018 candidate for State Representative, District 108, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

2017 M3

2017 M7

2017 M4

2017 M9

2017 M5

2018 M3

2017 M6

However, prior to an investigation, you have the option to <u>resolve your case now by</u> signing a minor violation consent order and <u>paying a fine of \$350</u>, per Rule 2B-1.003, Florida Administrative Code, <u>rather than the potential \$1,000 per violation</u> provided for in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes.

If you sign the consent order, you would not be required to admit or deny the allegation(s) in the complaint, but you would be required to immediately correct the violation, if feasible.

The signed consent order would then be considered by the Commission at its next available meeting, and would constitute final action by the Commission once it is accepted and approved by the Commission.

Roy Hardemon July 2, 2019 Page 2 FEC 19-334

<u>Please contact Stephanie Cunningham at 850-922-4539</u>, or at the address listed above, to accept this minor violation consent order offer.

If you choose not to resolve the case by consent order, an investigation will be conducted, and then the Commission will hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violation(s) occurred and, if so, the amount of the fine to be imposed upon you. For more information, please see our FAQs available at <a href="http://www.fec.state.fl.us">http://www.fec.state.fl.us</a>.

Sincerely,

Tim Vaccaro

**Executive Director** 

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#### DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

#### To FEC from Division of Elections

Candidate:

Roy Hardemon

Account Number:

69705

Previous Treasurer: Roy Hardemon

Current Treasurer:

Crystal Corner

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(2), Florida Statutes. apparent violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, has occurred based upon repeated late filings or failure to file notifications to the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date under s. 106.07(7).

2017 M3 ·

2017 M4

2017 M5

2017 M6

2017 M7

2017 M9

2018 M3

- Roy Hardemon (69705) was a 2018 candidate for the office of State Representative.
- On March 7, 2017, Representative Hardemon filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division designating himself as treasurer.
- On October 24, 2017, Representative Hardemon filed a new Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division designating Crystal Corner as treasurer.
- The 2017 M3 campaign treasurer's report was due on April 10, 2017. Representative Hardemon failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed

reporting date. Representative Hardemon filed a notification of no activity on April 11, 2017. (See attached file receipt and letter.)

- The 2017 M4 campaign treasurer's report was due on May 10, 2017. Representative Hardemon failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Representative Hardemon filed a notification of no activity on May 22, 2017. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2017 M5 campaign treasurer's report was due on June 12, 2017. Representative Hardemon failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Representative Hardemon filed a notification of no activity on June 29, 2017. (See attached file receipt.)
- The 2017 M6 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 10, 2017. Representative Hardemon failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Representative Hardemon filed a notification of no activity on July 17, 2017. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2017 M7 campaign treasurer's report was due on August 10, 2017. Representative Hardemon failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Representative Hardemon filed a notification of no activity on September 19, 2017. (See attached file receipt.)
- The 2017 M9 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 10, 2017. Representative Hardemon failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Ms. Corner filed a notification of no activity on November 28, 2017. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2018 M3 campaign treasurer's report was due on April 10, 2018. Ms. failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Ms. Corner filed a notification of no activity on April 11, 2018. (See attached file receipt and letter.)

Sent By:

Kristi Reid Willis

Date:

May 21, 2019 🎝

ID: 69705

Name: Roy Hardemon

Report: 2017 - M3 - 1

Print Date: 5/20/2019 4:00:16 PM

Election: 2018 General Election

Covers: 3/7/2017-3/31/2017

☐ Amended ☑ Waiver

Due: 4/10/2017

Filed: 4/11/2017 3:07:57 PM

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 4/11/2017

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

Pending Queued Items: 0

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

**Number of Detail Records** 

Contributions:

Expenditures:

Fund Transfers:

Distributions: 0



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Ken Detzner Secretary of State DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

April 17, 2017

Roy Hardemon, Treasurer 655 Northwest 48 Street Miami, FL 33127-3127

CAN 69705

Dear Representative Hardemon:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of April 10, 2017, was not filed until April 11, 2017. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Roy Hardemon

Candidate for State Representative, District 108



ID: **69705** 

Name: Roy Hardemon

Report: 2017 - M4 - 2

Print Date: 5/20/2019 4:01:55 PM

Election: 2018 General Election Covers: 4/1/2017-4/30/2017

Election

Due: 5/10/2017

Amended Waiver

Filed: 5/22/2017 9:11:08 PM

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: **5/22/2017** 

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0** Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions:



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Ken Detzner Secretary of State DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 10, 2017

Roy Hardemon, Treasurer 655 Northwest 48 Street Miami, FL 33127-3127

CAN 69705

Dear Representative Hardemon:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of May 10, 2017, was not filed until May 22, 2017. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Roy Hardemon

Candidate for State Representative, District 108



ID: **69705** Name: Roy Hardemon

Report: 2017 - M5 - 3

Election: 2018 General Election

Covers: 5/1/2017-5/31/2017

Due: 6/12/2017

Print Date: 5/20/2019 4:03:39 PM

☐ Amended ☑ Waiver

Filed: 6/29/2017 1:33:47 PM

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 6/29/2017

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

**Number of Detail Records** 

Expenditures: 0

Fund Transfers: 0

Pending Queued Items: 0

Distributions: 0

ID: 69705 Name: Roy Hardemon

Report: 2017 - M6 - 4

Print Date: 5/20/2019 4:29:17 PM

Election: 2018 General Election

Covers: 6/1/2017-6/30/2017

☐ Amended ☑ Waiver

Due: 7/10/2017

Filed: 7/17/2017 12:57:59 PM

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 7/17/2017

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

Pending Queued Items: 0

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

**Number of Detail Records** 

Contributions:

Expenditures:

Fund Transfers:

Distributions:



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Ken Detzner Secretary of State DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 18, 2017

Roy Hardemon 655 Northwest 48 Street Miami, FL 33127-3127

CAN 69705

Dear Representative Hardemon:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of July 10, 2017, was not filed until July 17, 2017. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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

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Sincerely.

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records



Name: Roy Hardemon ID: **69705** 

Report: 2017 - M7 - 5

Print Date: 5/20/2019 4:41:39 PM

Election: 2018 General Election •

Covers: 7/1/2017-7/31/2017

Amended Waiver

Due: 8/10/2017

Filed: **9/19/2017 7:12:57 PM** 

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 9/19/2017

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

**Number of Detail Records** 

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: Expenditures:

Fund Transfers:

Pending Queued Items: 0

Distributions:

ID: 69705 Name: Roy Hardemon

Report: 2017 - M9 - 9

Print Date: 5/20/2019 4:45:06 PM

Election: 2018 General Election

Covers: 9/1/2017-9/30/2017

☐ Amended ☑ Waiver

Due: 10/10/2017

Filed: 11/28/2017 9:56:59 AM File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 11/28/2017 Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0** Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0



#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

#### Ken Detzner Secretary of State

#### **DIVISION OF ELECTIONS**

January 11, 2018

Crystal Corner, Treasurer 6516 North West 12th Court Miami, FL 33147-3147

CAN 69705

Dear Ms. Corner:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of October 10, 2017, was not filed until November 28, 2017. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Roy Hardemon

Candidate for State Representative, District 108



Name: Roy Hardemon ID: **69705** 

Report: 2018 - M3 - 13

Print Date: 5/20/2019 4:51:16 PM

Election: 2018 General Election

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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Ken Detzner Secretary of State DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

April 24, 2018

Crystal Corner, Treasurer 6516 North West 12th Court Miami, FL 33147-3147

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Dear Ms. Corner:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of April 10, 2018, was not filed until April 11, 2018. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Roy Hardemon

Candidate for State Representative, District 108