

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Taj Collie-Echoles

Case No.: FEC 17-105

TO: Taj Collie-Echoles
1420 NW 75th Street
Miami, FL 33147-6442

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, **May 15, 2018 at 9:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **412 Knott Building, Pat Thomas Committee Room, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.**

Failure to appear in accordance with this notice will constitute a waiver of your right to participate in the hearing. Continuances will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, which governs your participation as follows:

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If you are the Complainant, you may attend the hearing, but you will *not* be permitted to address the Commission. In addition, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless the Respondent requests to be heard or the Commission requests that the case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, the case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are an Appellant, and you have requested a hearing, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission.

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See further instructions on the reverse side.

Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
April 30, 2018

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If this is an **informal hearing**, it will be conducted pursuant Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes; Chapter 28 and Commission Rule 2B-1.004, Florida Administrative Code. At the hearing, the Commission will decide whether the Respondent committed the violation(s) charged in the Order of Probable Cause. The Respondent will be permitted to testify. However, the Respondent may not call witnesses to testify.

Respondent may argue why the established facts in the Staff Recommendation do not support the violations charged in the Order of Probable Cause. At Respondent's request, the Commission may determine whether Respondent's actions in the case were willful. The Respondent may also address the appropriateness of the recommended fine. If Respondent claims that his limited resources make him unable to pay the statutory fine, *he must provide the Commission with written proof of his financial resources* at the hearing. A financial affidavit form is available from the Commission Clerk.

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STATE OF FLORIDA
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,**

Case No.: FEC 17-105

v.

**Taj Collie-Echoles,
Respondent.**

ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 13, 2018, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On January 22, 2018, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff's Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation(s):

Count 1:

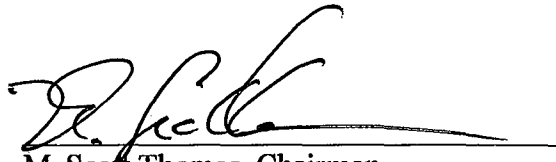
On or about November 28, 2016, Respondent violated Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to file the campaign's 2016 Termination Report ("TR") listing the disposition of all remaining campaign funds within 90 days of being eliminated.

Count 2:

On or about November 28, 2016, Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when Respondent deliberately failed to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106 on the campaign's 2016 TR.

The Commission finds that there is **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on March 13, 2018.



M. Scott Thomas, Chairman
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Cole H. Kekelis, Assistant General Counsel
Taj Collie-Echoles, 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 appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order.

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

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **March 13, 2018 at 10:00 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **Augustus B. Turnbull Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola Street, Room 103, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.**

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Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
February 26, 2018

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**THIS FILE CONTAINS INFORMATION
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PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES**

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Taj Collie-Echoles

Case No.: FEC 17-105

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the complaint in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Sections 106.141(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes**, and **no 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 January 8, 2018, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On March 14, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections (“Division”) alleging that Taj Collie-Echoles (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent was a 2016 candidate for State Representative, District 108. He was defeated in the primary election held on August 30, 2016.

3. By letter dated May 11, 2017, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provisions:

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

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

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

4. On March 14, 2016, Respondent filed an Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form (“DS-DE 9”) with the Division.

Respondent appointed Hasina Echoles as his campaign treasurer. On June 21, 2016, Respondent filed another DS-DE 9 in which he accepted appointment as his own deputy treasurer. (ROI Exhibits 3-4)¹

5. By letter dated March 15, 2016, Kristi Reid Bronson, Division of Elections, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, notified Respondent that his DS-DE 9 was filed with the Division on March 14, 2016. The letter also contained a sealed envelope containing Respondent's confidential PIN number to access the Division's electronic filing system. (ROI Exhibit 6)

6. Ms. Bronson's March 15, 2016, letter also informed Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms were available on the Division's website, including Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*. The letter notified Respondent that it was his responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. On June 30, 2016, upon receipt of the DS-DE 9 appointing Respondent as his own deputy treasurer, Ms. Bronson sent Respondent another written reminder of his obligation to read, understand, and follow the requirements Florida's election laws. (ROI Exhibits 6-7)

7. On March 14, 2016, Respondent filed a Statement of Candidate form with the Division in which he acknowledged that he had been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. (ROI Exhibit 1)

8. By memorandum dated July 18, 2016, the Division provided all candidates and campaign treasurers detailed instructions for properly filing their termination report ("TR"), listing the disposition of all remaining funds on deposit in their campaign account, through the Division's electronic filing system ("EFS"). (ROI Exhibit 8)

9. By memorandum dated September 15, 2016, the Division advised all candidates who were eliminated after the 2016 primary election to dispose of all funds on deposit in their campaign account and file their 2016 TR using the EFS by no later than November 28, 2016. (ROI Exhibit 9)

10. On November 28, 2016, Respondent's 2016 TR was due since he was eliminated in the primary election. However, Respondent failed to file it. On November 29, 2016, the Division sent Respondent's campaign treasurer written notification that the campaign's 2016 TR or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever was applicable, had not been filed. (ROI Exhibit 10)

11. On January 12, 2017, the Division sent Respondent's campaign treasurer a letter marked "Final Notice" that the campaign's 2016 TR or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever was applicable, had not been filed. The final notice was delivered on January 14, 2017. A second "Final Notice" was mailed to Respondent's attention by the Division on February 2, 2017, and was delivered to Respondent on February 4, 2017. (ROI Exhibits 11-12)

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

12. The investigation secured Respondent's campaign account records from his campaign depository, Bank of America, N.A. The below table identifies Respondent's campaign finance activity during his 2016 TR reporting period of August 26, 2016, through November 28, 2016. (ROI Exhibits 13-15)

TABLE 1; CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY DURING 2016 TR COVER PERIOD				
Check Date	Check #	Date Check Posted	Debit or Credit Items	Amount
08/26/16	#1002	08/29/16	Jon Paul Bennett - Campaign T-shirts	\$69.00
08/26/16	#1003	08/29/16	Jessie Mae Harris - Campaign Work	\$100.00
08/26/16	#1004	08/29/16	Maria Yopp-Mathias - Campaign Work	\$150.00
08/26/16			Checkcard – Substantial Subs	\$9.48 ²
08/26/16			Checkcard – Popeyes	\$44.78 ³
08/26/16			Purchase - Apple Food Mar	\$4.14
08/29/16	#1005	08/30/16	Wallis D. Vance - Campaign Services	\$100.00
08/29/16			Deposit – Counter Credit	\$50.00
08/29/16			Checkcard – Café Ruyi	\$47.51
08/29/16			Purchase – Chevron	\$25.00
08/29/16			Checkcard – Dunkin	\$20.29
08/29/16			Checkcard – Wendy's	\$48.40
08/29/16			Purchase – World Famous R	\$19.26
08/29/16			Purchase – Burger King	\$2.91
08/29/16			Purchase – WM Supercenter	\$117.25
08/29/16			Purchase – Sunshine	\$20.00
08/30/16	#1006	08/31/16	Lateeal Broughton - Campaign Work	\$65.00
08/30/16	#1007	08/31/16	Maria Yopp-Mathias - Campaign Work	\$100.00
08/30/16	#1011	08/31/16	I. T. Tech Consulting, Inc. - Campaign Work	\$100.00

² On his 2016 P7 report, Respondent reported an expenditure of \$8.48 to Substantial Subs as having occurred on August 25, 2016. However, no such expenditure is reflected in the campaign account records. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that Respondent incorrectly disclosed the August 26, 2016, expenditure of \$9.48 to Substantial Subs in the wrong reporting period and less one dollar. (Attachment A)

³ On his 2016 P7 report, Respondent reported an expenditure of \$44.78 to Popeyes as having occurred on August 25, 2016. However, no such expenditure is reflected in the campaign account records. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that Respondent incorrectly disclosed the August 26, 2016, expenditure of \$44.78 to Popeyes in the wrong reporting period. (*Id.*)

08/30/16			Purchase - Raceway	\$21.29
08/31/16	#1012	09/01/16	Constance C. Blackman - Campaign Work	\$490.00
08/31/16			Checkcard – Popeyes	\$6.41
09/01/16		09/01/16	Check Order and Shipping & Handling Fees	\$43.00
09/01/16		09/01/16	Bank Service Fee - Overdraft	\$35.00
09/28/16		09/28/16	Deposit - Cash	\$36.67
09/28/16		09/28/16	Credit - Bank Fee Refund	\$35.00
09/28/16			ENDING BANK BALANCE	\$0.00⁴

13. Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes, requires a candidate to dispose of the funds on deposit in his campaign account and file a report reflecting the disposition of all remaining funds within 90 days of withdrawing his candidacy, becoming an unopposed candidate, being eliminated as a candidate, or being elected to office.

14. Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, prohibits a candidate from falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include any information required by Chapter 106.

15. Pursuant to Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, in any reporting period during which a candidate 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 candidate is required to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.

16. Since a review of Respondent's bank records has revealed several reportable financial transactions that occurred during the 2016 TR reporting period, Respondent was required to timely file the campaign's 2016 TR reporting all transactions associated with disposition of all remaining campaign funds.

17. However, Respondent did not timely file the campaign's 2016 TR, and Division records show that as of January 17, 2018, Respondent had still not filed the campaign's 2016 TR. (Attachment B)

18. Respondent was offered multiple opportunities to respond to Commission staff's investigation, but failed to do so. Therefore, Respondent did not provide an explanation for his failure to file the campaign's 2016 TR listing the disposition of all remaining campaign funds on deposit within 90 days of being eliminated as a candidate or his failure to disclose the numerous financial transactions that occurred during the 2016 TR reporting period.

19. Based upon the information above, it appears that, while Respondent disposed of all funds remaining on deposit in his campaign account within 90 days of being eliminated, he failed to file the campaign's 2016 TR listing the disposition of all such funds by the required due

⁴ Respondent's campaign account went into a negative \$71.67 balance on September 1, 2016. The account was zeroed out on September 28, 2016, when Respondent made a \$36.67 deposit and was refunded a \$35.00 overdraft fee.

date, and thus failed to disclose the numerous financial transactions that occurred during the 2016 TR reporting period.

20. "Probable Cause" is defined as a 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).

21. The above facts show that Respondent was a 2016 candidate for State Representative, District 108. He was defeated in the primary election held on August 30, 2016, and was thus eliminated from the race. While Respondent disposed of all funds on deposit in his campaign account within 90 days of being eliminated, he failed to file the campaign's 2016 TR listing the disposition of all such funds within 90 days of being eliminated. A review of Respondent's bank records revealed numerous financial transactions that occurred during the 2016 TR reporting period which Respondent did not disclose.

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Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find no probable cause to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, and find probable cause to charge Respondent with the following:

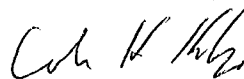
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Respectfully submitted on January 22, 2018,



Cole H. Kekelis
Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 22nd day of January 2018.



Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director



Florida Department of State
Division of Elections

Campaign Expenditures

2016 General Election
Taj Collier-Echoles (DEM)
State Representative

*This information is being provided as a convenience to the public, has been processed by the Division of Elections and should be cross referenced with the original report on file with the Division of Elections in case of questions.
About the Campaign Finance Data Base*

Rpt Yr	Rpt Type	Date	Amount	Expense Paid To	Address	City State Zip
2016	P7	08/15/2016	11.72	NATS CATERING	1739 OPA LOCKA BLVD	OPA LOCKA, FL 33054
2016	P7	08/15/2016	11.22	BURGER KING	18730 NW 67TH AVE	MIAMI, FL 33015
2016	P7	08/15/2016	20.00	CHEVRON	18301 NW 2ND AVE	MIAMI GARDENS, FL 33169
2016	P7	08/16/2016	95.81	PUBLIX	18496 NW 67 AVE	MIAMI, FL 33015
2016	P7	08/17/2016	23.45	WALMART	5851 NW 177TH STREET	MIAMI, FL 33015
2016	P7	08/22/2016	60.13	OFFICE DEPOT	16000 NW 57TH AVE	MIAMI, FL 33015
2016	P7	08/22/2016	83.34	WALMART	5851 NW 177TH STREET	MIAMI, FL 33015
2016	P7	08/22/2016	25.00	CHEVRON	11301 NW 27TH AVE	MIAMI, FL 33169
2016	P7	08/23/2016	44.92	OFFICE DEPOT	16000 NW 57TH AVE	MIAMI, FL 33015
2016	P7	08/23/2016	30.59	PUBLIX	18496 NW 67 AVE	MIAMI, FL 33015
2016	P7	08/24/2016	30.00	NORTH MIAMI CHAMBER	10000 BISCAYNE BLVD	MIAMI, FL 33138
2016	P7	08/25/2016	22.47	LITTLE CAESARS	9021 NW BISCAYNE BLVD	MIAMI, FL 33138
2016	P7	08/25/2016	167.28	USPS	2200 NW 72ND AVE	MIAMI, FL
2016	P7	08/25/2016	30.33	THE HOME DEPOT	5500 NW 167TH STREET	MIAMI, FL 33015
2016	P7	08/25/2016	8.48	SUBSTANTIAL SUBS	5616 NW 167TH STREET	MIAMI, FL 33015
2016	P7	08/25/2016	44.78	POPEYES	5534 NW 7TH AVE	MIAMI, FL 33127
2016	P7	08/25/2016	600.00	AMBROISE CAROL	1440 NW 75TH STREET	MIAMI, FL 33147

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17 Expenditure(s) Selected

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ATTACHMENT A



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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Candidate Name: Taj Collie-Echoles

Name:

Account: 65335

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
11/28/2016	TR		FEC	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/26/2016	P7	8/26/2016						
8/19/2016	P6	8/21/2016	DFS	2	\$51.57		\$51.57	\$0.00
8/12/2016	P5	8/12/2016						
8/5/2016	P4	8/8/2016	DFS	3	\$150.00		\$150.00	\$0.00
7/29/2016	P3	7/29/2016						
7/15/2016	P2	7/15/2016						
7/1/2016	P1	7/1/2016						
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5/10/2016	M4	5/11/2016	CLO	1	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$50.00
4/11/2016	M3	4/11/2016						

ATTACHMENT B

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Case No.: FEC 17-105

Respondent: Taj Collie-Echoles
Counsel for Respondent: None

Complainant: Division of Elections
Counsel for Complainant: None

On March 14, 2017, pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received information from the Division of Elections (“DOE”) alleging that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Commission staff investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

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;

Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate to dispose of funds remaining in his campaign account within 90 days after he withdrew, became unopposed, was eliminated or elected and to file a report reflecting the disposition of all remaining funds; and

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

I. Preliminary Information:

1. Respondent Taj Collie-Echoles, a/k/a Taj C. Echoles and Taj Cheron Echoles, was not a first-time candidate. He was a 2016 candidate for State Representative, District 108. He was defeated in the August 30, 2016 primary election; Roy Hardemon was elected in the November 2016 general election. Respondent was also a 2014 candidate for the same seat. He was defeated in the August 2014 primary election; Daphne Campbell was re-elected in the November 2014 general election. To review his 2016 and 2014 Statements of Candidate, refer to Exhibits 1 and 2.

2. On March 14, 2016, Respondent filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (“Form DS-DE 9”) with the DOE. He appointed Hasina Echoles as treasurer. On June 21, 2016, Respondent filed Form DS-DE 9 with the DOE accepting appointment as deputy treasurer. To review his Form DS-DE 9 for Ms. Echoles, refer to Exhibit 3. To review his Form DS-DE 9 accepting appointment as deputy treasurer, refer to Exhibit 4.

3. Respondent has a three-year non-renewable temporary license (expires in 2019)

from the Florida Department of Education in the subject area of social science and was employed by the Miami-Dade School District.

4. Complainant is the DOE. Respondent's filing officer was Kristi Reid Bronson,¹ Chief, Bureau of Election Records at the DOE. Respondent was required to file campaign finance reports with the DOE.

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

5. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by not notifying his filing officer, in writing, that no report would be filed for the 2016 termination report ("TR") cover period.

6. According to Complainant, Respondent did not notify the DOE on the prescribed date that no report would be filed for the 2016 TR period. The TR covered the period from August 26, 2016 through November 27, 2016. His TR or written notice-of-no-activity was due on November 28, 2016. To review Respondent's filing history and campaign finance activity, refer to Exhibit 5.

7. The DOE's normal business practice is to acknowledge its receipt of Form DS-DE 9 by letter, direct the candidate, campaign treasurer and/or deputy treasurer to its website for all publications and reporting forms, and advise them the DOE requires use of its Electronic Filing System ("EFS") for submitting campaign treasurer's reports. On two occasions during his 2016 campaign, Respondent was admonished, **"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."** To review Respondent's March 15, 2016 acknowledgment letter, refer to Exhibit 6. To review Respondent's June 30, 2016 acknowledgment letter, refer to Exhibit 7.

8. Dated July 18, 2016, by memorandum, Respondent's filing officer provided detailed instructions for properly filing his TR, disposing of funds in his campaign account and using the EFS. To review the memo, refer to Exhibit 8.

9. Dated September 15, 2016, by memorandum, Respondent's filing officer advised all candidates who were unopposed or eliminated after the 2016 primary election to dispose of all funds on deposit in the campaign account and file the 2016 TR using the EFS no later than November 28, 2016. An example was included for filing the TR prior to November 28, 2016, and making changes to the cover period in the EFS. To review the memorandum, refer to Exhibit 9.

10. On November 29, 2016, the DOE mailed a letter to Respondent's campaign treasurer, Ms. Echols, and Respondent, by copy, declaring that a 2016 TR had not been filed. The letter reads, "Our records indicate that you have not filed either your termination report or

¹ Ms. Bronson is now known as Kristi Reid Willis.

notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable.” To review the letter from the DOE, refer to Exhibit 10.

11. On January 12, 2017, the DOE mailed Ms. Echoles and Respondent, by copy, final notification with delivery confirmation. The letter reads, “The Division has previously notified you of the unfiled report or notification... If the report or notification is not filed within 7 days of receipt of this letter, the Division will refer this matter to the Florida Elections Commission...” To review the letter from the DOE, refer to Exhibit 11.

12. On February 2, 2017, the DOE mailed Respondent the final notice with delivery confirmation that his 2016 TR had not been filed. The letter reads, “The Division has previously notified you of the unfiled report or notification.... If the report or notification is not filed within 7 days of receipt of this letter, the Division will refer this matter to the Florida Elections Commission...” To review the letter, refer to Exhibit 12.

13. On July 28, 2017, I mailed an Affidavit of Background Information (“Affidavit”) to Respondent to ascertain what relevant information identified in the filing officer’s acknowledgment letters (Exhibits 6 and 7) Respondent reviewed, and why he did not file his 2016 TR after notice by the filing officer; however, at the time of this report of investigation (“ROI”), Respondent has not completed the Affidavit, and it was not returned by the USPS.

14. I subpoenaed bank records for Respondent’s campaign depository, Bank of America, N.A. Table 1 identifies Respondent’s undisclosed campaign finance activity during the 2016 TR cover period of August 26 through November 28, 2016.

TABLE 1: CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACTIVITY DURING 2016 TR COVER PERIOD				
Check Date	Check #	Date Check Posted	Debit or Credit Items	Amount
08/26/16	#1002	08/29/16	Jon Paul Bennett for Campaign T-shirts	\$69.00
08/26/16	#1003	08/29/16	Jessie Mae Harris for Campaign Work	\$100.00
08/26/16	#1004	08/29/16	Maria Yopp-Mathias for Campaign Work	\$150.00
08/29/16	#1005	08/30/16	Wallis D. Vance for Campaign Services	\$100.00
08/30/16	#1006	08/31/16	Lateeal Broughton for Campaign Work	\$65.00
08/30/16	#1007	08/31/16	Maria Yopp-Mathias for Campaign Work	\$100.00
08/30/16	#1011	08/31/16	I. T. Tech Consulting, Inc. for Campaign Work	\$100.00
08/31/16	#1012	09/01/16	Constance C. Blackman for Campaign Work	\$490.00 ²

² After check # 1012 posted to Respondent’s campaign depository there was a zero balance; the subsequent debit by the Bank for a check order and related charges and fees, in the amount of \$43.00, resulted in a Bank overdraft fee, in the amount of \$35.00.

09/01/16		09/01/16	Check Order and Shipping & Handling Fees	\$43.00
09/01/16		09/01/16	Bank Service Fee / Overdraft	\$35.00
09/28/16		09/28/16	Cash Deposit – Credit Item	\$36.67
09/28/16		09/28/16	Bank Fee Refunded – Credit Item	\$35.00
09/28/16			ENDING BANK BALANCE	\$0.00

(Note: It appears Respondent made a cash deposit, and the Bank reversed its earlier overdraft charge on September 28, 2016, to help cure the negative balance. As previously discussed in this ROI, Respondent’s 2016 TR was due on November 28, 2016.) To review the relevant Bank records, refer to Exhibits 13 through 15.

15. As discussed in Table 1, Respondent had campaign finance activity in his campaign account during the 2016 TR cover period (August 26, 2016 through November 28, 2016); therefore, filing of the 2016 TR was not waived, and he would not be required to notify the filing officer that no report would be filed. However, since the Report was not waived due to campaign finance activity, Respondent was required to timely file a 2016 TR.

16. Respondent has a history of non-compliance. During his 2014 campaign, Respondent failed to file his 2014 TR. The DOE provided notice to Respondent by letter dated January 5, 2015, marked as FINAL NOTICE with delivery confirmation. The January 5, 2015 letter was sent via certified mail and was confirmed delivered on January 7, 2015. The FINAL NOTICE reads, “The candidate has previously been notified of the report that is outstanding.... If the report is not filed **within 7 days of receipt of this letter**, the Division will forward this matter to the Florida Elections Commission....” Respondent filed his 2014 TR 190 days late disclosing expenditures totaling \$1,403.34. To review the DOE’s notices, refer to Exhibit 16. To review his 2014 filing history, refer to Exhibit 17.

17. Respondent has no history of violations of this section of law.

III. Alleged Violation of Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes:

18. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by not disposing of surplus campaign funds within 90 days of his defeat in the August 30, 2016 primary election and not filing a report reflecting the disposition of the remaining funds.

19. As previously discussed in paragraphs 7 through 16 of this report, Respondent did not file his 2016 TR; however, he had undisclosed campaign finance activity.

20. As previously discussed in Table 1 (Exhibits 13 and 14), Respondent made an expenditure to a campaign worker, Constance C. Blackman, on August 31, 2016, in the amount of \$490.00. “Campaign Work” is written in the memo line of the check. Bank records show an account balance of zero as of September 1, 2016, when the check posted to the campaign depository.

21. Respondent has no history of violations of this section of law.

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

22. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

23. Complainant alleges that Respondent has not filed either his campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred.

24. To review the information pertaining to this section of law, refer to paragraphs 7 through 16, and 19 of this ROI.

25. In FEC 15-210, at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 27, 2015, the Commission found one violation of section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, and ordered that Respondent pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$500 which is unpaid at the time of this ROI. To review the Order, refer to Exhibit 18.

V. FEC History:

26. Respondent had four additional cases before the Commission. As previously discussed in this ROI, in FEC 15-210, the Commission found one violation of section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, and ordered Respondent to pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$500; the fine is unpaid. In FEC 16-027, the Commission found no probable cause for an alleged violation of section 141(1), Florida Statutes, and took no action on section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes. In FEC 16-579 (\$150.00 fine for his 2016 P4 Report), and in FEC 16-717 (\$51.57 fine for his 2016 P6 Report), Respondent failed to pay the automatic fines assessed by the DOE, and failed to appeal to the Commission. The Commission affirmed the fines in both cases; based upon a view of the DOE's website, the fines are unpaid at the time of this ROI. To review the Orders, refer to Exhibit 18.

Conclusion:

27. During the pendency of this investigation, I attempted to reach Respondent by telephone on four occasions; however, all attempts were unsuccessful. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 19.

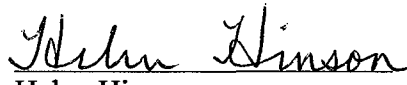
28. As previously discussed in this ROI, on March 14, 2016, Respondent filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (Exhibit 3) with the DOE. He appointed Hasina Echoles as treasurer. On June 21, 2016, Respondent filed Form DS-DE 9 (Exhibit 4) with the DOE accepting appointment as deputy treasurer. Respondent's filing officer referred him to the DOE's website (Exhibits 6 and 7), and declared, **"It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws...."** Respondent was directed to Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

29. On March 14, 2016, for his 2016 campaign (Exhibit 1), and May 2, 2014, for his 2014 campaign (Exhibit 2), Respondent filed a Statement of Candidate certifying that he had been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

30. The *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, discusses filing a waiver when there is no activity to disclose on page 47, and filing a TR on pages 51 and 52. To review relevant pages of the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, refer to Exhibit 20.

31. During my investigation of the allegations contained in the sworn complaint, I found Respondent's campaign received an undisclosed cash contribution during the TR cover period. I also found Respondent's campaign had insufficient funds on deposit in the campaign account to pay for authorized expenses. However, because these potential violations were not alleged in the complaint, I did not further investigate this information.

Respectfully submitted on January 8, 2018.


Helen Hinson
Investigation Specialist

Current address of Respondent

Mr. Taj Collie-Echoles
1420 NW 75th Street
Miami, Florida 33147

Current address of Complainant

Division of Elections
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Name and Address of Filing Officer:

Ms. Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Elections Records
500 South Bronough Street, Room 316
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Copy furnished to:

Mr. David B. Flagg, Investigations Manager

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Taj Collie-Echoles -- FEC 17-105

LIST OF EXHIBITS	
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Exhibit 1	Respondent's 2016 Statement of Candidate
Exhibit 2	Respondent's 2014 Statement of Candidate
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Exhibit 4	Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository—Respondent as deputy treasurer
Exhibit 5	Respondent's 2016 Filing History and Campaign Finance Activity
Exhibit 6	Division of Elections' acknowledgment letter to Respondent
Exhibit 7	Division of Elections' acknowledgment letter to Respondent as deputy treasurer
Exhibit 8	Division of Elections' Memorandum dated July 18, 2016
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Exhibit 12	The Division's notice letter dated February 2, 2017
Exhibit 13	Monthly Bank Statements—August, September and October 2016
Exhibit 14	Relevant Campaign Check Expenditures
Exhibit 15	Cash Deposit Ticket in the amount of \$36.67
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Exhibit 18	Relevant Orders
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Exhibit 20	Relevant pages of the <i>Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook</i>

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

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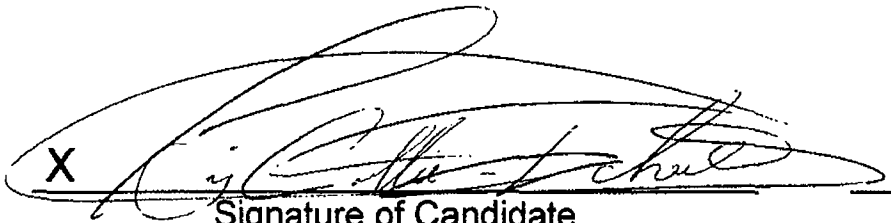
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I, TAJ COLLIE-ECHOLES ,

candidate for the office of FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENT., DISTRICT 108 ;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X  _____
Signature of Candidate Date MARCH 08, 2016

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).

**STATEMENT OF
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(Section 106.023, F.S.)

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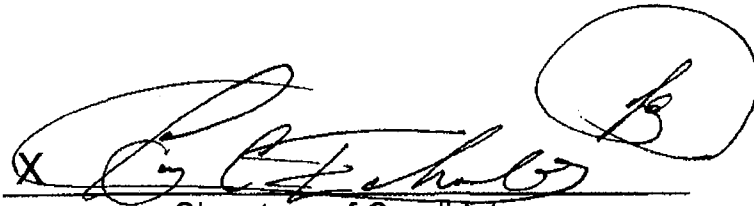
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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

I, TAJ C. ECHOLES,

candidate for the office of DISTRICT 108
STATE OF FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.


Signature of Candidate

04/29/14
Date

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

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

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

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

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

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)
TAJ COLLIE-ECHOLES

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)
1420 NW 75TH STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33147

4. Telephone
(305) 836-6271

5. E-mail address
tajecholes@gmail.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)
State of Florida House of Representatives, District 108

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:
 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 Democratic Party candidate.

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

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer
Hasina Echoles

11. Mailing Address
8362 Pines Blvd. Suite 119

12. Telephone
(786) 357-3504

13. City
Pembroke Pines

14. County
Broward

15. State
FL

16. Zip Code
33024

17. E-mail address
hasina_23@yahoo.com

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

19. Name of Bank
BANK OF AMERICA

20. Address
990 NE 125TH ST.

21. City
NORTH MIAMI

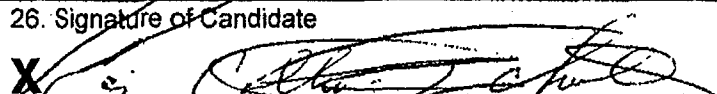
22. County
MIAMI-DADE

23. State
FLORIDA

24. Zip Code
33161

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
MARCH 08, 2016

26. Signature of Candidate


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

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

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

MARCH 08, 2016

Date

X


Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

EXHIBIT

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

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

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

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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)

TAJ COLLIE-ECHOLES

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

1420 NW 75TH STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33147

4. Telephone

(305) 836-6271

5. E-mail address

tajecholes@gmail.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

STATE OF FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 108

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

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

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TAJ COLLIE-ECHOLES

11. Mailing Address

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12. Telephone

(305) 836-6271

13. City

MIAMI

14. County

DADE

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

33147

17. E-mail address

tajecholes@gmail.com

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

19. Name of Bank

BANK OF AMERICA

20. Address

18400 NW 67TH AVENUE

21. City

HIALEAH

22. County

MIAMI-DADE

23. State

FLORIDA

24. Zip Code

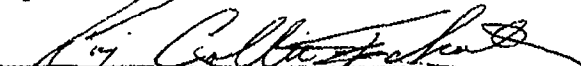
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25. Date

JUNE 18, 2016

26. Signature of Candidate

X 

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

I, TAJ COLLIE-ECHOLES, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

06/18/2016
Date

X 
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Candidate Name: Taj Collie-Echoles

Name:

Account: 65335

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
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8/12/2016	P5	8/12/2016						
8/5/2016	P4	8/8/2016	DFS	3	\$150.00		\$150.00	\$0.00
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EXHIBIT 5 (1 of 3)



**Florida Department of State
Division of Elections**

**2016 General Election
Taj Collie-Echoles (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.

	Filing Period	Contributions			Expend	Other	Transfers
		Monetary	Loans	InKind			
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<input type="radio"/>	08/06/2016 - 08/12/2016	100.00	0.00	0.00	206.29	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	08/13/2016 - 08/25/2016	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,309.52	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
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Query the Campaign Finance Data Base

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EXHIBIT 5 (2 of 3)

Campaign Documents Search

Forms are available in Adobe's Acrobat PDF format for viewing or printing at your site. Accessing documents in PDF format requires use of [Adobe's Acrobat Reader](#), which may be installed free of charge.

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Collie-Echoles, Taj	CAN	06/22/16	Miscellaneous	PDF	
Collie-Echoles, Taj	CAN	06/21/16	Financial Disclosure	PDF	
Collie-Echoles, Taj	CAN	06/21/16	Check	PDF	
Collie-Echoles, Taj	CAN	06/21/16	Candidate Oath (W/ Party Affiliation)	PDF	
Collie-Echoles, Taj	CAN	06/21/16	Statement of Candidate	PDF	
Collie-Echoles, Taj	CAN	06/21/16	Candidate Appt of Campaign Treasurer	PDF	
Collie-Echoles, Taj	CAN	06/15/16	Response to Fine Payment	PDF	
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

RICK SCOTT
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Secretary of State

March 15, 2016

Taj Collie-Echoles
1420 Northwest 75th Street
Miami, Florida 33147

Dear Mr. Collie-Echoles:

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 14, 2016. Your name has been placed on the 2016 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **April 11, 2016**. The report will cover the period of March 1-31, 2016 (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 this password 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: 65335

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Taj Collie-Echoles
March 15, 2016
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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 confidential pin numbers for you. By copy of this letter, a confidential pin number to access the EFS was sent to your treasurer.

Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event this 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 not later than midnight 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.

Taj Collie-Echoles
March 15, 2016
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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

KRB/zjs

Enclosures

pc: Hasina Echoles, Treasurer

EXHIBIT 6 (3 of 3)



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

June 30, 2016

Taj Collie-Echoles (65335)
1420 Northwest 75th Street
Miami, Florida 33147

Dear Mr. Collie-Echoles:

Your appointment as deputy campaign treasurer for your candidacy for State Representative was filed in this office on June 21, 2016. Enclosed is a security envelope containing your confidential pin number to access the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS) for submitting campaign treasurer's reports.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristi Reid Bronson".

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/dsb

Enclosure

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Candidates and Campaign Treasurers
FROM: Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records
DATE: July 18, 2016
SUBJECT: Termination Reports

Please review the following information to assist you in properly filing your termination report.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Once a candidate is elected, eliminated, fails to qualify, becomes unopposed, or withdraws, the funds in the campaign account must be disposed of as set forth in 106.141, F.S.
Candidates must dispose of all funds on deposit in the campaign account within 90 days of the triggering event. The due date of the termination report will be reflected in the Electronic Filing System (EFS).
You are not required to close the campaign account prior to the due date; however, you must have written checks disposing of all surplus funds by this date.
You may file your report at any time prior to the deadline once you have disposed of all funds. To do this, the Report End date in the EFS must be changed to the date the report is filed.

Report: 2015 - TR - 26 2014 General Election Covers: 10/31/2014-2/2/2015 Due: 2/2/2015
Amendment Waiver Complete Status: Incomplete Detail Records Start Date: 10/31/2014
File Date: Review Status: Not Reviewed End Date: 2/3/2015
Status: Data Entry Last Review:

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DISPOSING OF FUNDS

Sections 106.11(5) and 106.141, Florida Statutes

Required:

- Pay for items which were obligated before the candidate was elected, eliminated, became unopposed or withdrew.
- Pay for expenditures necessary to close down the campaign office and prepare the final campaign reports.
- Reimburse any supervisor of elections for waived signature verification fees for candidate petitions by virtue of having filed an Affidavit of Undue Burden.

Optional

(one or any combination thereof):

- Reimburse the candidate for any reported contributions that he or she made to the campaign. (The candidate may be reimbursed for funds he or she deposited prior to reimbursing a supervisor of elections for waived petition fees.)
 - This includes in-kind contributions and loans.
- Purchase "thank you" advertising for up to 75 days after the candidate was elected, eliminated, became unopposed or withdrew;
- Return pro rata to each contributor.
 - All contributors (except the candidate) must receive a portion of their contribution.
 - This includes in-kind contributors.
- Donate the funds to one or more charitable organizations that meet the qualifications of s. 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.
- Give not more than \$25,000 (in total) to the affiliated party committee or political party of which the candidate is a member.
 - A candidate may not give to a political club.
- Give the funds to the State General Revenue Fund.
- Transfer money to an office account (only candidates who were elected) - See *Section 106.141(5), F.S.*, for amounts.

- Roll-over funds (applies only to state candidates who were elected) – transfer up to \$20,000 to a future campaign for the same office.
 - “State” candidate includes a candidate for Governor, Cabinet, Supreme Court, District Court of Appeal, legislative offices, state attorney, public defender, and circuit court judge.
 - With respect to legislative office, “same office” means an office in the same legislative body, irrespective of district number.
 - With respect to public defender, state attorney and circuit court judge, “same office” means the same circuit, group, seat, *etc.*, as applicable.

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Expenditure Codes

Important: You must use the following Expenditure Type Codes:

- **DIS** – Repayment of funds to candidates, donation to charitable organization, pro-rata refunds to contributors, funds given to the General Revenue fund.
 - Do not report using the expenditure type REM or report in the Other Distribution section.
- **DFC** – (Roll-over funds) transfer to a future campaign for the same office.
- **DPP** – Funds given to an affiliated party committee or political party.
- **DPV** – funds used to reimburse a supervisor of elections for petition fees after campaign is over.
- **TOA** – Funds transferred to an office account.
 - Important: *The amount shown in the termination report as being transferred must match the amount being reported as deposited in the office account report.*
- **MON** – for all other expenditures.

Contributions Received after the Deadline

- *If the contribution is deposited, report the contribution on the date received. Create a separate contribution entry for the date of the return and report the amount as a negative using the contribution type **REF**.*
- *If the contribution is received after the deadline and returned without being deposited, do not report it on the termination report. Fill out form DSDE-2 and file with the Division of Elections.*

Uncashed Pro-rata Refund Checks

Many times when pro-rata refunds are issued to contributors, the checks are not cashed. If this occurs, contact the person and ask them to please cash the check so that the campaign can be finalized. If the check is never cashed, the money will need to be redistributed.

- Create a new expenditure entry using a **negative** amount with the expenditure type **DIS**. In the purpose field, indicate that it was an uncashed pro-rata refund.
- When the funds are redistributed, create a new expenditure (positive amount) with the date the funds are redistributed, using the expenditure type **DIS**.

Expense Refunds

Campaigns routinely receive refunds after the election for such things as sign deposits, unused funds for advertising, utility security deposit refunds, etc. If this occurs, create a **negative expenditure** sequence and use the expenditure code **REF**.

- If the refund is received after the termination report is filed, an amended termination report must be filed showing the refund and subsequent disposition.
- If the refund is received after the termination report is filed and the campaign account is closed, the candidate may endorse the check and distribute as surplus funds. An amended termination report must be filed showing the refund and subsequent disposition.

Petty Cash

Unused petty cash that is deposited back into the campaign account so that it may be distributed as surplus funds is recorded as a **negative** expenditure and coded as **PCW**.

It is important that the petty cash activity throughout the campaign balances. If you need assistance determining that your petty cash activity balances, you may send an email to efs@dos.state.fl.us and request a "Petty Cash" report.

Balanced Totals – Monetary Contributions vs. Expenditures

Once you are finished distributing surplus funds, your totals must balance. The amount of monetary contributions received must equal the amount of expenditures. If you need assistance with determining whether your totals balance, you may send an email to efs@dos.state.fl.us and request a "Sum of Contributions vs. Expenditure" report.

If you have any questions, please contact this office at 850-245-6280.

KRB/slb

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

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Secretary of State

MEMORANDUM

TO: Fee Candidates

FROM: Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief *KRB*
Bureau of Election Records

DATE: September 15, 2016

SUBJECT: Closing Out Your Campaign and Filing Your Termination Report

Candidates who are unopposed or eliminated after the 2016 primary election must dispose of all funds on deposit in the campaign account pursuant to the provisions of Section 106.141, Florida Statutes, within 90 days of the primary election. Therefore, your termination report (TR) must be filed using the Electronic Filing System (EFS) no later than **November 28, 2016**. You are not required to close the campaign prior to the due date; however, you must have written checks disposing of all surplus funds in the account by this date.

You may file your report at any time prior to the deadline once you have disposed of all funds. In order to file your termination report prior to November 28, 2016, you will need to change the cover period, which has been defaulted to an ending period of November 28, 2016, in the EFS (see attached example).

If you have any questions, please contact this office at (850) 245-6280.

KRB/mcc

Attachment

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If you file your Termination Report PRIOR to November 28, 2016, change the cover period end date in the EFS system to the date you are filing your report.

Use this form to submit an original report. To submit an amendment to a previously filed report, first select the report from the 'Filed Reports' listing and then choose the 'Amend Report' option from the 'Filings' menu item.

Coverage Periods
Campaign finance reports itemize financial activity occurring during a specific reporting period. The reporting period is declared by first selecting the election cycle then the report type & year. The filing due date of the report are automatically associated with the selected

CHANGE THE END DATE HERE TO THE DATE YOU ARE FILING YOUR TR REPORT

Election Cycle: 2012 General Election
Report Type & Year: TR 2012
Coverage Period: 11/2/2012 **2/4/2013** Due Date: 02/04/2013
 Special Election Report Waiver



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

November 29, 2016

Hasina Echoles, Treasurer
8362 Pines Blvd, Suite 119
Pembroke Pines, FL 33024-3024

CAN 65335

Dear Ms. Echoles:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your termination report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was November 28, 2016.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as \$50 per day until you file your report. The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period. Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines. We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission.
- If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Taj Collie-Echoles
Candidate for State Representative, District 108

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January 12, 2017

Hasina Echoles, Treasurer
8362 Pines Blvd, Suite 119
Pembroke Pines, FL 33024-3024

CAN 65335

Dear Ms. Echoles:

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

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

As we stated in the prior notices, even if you now file the report or notification, the untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Taj Collie-Echoles
Candidate for State Representative, District 108

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February 2, 2017

Taj Collie-Echoles
Candidate for State Representative, District 108
1420 Northwest 75th Street
Miami, FL 33147-3147

CAN 65335

Dear Mr. Collie-Echoles:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Hasina Echoles, Treasurer

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February 4, 2017 , 7:25 am	Sorting Complete	MIAMI, FL 33147
February 4, 2017 , 5:39 am	Arrived at Post Office	MIAMI, FL 33147
February 4, 2017 , 4:04 am	Arrived at USPS Facility	MIAMI, FL 33147
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TAJ COLLIE-ECHOLES
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for August 1, 2016 to August 31, 2016

Account number: [REDACTED]

TAJ COLLIE-ECHOLES CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT CAMPAIGN TO ELECT

Account summary

Beginning balance on August 1, 2016	\$937.70
Deposits and other credits	2,300.00
Withdrawals and other debits	-1,287.37
Checks	-1,454.00
Service fees	-0.00
Ending balance on August 31, 2016	\$496.33

of deposits/credits: 5

of withdrawals/debits: 49

of items-previous cycle¹: 6

of days in cycle: 31

Average ledger balance: \$1,090.34

¹Includes checks paid, deposited items & other debits

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Deposits and other credits

Date	Description	Amount
08/01/16	BKOFAMERICA ATM 07/30 #000006775 DEPOSIT MIAMI GARDENS HIALEAH FL	100.00
08/02/16	BKOFAMERICA ATM 08/02 #000005303 DEPOSIT MIAMI GARDENS HIALEAH FL	50.00
08/09/16	BKOFAMERICA ATM 08/09 #000006054 DEPOSIT MIAMI GARDENS HIALEAH FL	100.00
08/22/16	BKOFAMERICA ATM 08/21 #000002075 DEPOSIT MIAMI GARDENS HIALEAH FL	2,000.00
08/29/16	Counter Credit	50.00
Total deposits and other credits		\$2,300.00

Withdrawals and other debits

Date	Description	Amount
Card account # XXXX XXXX XXXX 7906		
08/01/16	OFFICE DE 1600 07/30 #000330008 PURCHASE OFFICE DE 16000 N HIALEAH FL	-42.57
08/01/16	CHECKCARD 0730 SQ *GOLDEN KRUST Miramar FL 55432866212000471896696 CKCD 5812 XXXXXXXXXXXX7906 XXXX XXXX XXXX 7906	-20.90
08/02/16	CHECKCARD 0730 CHICK-FIL-A #0249 HIALEAH FL 05140486213710019174083 CKCD 5814 XXXXXXXXXXXX7906 XXXX XXXX XXXX 7906	-7.31
08/04/16	CHEVRON/DELFIN 08/04 #000409800 PURCHASE CHEVRON/DELFINO MIAMI FL	-15.00
08/08/16	CHECKCARD 0806 ROBODIAL.ORG, LLC 8003145001 VA 55429506220637004354532 CKCD 4814 XXXXXXXXXXXX7906 XXXX XXXX XXXX 7906	-39.75
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08/15/16	CHECKCARD 0812 NAT'S CATERING OPALOCKA FL 85101656225980005280771 CKCD 5811 XXXXXXXXXXXX7906 XXXX XXXX XXXX 7906	-11.72
08/15/16	BURGER KING #5 08/15 #000761563 PURCHASE 18730 NW 67TH AVE MIAMI GARDENS FL	-11.22
08/15/16	CHEVRON/KRINAC 08/15 #000692600 PURCHASE CHEVRON/KRINAC CH MIAMI FL	-20.00
08/16/16	PUBLIX SUPER M 08/16 #000078106 PURCHASE 18496 NW 67 AVE HIALEAH FL	-95.81
08/17/16	CHECKCARD 0816 SQ *GOLDEN KRUST Miramar FL 55432866229000965342588 CKCD 5812 XXXXXXXXXXXX7906 XXXX XXXX XXXX 7906	-8.20
08/17/16	Wal-Mart Super 08/17 #000440078 PURCHASE 1590 WAL-SAMS HIALEAH FL	-23.45

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Withdrawals and other debits - continued

Date	Description	Amount
08/19/16	CHECKCARD 0817 CHECKERS 6335 MIAMI FL 55432866231000069778196 CKCD 5814 XXXXXXXXXXXX7906 XXXX XXXX XXXX 7906	-16.00
08/22/16	CHEVRON/SUNSHI 08/20 #00066600 PURCHASE CHEVRON/SUNSHINE HIALEAH FL	-15.00
08/22/16	OFFICE DE 1600 08/20 #000209543 PURCHASE OFFICE DE 16000 N HIALEAH FL	-60.13
08/22/16	WM SUPERCENTER 08/22 #000369094 PURCHASE Wal-Mart Super Ce MIAMI FL	-83.34
08/22/16	NW 27TH AVE VA 08/22 #000971345 PURCHASE 11301 NW 27TH AVE EL MIAMI FL	-25.00
08/23/16	OFFICE DE 1600 08/23 #000320028 PURCHASE OFFICE DE 16000 N HIALEAH FL	-44.92
08/23/16	PUBLIX SUPER M 08/23 #000084594 PURCHASE 18496 NW 67 AVE HIALEAH FL	-30.59
08/25/16	CHECKCARD 0824 NORTH MIAMI CHAMB MIAMI FL 85207756237900014100098 CKCD 8641 XXXXXXXXXXXX7906 XXXX XXXX XXXX 7906	-30.00
08/25/16	CHECKCARD 0824 LITTLE CAESARS 22 MIAMI SHORES FL 05436846238000169281295 CKCD 5814 XXXXXXXXXXXX7906 XXXX XXXX XXXX 7906	-22.47
08/25/16	SPEEDWAY 06906 08/25 #000515392 PURCHASE SPEEDWAY 06906 MIRAMAR FL	-23.37
08/25/16	USPS 115908010 08/25 #000002944 PURCHASE 2200 NW 72ND AVE MIAMI FL	-167.28
08/25/16	THE HOME DEPOT 08/25 #000836201 PURCHASE THE HOME DEPOT #0 HIALEAH FL	-30.33
08/26/16	CHECKCARD 0825 SUBSTANTIAL SUBS HIALEAH FL 55480776238206390900533 CKCD 5812 XXXXXXXXXXXX7906 XXXX XXXX XXXX 7906	-9.48
08/26/16	CHECKCARD 0825 POPEYES 1 MIAMI FL 75230976239000000197226 CKCD 5814 XXXXXXXXXXXX7906 XXXX XXXX XXXX 7906	-44.78
08/26/16	Apple Food Mar 08/26 #000100187 PURCHASE 10705 RED RUN BLV Miami FL	-4.14
08/29/16	CHECKCARD 0826 CAFE RUYI MIAMI FL 75337006240414300196132 CKCD 5812 XXXXXXXXXXXX7906 XXXX XXXX XXXX 7906	-47.51
08/29/16	CHEVRON/KRINAC 08/27 #000940500 PURCHASE CHEVRON/KRINAC CH MIAMI FL	-25.00
08/29/16	CHECKCARD 0827 DUNKIN #353151 MIAMI FL 55541866241072020481166 CKCD 5814 XXXXXXXXXXXX7906 XXXX XXXX XXXX 7906	-20.29
08/29/16	CHECKCARD 0827 WENDY'S #2434 MIAMI FL 05436846241500154428954 CKCD 5814 XXXXXXXXXXXX7906 XXXX XXXX XXXX 7906	-48.40
08/29/16	WORLD FAMOUS R 08/27 #000001053 PURCHASE 7507 NW 17TH AVE MIAMI FL	-19.26
08/29/16	BURGER KING #0 08/29 #000761876 PURCHASE 18750 NW 2ND AVE MIAMI FL	-2.91
08/29/16	WM SUPERCENTER 08/29 #000513736 PURCHASE Wal-Mart Super Ce MIAMI GARDENS FL	-117.25
08/29/16	SUNSHINE #312 08/29 #000027816 PURCHASE SUNSHINE #312 MIAMI FL	-20.00
08/30/16	RACEWAY 6952 08/30 #000688393 PURCHASE 19851 NW 57TH AVE OPA LOCKA FL	-21.29
08/31/16	CHECKCARD 0830 POPEYES 1 MIAMI FL 75230976244000000165127 CKCD 5814 XXXXXXXXXXXX7906 XXXX XXXX XXXX 7906	-6.41
Subtotal for card account # XXXX XXXX XXXX 7906		-\$1,287.37
Total withdrawals and other debits		-\$1,287.37

Checks

Date	Check #	Amount	Date	Check #	Amount
08/04/16	999	-20.00	08/29/16	1004	-150.00
08/10/16	1000	-150.00	08/30/16	1005	-100.00
08/26/16	1001	-600.00	08/31/16	1006	-65.00
08/29/16	1002	-69.00	08/31/16	1007	-100.00
08/29/16	1003	-100.00	08/31/16	1011*	-100.00
Total checks			-\$1,454.00		
Total # of checks			10		

* There is a gap in sequential check numbers

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Service fees

Based upon the activity below, the monthly fee on your Business Fundamentals checking account was waived for the statement period ending 07/29/16:

At least one of the following occurred

- \$250+ in net new purchases on a linked Business debit card
- \$250+ in net new purchases on a linked Business credit card
- \$3,000+ minimum daily balance in primary checking account
- \$5,000+ average monthly balance in primary checking account
- \$15,000+ combined average monthly balance in linked business accounts

A check mark indicates that you have qualified for a monthly fee waiver on the account based on your usage of these products or services. For information on how to open a new product or to link an existing service to your account please call 1-888-BUSINESS or visit bankofamerica.com/smallbusiness.

Daily ledger balances

Date	Balance (\$)	Date	Balance(\$)	Date	Balance (\$)
08/01	974.23	08/12	835.88	08/23	2,390.50
08/02	1,016.92	08/15	792.94	08/25	2,117.05
08/04	981.92	08/16	697.13	08/26	1,458.65
08/08	942.17	08/17	665.48	08/29	889.03
08/09	1,042.17	08/19	649.48	08/30	767.74
08/10	865.23	08/22	2,466.01	08/31	496.33
08/11	845.23				



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Your Business Fundamentals Checking

for September 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016

Account number: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

TAJ COLLIE-ECHOLES CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT CAMPAIGN TO ELECT

Account summary

Beginning balance on September 1, 2016	\$496.33	# of deposits/credits: 2
Deposits and other credits	71.67	# of withdrawals/debits: 3
Withdrawals and other debits	-0.00	# of items-previous cycle ¹ : 0
Checks	-490.00	# of days in cycle: 30
Service fees	-78.00	Average ledger balance: -\$64.50
Ending balance on September 30, 2016	\$0.00	¹ Includes checks paid, deposited items & other debits

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Deposits and other credits

Date	Description	Amount
09/28/16	Counter Credit	36.67
09/28/16	Fee Refund	35.00
Total deposits and other credits		\$71.67

Checks

Date	Check #	Amount
09/01/16	1012	-490.00
Total checks		-\$490.00
Total # of checks		1

Service fees

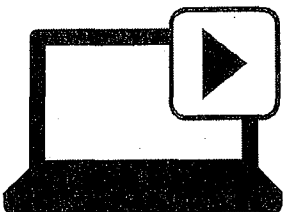
Your Overdraft and NSF: Returned Item fees for this statement period and year to date are shown below.

	Total for this period	Total year-to-date
Total Overdraft fees	\$35.00	\$35.00
Total NSF: Returned Item fees	\$0.00	\$0.00

We refunded to you a total of \$35.00 in fees for Overdraft and/or NSF: Returned Items this statement period and a total of \$35.00 in fees for Overdraft and/or NSF: Returned Items this year.

Date	Transaction description	Amount
09/01/16	CHECK ORDER00075 DES:FEE ID:05E27901 PMT INFO: PRODUCT(S): 19.62 S&H: 19.91 FL TAX: 3.47	-43.00
09/01/16	OVERDRAFT ITEM FEE FOR ACTIVITY OF 09-01	-35.00
Total service fees		-\$78.00

Note your Ending Balance already reflects the subtraction of Service Fees.



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Daily ledger balances

<u>Date</u>	<u>Balance (\$)</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Balance(\$)</u>
09/01	-71.67	09/28	0.00



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Your Business Fundamentals Checking

for October 1, 2016 to October 31, 2016

Account number: [REDACTED]

TAJ COLLIE-ECHOLES CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT CAMPAIGN TO ELECT

Account summary

Beginning balance on October 1, 2016	\$0.00
Deposits and other credits	0.00
Withdrawals and other debits	-0.00
Checks	-0.00
Service fees	-0.00
Ending balance on October 31, 2016	\$0.00

of deposits/credits: 0

of withdrawals/debits: 0

of items-previous cycle¹: 0

of days in cycle: 31

Average ledger balance: \$0.00

¹Includes checks paid, deposited items & other debits

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Service fees

Your Overdraft and NSF: Returned Item fees for this statement period and year to date are shown below.

	Total for this period	Total year-to-date
Total Overdraft fees	\$0.00	\$35.00
Total NSF: Returned Item fees	\$0.00	\$0.00

We refunded to you a total of \$35.00 in fees for Overdraft and/or NSF: Returned Items this year.

To help avoid overdraft and returned item fees, you can set up:

- Customized alerts – get email or text message alerts (footnote 1) to let you know if your balance is low
- Overdraft Protection – enroll to help protect yourself from overdrafts and declined transactions

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Amount: \$69.00

Sequence Number: 9492401850

Account: [REDACTED]

Capture Date: 08/29/2016

Bank Number: 06300004

Check Number: 1002

TAJ COLLIE-ECHOLES CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT CAMPAIGN TO ELECT 1420 NW 75TH ST MIAMI, FL 33147-0442		1002 63-4/830 FL 24127
DATE <u>AUGUST 26, 2016</u>		
PAY TO THE ORDER OF	<u>JON PAUL BENNETT</u>	\$ <u>69.00</u>
	<u>SIXTY NINE</u>	<u>00/100</u> DOLLARS
ACH/R/T 083100277		
FOR	<u>CAMPAIGN T-SHIRTS</u>	<i>[Signature]</i>

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Electronic Endorsements:

Date	Sequence	Bank #	Endrs Type	TRN	RRC	Bank Name
08/29/2016	009492401850	111012822	Pay Bank	N		BANK OF AMERICA, NA
08/29/2016	9780835489	74909962	Rtn Loc/BOFD	Y		JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,

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Amount: \$100.00

Sequence Number: 3152701264

Account: [REDACTED]

Capture Date: 08/29/2016

[REDACTED]

Check Number: 1003

TAJ COLLIE-ECHOLES CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT
CAMPAIGN TO ELECT
 1420 NW 75TH ST
 MIAMI, FL 33147-6442

1003
63-4630 FL 24177

DATE AUGUST 26, 2016

PAY TO THE ORDER OF JESSIE MAE HARRIS \$ 100.00

ONE HUNDRED ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ DOLLARS

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Seq: 94
 Batch: 918957
 Date: 08/29/16

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Date	Sequence	Bank #	Endrs Type	TRN	RRC	Bank Name
08/29/2016	3152701264	11000138	Rtn Loc/BOFD	Y		BANK OF AMERICA, NA

Amount: \$150.00

Sequence Number: 3252066686

Account: XXXXXXXXXX

Capture Date: 08/29/2016

Bank Number: 06300004

Check Number: 1004

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1004
63-4630 FL
24127

DATE .. 08/26/16

PAY TO THE ORDER OF MARIA YOPP-MATHIAS \$ 150.00

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Batch: 937865
Date: 08/29/16

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• Digital Watermark
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• Ghosting
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• The words "ONE HUNDRED FIFTY" and "00/100" are not clearly visible on the back of the check.

Cash Check
DRL FL *****
08/29/2016
000274
000012
08/29/2016
00253

Electronic Endorsements:

Date	Sequence	Bank #	Endrs Type	TRN	RRC	Bank Name
08/29/2016	3252066686	11000138	Rtn Loc/BOFD	Y		BANK OF AMERICA, NA

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Amount: \$100.00

Sequence Number: 3252333668

Account: [REDACTED]

Capture Date: 08/30/2016

Bank Number: 06300004

Check Number: 1005

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF WALLIS D. VANCE \$ 100.00

ONE HUNDRED ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ DOLLARS

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- Fiber (on the front and back)
- Hologram (on the front and back)
- Braille (on the front and back)
- Security thread (on the back)
- Intaglio (on the front and back)

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Seq: 58
Batch: 971723
Date: 08/30/16

W. Vance
W.D.V.

*****898076861605*****
Cash Check # [REDACTED]
91/82/28/16
CC: 87500227
TPS: Jacksonville
08/30/2016 14:17
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CC 00027911, TR 00012
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91/82/28/16

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Electronic Endorsements:

Date	Sequence	Bank #	Endrs Type	TRN	RRC	Bank Name
08/30/2016	3252333668	11000138	Rtn Loc/BOFD	Y		BANK OF AMERICA, NA

Amount: \$65.00 Sequence Number: 9892774596
 Account: [REDACTED] Capture Date: 08/31/2016
 Bank Number: 06300004 Check Number: 1006

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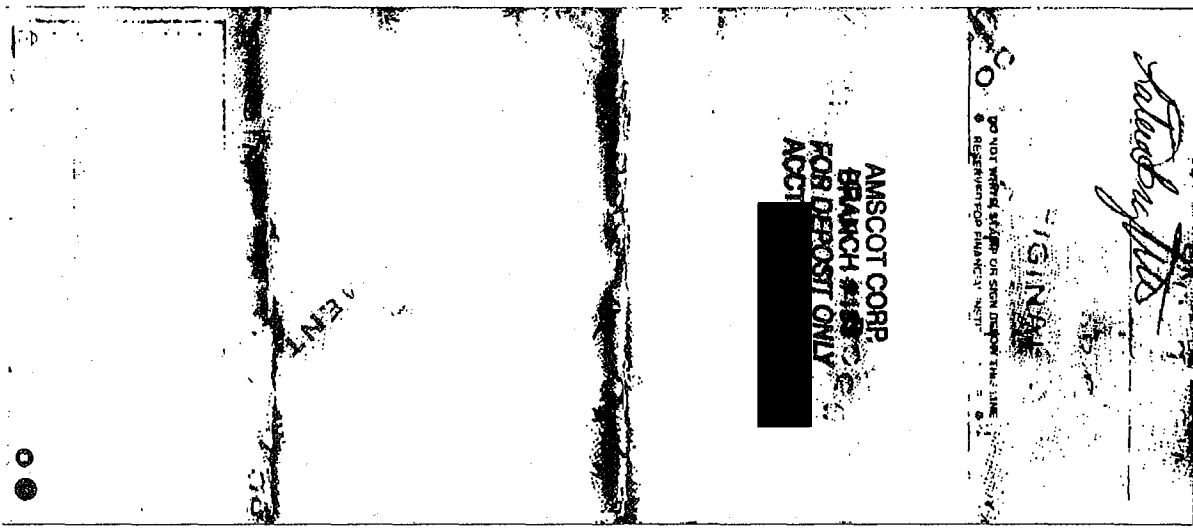
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PAY TO THE ORDER OF LATEAL BROUGHTON \$ 65.00

SIXTY FIVE 00/100 DOLLARS

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Electronic Endorsements:

Date	Sequence	Bank #	Endrs Type	TRN	RRC	Bank Name
08/31/2016	009892774596	111012822	Pay Bank	N		BANK OF AMERICA, NA
08/31/2016	000000382563574	122105278	Rtn Loc/BOFD	Y		WELLS FARGO BANK, NA

Amount: \$100.00

Account:

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF MARIA YOPP-MATHIAS \$ 100.00

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Taj Collie-Echoles

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Maria Yopp-Mathias

Electronic Endorsements:

Date	Sequence	Bank #	Endrs Type	TRN	RRC	Bank Name
08/31/2016	2782177443	11000138	Rtn Loc/BOFD	Y		BANK OF AMERICA, NA

Amount: \$100.00

Sequence Number: 1152386878

Account: [REDACTED]

Capture Date: 08/31/2016

Bank Number: 06300004

Check Number: 1011

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63-4/630 FL
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DATE AUGUST 30, 2016

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 Account: [REDACTED] Capture Date: 09/01/2016
 Bank Number: 06300004 Check Number: 1012

**TAJ COLLIE-ECHOLES
 CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT
 CAMPAIGN TO ELECT**
 1420 NW 75TH ST
 MIAMI, FL 33147-8442

1012
 63-4630 FL
 24127

DATE AUGUST 31, 2016 ✓

PAY TO THE ORDER OF CONSTANCE C. BLACKMAN \$ 490.00
FOUR HUNDRED NINETY 00 / 100 DOLLARS

Bank of America
 ACH R/T 063100277

FOR CAMPAIGN WORK

[Signature]

Security Features: Security Features are embossed on the front of the check. If the embossed features are not visible, the check may be a counterfeit. Do not cash or deposit a check with these features missing. If you suspect a counterfeit check, contact your bank immediately. Do not cash or deposit a check if the words "VOID" or "COPY" appear clearly to the right of this message.

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 WT: 01 LTPS: Jacksonville
 BC: Shore's Village BC FL7-988

ENDORSE HERE
Constance C. Blackman
 DO NOT WRITE, STAMP OR SIGN BELOW THIS LINE
 * RESERVED FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS *

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Date	Sequence	Bank #	Endrs Type	TRN	RRC	Bank Name
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Amount: \$36.67
 Account: [REDACTED]
 Bank Number: 54060613

Sequence Number: 4052922361
 Capture Date: 09/28/2016
 Check Number: 0

Bank of America

Date: 9/28/16

Name and Address: Taj Collie - Echoles
1420 NW 75th St
FL 33147

Telephone No. ()

Sign here if cash received

All items received subject to terms and conditions of applicable laws, regulations and deposit agreement.

Save time in line and help us avoid errors. The next time you make a deposit, please use your pre-printed deposit slips for your account.

Cash	36.67
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Date	Sequence	Bank #	Endrs Type	TRN	RRC	Bank Name
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Amount: \$36.67

Sequence Number: 4052922362

Account: [REDACTED]

Capture Date: 09/28/2016

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Check Number: 76030

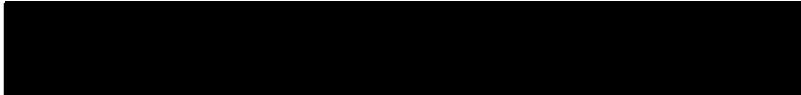


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TELLER NO. 005

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

November 25, 2014

Taj C. Echoles
Candidate for State Representative, District 108
1450 Northwest 75th Street
Miami, FL 33147-3147

Re: CAN 61657

Dear Mr. Echoles:

Your campaign treasurer's report, which was due November 24, 2014, has not been received.

Section 106.07(8)(b), Florida Statutes, requires that the filing officer immediately notify you of the failure to file said report. The fine for termination reports for candidates, shall be \$50 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.

Once your report is filed, this office will notify you of the specific amount of your fine. Fines must be paid to the filing officer within 20 days of receipt of the payment due notice.

Please be advised, however, that failure to file a campaign treasurer's report may constitute a violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, independent of the automatic fine violation referenced above. Therefore, if you fail to file a report, the division will turn the matter over to the Florida Elections Commission.

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

Sincerely,


 Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

EXHIBIT 16 (1 of 2)



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

FINAL NOTICE

Delivery Confirmation:

USPS TRACKING # **9114 9011 5981 8975 1036 77**
& CUSTOMER RECEIPT For Tracking or inquiries go to USPS.com
or call 1-800-222-1811.

January 5, 2015

Taj C. Echoles
Candidate for State Representative, District 108 (61657)
1420 Northwest 75th Street
Miami, FL 33147-3147

Dear Mr. Echoles:

According to a review of the Division's records, the following report has not been filed:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
2014	TR	11/24/2014

The candidate has previously been notified of the report that is outstanding. Enclosed is a copy of the letter sent by the Division. If the report is not filed **within 7 days of receipt of this letter**, the Division will forward this matter to the Florida Elections Commission for further action. Section 106.265(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Florida Elections Commission to impose civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation.

If you have any questions, please call the Help Line at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/ejr

Enclosures

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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Name:

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Candidate Name: Taj C. Echoles

Account: 61657

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
11/24/2014	TR	6/2/2015	CLO	190	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/22/2014	P7	8/22/2014						
8/15/2014	P6	8/15/2014						
8/8/2014	P5	8/6/2014						
8/1/2014	P4	7/28/2014						
7/25/2014	P3	7/24/2014						
7/11/2014	P2	7/8/2014						
6/27/2014	P1	6/23/2014						
6/10/2014	M5	6/9/2014						
5/12/2014	M4	5/5/2014						

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**Florida Department of State
Division of Elections**

**2014 General Election
Taj C. Echoles (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.](#)

	Filing Period	Contributions			Expend	Other	Transfers
		Monetary	Loans	InKind			
<input type="radio"/>	04/21/2014 - 04/30/2014	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Note: ^(E) indicates that report was filed electronically

X Indicates that detail has not been released

W Indicates that a waiver was filed and **L** Indicates that a loan report was filed

Select Detail Type

Contributions

Select Sort Order

Date(Ascending)

Select Output Type

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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Campaign Documents Search

Forms are available in Adobe's Acrobat PDF format for viewing or printing at your site. Accessing documents in PDF format requires use of [Adobe's Acrobat Reader](#), which may be installed free of charge.

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050
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TALLAHASSEE, FL

December 7, 2015

Taj C. Echoles
1420 NW 75th Street
Miami, FL 33147-3147

RE: Case No.: FEC 15-210; Respondent: Taj C. Echoles

Dear Mr. Echoles:

The Florida Elections Commission at its last regularly scheduled meeting considered the above referenced case and issued the final order that is enclosed.

Please read the order carefully. It will indicate the amount of the civil penalty imposed by the Commission and the number of days you have to pay the fine.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Donna Ann Malphurs

Agency Clerk

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Enclosure: Final Order

cc: Division of Elections, Complainant w/enclosures

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CLERK OF COURT
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,**

v.

**Taj C. Echoles,
Respondent.**

Agency Case No.: FEC 15-210

F.O. No.: FOFEC 15-258W

FINAL ORDER

THIS MATTER was heard at an informal hearing held before the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) on November 17, 2015.

APPEARANCES

For Commission	Jaakan A. Williams Assistant General Counsel 107 West Gaines Street Collins Building, Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399
For Respondent	No Appearance

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

Whether Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, as alleged in the Order of Probable Cause.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

On February 3, 2015, the Commission received a referral from the Division of Elections

alleging violations of Florida's election laws. Staff of the Commission conducted an investigation to determine whether the facts alleged in the complaint constituted probable cause to believe that Respondent violated the Florida Election Code.

On July 9, 2015, staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. On August 27, 2015, the Commission entered an Order of Probable Cause finding that there was probable cause to charge Respondent with the following violation:

Count 1:

On or about November 24, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when he falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when he failed to file his 2014 Termination Report disclosing campaign financial activity on the prescribed reporting date.

Respondent did not timely elect to have a formal administrative hearing before an administrative law judge from the Division of Administrative Hearings and, therefore, the matter was set for an informal hearing before the Commission. At the informal hearing, the Commission adopted the undisputed facts set forth in the Staff's Recommendation as its findings of fact.

Respondent did not appear at the hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent was a candidate for the office of State Representative, District 108, during the 2014 election cycle and he served as his own campaign treasurer.
2. During his campaign, Respondent failed to disclose substantial campaign financial activity during the 2014 Termination Report cycle that should have been disclosed by filing a 2014 Termination Report.

3. Rather than filing a 2014 Termination Report disclosing his campaign's financial activity during the 2014 Termination Report cycle, Respondent filed a waiver-of-report on June 2, 2015, indicating that his campaign did not have any financial activity for the reporting period.

4. Respondent did not submit any statements in mitigation of the Commission's findings.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this cause, pursuant to Section 106.26, Florida Statutes.

6. Respondent's conduct was willful. Respondent committed the acts while knowing that, or showing reckless disregard for whether, the acts were prohibited, or failed to commit an act while knowing that, or showing reckless disregard for whether, the acts were required.

7. Respondent committed 1 count of violating Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when he falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when he failed to file his 2014 Termination Report disclosing campaign financial activity on the prescribed reporting date.

8. In determining the amount of the civil penalty, the Commission considered the mitigating and aggravating circumstances set forth in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes.

ORDER

The Commission finds that Respondent has violated the following provision of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and imposes the following fine:

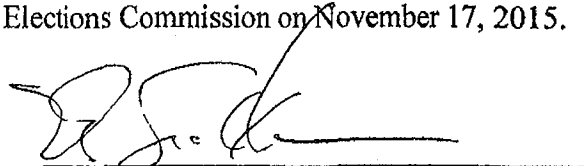
9. Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, on 1 occasion when falsely reported or deliberately failed to file his 2014 Termination Report disclosing campaign

financial activity on the prescribed reporting date. Respondent is fined \$500 for the violation.

Therefore it is

ORDERED that Respondent shall remit a civil penalty in the amount of \$500, inclusive of fees and costs. The civil penalty shall be paid to the Florida Elections Commission, Collins Building, Suite 224, 107 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, within 30 days of the date this Final Order is filed with the Commission and must be paid by money order, cashier's check or attorney trust account check.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on November 17, 2015.



M. Scott Thomas, Chairman
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Jaakan A. Williams, Assistant General Counsel
Taj C. Echoles, Respondent
Division of Elections, Complainant

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

This order is final agency action. Any party who is adversely affected by this order has the right to seek judicial review pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by filing a notice of administrative appeal pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the Clerk of the Florida Elections Commission at 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224, Collins Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050 and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal with the appropriate district court of appeal. The party must attach to the notice of appeal a copy of this order and include with the notice of appeal filed with the district court of appeal the applicable filing fees. **The notice of administrative appeal must be filed within 30 days of the date this order is filed with the Commission.** The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order.



FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
SECRETARY OF STATE

November 30, 2016

Taj C. Echoles
1420 NW 75th Street
Miami, FL 33147-6442

RE: Case No.: FEC 16-027; Respondent: Taj C. Echoles

Dear Mr. Echoles:

The Florida Elections Commission at its last regularly scheduled meeting considered the above referenced case and issued the order that is enclosed. Please read the order carefully.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

1/3/ Donna Ann Malphurs

Agency Clerk

/enr

Enclosure: Order

cc: Division of Elections, Complainant w enclosures

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STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Taj C. Echoles

Case No.: FEC 16-027

ORDER OF NO PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 16, 2016, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **no probable cause** to charge the Respondent with the following violation(s):

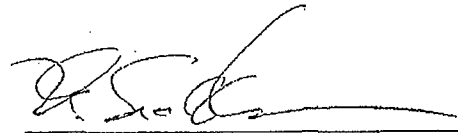
Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes. Respondent, a 2014 candidate for the office of State Representative, failed to dispose of surplus campaign funds within 90 days of being eliminated as a candidate.

Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **no jurisdiction** to charge the Respondent with the following violation(s):

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes. Respondent, a 2014 candidate for the office of State Representative, falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in his 2014 TR campaign finance report, as required by Chapter 106.

Therefore, it is **ORDERED** this case is **DISMISSED**.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on November 16, 2016.



M. Scott Thomas, Chairman
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Cole H. Kekelis, Assistant General Counsel
Taj C. Echoles, Respondent
Division of Elections, Complainant



FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
SECRETARY OF STATE

November 21, 2016

Taj Collie-Echoles
1420 Northwest 75th Street
Miami, FL 33147-3147

RE: Case No.: FEC 16-579; Respondent: Taj Collie-Echoles; Report Due Date: 08/08/16

Dear Mr. Echoles:

Pursuant to Rule 2B-1.005(2), Florida Administrative Code, the Florida Elections Commission has entered the enclosed Default Final Order against you.

Please read the Final Order carefully. The order indicates the amount of the fine and the number of days you have to pay the fine. **Please pay the fine to your filing officer, who is:**

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

If you fail to pay the fine to the filing officer, an enforcement action may be filed against you in the circuit court. If it is necessary to take further legal action to collect the fine, the law provides that you pay for the cost of collection, including attorney fees.

If you have any questions, please contact us at fec@myfloridalegal.com or at the number listed above.

Sincerely,
/s/Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director

Enclosure: Default Final Order
cc: Division of Elections, Filing Officer

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**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Taj Collie- Echoles

**Case No.: FEC 16-579
F.O. No.: FOFEC 16-218A
Report: 2016 P4**

DEFAULT FINAL ORDER

THIS MATTER was referred to the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) by the filing officer for failure of the Respondent to pay the assessed fine.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Commission is charged with enforcing Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the campaign financing laws.
2. Respondent is a state candidate for the office of State Representative during the 2016 elections. Respondent's 2016 P4 campaign treasurer's report was not filed with the filing officer on August 8, 2016, the designated due date.
3. On September 14, 2016, the filing officer sent a final fine notice to the Respondent by delivery confirmation advising him that the amount of the fine was \$150.00. The notice also advised Respondent, as required by Section 106.07(8)(b), Florida Statutes, that he must either pay the fine or appeal to the Florida Elections Commission within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment due.
4. Respondent has failed to pay the assessed fine or to appeal to the Commission.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this case, pursuant to Section 106.07, Florida Statutes.

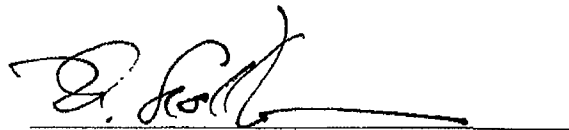
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6. Respondent's failure to timely file a notice appealing the assessed fine constitutes a waiver of entitlement to an appeal.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the assessed fine of \$150.00 is affirmed. The fine shall be paid to the Division of Elections at 500 South Bronough Street, Room 316, R.A Gray Building, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250 within 30 days of the date this Final Order is filed with the Commission.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on November 16, 2016.



M. Scott Thomas, Chairman
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Stephanie Cunningham, Assistant General Counsel
Taj Collie-Echoles, Respondent or Attorney for Respondent
Division of Elections, Complainant or Attorney for Complainant

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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

This order is final agency action. Any party who is adversely affected by this order has the right to seek judicial review pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by filing a notice of administrative appeal pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the Clerk of the Florida Elections Commission at 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224, Collins Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal with the appropriate district court of appeal. The party must attach to the notice of appeal a copy of this order and include with the notice of appeal filed with the district court of appeal the applicable filing fees. **The notice of administrative appeal must be filed within 30 days of the date of this order is filed with the Commission.** The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order.

Notice to Filing Officer

The Clerk of the Florida Elections Commission will send a copy of this order to Respondent. The Final Order directs the Respondent to pay the Filing Officer. If the Filing Officer is not paid within 30 days of the date the Final Order is filed with the Commission, the Filing Officer can file an enforcement action in circuit court to enforce the fine that is due and owing to the county or municipality. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of this order.

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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Collins Building, Suite 224
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SECRETARY OF STATE

December 23, 2016

Taj C. Echoles
1420 Northwest 75th Street
Miami, FL 33147-3147

RE: Case No.: FEC 16-717

Dear Mr. Echoles:

Pursuant to Rule 2B-1.005(2), Florida Administrative Code, the Florida Elections Commission has entered the enclosed Default Final Order against you.

Please read the Final Order carefully. The order indicates the amount of the fine and the number of days you have to pay the fine. **Please pay the fine to your filing officer, who is:**

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

If you fail to pay the fine to the filing officer, an enforcement action may be filed against you in the circuit court. If it is necessary to take further legal action to collect the fine, the law provides that you pay for the cost of collection, including attorney fees.

If you have any questions, please contact us at fec@myfloridalegal.com or at the number listed above.

Sincerely,
/s/Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director

Enclosure: Default Final Order
cc: Division of Elections, Filing Officer

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**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Taj Collie- Echoles

Case No.: FEC 16-717

F.O. No.: FOFEC 16-316A

Report: 2016 P6

DEFAULT FINAL ORDER

THIS MATTER was referred to the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) by the filing officer for failure of the Respondent to pay the assessed fine.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Commission is charged with enforcing Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the campaign financing laws.
2. Respondent was a state candidate for the office of State Representative during the 2016 elections. Respondent's 2016 P6 campaign treasurer's report was not filed with the filing officer on August 19, 2016, the designated due date.
3. On September 29, 2016, the filing officer sent a final fine notice to the Respondent by delivery confirmation advising him that the amount of the fine was \$51.57. The notice also advised Respondent, as required by Section 106.07(8)(b), Florida Statutes, that he must either pay the fine or appeal to the Florida Elections Commission within 20 days after receipt of the notice of payment due.
4. Respondent has failed to pay the assessed fine or to appeal to the Commission.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this case, pursuant to Section 106.07, Florida Statutes.

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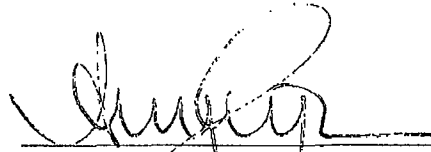
6. Respondent's failure to timely file a notice appealing the assessed fine constitutes a waiver of entitlement to an appeal.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the assessed fine of \$51.57 is affirmed. The fine shall be paid to the Division of Elections at 500 South Bronough Street, Room 316, R.A Gray Building, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250 within 30 days of the date this Final Order is filed with the Commission.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on

December 6, 2016.



Amy McKeever Toman, Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Stephanie Cunningham, Assistant General Counsel
Taj Collie-Echoles, Respondent
Division of Elections, Complainant

EXHIBIT 18 (15 of 16)

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**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
PHONE LOG
Case No.: FEC 17-105**

Respondent: Taj Collie-Echoles

Complainant: Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** 05/15/17
Name: Respondent—Taj Collie-Echoles
Phone #: 305-836-6271
Summary: I phoned number identified for Respondent on his Form DS-DE 9 (candidate for State Representative, District 108), and reached his voice-mailbox message indicating I had reached “Taj Echoles,” and he would return my call “at my earliest convenience”; I identified myself, provided my contact number, requested he return my call.
Memo to File? No
Entered by: HH

2. **Date and time:** 06/07/17; 5:07 p.m.
Name: Respondent—Taj Collie-Echoles
Phone #: 305-836-6271
Summary: I phoned number identified for Respondent on his Form DS-DE 9, and reached Ms. Blackman; I identified myself and requested to speak with Respondent. She said Respondent was not in. I explained I had tried to reach him earlier, and requested to leave a message; she agreed and indicated she was looking for something to write with to take my message. Again, I identified myself, provided my contact number and requested he return my call regarding his 2016 campaign.
Memo to File? No
Entered by: HH

3. **Date and time:** 07/27/17; 11:55 a.m.
Name: Joel Mynard, staff at the DOE
Phone #: 245-6245
Summary: Joel phoned in response to my email request to Kristi and copied to Joel, explained their General Counsel said they could no longer email Respondent’s qualifying fee check; he read all bank numbers on the check to me, and explained that Kristi no longer receives emails addressed to Kristi.Bronson@doe.myflorida.com; her email address has changed and the new email address is: Kristi.Willis@doe.myflorida.com.
Memo to File? No
Entered by: HH

4. **Date and time:** 07/27/17; 2:27 p.m.
Name: Marina, BOA, Legal Order Process
Phone #: 213-580-0702, x-3 (for state agency), x-2 (for subpoenas)
Summary: I phoned and after a lengthy wait as all their representatives were busy Marina answered the phone; I identified myself, explained I am drafting a subpoena; however, I’m uncertain which string of numbers is the bank routing number and which is the bank account

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number. I read the numbers and she confirmed the bank routing number and the bank account number.

Memo to File? No

Entered by: HH

5. **Date and time:** Friday, 12/01/17; 3:35 p.m.

Name: Respondent—Taj Collie-Echoles

Phone #: 305-836-6271

Summary: I phoned, reached voice-mailbox message with female voice indicating “we cannot come to the phone right now ...you know what to do,” and then a beep for me to leave a message; I identified myself, explained the call was for Respondent, requested he return my call, provided my contact number, indicated I have completed my investigation, request he will return my call, and provided my contact number again.

Memo to File? No

Entered by: HH

6. **Date and time:** 01/05/18; 11:10 a.m.

Respondent—Taj Collie-Echoles

Phone #: 305-836-6271

Summary: I phoned, reached voice-mailbox message with female voice indicating “we cannot come to the phone right now ...you know what to do,” and followed by a beep for me to leave a message; I identified myself, explained the call was for Respondent, requested he return my call, provided my contact number, indicated I have completed my investigation, request he will return my call, and provided my contact number again.

Memo to File? No

Entered by: HH

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:

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2016 Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook

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EXHIBIT 20 (1 of 15)

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 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 Electronic Filing System. 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: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us/>
(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:

1. 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/forms-publications/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 Electronic Filing System (EFS) are due no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date.

(Sections 106.07, 106.0705
and 106.141, 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 report. 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 106.07, 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

treasurer must file an addendum to the incomplete report within seven days of notification. The addendum must include all necessary information to complete the report.

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

Reporting Total Sums

Each campaign treasurer's report required by Chapter 106, F.S., shall contain the total sums of all loans, in-kind contributions, and other receipts by or for such candidate, and total sums of all expenditures made by such candidate during the reporting period. The reporting forms shall be designed to elicit separate totals for in-kind contributions, loans, and other receipts.

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

Reporting Contributions

Each report must contain:

- Full name, address, specific occupation, amount, and date of each person making a contribution. Reports must provide as clear a description as practicable of the principal type of business conducted for corporations contributing. **The principal type of business or the occupations are not required if the contribution is \$100 or less, or from a relative provided the relationship is reported.**
- Name, address, amount, and date of each political committee making any transfer of funds.
- Full name, address, specific occupation, principal place of business of the lender

and endorser, date and amount of each loan.

- Statement of each contribution, rebate, refund, or other receipts not listed in 1. through 3. above.

(Sections 106.07(4) and 112.312(21), F.S.)

Returning Contributions

Contributions **must be returned** to the contributor **if**:

- A candidate receives a contribution in excess of the limitations provided by law.
- A candidate with opposition in an election receives a contribution on the day of that election or less than five days prior to the date of that election.
- A candidate receives a contribution once he or she is elected, defeated, becomes unopposed, or withdraws his or her candidacy.

If the contribution to be returned has not been deposited into the campaign account, report the contribution as a contribution returned using form DS-DE 02.

If the contribution has been deposited into the campaign account:

- Report the contribution; and
- Write a check from the campaign account to the contributor for the amount of the contribution and report this on the itemized contribution report using the contribution type "Refund."

This amount is reported as a negative. The candidate may also wish to submit a written explanation to the filing officer.

(Section 106.08, F.S.)

Reporting Expenditures

Each report must contain:

- Full name and address of each person to whom expenditures have been made along with the amount, date, and clear purpose of the expenditure. Name, address, and office sought by each candidate on whose behalf such expenditure was made.
- Full name and address of each person to whom an expenditure for personal services, salary or reimbursed authorized expenses was made along with the amount, date, and clear purpose of the expenditure.
- Total amount withdrawn and the total amount spent from the petty cash fund. Each expenditure from the petty cash fund need not be individually reported but complete records of petty cash expenditures must be kept.
- Transaction information for each credit card purchase. Credit cards may be used by statewide (Governor, Cabinet and Supreme Court Justice) candidates only. (See *Division of Elections Opinion 05-07*.)
- Amount and nature of debts and obligations owed by or to the candidate, which relate to the conduct of any political campaign.

- The amount and nature of any separate interest-bearing accounts or certificates of deposit. Identification of the financial institution in which such accounts or certificates of deposit are located must be identified.

- The primary purposes of an expenditure made indirectly through a campaign treasurer for goods and services such as communications media placement or procurement services, campaign signs, insurance, and other expenditures that include multiple components as part of the expenditure. The primary purpose of an expenditure shall be that purpose, including integral and directly related components, that comprises 80 percent of such expenditure.
- Total sum of expenditures during the reporting period.

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

Special Requirements for Judicial Retention Candidates

A candidate for retention as a Justice of the Supreme Court or a Judge of a District Court of Appeal who has not received any contributions or made any expenditures, may file a sworn statement on **Form DS-DE 96, Affidavit of Intention**, at the time of qualifying that he or she does not anticipate receiving contributions or making expenditures in connection with his or her candidacy for retention to office.

Such candidate must file a final report within 90 days following the general election for which the candidate's name appeared on the ballot for retention. The candidate may

use Form DS-DE 97, Affidavit of Compliance, for this purpose.

A candidate for retention to judicial office who, after filing Form DS-DE 96 receives any contributions or makes any expenditures in connection with his or her candidacy for retention must immediately file a statement to that effect with the qualifying officer and must begin filing reports as an opposed candidate pursuant to Section 106.07, F.S.

(Sections 105.08(2) and 106.141, F.S.)

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.

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 19: Electronic Filing of Campaign Reports

The Electronic Filing System (EFS) is an Internet system for recording and reporting campaign finance activity. Each candidate required to file reports with the Division under Section 106.07, F.S., must file such reports with the Division by means of the EFS.

Reports filed pursuant to this section:

- Shall be completed and filed through the EFS not later than 12:00 midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by this time are late filed and are subject to the penalties under Sections 106.07(8) or 106.29(3), F.S., as applicable.
- Are considered to be under oath by the candidate and treasurer, and such persons are subject to provisions of Sections 106.04(4)(d), 106.07(5), or 106.29(2), F.S., as applicable. Persons given a secure sign- on to the EFS are responsible for protecting such from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using such credentials, unless they have notified the Division that their credentials have been compromised.

*(Sections 106.0705
and 106.0706, F.S.)*

Accessing the EFS

From Internet Explorer you can access the EFS at <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>. Each candidate is provided an identification number and initial password to gain entry. Once you log in using the initial password, you will be prompted to change it to a confidential one.

Creating Reports

Campaign reports must be entered, saved, reviewed, and filed via the EFS either by directly entering data into the web application or by uploading data using an approved vendor's software. The Division maintains a list of software vendors whose programs meet the file specifications for filing campaign reports. Instructions for uploading reports are provided in the EFS User's Guide.

Submitting Reports

Reports will be held in pending status until the report is ready to be filed. Each person eligible to file a report will receive a PIN (personal identification number) that allows the person to file reports via the EFS. **A person's PIN is considered the same as that person's signature on a filed report.**

Electronic Receipts

The person filing a report on the EFS may print an electronic receipt verifying the report was filed with the Division. Each report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath and such persons filing the report are subject to the provisions of Chapter 106, F.S.

EFS HELP LINE
(850) 245-6280

EFS HELP GUIDE

<http://dos.myflorida.com/media/694090/dsde110a.pdf>

NOTE: For further information on the EFS, see Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code, Reporting Requirements for Campaign Treasurer's Reports.

Campaign Finance

Q8. Do persons running for a political party executive committee office (e.g. precinct committeeperson) for precinct committeeperson have to file campaign reports?

Only if the person has received a contribution or made an expenditure; if applicable, the person files a single report on the 4th day before the primary election. Although, persons seeking election to political party executive committees are specifically exempt from the definition of "candidate," the political party executive office falls within the definition of "election."

(Sections 103.091, 106.011(3), (7) and 106.0702 F.S.)

Q9. May a candidate appoint himself or herself as campaign treasurer?

Yes.

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

Q10. Must a campaign treasurer be a registered voter in Florida?

No.

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

Q11. How many deputy treasurers may a candidate have?

Candidates for statewide office may appoint up to 15 deputy treasurers. Other candidates may appoint up to 3 deputy treasurers.

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

Q12. Can a deputy treasurer file and submit campaign reports?

Yes. A deputy treasurer may perform all of the duties of a campaign treasurer when specifically authorized to do so by the campaign treasurer.

(Section 106.021(4), F.S.)

Q13. Who is responsible for keeping tabs on aggregate totals of campaign contributions?

The campaign treasurer is responsible for receiving and reporting all contributions.

(Section 106.06, F.S.)



FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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May 11, 2017

Taj Collie-Echoles
1420 Northwest 75th Street
Miami, FL 33147

RE: Case No.: FEC 17-105; Respondent: Taj Collie-Echoles

Dear Mr. Echoles:

On March 14, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violations:

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

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

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

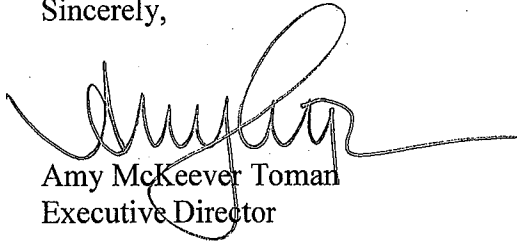
When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to you at the above address. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will make a written recommendation (Staff Recommendation or SR) to the Commission as to whether there is probable cause 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). If you have additional questions, please contact **Helen Hinson**, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,



Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director

AMT/enr

**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
FEC NOTICE FORM**

To FEC from Division of Elections

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STATE OF FLORIDA
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Name: Taj Collie-Echoles

Account Number: 65335

Treasurer: Hasina Echoles

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

The following report or notice is outstanding after notification:

2016 TR

Sent By: Kristi Reid Bronson
Date: March 13, 2017

KRB

njt

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA


County of Leon

Kristi Reid Bronson, being duly sworn, says:


1. I am the Chief of the Bureau of Election Records of the Division of Elections (Division). In that capacity, I oversee the Division's duties related to the filing of campaign finance reports.
2. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
3. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
4. Taj Collie-Echoles (65335) is a 2016 candidate for the office of State Representative, District 108.
5. On March 14, 2016, Mr. Collie-Echoles filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division. Mr. Collie-Echoles appointed Hasina Echoles as treasurer. (See attached documents and acknowledgment letter.)
6. The 2016 TR campaign treasurer's report was due on November 28, 2016. On November 29, 2016, the Division mailed Ms. Echoles notification that the 2016 TR treasurer's report had not been filed. (See attached letter.)
7. On January 12, 2017, the Division mailed Ms. Echoles final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2016 TR treasurer's report had not been filed. (See attached letter with delivery confirmation.)
8. On February 2, 2017, the Division mailed Mr. Collie-Echoles final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2016 TR treasurer's report had not been filed. (See attached letter with delivery confirmation.)
9. Mr. Collie-Echoles did not notify the Division of Elections prior to or on the prescribed reporting date for the 2016 TR report that no report was to be filed.

10. As of March 13, 2017, Mr. Collie-Echoles has not filed the 2016 TR report.

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

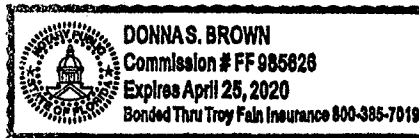

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 13th day of March, 2017.


Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known



**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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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

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 Pa

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)
TAJ COLLIE-ECHOLES

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)
1420 NW 75TH STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33147

4. Telephone
(305) 836-6271

5. E-mail address
tajecholes@gmail.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)
State of Florida House of Representatives, District 108

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:
 My intent is to run as a Write-In candidal

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 Democratic Party candidate.

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

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer
Hasina Echoles

11. Mailing Address
8362 Pines Blvd. Suite 119

12. Telephone
(786) 357-3504

13. City
Pembroke Pines

14. County
Broward

15. State
FL

16. Zip Code
33024

17. E-mail address
hasina_23@yahoo.com

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

19. Name of Bank
BANK OF AMERICA

20. Address
990 NE 125TH ST.

21. City
NORTH MIAMI

22. County
MIAMI-DADE

23. State
FLORIDA

24. Zip Code
33161

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER A DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date
MARCH 08, 2016

26. Signature of Candidate

27. **Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment** (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)
I, HASINA ECHOLES, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

MARCH 08, 2016 X HASINA S. ECHOLES
Date Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

March 15, 2016

Taj Collie-Echoles
1420 Northwest 75th Street
Miami, Florida 33147

Dear Mr. Collie-Echoles:

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 14, 2016. Your name has been placed on the 2016 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **April 11, 2016**. The report will cover the period of March 1-31, 2016 (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 this password 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: 65335

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FLORIDA
DIVISION OF
ELECTIONS

Taj Collie-Echoles
March 15, 2016
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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 confidential pin numbers for you. By copy of this letter, a confidential pin number to access the EFS was sent to your treasurer.

Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event this 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 not later than midnight 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.

Taj Collie-Echoles
March 15, 2016
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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

KRB/zjs

Enclosures

pc: Hasina Echoles, Treasurer



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

November 29, 2016

Hasina Echoles, Treasurer
8362 Pines Blvd, Suite 119
Pembroke Pines, FL 33024-3024

CAN 65335

Dear Ms. Echoles:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your termination report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was November 28, 2016.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as \$50 per day until you file your report. The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period. Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines. We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission.
- If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Taj Collie-Echoles
Candidate for State Representative, District 108



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January 12, 2017

Hasina Echoles, Treasurer
8362 Pines Blvd, Suite 119
Pembroke Pines, FL 33024-3024

CAN 65335

Dear Ms. Echoles:

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

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

As we stated in the prior notices, even if you now file the report or notification, the untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Taj Collie-Echoles
Candidate for State Representative, District 108

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February 2, 2017

Taj Collie-Echoles
Candidate for State Representative, District 108
1420 Northwest 75th Street
Miami, FL 33147-3147

CAN 65335

Dear Mr. Collie-Echoles:

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Hasina Echoles, Treasurer

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