

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Al Jacquet**

**Case No.: FEC 18-487**

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**TO:** Al Jacquet  
964 Tortuga Lane  
Riviera Beach, FL 33404

Division of Elections  
500 S Bronough Street, Room 316  
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

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## **Commission Meeting August 26, 2020 at 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:

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2. Select Join A Webinar in the upper right corner of the website
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And your email address
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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***Tim Vaccaro***

Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
July 28, 2020

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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

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

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Division of Elections  
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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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***Tim Vaccaro***

Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
March 9, 2019

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,  
Petitioner,**

**Case No.: FEC 18-487**

v.

**Al Jaquet,  
Respondent.**

**ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

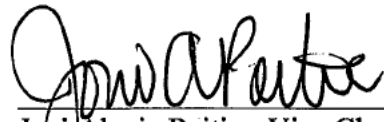
**THIS MATTER** was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 19, 2019, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On October 3, 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 violation:

**Count 1:**

On or about October 10, 2018, Respondent violated Section 106.141(9), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to file his 2018 Q3 Office Account Report on the prescribed due date.

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



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Joni Alexis Poitier, Vice Chair  
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:  
Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel  
Al Jaquet, 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 consent order 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 informal hearing held before the Commission, if you do not 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 formal hearing 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

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: The Honorable Al Jacquet**

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Executive Director  
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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 106.141(9), Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on August 19, 2019, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation.

1. On December 17, 2018, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from the Division of Elections (“Division”) alleging that Al Jaquet (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent was first elected to the House of Representatives, District 88, in the 2016 primary election. Respondent's Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form for the 2018 election was filed with the Division on January 25, 2017. Respondent was unopposed in the 2018 election, and therefore, he was reelected to office at the close of qualifying. (ROI Exhibit 1; Attachment A; and Attachment B)<sup>1</sup>

3. By letter dated January 26, 2017, Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, notified Respondent 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>2</sup>

4. Ms. Bronson's January 26, 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 April 4, 2019, the Executive Director sent Respondent notification that Commission staff would investigate the following alleged violation:

**Section 106.141(9), Florida Statutes:** Respondent failed to file an office account report listing all information required including

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<sup>1</sup> The Report of Investigation shall be referred to herein as “ROI.”

<sup>2</sup> Kristi Reid Bronson is now known as Kristi Reid Willis.

the amount of any disbursement of funds made, and funds received for the 2018 Q3 reporting period.

6. Within 90 days of being elected to office, a candidate is required to dispose of all surplus campaign funds and file a Termination Report ("TR") showing disposition of the funds. A candidate elected to the House of Representatives may dispose of up to "[T]en thousand dollars multiplied by the number of years in the term of office for which elected," into an office account. Members of the House of Representatives are elected for two-year terms. Therefore, Respondent was allowed to deposit up to \$20,000 of his excess campaign funds into an office account. *See* Art. III, §15(b), Fla. Const; and Sections 106.141(1) and 106.141(5)(c), Florida Statutes.

7. Section 106.141(9), Florida Statutes, provides:

Any candidate elected to office who transfers surplus campaign funds into an office account pursuant to subsection (5) **shall file a report on the 10th day following the end of each calendar quarter until the account is closed.** Such reports shall contain the name and address of each person to whom any disbursement of funds was made, together with the amount thereof and the purpose therefor, and the name and address of any person from whom the elected candidate received any refund or reimbursement and the amount thereof. (Emphasis added)<sup>3</sup>

8. Respondent filed his 2018 Termination Report ("TR") on September 21, 2018. On his 2018 TR, Respondent reported disposing \$20,000 to his office account, and therefore, Respondent was required to file quarterly reports listing all monies received and expenditures made from his office account. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 2; and Attachment D)<sup>4</sup>

9. Respondent's 2018 Q3 Office Account Report was due on October 10, 2018. However, Respondent failed to timely file the Report. By letters dated October 18, 2018, and November 1, 2018, the Division notified Respondent that a review of the Division's records indicated Respondent had not filed his 2018 Q3 Office Account Report. (ROI Exhibit 4)

10. Respondent filed his 2018 Q3 Office Account Report on January 29, 2019. (ROI Exhibit 5)

11. Investigator Smith attempted to contact Respondent seven times by telephone without success. On June 10, 2019, and June 26, 2019, Investigator Smith left a message on Respondent's voicemail requesting Respondent to return the call, which Respondent failed to do. (ROI Exhibit 6, Phone Log Entries 1 and 4)

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<sup>3</sup> The statutory requirements about disposition of excess campaign funds and the filing of quarterly office account reports are explained in the Handbook on pages 51-52 and 58-59. (Attachment C)

<sup>4</sup> Respondent had already established an office account following his election in 2016 for which he was required to file quarterly reports. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1)

12. Investigator Smith attempted to call Respondent at a second number on June 26, 2019. Investigator Smith reached a voice mail recording that stated the mailbox was full and could not accept any messages. Investigator Smith reached a similar voice mailbox message when he tried to call Respondent on August 15, 2019. (ROI Exhibit 6, Phone Log Entries 3 and 6)

13. Additionally, on June 11, 2019, June 26, 2019, and August 12, 2019, Investigator Smith attempted to contact Respondent at his law office. Each time, Investigator Smith left a message with the person who answered the phone requesting Respondent to return the call, which Respondent failed to do. (ROI Exhibit 6, Phone Log Entries 2, 4, and 5)

14. "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).

15. The above facts show Respondent was first elected to the Florida Legislature in the 2016. Respondent was unopposed in the 2018 election, and therefore, he was reelected at the close of qualifying. On his 2018 Termination Report, Respondent reported disposing of \$20,000 into his office account. Because Respondent maintained an office account, he was required to file quarterly reports listing all expenditures made from the account. However, Respondent failed to timely file his 2018 Q3 Office Account Report.

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

**Count 1:**

On or about October 10, 2018, Respondent violated Section 106.141(9), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to file his 2018 Q3 Office Account Report on the prescribed due date.

Respectfully submitted on October 3, 2019.



Eric M. Lipman  
General Counsel

I have reviewed this Staff Recommendation on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2019.



Tim Vaccaro  
Executive Director



## Candidate Listing for 2016 General Election

Change Election

Group: ALL ▼

Status: ALL (except WIT/DNQ) ▼

Office: ALL ▼

County: ALL ▼

Last Name Like: jacquet

Order by: Name ▼

- You can narrow your search results for candidates by county. A search by county will provide a list of candidates running for offices for which all or a portion of the geographical area represented by the office is located in that county. For information on county or municipal candidates, please contact your local [Supervisor of Elections](#).

RUN QUERY

### State Representative

| District | Candidate                         | Status  | Primary | General   |
|----------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| 88       | <a href="#">Jacquet, Al</a> (DEM) | Elected | Won     | Unopposed |

# ATTACHMENT A

### Candidate Listing for 2018 General Election

[Change Election](#)

Group: ALL ▼      Status: ALL (except WIT/DNQ) ▼  
 Office: ALL ▼      County: ALL ▼  
 Last Name Like: jacquet      Order by: Name ▼

- You can narrow your search results for candidates by county. A search by county will provide a list of candidates running for offices for which all or a portion of the geographical area represented by the office is located in that county. For information on county or municipal candidates, please contact your local [Supervisor of Elections](#).

RUN QUERY

### State Representative

| District | Candidate                                    | Status  | Primary   | General   |
|----------|--|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 88       | <a href="#">Jacquet, Al</a> (DEM) *Incumbent | Elected | Unopposed | Unopposed |

ATTACHMENT **B**

2016  
Candidate  
& Campaign  
Treasurer  
Handbook

FLORIDA  
DIVISION OF  
ELECTIONS

Florida Department of State  
Division of Elections  
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250  
850.245.6240

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## Chapter 17: Termination Reports

Once a candidate withdraws, becomes unopposed, is eliminated, or elected to office, he or she may **only** expend funds from the campaign account to:

- Purchase "thank you" advertising for up to 75 days after he or she withdraws, becomes unopposed, is eliminated, or elected to office.
- Pay for items which were obligated before he or she withdrew, became unopposed, was eliminated, or elected to office.
- Pay for expenditures necessary to close down the campaign office and to prepare final campaign reports.
- Dispose of surplus funds as provided in Section 106.141, F.S.

*(Section 106.11(5), F.S.)*

Because individuals who seek election to a political party executive committee are not "candidates," they do not file termination reports.

### Prior to Disposing of Surplus Funds

A candidate may be reimbursed by the campaign for any previously reported contributions by the candidate to the campaign, in full or in part.

A candidate who filed an oath stating that he or she was unable to pay the fee for verification of petition signatures without

imposing an undue burden on his or her personal resources or on resources otherwise available to him or her, must reimburse the state or local government entity, whichever is applicable, for such waived fee prior to disposing of any funds under the surplus provisions contained in Section 106.141(4), F.S.

*(Section 106.141, F.S.)*

### Disposing of Surplus Funds

Once a candidate withdraws, becomes unopposed, is eliminated, or elected to office, the candidate must dispose of the funds on deposit in his or her campaign account and file a campaign treasurer's report (termination report) reflecting the disposition of funds.

A candidate required to dispose of surplus funds must, at the option of the candidate, dispose of such funds within 90 days by any of the following means, or a combination thereof:

1. Return pro rata to each contributor the funds that have not been spent or obligated.
2. Donate the funds that have not been spent or obligated to a charitable organization or organizations that meet the qualifications of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
3. Give not more than \$25,000 of the funds that have not been spent or obligated to the political party of which such candidate is a member.

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4. Give the funds that have not been spent or obligated:

a. In the case of a candidate for state office, to the state to be deposited in the General Revenue Fund; or

b. In the case of a candidate for office of a political subdivision, to such political subdivision, to be deposited in the general fund thereof.

5. Transfer funds to an office account (*See Chapter 20, Office Accounts*).

6. In the case of a candidate elected to state office, retain up to \$20,000 in the campaign account for re-election to the same office. (*See Chapter 21, Carryover Campaign Funds*)

The termination report must include:

1. The name and address of each person or unit of government to whom any of the funds were distributed and the amounts thereof;
2. The name and address of each person to whom an expenditure was made together with the amount and purpose; and
3. The amount of such funds transferred to an office account together with the name and address of the bank in which the office account is located.

**If a refund check is received after all surplus funds have been disposed of**, the check may be endorsed by the candidate and the refund disposed of pursuant to Section

106.141, F.S. An amended termination report must be filed with the filing officer.

All reports must be signed by the candidate and the campaign treasurer and certified as true and correct.

(*Section 106.141, F.S.*)

### Money from Separate Interest-Bearing Account or Certificate of Deposit

A campaign treasurer of any candidate who withdraws, becomes unopposed, or is eliminated, or elected to office, and who has funds on deposit in any interest-bearing account or certificate of deposit, must, within seven days, transfer such funds and accumulated interest earned thereon to the primary campaign account for disposal. However, when funds are in an account in which penalties will apply for withdrawal within the seven day period, the campaign treasurer must transfer such funds and accumulated interest earned thereon as soon as the funds can be withdrawn without penalty, or within 90 days after the candidate becomes unopposed, withdraws his or her candidacy, or is elected, or eliminated, whichever comes first.

(*Section 106.141, F.S.*)

### Campaign Loans Report

A person elected to office must report all loans, exceeding \$500 in value, made to him or her and used for campaign purposes, and made in the twelve months preceding his or her election to office, to the filing officer. The report must be made on **Forms DS-DE 73 and 73A, Campaign Loan Report** within ten

## Chapter 20: Office Accounts

A candidate elected to office or a candidate who will be elected to office by virtue of his or her being unopposed may, in addition to disposing of all the funds in the campaign account in accordance with Section 106.141(4), F.S., transfer funds from the campaign account to an office account any amount up to the limits listed below:

- \$50,000 for a candidate for statewide office;
- \$10,000 for a candidate for multicounty office;
- \$10,000 multiplied by the number of years in the term of office for which elected for a candidate for legislative office;
- \$5,000 multiplied by the number of years in office for which elected for a candidate for county office or for a candidate for any election on less than a countywide basis;
- \$6,000 for a candidate for retention as a justice of the Supreme Court;
- \$3,000 for a candidate for retention as a judge of a district court of appeal;
- \$3,000 for a candidate for county court judge or circuit judge.

(Section 106.141(5), F.S.)

## Using the Office Account

The office account must be separate and apart from any other account, including any other type of "office account" such as a legislative account. Any funds so retained by a candidate must be used only for legitimate expenses in connection with the candidate's public office, which may include:

1. Travel expenses incurred by the officer or staff member;
2. Personal taxes payable on office account funds by the candidate or elected public official;
3. Professional services provided by a certified public accountant or attorney for preparation of the election public official's financial disclosure filing pursuant to s 112.3144 or s. 112.3145;
4. Costs to prepare, print, produce, and mail holiday cards or newsletters about the elected public official's public business to constituents ~~if~~ such correspondence does not constitute a political advertisement, independent expenditure or electioneering communication as provided in s. 106.011;
5. Fees or dues to religious, civic, or charitable organizations of which the elected public official is a member;

6. Items of modest value such as flowers, greeting cards, or personal notes given as a substitute for, or in association with, an elected public official's personal attendance at a constituent's special event of family occasion, such as the birth of a child, graduation, wedding, or funeral;
7. Personal expenses incurred by the elected public official in connection with attending a constituent meeting or event where public policy is discussed, if such meetings or events are limited to no more than once a week; or
8. Expenses incurred in the operation of the elected public official's office, including the employment of additional staff.

As the duties and responsibilities of each office are different, what are considered "legitimate expenses in connection with the candidate's public office" will vary. For additional information, please contact the legal or accounting department for your office.

If a candidate is re-elected to office or elected to another office and has funds remaining in the office account, the candidate may transfer surplus campaign funds to the office account. However, at no time may the total funds in the office account exceed the limitation imposed by Section 106.141(5), F.S.

(Section 106.141(5), F.S.)

### Reporting Office Account Funds

- A candidate is required to file a report on the 10th day following the end of each calendar quarter following the 90-day termination report until the office account is closed.

The officers required to file office account reports with the Division must file reports electronically using the office account electronic filing system at:

<https://doesecure.dos.state.fl.us/OfficeAccountsOnline/>

Unless the county or city has a different process, those candidates required to file with county or city filing officers file reports using the following forms:

- Form DS-DE 48, Office Account Report, and
- Form DS-DE 48A, Office Account Disbursement or Deposit Information.

Upon leaving office, any person who has funds in an office account shall give such funds to:

- A charitable organization or organizations that meet the requirements of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; or,
- In the case of a state officer, to the state to be deposited in the General Revenue Fund; or,
- In the case of an officer of a political subdivision, to the political subdivision to be deposited in the general fund thereof.



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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Candidate Name: Al Jacquet

Name:

Account: 69613

Election:

Acct: 69613

Type:

| Date Due   | Type | Date Filed | Status | Days Late | Fine Assessed | Appealed | Amount Fined | Amount Paid |
|------------|------|------------|--------|-----------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------------|
| 9/20/2018  | TR   | 9/21/2018  | DFS    | 1         | \$50.00       |          | \$50.00      | \$0.00      |
| 6/29/2018  | P1   | 8/2/2018   |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 6/11/2018  | M5   | 8/1/2018   | FEC    | 51        | \$0.00        |          | \$0.00       | \$0.00      |
| 5/10/2018  | M4   | 8/1/2018   | FEC    | 83        | \$0.00        |          | \$0.00       | \$0.00      |
| 4/10/2018  | M3   | 4/10/2018  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 3/12/2018  | M2   | 3/12/2018  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 2/12/2018  | M1   | 2/10/2018  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 1/10/2018  | M12  | 1/10/2018  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 12/11/2017 | M11  | 12/10/2017 |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 11/13/2017 | M10  | 11/13/2017 |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 10/10/2017 | M9   | 10/9/2017  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 9/22/2017  | M8   | 10/3/2017  | FEC    | 11        | \$0.00        |          | \$0.00       | \$0.00      |
| 8/10/2017  | M7   | 8/22/2017  | FEC    | 12        | \$0.00        |          | \$0.00       | \$0.00      |
| 7/10/2017  | M6   | 7/10/2017  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 6/12/2017  | M5   | 6/11/2017  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 5/10/2017  | M4   | 5/10/2017  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 4/10/2017  | M3   | 4/10/2017  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 3/11/2017  | M2   | 3/13/2017  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 2/10/2017  | M1   | 2/23/2017  | FEC    | 13        | \$0.00        |          | \$0.00       | \$0.00      |

ATTACHMENT D



**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Case No.: FEC 18-487**

**Respondent:** Al Jacquet

**Complainant:** Division of Elections

Pursuant to Section 106.25(2), Florida Statutes, on December 17, 2018, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received information from the Division of Elections (“Division”) that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Commission staff, therefore, investigated whether Respondent violated the following statute:

Section 106.141(9), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate to file an office account report listing all information required, including the amount of any disbursement of funds made, and funds received.

**I. Preliminary Information:**

1. Respondent, Al Jacquet, currently holds the office of State Representative, representing District 88. Respondent was first elected to office in 2016 and he was subsequently reelected in 2018, without opposition.
2. Complainant is the Division.
3. Respondent’s filing officer is Kristi Reid Willis, Chief, Bureau of Election Records.

**II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.141(9), Florida Statutes:**

4. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to file an office account report for the 2018 Q3 reporting period.

5. On January 25, 2017, Respondent filed his Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository form (DS-DE 9) with the Division; Respondent appointed himself as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 9 form, refer to Exhibit 1.

6. On January 26, 2017, Ms. Bronson<sup>1</sup> sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that his name had been placed on the active candidate list. The letter advised Respondent that all candidates filing reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system (EFS) and provided him with his user identification number and initial password allowing him access to the EFS.

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<sup>1</sup> At the time, known as Kristi Reid Bronson. Now known as Kristi Reid Willis.

7. The letter also advised 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. To review a copy of the acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 2.

8. According to his campaign reports filed with the Division, Respondent made expenditures for an office account following both his 2016 and 2018 campaigns. To review pages from Respondent's 2016 and 2018 Termination-Report, refer to Exhibit 3.

9. On October 18, 2018 and November 1, 2018, the Division sent Respondent letters informing him that their records indicated that he had not filed the office account report due October 10, 2018. To review the letters dated October 18 and November 1, 2018, refer to Exhibit 4.

10. On December 17, 2018, the Commission staff received a referral from the Division alleging that Respondent failed to file an office account report for the 2018 Q3 reporting period after receiving notice.

11. Respondent did not provide a response to the referral.

12. A questionnaire-affidavit<sup>2</sup> was prepared and mailed to Respondent for the purpose of asking him why he did not file the office account reports; Respondent did not complete and return the questionnaire-affidavit nor was it returned by the post office.

13. In an e-mail dated August 9, 2019, Ms. Willis stated that Respondent's office account report covering the 2018 Q3 reporting period was filed on January 29, 2019. To review the e-mail, as well as the office account report, refer to Exhibit 5.

14. No record was found to indicate that Respondent has previously violated this section of the election laws.

### **III. FEC History:**

15. Respondent has a prior history with the Florida Elections Commission. In FEC 18-196, an Order of Probable Cause was issued wherein the members of the Florida Elections Commission found probable cause to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.07(2)(b)1, Florida Statutes, on three occasions.

### **Conclusion:**

16. During the course of the investigation, I made a number of attempts to speak with Respondent by telephone. The attempts were made for the purpose of discussing the possibility

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<sup>2</sup> On the date that the questionnaire-affidavit was due, July 17, 2019, Respondent sent an e-mail stating that the issue underlined in the case had been corrected and that he was interested in entering into a pre-probable cause consent order. In return, Respondent was informed that Commission staff would need to be able to contact him about entering into negotiations directed at settlement and that he had not previously returned telephone calls or responded to e-mails. No other contact has been made with Respondent.

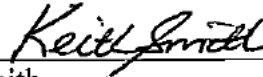
of settling via a pre-probable cause consent order; to query with him as to whether he planned to respond to the questionnaire-affidavit; and, eventually, to review the case with him and afford him an opportunity for questions or comments.

17. During the attempts to contact Respondent, messages were left for him at his law office, which were never returned. In addition, attempts to contact Respondent on his cell-phone were unsuccessful and I was unable to leave a message due to his mail-box being full. To review the phone-log, refer to Exhibit 6

18. Respondent previously attested that he does possess and has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, as well as the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. To review the previous questionnaire-affidavit, refer to Exhibit 7.

19. Respondent executed a Statement of Candidate form indicating that he had been provided with access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes; the form is dated as having been signed January 25, 2017. To review the Statement of Candidate form, refer to Exhibit 8.

Respectfully submitted on August 19, 2019.



Keith Smith  
Investigation Specialist

**Current address of Respondent**

The Honorable Al Jacquet  
100 East Linton Boulevard #134A  
Delray Beach, Florida 33483

**Current address of Complainant**

Division of Elections  
500 South Bronough Street, Room 316  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

**Name and Address of Filing Officer:**

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records  
500 South Bronough Street, Room 316  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Copy furnished to: David Flagg, Investigations Manager

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Al Jacquet -- FEC 18-487**

| <b>LIST OF EXHIBITS</b> |                                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Exhibits #s</b>      | <b>Description of Exhibits</b> |
| Exhibit 1               | DS-DE 9 form                   |
| Exhibit 2               | Ack ltr                        |
| Exhibit 3               | 2016/2018 TR                   |
| Exhibit 4               | 10/18/18 & 11/01/18 ltrs to R  |
| Exhibit 5               | E-mail from Kristi/OAR's       |
| Exhibit 6               | Phone Log                      |
| Exhibit 7               | Q/A                            |
| Exhibit 8               | Statement of Candidate         |

HAND DELIVERED

17 JAN 25 PM 4:14

D. J. ... SECRETARY OF STATE

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Treasurer/Deputy Depository Office Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last) 3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

AL JACQUET

P.O. Box 8084 Delray Beach, FL 33482

4. Telephone 5. E-mail address

(561) 414-5677 electaljacquet@gmail.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number) 7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

State Representative, District 88

My intent is to run as a Write-in candidate.

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 Democrat Party candidate.

9. I have appointed the following person to act as my Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Al Jacquet

11. Mailing Address 12. Telephone

P.O. Box 8084

(561) 414-5677

13. City 14. County 15. State 16. Zip Code 17. E-mail address

Delray Beach

Palm Beach

FL

33482

electaljacquet@gmail.com

18. I have designated the following bank as my Primary Depository Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank 20. Address

Wells Fargo

1500 S. Federal Hwy

21. City 22. County 23. State 24. Zip Code

Delray Beach

Palm Beach

FL

33483

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 26. Signature of Candidate

1/25/17

X [Signature]

27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Al Jacquet, do hereby accept the appointment (Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

1/25/17 EXHIBIT X

[Signature] Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

**RICK SCOTT**  
Governor

**KEN DETZNER**  
Secretary of State

January 26, 2017

The Honorable Al Jacquet  
Post Office Box 8084  
Delray Beach, Florida 33482

Dear Representative Jacquet:

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 January 25, 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 **February 10, 2017**. The report will cover the period of January 1-31, 2017 (M1). 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:** 69613

EXHIBIT 2 (1 of 3)  
Division of Elections

R.A. Gray Building, Suite 316 • 500 South Bronough Street • Tallahassee, Florida 32399  
850.245.6240 • 850.245.6260 (Fax) [dos.myflorida.com/elections/](https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/)



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January 26, 2017  
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### **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.

EXHIBIT 2 (203)

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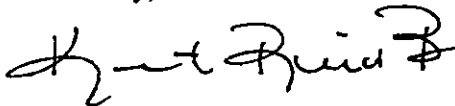
**Instructions and Assistance**

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

EXHIBIT 2 (3 of 3)





Florida Department of State  
Division of Elections

# Campaign Expenditures

2016 General Election  
Al Jacquet (DEM)  
State Representative

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About the Campaign Finance Data Base

| Rpt Yr | Rpt Type | Date       | Amount   | Expense Paid To         | Address             | City State Zip            |
|--------|----------|------------|----------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 2016   | TR       | 09/05/2016 | 946.53   | RENTAL EZ               | 150 AUSTRALIAN AVE  | WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33406 |
| 2016   | TR       | 09/06/2016 | 30.00    | TRAC RACE               | 905 W WOOLBRIGHT    | BOYNTON BEACH, FL         |
| 2016   | TR       | 09/06/2016 | 4,200.00 | BEAUBRDN MICHEL         | 401 N RAILROAD AVE  | BOYNTON BEACH, FL         |
| 2016   | TR       | 09/14/2016 | 49.00    | SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS | 240 S MILITARY TR   | WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33415 |
| 2016   | TR       | 12/05/2016 | 8,769.88 | OFFICE ACCOUNT HD88     | 400 S MONROE STREET | TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399     |

13,995.41

5 Expenditure(s) Selected

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EXHIBIT

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Florida Department of State  
Division of Elections

# Campaign Expenditures

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|--------|----------|------------|-----------|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 2018   | TR       | 06/22/2018 | 1,781.82  | DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIV. OF EL | 500 S. BRONOUGH ST.  | TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399     |
| 2018   | TR       | 06/23/2018 | 2,138.93  | INC. APPLE                     | ONE APPLE PARK WAY   | CUPERTINO, CA 95014       |
| 2018   | TR       | 09/20/2018 | 20,000.00 | ACCOUNT OFFICE                 | PO BOX 8084          | DELRAY, FL 33482          |
| 2018   | TR       | 09/20/2018 | 1,078.25  | INC. NJJ MEDIA                 | 5612 LAKE WORTH ROAD | LAKE WORTH, FL 33463      |
| 2018   | TR       | 09/20/2018 | 1,351.00  | FOUNDATION SICKLE CELL         | 1600 AUSTRALIAN      | WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33407 |
| 2018   | TR       | 09/20/2018 | 1,000.00  | BLIND TIES THAT                | PO BOX 4262          | WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33420 |
|        |          |            | 27,350.00 |                                |                      |                           |



6 Expenditure(s) Selected

[Query the Campaign Finance Data Base](#)

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EXHIBIT 3 (2 of 2)



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

October 18, 2018

Al Jacquet  
State Representative, District 88  
314 11th Street  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401-3401

Re: OA 9901140

Dear Representative Jacquet:

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

Sincerely,

*Kristi Reid Willis*

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

EXHIBIT 4 (102)



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

November 1, 2018

Al Jacquet  
State Representative, District 88  
314 11th Street  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401-3401

**FINAL REQUEST**

Re: OA 9901140

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Kristi Reid Willis, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

EXHIBIT 4 (2 of 2)

**Keith Smith**

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**From:** Willis, Kristi R. (Bronson) <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 9, 2019 10:08 AM  
**To:** Keith Smith  
**Subject:** RE: Referral - (ID #9901140)

Yes. All were filed on 1-29-19.

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**From:** Keith Smith <Keith.Smith@myfloridalegal.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 08, 2019 8:22 AM  
**To:** Willis, Kristi R. (Bronson) <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>  
**Subject:** Referral - (ID #9901140)

**EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE**

Hi Kristi:

Did Representative Al Jacquet ever file his office account reports for 2018 Q1, Q2, and Q3? If so, on what date?

As always, thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Keith Smith  
Investigator  
Florida Elections Commission  
107 W. Gaines St. – Suite 224  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
(850) 922-4539 x112  
(850) 921-0783 - Fax  
Eml: [keith.smith@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:keith.smith@myfloridalegal.com)  
[www.fec.state.fl.us](http://www.fec.state.fl.us)

EXHIBIT 5 (1002)

# Office Account Report

2018 Q3

Generated: 8/12/2019 10:43:44 AM

| Office Holder  |            | Bank Information  |        |
|--|------------|---|--------|
| Al Jacquet<br>Post Office Box 2436<br>West Palm Beach, FL 33402-2436 |            | Wells Fargo<br>1500 S Federal Hwy<br>Delray Beach, FL 33483 |        |
| Cover Period: 7/1/2018 to 9/30/2018                                  |            | Amended: N  |        |
| Due Date: 10/10/2018   |            |   |        |
| File Date: 1/29/2019   |            | File Status: Report Filed                                   |        |
| Reviewed: 1/29/2019 5:01:25 AM                                       |            | Review Status: No Detail Records                            |        |
| Account Totals:  |            | Report Totals:  |        |
| Deposits:  | \$8,769.88 |   | \$0.00 |
| Disbursements:   | \$8,418.85 |   | \$0.00 |
| Balance:   | \$351.03   |   |        |

## Disbursement or Deposit Transactions

| Seq | Date | Name/Address | Purpose | Tranx | Errors | Amount | AMD |
|-----|------|--------------|---------|-------|--------|--------|-----|
|-----|------|--------------|---------|-------|--------|--------|-----|

EXHIBIT 5 (2 of 2)

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION  
PHONE LOG  
Case No.: FEC 18-487**

**Respondent:** Al Jacquet

**Complainant:** Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** 06/10/19 @ 1:53 p.m.  
**Name:** Respondent  
**Phone #:** 561-703-7166  
**Summary:** I called the telephone number above and reached a recorded message stating, "You have reached the voice-mail for 561-703-7166." It did not identify Respondent by name. The recorded message did not say after the beep leave a message although a single beep sound was made; I left a message explaining the purpose of my telephone call and asking that Respondent return my call.  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** KS
2. **Date and time:** 06/11/19 @ 11:09 a.m.  
**Name:** Respondent  
**Phone #:** 561-859-0818 (office)  
**Summary:** I called Respondent at his law office. A woman answering the phone said that Respondent was currently in court. I left a message with her asking that she have him return my telephone call at his earliest possible convenience.  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** KS
3. **Date and time:** 06/26/19 @ 9:06 a.m.  
**Name:** Respondent  
**Phone #:** 561-414-5677  
**Summary:** I tried calling Respondent on his cell phone but a recorded message stated that the mailbox is full and can not accept any messages at this time.  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** KS
4. **Date and time:** 06/26/19 @ 9:09 a.m.  
**Name:** Respondent  
**Phone #:** 561-859-0818  
**Summary:** I called Respondent at his law office again. I left a voice-mail message stating that I had called on June 11<sup>th</sup> and left a message with a receptionist to have Respondent return my telephone call. I left a voice-mail message asking that Respondent return my call.  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** KS
5. **Date and time:** 08/12/19 @ 11:07 a.m.  
**Name:** Respondent

**EXHIBIT** 6 (1 & 2)

**Phone #:** 561-859-0818

**Summary:** I tried calling Respondent for the purpose of the final interview and to query with him whether he had any questions or comments. A woman answering the phone for his law firm said that he was not in the office today. I left a message with her asking that she have Respondent return my call at his earliest convenience. The woman inquired of me whether I had tried contacting Respondent at any other telephone number. I informed her that I have tried calling Respondent on his cell phone at 561-414-5677 but a recorded message states that the mailbox is full and can't accept any new messages.

**Memo to File?** No

**Entered by:** KS

6. **Date and time:** 08/15/19 @ 9:05 a.m.

**Name:** Respondent

**Phone #:** 561-414-5677

**Summary:** I tried calling Respondent but a recorded message stated that the mailbox is full and can not accept any messages at this time.

**Memo to File?** No

**Entered by:** KS

7. **Date and time:**

**Name:**

**Phone #:**

**Summary:**

**Memo to File?** No

**Entered by:**

8. **Date and time:**

**Name:**

**Phone #:**

**Summary:**

**Memo to File?** No

**Entered by:**

9. **Date and time:**

**Name:**

**Phone #:**

**Summary:**

**Memo to File?** No

**Entered by:**

10. **Date and time:**

**Name:**

**Phone #:**

**Summary:**

**Memo to File?** No

**Entered by:**

EXHIBIT 6 (2 of 2)



AFFIDAVIT OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION  
Case Number: FEC 18-196

REC'D: FL ELECTIONS COM  
APR 19 11 47 AM '18

STATE OF FLORIDA  
County of Palm Beach

Al Jacquet, being duly sworn, says:

1. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge.

2. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am currently employed by State of Florida as State Representative.

3. Prior to being elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2016, had you ever run for public office? If so, please name the office(s) you ran for and the date(s) of the election(s) you ran in:

City Commission Delray Beach March 2012 elected

4. What action have you taken to determine your responsibilities under Florida's election laws?

I have taken time to review Ch. 106 Fl. Stat. and all of Title IX, Electors and Elections. I have also read and reread our Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook.

5. Do you possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes?  Yes  No

6. If so, when did you first obtain it? March 2012 Election Cycle

7. Have you read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes?  Yes  No

8. Do you possess a copy of the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook?  Yes  No

9. If so, when did you first obtain it? August 2016 Election Cycle

10. Have you read the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook?  Yes  No

11. Please explain the reason for not amending your 2017 M2, 2017 M3 and 2017 M5 campaign reports after being notified by the Division of Elections to do so.

Absolute miscommunication on my part. I received a letter in Feb. 2018, after briefly believing the letter indicated an error in my report. I reviewed the report and noticed no errors showing. If erroneously dismissed, I finally EXHIBIT 1 (122) subject as not allowed and have resolved it.

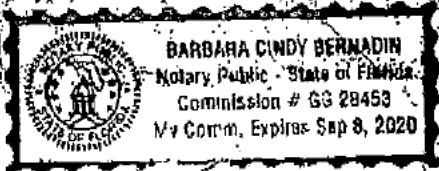
When filing reports during campaign, I have learned to be more attentive to minor details and category selections. This will not happen again as I will call immediately upon receiving ANY communication from our Div. of Elections

I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Signature of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 1st day of February, 2024

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida  
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public



Personally Known  or Produced Identification *[Handwritten]*  
Type of Identification Produced: [REDACTED]

Case Investigator: KS

**STATEMENT OF  
CANDIDATE**

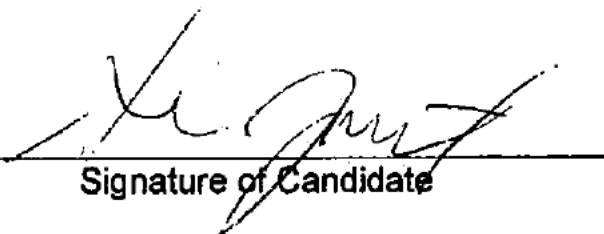
(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

OFFICE USE ONLY

17 JAN 25 PM 4:14  
GENERAL ELECTIONS  
SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Al Jacquet  
candidate for the office of State Representative, Dist. 88;  
have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of  
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X   
Signature of Candidate

1/25/17  
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).

EXHIBIT 8



**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

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

**[www.fec.state.fl.us](http://www.fec.state.fl.us); [fec@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:fec@myfloridalegal.com)**

April 4, 2019

The Honorable Al Jacquet  
100 East Linton Blvd. #134A  
Delray Beach, FL 33483

**RE: Case No.: FEC 18-487; Respondent: Al Jacquet**

Dear Representative Jacquet:

On December 17, 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:

**Section 106.141(9), Florida Statutes:** Respondent failed to file an office account report listing all information required including the amount of any disbursement of funds made, and funds received for the 2018 Q3 reporting period.

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to you at the above address. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will make a written recommendation (Staff Recommendation or SR) to the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to charge respondent with violating Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You will have an opportunity to respond to both the ROI and the SR. The Commission will then hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violations occurred and, if so, the amount of the fine to be imposed. You and the complainant will receive notice at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address **unless you notify us of a new address**. Also, please remember that complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, are **confidential** until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause.

For additional information, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Commission's website ([www.fec.state.fl.us](http://www.fec.state.fl.us)).

The Honorable Al Jacquet

April 4, 2019

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FEC 18-487

If you have additional questions, please contact **Helen Hinson**, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Vaccaro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tim Vaccaro  
Executive Director

TV/med

REC'D: FL ELECTIONS COM  
17 DEC 18 PM 3:40

**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
FEC NOTICE FORM**

To FEC from Division of Elections



| <b>Name</b> | <b>Account Number</b> |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| Al Jacquet  | 9901140               |



The Division of Elections hereby provides this notice to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to sections 106.22(7) and 106.25, Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, F.S., has occurred based upon a failure to file a report as required by section 106.141(9), Florida Statutes.

The following report is outstanding after notification:

2018 Q3



**Sent By:** Kristi Reid Willis *KRW*  
**Date:** December 14, 2018

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**AFFIDAVIT**

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

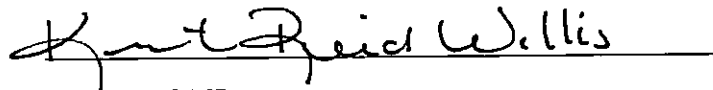
**County of Leon**

**Kristi Reid Willis, 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. Al Jacquet (9901140) currently holds the office of State Representative.
5. The 2018 Q3 office account report was due on October 10, 2018. On October 18, 2018, the Division mailed Representative Jacquet notification that the 2018 Q3 office account report had not been filed.
6. On November 1, 2018, the Division mailed Representative Jacquet final notification that the 2018 Q3 office account report had not been filed.

7. As of December 14, 2018, Representative Jacquet has not filed the 2018 Q3 office account 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 **14th** day of **December, 2018**.

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Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_





FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Sincerely,

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Kisti Reid Willis, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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