

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Equal Marriage Florida**

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**Case No.: FEC 14-290**

**TO:** Equal Marriage Florida  
Vanessa Brito, Chair  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, FL 33157-3157

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, **February 17, 2016 at 10:00 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola Street, Room #108, Tallahassee, Florida 32306.**

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

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

**If you are the Respondent**, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission. However, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless you request to be heard or the Commission requests that your case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, your case will *not* be individually heard.

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**See further instructions on the reverse side.**

**Amy McKeever Toman**  
Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
February 2, 2016

Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

If this is a hearing to consider **an appeal from an automatic fine**, the Filing Officer has imposed a fine on you for your failure to file a campaign treasurer's report on the designated due date and, by filing an appeal, you have asked the Commission to consider either (1) that the report was in fact timely filed; or (2) that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure to file the report timely. You are required to prove your case. If the Commission finds that the report was filed timely or that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure, it may waive the fine, in whole or in part. The Commission may reduce a fine after considering the factors in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes. If the Commission finds that the report was not timely filed and there were no unusual circumstances, the fine will be upheld.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order before a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed and become public. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the case will remain confidential, unless confidentiality has been waived.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order after a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the Respondent will be entitled to another hearing to determine if the Respondent committed the violation(s) alleged.

If this is a **probable cause hearing**, the Commission will decide if there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent committed a violation of Florida's election laws. Respondent should be prepared to explain how the staff in its recommendation incorrectly applied the law to the facts of the case. *Respondent may not testify, call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence at the probable cause hearing.* The Commission will only decide whether Respondent should be *charged* with a violation and, before the Commission determines whether a violation has occurred or a fine should be imposed, Respondent will have an opportunity for another hearing at which evidence may be introduced.

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

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

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

Florida Elections Commission,  
**Petitioner,**

**Case No.: FEC 14-290**

v.

Equal Marriage Florida,  
**Respondent.**

**ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

**THIS MATTER** was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 27, 2015, 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 **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation(s):

**Count 1:**

On or about May 12, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, by deliberately failing to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to file its 2014 M4 Report.

**Count 2:**

On or about June 10, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, by deliberately failing to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to file its 2014 M5 Report.

**Count 3:**

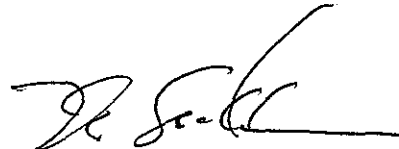
On or about June 27, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, by deliberately failing to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to file its 2014 P1 Report.

**Count 4:**

On or about July 4, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, by deliberately failing to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to file its 2014 P1A Report.

The Commission also finds 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 August 27, 2015.



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M. Scott Thomas, Chairman  
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:  
Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel  
Equal Marriage Florida, 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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**AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)**  
**(the only change made was to correct case number)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on **August 27, 2015, at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **Senate Office Building, Room 110-S, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399.**

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*Amy McKeever Toman*  
Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
August 13, 2015

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*Amy McKeever Toman*  
Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
August 11, 2015

STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Equal Marriage Florida

Case No.: FEC 14-290

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION**

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the complaint in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.19(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 June 8, 2015, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On September 3, 2014, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Division of Elections ("Division") alleging that Equal Marriage Florida ("Respondent" or "Committee") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes

2. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division of Elections.<sup>1</sup> The Committee filed its Statement of Organization of Political Committee form ("DS- DE 5") with the Division on June 26, 2013. Vanessa Brito was identified as Respondent's chairperson and treasurer. On October 16, 2013, Respondent filed an Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees form ("DS-DE 6") with the Division re-appointing Ms Brito as the Committee's treasurer (ROI Exhibits 1 and 2)<sup>2</sup>

3. On or about April 29, 2015, the Executive Director sent Respondent notification that Commission staff would investigate the following sections of law:

**Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:** As alleged in the complaint, Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed on those dates because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

- 2014 M4
- 2014 M5
- 2014 P1
- 2014 P1A

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<sup>1</sup> At all times pertinent to the issues in this case, Vanessa Brito was Respondent's chairperson and treasurer

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



**Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:** As alleged in the complaint, Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when it failed to file reports on the prescribed reporting dates for the following reporting periods:

- 2014 M4
- 2014 M5
- 2014 P1
- 2014 P1A

4. By letter dated June 27, 2013, Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, notified Ms. Brito that the name of the Committee had been placed on the Division's active committee list as a political committee that supports issues. The letter advised Ms. Brito that all political committees filing reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system ("EFS") and provided Respondent with a user identification number and initial password to grant access to the EFS. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1)

5. Ms. Bronson's June 27, 2013 letter further advised Ms. Brito that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms were on its website. Additionally, the letter directed Ms. Brito to print a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Political Committee Handbook* ("Handbook"), and the *2013 Calendar of Reporting Dates* (ROI Exhibit 3, page 3)

6. Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, provides:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, in any reporting period during which a candidate or political committee has not received funds, made any contributions, or expended any reportable funds, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. However, the next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed, and any candidate or political committee not reporting by virtue of this subsection on dates prescribed elsewhere in this chapter **shall notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.**

(Emphasis added)

#### **2014 M4 Report**

7. Respondent's 2014 M4 Report covering the dates of April 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014, was due on May 12, 2014. However, Respondent failed to file its 2014 M4 Report (Attachment A and ROI Exhibit 15)

8. Respondent's April 1, 2014, through April 30, 2014 campaign account bank statement reflects an April 28, 2014 debit and an April 25, 2014 credit during the 2014 M4 reporting period (ROI Exhibit 9)

9. Although Respondent was not required to inform the filing officer that it would not be submitting a 2014 M4 Report, Respondent was required to, and should have filed a 2014 M4 Report listing the April 28, 2014 debit and April 25, 2014 credit.

10. By letters dated May 14, 2014, and May 20, 2014, the Division sent Ms. Brito notification that the Committee's 2014 M4 Report had not been received. (ROI Exhibit 4)

11. By letter dated July 8, 2014, the Division sent Ms. Brito a Final Notice that the Committee's 2014 M4 Report had not been filed. The July 8, 2014 letter was confirmed delivered on July 11, 2014. (ROI Exhibit 8)

12. As of June 5, 2015, Respondent's 2014 M4 Report had not been filed. (ROI Exhibit 15)

13. Based upon the foregoing, it appears that Respondent deliberately failed to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to file its 2014 M4 Report.

#### **2014 M5 Report**

14. Respondent's 2014 M5 Report covering the dates of May 1, 2014 through May 31, 2014, was due on June 10, 2014. However, Respondent failed to file its 2014 M5 Report. (Attachment A and ROI Exhibit 15)

15. Respondent's May 1, 2014, through May 31, 2014 campaign account bank statement reflects a May 27, 2014 debit and a May 14, 2014 credit during the 2014 M5 reporting period (ROI Exhibit 10)

16. Although Respondent was not required to inform the filing officer that it would not be submitting a 2014 M5 Report, Respondent was required to, and should have filed a 2014 M5 Report listing the May 27, 2014 debit and May 14, 2014 credit.

17. By letter dated June 11, 2014, the Division sent Ms. Brito notification that the Committee's 2014 M5 Report had not been received. (ROI Exhibit 5)

18. By letter dated July 8, 2014, the Division sent Ms. Brito a Final Notice that the Committee's 2014 M5 Report had not been filed. The July 8, 2014 letter was confirmed delivered on July 11, 2014. (ROI Exhibit 8)

19. As of June 5, 2015, Respondent's 2014 M5 Report had not been filed (ROI Exhibit 15)

20. Based upon the foregoing, it appears that Respondent deliberately failed to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to file its 2014 M5 Report.

### **2014 P1 Report**

21. Respondent's 2014 P1 Report covering the dates of June 1, 2014, through June 20, 2014 was due on June 27, 2014. However, Respondent failed to file its 2014 P1 Report. (Attachment A and ROI Exhibit 15)

22. Respondent's June 1, 2014, through June 30, 2014 campaign account bank statement reflects a June 2, 2014 credit during the 2014 P1 reporting period. (ROI Exhibit 11)

23. Although Respondent was not required to inform the filing officer that it would not be submitting a 2014 P1 Report, Respondent was required to, and should have filed a 2014 P1 Report listing the June 2, 2014 credit.

24. By letter dated June 30, 2014, the Division sent Ms. Brito notification that the Committee's 2014 P1 Report had not been received. (ROI Exhibit 6)

25. By letter dated July 8, 2014, the Division sent Ms. Brito a Final Notice that the Committee's 2014 P1 Report had not been filed. The July 8, 2014 letter was confirmed delivered on July 11, 2014. (ROI Exhibit 8)

26. As of June 5, 2015, Respondent's 2014 P1 Report had not been filed. (ROI Exhibit 15)

27. Based upon the foregoing, it appears that Respondent deliberately failed to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to file its 2014 P1 Report.

### **2014 P1A Report**

28. Respondent's 2014 P1A Report covering the dates of June 21, 2014, through June 27, 2014 was due on July 4, 2014. However, Respondent failed to file its 2014 P1A Report. (Attachment A and ROI Exhibit 15)

29. Respondent's June 1, 2014, through June 30, 2014 campaign account bank statement reflects a June 23, 2014 debit and a June 25, 2014 credit during the 2014 P1A reporting period. (ROI Exhibit 11)

30. Although Respondent was not required to inform the filing officer that it would not be submitting a 2014 P1A Report, Respondent was required to, and should have filed a 2014 P1A Report listing the June 23, 2014 debit and June 25, 2014 credit.

31. By letter dated July 7, 2014, the Division sent Ms. Brito notification that the Committee's 2014 P1A Report had not been received. (ROI Exhibit 7)

32. By letter dated July 8, 2014, the Division sent Ms. Brito a Final Notice that the Committee's 2014 P1A Report had not been filed. The July 8, 2014 letter was confirmed delivered on July 11, 2014. (ROI Exhibit 8)

33. As of June 5, 2015, Respondent's 2014 P1A Report had not been filed. (ROI Exhibit 15)

34. Based upon the foregoing, it appears that Respondent deliberately failed to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to file its 2014 P1A Report.

35. "Probable Cause" is defined as reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. *Schmitt v. State*, 590 So.2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reasonable man to reach the conclusion that an offense has been committed. *Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles v Favino*, 667 So.2d 305, 309 (Fla. 1<sup>st</sup> DCA 1995).

36. The facts above show that Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division of Elections. At all times relevant to the issues in this case, Vanessa Brito was Respondent's chairman and treasurer. Respondent's bank account statements reveal that Respondent had reportable financial activity during the 2014 M4, 2014 M5, 2014 P1 and 2014 P1A reporting periods and that Respondent deliberately failed to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to file its 2014 M4, 2014 M5, 2014 P1 and 2014 P1A Reports.

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

**Count 1:**

On or about May 12, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106 19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, by deliberately failing to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to file its 2014 M4 Report.

**Count 2:**

On or about June 10, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106 19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, by deliberately failing to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to file its 2014 M5 Report.

**Count 3:**

On or about June 27, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, by deliberately failing to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to file its 2014 P1 Report.

**Count 4:**

On or about July 4, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, by deliberately failing to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to file its 2014 P1A Report.

I also recommend that the Commission find no probable cause to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes

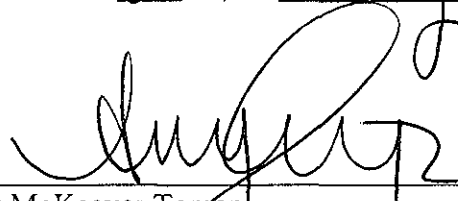
Respectfully submitted on July 8, 2015.



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Eric M. Lipman  
General Counsel

I have reviewed this Staff Recommendation on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of JULY, 2015.



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Amy McKeever Toman  
Executive Director

**2014 Calendar of Reporting Dates for  
Political Committees/Independent Expenditure-Only Organizations that file with the Division of Elections**

<b>Cover Period</b>	<b>Report Code</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
12/01/13 - 12/31/13	2013 M12	01/10/14
01/01/14 - 01/31/14	2014 M1	02/10/14
02/01/14 - 02/28/14	2014 M2	03/10/14
03/01/14 - 03/31/14	2014 M3	04/10/14
04/01/14 - 04/30/14	2014 M4	05/12/14
05/01/14 - 05/31/14	2014 M5	06/10/14
11/01/13 - 12/31/13*	2014 MUC*	06/27/14

06/01/14 - 06/20/14	2014 P1	06/27/14
06/21/14 - 06/27/14	2014 P1A	07/04/14
06/28/14 - 07/04/14	2014 P2	07/11/14
07/05/14 - 07/11/14	2014 P2A	07/18/14
07/12/14 - 07/18/14	2014 P3	07/25/14
07/19/14 - 07/25/14	2014 P4	08/01/14
07/26/14 - 08/01/14	2014 P5	08/08/14
08/02/14 - 08/08/14	2014 P6	08/15/14
08/09/14 - 08/21/14	2014 P7	08/22/14
08/22/14	2014 P7A	08/29/14

08/23/14 - 08/29/14	2014 G1	09/05/14
08/30/14 - 09/05/14	2014 G1A	09/12/14
09/06/14 - 09/12/14	2014 G2	09/19/14
09/13/14 - 09/19/14	2014 G2A	09/26/14
09/20/14 - 09/26/14	2014 G3	10/03/14
09/27/14 - 10/03/14	2014 G4	10/10/14
10/04/14 - 10/10/14	2014 G5	10/17/14
10/11/14 - 10/17/14	2014 G6	10/24/14

10/18/14 - 10/24/14**	2014 D1**	10/25/14**
10/25/14**	2014 D2**	10/26/14**
10/26/14**	2014 D3**	10/27/14**
10/27/14**	2014 D4**	10/28/14**
10/28/14**	2014 D5**	10/29/14**
10/29/14**	2014 D6**	10/30/14**

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11/01/14 - 11/30/14	2014 M11	12/10/14
12/01/14 - 12/31/14	2014 M12	01/12/15

\* If not reported as individual contributions when received, a political committee must report contributions that comprise multiple uniform contributions from the same person aggregating no more than \$250 per calendar year, collected by an organization that is the affiliated sponsor of the political committee. The report must list the name, address, and occupation of the person making the contribution; however, the occupation need not be listed if the aggregate contribution from the person is \$100 or less. (Because the law containing this provision did not go into effect until 11/01/13, this first report will not cover a full calendar year.)

\*\* These reports need only contain information on all previously unreported contributions received as of the preceding day; however, expenditures can be reported if desired.

\*\*\* If expenditures for 10/18/14 - 11/02/14 have already been reported during the daily reports, do not duplicate expenditures in this report.

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**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
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**Respondent: Equal Marriage Florida**

**Complainant: Division of Elections**

Pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, on September 3, 2014, the Florida Elections Commission received information from the Division of Elections alleging that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. The Division's referral was mandated pursuant to Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. Commission staff, therefore, investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a political committee that 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; 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, Equal Marriage Florida, is a political committee currently registered with the Division of Elections.
2. Complainant is the Division of Elections (Division).
3. Respondent's filing officer is Kristi Reid-Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records.
4. On June 26, 2013, a Statement of Organization of Political Committee form (DS-DE 5) was filed with the Division. The committee's area, scope and jurisdiction are "Constitutional Amendment Initiative." Vanessa Brito was named as Respondent's chairperson. To review a copy of DS-DE 5 form, refer to Exhibit 1.
5. On October 16, 2013, an Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository form (DS-DE 6) was filed with the Division<sup>1</sup>. Ms. Brito was appointed as campaign treasurer. To review a copy of the DS-DE 6 form, refer to Exhibit 2.

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<sup>1</sup> Initially, a DS-DE 6 form was filed on June 27, 2013 and Wells Fargo was designated as the campaign depository. In the October 16, 2013 filing of the DS-DE 6 form, US Century was designated as the campaign depository.

6. On June 27, 2013, Ms. Bronson sent Ms. Brito—in her capacity as Respondent's chairperson—a letter acknowledging that Respondent had been placed on the Division's active committee list as a political committee that supports issues. The letter advised Ms. Brito that all committees filing reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system (EFS). Ms. Brito was provided a user identification number and initial password allowing access to the EFS.

7. The letter also advised Ms. Brito that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the Political Committee Handbook, and the Calendar of Reporting Dates. The letter further advised Ms. Brito that it was her responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. To review a copy of the acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 3.

8. On May 14, 2014, the Division sent Ms. Brito—in her capacity as Respondent's treasurer—a letter informing her that the committee's report due May 12, 2014 (2014 M4 report) had not been received; a second failure-to-file letter dated May 20, 2014, was mailed to Ms. Brito. Both letters were mailed to Ms. Brito at the address provided on the committee's DS-DE 5 form (Exhibit 1). To review copies of the letters relative to the 2014 M4 report, refer to Exhibit 4.

9. On June 11, 2014, the Division sent Ms. Brito—in her capacity as Respondent's treasurer—a letter informing her that the committee's report due June 10, 2014 (2014 M5 report) had not been received. The letter was mailed to Ms. Brito at the address provided on the committee's DS-DE 5 form (Exhibit 1). To review a copy of the letter, refer to Exhibit 5.

10. On June 30, 2014, the Division sent Ms. Brito—in her capacity as Respondent's treasurer—a letter informing her that the committee's report due June 27, 2014 (2014 P1 report) had not been received. The letter was mailed to Ms. Brito at the address provided on the committee's DS-DE 5 form (Exhibit 1). To review a copy of the letter, refer to Exhibit 6.

11. On July 7, 2014, the Division sent Ms. Brito—in her capacity as Respondent's treasurer—a letter informing her that the committee's report due July 4, 2014 (2014 P1A report) had not been received. The letter was mailed to Ms. Brito at the address provided on the committee's DS-DE 5 form (Exhibit 1). To review a copy of the letter, refer to Exhibit 7.

12. On July 8, 2014, the Division sent Ms. Brito—in her capacity as Respondent's treasurer—a letter marked "Final Notice" stating that the committee's 2014 M4, M5, P1 and P1A reports had not been filed. Copies of the failure-to-file letters previously provided (Exhibits 4 through 7) were included with the Final Notice. The Final Notice was mailed to Ms. Brito at the address provided on the committee's DS-DE 5 form (Exhibit 1) and was delivered on July 11, 2014. To review copies of the Final Notice and, without attachments, and the delivery confirmation, refer to Exhibit 8.

13. On September 3, 2014, the Commission received a referral from the Division alleging that Respondent failed to report campaign activity during the 2014 M4, M5, P1 and P1A reporting periods, or in the alternative, failed to notify the filing officer that no reports would be filed. The allegations will be discussed in the paragraphs that follow.



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

14. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to notify their filing officer, in writing, that no reports would be filed for the 2014 M4, M5, P1 and P1A reporting periods.

15. Respondent's campaign account records were secured from Respondent's designated campaign depository, US Century Bank. Review of the records reflects a credit to the account on April 25, 2014, in the amount of \$9.21<sup>2</sup> and a debit from the account on April 28, 2014, in the amount of \$9.99<sup>3</sup>. The two transactions occurred during the 2014 M4 report cover period of April 1 to April 30, 2014. To review the bank records relative to the 2014 M4 report cover period, refer to Exhibit 9.

16. Bank records also reflect a credit to the account on May 14, 2014, in the amount of \$12.89<sup>4</sup> and a debit from the account of May 27, 2014, in the amount of \$9.99<sup>5</sup>. The two transactions occurred during the 2014 M5 report cover period of May 1 to May 30, 2014. To review the bank records relative to the 2014 M5 report cover period, refer to Exhibit 10.

17. Bank records also reflect a credit to the account on June 2, 2014, in the amount of \$9.21<sup>6</sup>; the transaction occurred during the 2014 P1 report cover period of June 1 to June 20, 2014. To review bank records relative to the 2014 P1 report cover period, refer to Exhibit 11.

18. Further review of the records reflects a debit from the account on June 23, 2014, in the amount of \$9.99<sup>7</sup> and a credit to the account on June 25, 2014, in the amount of \$9.21<sup>8</sup>. The two transactions occurred during the 2014 P1A report cover period of June 21 to June 27, 2014. To review bank records relative to the 2014 P1A report cover period, refer to Exhibit 12.

19. Based upon Respondent's campaign account records, it appears Respondent was not required to notify their filing officer in writing that no reports would be filed for the 2014 M4, M5, P1 and P1A reporting periods; rather, it appears Respondent was required to disclose these transactions by filing a 2014 M4, M5, P1 and P1A report.

20. Respondent has been found to have previously violated this section of the election laws. Additional information will be addressed under the section of this report titled, "FEC History."

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

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<sup>2</sup> Description of credit listed as "WePay EDI Pymnts"

<sup>3</sup> Description of debit listed as "Force Over Balance HOOTSUITE IAT PAYPAL."

<sup>4</sup> Same description as Footnote 2

<sup>5</sup> Same description as Footnote 3

<sup>6</sup> Same description as Footnote 2

<sup>7</sup> Same description as Footnote 3

<sup>8</sup> Same description as Footnote 2

21. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to report campaign activity during the 2014 M4, M5, P1 and P1A reporting periods.

22. To review the circumstances relative to the committee's campaign activity, please refer to paragraphs 15 through 18 of this report.

23. Based on Respondent's campaign account records (Exhibits 9-12), it appears Respondent was required to file a 2014 M4 report disclosing two transactions from the campaign account. Respondent was required to file a 2014 M5 report disclosing two transactions from the campaign account. Respondent was required to file a 2014 P1 report disclosing one transaction from the campaign account and Respondent was required to file a 2014 P1A report disclosing two transactions from the campaign account.

24. Respondent has been found to have previously violated this section of the election laws and will be addressed in the paragraphs that follow.

#### **IV: FEC History:**

25. As per paragraphs 20 and 24, Respondent has been found to have previously violated Section 106.07(7) and Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes. In FEC 14-286, Respondent was found to have violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes on three occasions. In FEC 14-325, Respondent was found to have violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes on five occasions. Additionally, in FEC 14-144, Respondent was found to have violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, on two occasions.

26. Vanessa Brito, in her capacity as Respondent's chairperson and treasurer, was found to have violated Section 106.07(1), Florida Statutes, on three separate occasions, in FEC 13-332, FEC 14-035, and FEC 14-078.

#### **Conclusion:**

27. On September 4, 2014, the Commission staff sent Ms. Brito a letter via certified mail informing her that it received a referral from the Division alleging violations of Florida's election laws. The letter was eventually served on Ms. Brito via a process server on February 9, 2015. The letter advised Ms. Brito that she had 14 days to respond to the referral on behalf of Respondent; she did not provide a response on behalf of Respondent. To review a copy of the Commission staff's letter and affidavit of service of process, refer to Exhibit 13.

28. On April 29, 2015, the Commission sent Ms. Brito—in her capacity as Respondent's chairperson—a letter informing her that the Division's referral was found to be legally sufficient and the Commission would be investigating Respondent's alleged failure to file the committee's 2014 M4, M5, P1 and P1A reports, or in the alternative, failed to notify the filing officer that no reports would be filed. The letter advised Ms. Brito she could file a notarized statement providing any information regarding facts surrounding the allegation. Ms. Brito did not provide a statement of any kind on behalf of Respondent. To review a copy of the Commission staff's letter of April 29, 2015, refer to Exhibit 14.

29. On May 18, 2014, I sent Respondent an affidavit asking her to state the reason she has not filed the committee's 2014 M4, M5, P1 and P1A reports. As of the date of this report,

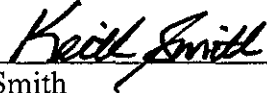
Respondent has not returned the affidavit and the affidavit has not been returned by the Post Office.

30. On June 4, 2015, I left a voicemail message asking Ms. Brito to return my call so that she may have an opportunity to respond to the allegations in the Division's referral. As of the date of this report, Ms. Brito has not returned my call.

31. The committee's filing history reflects that as of the date of this report, the 2014 M4, M5, P1 and P1A reports have not been filed. To review the committee's filing history, refer to Exhibit 15.

32. Because Ms. Brito has not returned my telephone calls or an affidavit, I am unable to ascertain whether she has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and/or the *Political Committee Handbook*.

Respectfully submitted on June 8, 2015.

  
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Keith Smith  
Investigation Specialist

**Current address of Respondent**

Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, Florida 33157

**Current address of Complainant**

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

**Name and Address of Filing Officer:**

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

**Chair of Committee**

Ms Vanessa Brito, Chairperson  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, Florida 33157

Copy furnished to: Mr David Flagg, Investigations Manager

<sup>9</sup> In the cases referenced in paragraphs 25 and 26, Respondent also did not return any telephone calls

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Equal Marriage Florida -- FEC 14-290**

<b>LIST OF EXHIBITS</b>	
<b>Exhibits #s</b>	<b>Description of Exhibits</b>
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 5 form
Exhibit 2	DS-DE 6 form
Exhibit 3	Acknowledgement letter
Exhibit 4	Notification letters re: 2014 M4 report
Exhibit 5	Notification letter re: 2014 M5 report
Exhibit 6	Notification letter re: 2014 P1 report
Exhibit 7	Notification letter re: 2014 P1A report
Exhibit 8	Final Notice letter & delivery confirmation
Exhibit 9	Bank records re: 2014 M4 report cover period
Exhibit 10	Bank records re: 2014 M5 report cover period
Exhibit 11	Bank records re: 2014 P1 report cover period
Exhibit 12	Bank records re: 2014 P1A report cover period
Exhibit 13	Commission staff's letter of 09/4/14 and affidavit of service
Exhibit 14	Commission staff's letter of 04/29/15
Exhibit 15	Committee's filing history

**STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION  
OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE**

(PLEASE TYPE)

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COMMISSIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

1. Full Name of Committee Telephone

**EQUAL MARRIAGE FLORIDA** **786-547-8084**

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)

**15820 Palmetto Club Dr.  
Miami, FL 33157**

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)

**SAME AS ABOVE**

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

Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization	Mailing Address	Relationship
N/A	N/A	N/A

3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee

**Constitutional Amendment Initiative**

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

**MARRIAGE EQUALITY; FREEDOM OF RELIGION**

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

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
<b>VANESSA Brito</b>	<b>15820 Palmetto Club Dr. Miami, FL 33157</b>	<b>CHAIR / TREASURER.</b>

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

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting: **MARRIAGE EQUALITY; RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**  
 List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing: N/A

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

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

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

Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address
WELLS FARGO	148 01 S. Dixie Hwy. MIAMI, FL 33176

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

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

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY MIAMI-DADE

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

X [Signature] Signature of Chairman of **EXHIBIT I** (pg 2 of 2) Date 6/25/13

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

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CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

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Original Appointment of Treasurer       Reappointment of Treasurer       Deputy Treasurer

1. Committee or Organization      2. Telephone  
*EQUAL MARRIAGE FLORIDA*      *(786) 547-8084*

3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer      4. Email (optional)      5. Telephone (optional)  
*VANESSA BRITO*      *Vanessa@equalmarriage*      *786 547-8084*  
*fl.com*

6. Mailing Address  
*15820 PALMETTO CLUB DRIVE MIAMI FL 33157*

7. Street Address

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

9. Name of Bank      10. Street Address  
*U.S. CENTURY*      *2301 N.W. 87th AVENUE*

11. City      12. State      13. Zip Code  
*DORAL*      *FL*      *33172*

14. Signature of Chairman      15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type)  
*X*       *VANESSA BRITO*

**Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment**

I, *VANESSA BRITO* do hereby accept the appointment as  
(Please Print or Type)  
treasurer or deputy treasurer for *EQUAL MARRIAGE FLORIDA*  
(Committee or Organization)

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S  
ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED ARE TRUE

*10/15/13*      *2X*   
Date      EXHIBIT      Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**RICK SCOTT**  
Governor

**KEN DETZNER**  
Secretary of State

June 27, 2013

Ms Vanessa Brito, Chairperson  
Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, Florida 33157

Dear Ms. Brito:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Equal Marriage Florida**, which were placed on file in our office on June 26, 2013. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee that supports issues

**Campaign Treasurer's Reports**

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **July 10, 2013**. The report will cover the period of April 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013. All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS)

**Credentials and Sign-ons**

Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains the committee's initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. The chairperson, 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: 60477

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**EXHIBIT** Division of Elections (60103)

R.A. Gray Bldg., Rm. 316 • 500 S Bronough St. • Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250  
Telephone: (850) 245-6200 • Facsimile: (850) 245-6217 elections.myflorida.com  
Commemorating 500 years of Florida history www.fl500.com





Ms. Vanessa Brito, Chairperson

June 27, 2013

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### Pin Numbers

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update information. The enclosed sealed envelope provides a confidential pin number for the chairperson. By copy of this letter, a confidential pin number to access the EFS was sent to the treasurer.

Each political committee chairperson is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that the 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 must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date is subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

### Electronic Receipts

The person submitting the report on the EFS will be issued an electronic receipt indicating and verifying the report was filed. Each campaign treasurer's report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath by the chairperson and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

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Ms. Vanessa Brito, Chairperson  
June 27, 2013  
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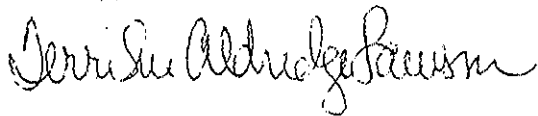
Instructions and Assistance


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://elections.myflorida.com>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, *2012 Political Committee Handbook*, *2013 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/ljr

Enclosures

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

May 14, 2014

Vanessa Brito, Treasurer  
Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, FL 33157-3157

Re: PAC 60477

Dear Ms. Brito:

Your campaign treasurer's report, which was due May 12, 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 this report and that a fine will be assessed of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter \$500 per day, although a fine cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

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.

Section 106.265(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Florida Elections Commission to impose a civil penalty up to \$1,000 per count for each willful violation of Chapter 106.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

**Second Notice**

May 20, 2014

Vanessa Brito, Treasurer  
Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, FL 33157-3157

Re: PAC 60477

Dear Ms Brito:

Your campaign treasurer's report, due May 12, 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 a report

The first notice of the failure to file the above mentioned report was mailed, via regular mail, to the address on file with our office on May 14, 2014. As of this date, we do not show a record of receiving this report

If the report is not filed via the Division's electronic filing system within 14 days of receipt of this notice, this matter will be referred to the Florida Elections Commission for further action. Section 106.265(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Florida Elections Commission, upon finding a willful violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, to impose a civil penalty up to \$1,000 per count

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 11, 2014

Vanessa Brito, Treasurer  
Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, FL 33157-3157

Re: PAC 60477

Dear Ms. Brito:

Your campaign treasurer's report, which was due June 10, 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 this report and that a fine will be assessed of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter \$500 per day, although a fine cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report

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

Section 106.265(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Florida Elections Commission to impose a civil penalty up to \$1,000 per count for each willful violation of Chapter 106

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 30, 2014

Vanessa Brito, Treasurer  
Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, FL 33157-3157

Re: PAC 60477

Dear Ms. Brito:

Your campaign treasurer's report, which was due June 27, 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 this report and that a fine will be assessed of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter \$500 per day, although a fine cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

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Section 106 265(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Florida Elections Commission to impose a civil penalty up to \$1,000 per count for each willful violation of Chapter 106.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 7, 2014

Vanessa Brito, Treasurer  
Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, FL 33157-3157

Re: PAC 60477

Dear Ms. Brito:

Your campaign treasurer's report, which was due July 4, 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 this report and that a fine will be assessed of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter \$500 per day, although a fine cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

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.

Section 106.265(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Florida Elections Commission to impose a civil penalty up to \$1,000 per count for each willful violation of Chapter 106.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

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July 8, 2014

Vanessa Brito, Treasurer
Equal Marriage Florida (60477)
15820 Palmetto Club Drive
Miami, FL 33157

Dear Ms Brito:

According to a review of the Division's records, the organization referenced above has not filed the following reports:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Report, Cover Period. Rows include 2014 M4, 2014 M5, 2014 P1, 2014 P1A with corresponding cover periods.

The organization has previously been notified of the reports that are outstanding. Enclosed are copies of letters sent by the Division. If the reports are 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 desk at (850) 245-6240

Sincerely,
Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/dsb

Enclosure

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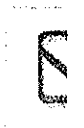
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July 11, 2014, 10:55 am	Sorting Complete	MIAMI, FL 33197
July 11, 2014, 4:50 am	Arrived at Post Office	MIAMI, FL 33197
July 11, 2014, 1:21 am	Departed USPS Facility	OPA LOCKA, FL 33054
July 10, 2014, 9:21 pm	Arrived at USPS Facility	OPA LOCKA, FL 33054
July 10, 2014, 3:16 am	Departed USPS Facility	TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
July 9, 2014, 10:27 pm	Arrived at USPS Facility	TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

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ACCOUNT NO

STATEMENT PERIOD FROM: 04/01/2014

TO: 04/30/2014

EQUAL MARRIAGE FLORIDA  
15820 PALMETTO CLUB DR  
MIAMI, FL 33157

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**TYPE OF ACCOUNT... Business DDA Checking**

Balance Last Statement \$ 14.47	We Have Added Number Deposits/Credits 1 \$ 9.21	We Have Subtracted Number Checks/Debits 1 \$ 9.99	Ending Balance \$ 13.69
Items Enclosed 0	Minimum Balance \$ 13.69	Average Balance \$ 15.31	Average Available Balance \$ 15.31

**OTHER DEBITS**

DATE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
04/28/2014	\$9.99	Force Over Balance HOOTSUITE IAT PAYPAL

**OTHER CREDITS**

DATE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
04/25/2014	\$9.21	ACH Deposit WePay EDI PYMNTS

**DAILY BALANCE INFORMATION**

DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE
03/31/2014	14.47	04/25/2014	23.68	04/28/2014	13.69

NOTICE: By federal law, as of 1/1/2013, funds in a non-interest bearing transaction account (including an IOLTA/IOLA) will no longer receive unlimited deposit insurance coverage, but will be FDIC-insured to the legal maximum of \$250,000 for each ownership category. For more information, visit: <http://www.fdic.gov/deposit/deposits/unlimited/expiration.html>

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ACCOUNT NO. [REDACTED]

STATEMENT PERIOD FROM: 05/01/2014

TO: 05/31/2014

EQUAL MARRIAGE FLORIDA  
15820 PALMETTO CLUB DR  
MIAMI, FL 33157

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**TYPE OF ACCOUNT... Business DDA Checking**

Balance Last Statement \$ 13.69	We Have Added Number Deposits/Credits 1 \$ 12.89	We Have Subtracted Number Checks/Debits 1 \$ 9.99	Ending Balance \$ 16.59
Items Enclosed 0	Minimum Balance \$ 13.69	Average Balance \$ 19.56	Average Available Balance \$ 19.56

**OTHER DEBITS**

DATE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
05/27/2014	\$9.99	Force Over Balance HOOTSUITE IAT PAYPAL

**OTHER CREDITS**

DATE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
05/14/2014	\$12.89	ACH Deposit WcPay EDI PYMNTS

**DAILY BALANCE INFORMATION**

DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE
04/30/2014	13.69	05/14/2014	26.58	05/27/2014	16.59

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ACCOUNT NO. [REDACTED]

STATEMENT PERIOD FROM: 06/01/2014  
TO: 06/30/2014

EQUAL MARRIAGE FLORIDA  
15820 PALMETTO CLUB DR  
MIAMI, FL 33157

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**TYPE OF ACCOUNT... Business DDA Checking**

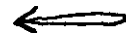
Balance Last Statement \$ 16.59	We Have Added Number Deposits/Credits 2 \$ 18.42	We Have Subtracted Number Checks/Debits 1 \$ 9.99	Ending Balance \$ 25.02
Items Enclosed 0	Minimum Balance \$ 15.81	Average Balance \$ 24.67	Average Available Balance \$ 24.67

**OTHER DEBITS**

DATE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
06/23/2014	\$9.99	Force Over Balance HOOTSUITE IAT PAYPAL

**OTHER CREDITS**

DATE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
06/02/2014	\$9.21	ACH Deposit WePay EDI PYMNTS
06/25/2014	\$9.21	ACH Deposit WePay EDI PYMNTS



**DAILY BALANCE INFORMATION**

DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE
05/31/2014	16.59	06/23/2014	15.81		
06/02/2014	25.80	06/25/2014	25.02		

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ACCOUNT NO. [REDACTED]

STATEMENT PERIOD FROM: 06/01/2014  
TO: 06/30/2014

EQUAL MARRIAGE FLORIDA  
15820 PALMETTO CLUB DR  
MIAMI, FL 33157

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**TYPE OF ACCOUNT... Business DDA Checking**

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Items Enclosed 0	Minimum Balance \$ 15.81	Average Balance \$ 24.67	Average Available Balance \$ 24.67

**OTHER DEBITS**

DATE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
06/23/2014	\$9.99	Force Over Balance HOOTSUITE LAT PAYPAL

**OTHER CREDITS**

DATE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
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**DAILY BALANCE INFORMATION**

DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE
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**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

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

September 4, 2014

**CERTIFIED MAIL 70051820000798047802**

Vanessa Brito, Treasurer  
Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, FL 33157-3157

**RE: Case No.: FEC 14-290; Respondent: Equal Marriage Florida**

Dear Ms Brito:

On September 3, 2014, the Florida Elections Commission received the enclosed complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. Section 106.25(2), Florida Statutes states:

The respondent shall have 14 days *after receipt* of the complaint to file an initial response, and the executive director may not determine the legal sufficiency of the complaint during that time period.

If you choose to file a response to the complaint, please send it to my attention at the address listed above. To ensure that I receive your response in a timely manner, you may also want to send it via e-mail to my attention, at [fec@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:fec@myfloridalegal.com). You will be notified by letter whether the complaint is determined legally sufficient.

**Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you notify us of a new address.**

Under section 106 25, Florida Statutes, complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, are confidential until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause. The confidentiality provision does not apply to the person filing the complaint. However, it does apply to you, the Respondent, unless you waive confidentiality in writing.

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The confidentiality provision does not preclude you from seeking legal counsel. However, if you retain counsel, your attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Commission before any member of the Commission staff can discuss this case with him or her.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erin Riley".

Erin Riley  
Deputy Agency Clerk

IP/enr

Enclosure: Complaint w/attachments

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VERIFIED RETURN OF SERVICE  
VANESSA BRITO, TREASURER, EQUAL MARRIAGE FLORIDA

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION  
THE STATE OF FLORIDA

CASE: FEC-14-290

LETTER, AFFIDAVIT, COMPLAINT, EXHIBITS

FLORIDA ELECTIOSN COMMISSION

vs.

EQUAL MARRIAGE FLORIDA

Pursuant to the request of Florida Elections Commission, 107 W Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL. WF GREENBERG & COMPANY, LLC., received this process on January 21, 2015 at 12:52 P.M.

I, EDUARDO A. SAUMELL served same on VANESSA BRITO, TREASURER, EQUAL MARRIAGE FLORIDA, at 15820 PALMETTO CLUB DRIVE, MIAMI, FL 33157 on FEBRUARY 9, 2015 at 09:25 A.M.

INDIVIDUAL SERVICE

By serving the within named person a copy of the above named document(s). FS 48.031(1)

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MILITARY STATUS: Based upon inquiry of party served, defendant is not in the military service of the United States.

I ACKNOWLEDGE that I am authorized to serve process, in good standing in the jurisdiction wherein this process was served and I have no interest in the above action. No Notary required pursuant to F.S. 92.525 (2)

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the forgoing document and that the facts stated in it are true  
February 12th, 2015

WF GREENBERG & COMPANY, LLC.  
7040 SEMINOLE PRATT RD SUITE 25-169  
LOXAHATCHEE, FL 33470  
OFFICE (561) 422-3190

  
EDUARDO A. SAUMELL CPS# 780

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

April 29, 2015

Vanessa Brito, Chair  
Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, FL 33157

**RE: Case No.: FEC 14-290; Respondent: Equal Marriage Florida**

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- 2014 P1A

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- 2014 P1
- 2014 P1A

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

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

Sincerely,



Amy McKeever Toman  
Executive Director

AMT/enr

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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Pol Action Comm Name: Equal Marriage Florida

Name:

Account: 60477

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
5/11/2015	M4		SNT	0	\$0 00		\$0 00	\$0 00
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2/10/2015	M1		SNT	0	\$0 00		\$0 00	\$0 00
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10/28/2014	D4		FEC	0	\$0 00		\$0 00	\$0 00
10/27/2014	D3		FEC	0	\$0 00		\$0 00	\$0 00
10/26/2014	D2		FEC	0	\$0 00		\$0 00	\$0 00
10/25/2014	D1		FEC	0	\$0 00		\$0 00	\$0 00
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4/10/2014	M3		FEC	0	\$0 00		\$0 00	\$0 00
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**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

107 W. Gaines Street,  
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15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
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Sincerely,



Amy McKeever Toman  
Executive Director

AMT/enr

14-290

**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
FEC REFERRAL FORM**

RECEIVED

2014 SEP -3 P 2:01

To FEC from Division of Elections

STATE OF FLORIDA  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

**Name:** Equal Marriage Florida

**Account Number:** 60477

**Chairperson:** Vanessa Brito

**Treasurer:** Vanessa Brito

**Registered Agent:** Heather L. Gray

The Division of Elections is referring this issue to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to Sections 106.25, Section 106.07(8)(d), and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes. Section 106.07(8)(d) Florida Statutes, requires the filing officer to notify the FEC of a political committees alleged failure to file reports as set forth in the notification

In the alternative, Ms. Vanessa Brito failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report was to be filed. Late filing of the required waiver notice(s) reflect a deliberate failure to provide information to the filing officer as required by Section 106 07(7), Florida Statutes

Report(s):

- 2014 M4
- 2014 M5
- 2014 P1
- 2014 P1A

**Sent By:** Kristi Reid Bronson *KRB*  
**Date:** September 2, 2014

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**AFFIDAVIT**

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

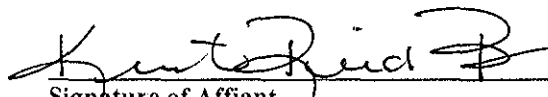
**County of Leon**

**Kristi Reid Bronson, being duly sworn, says:**

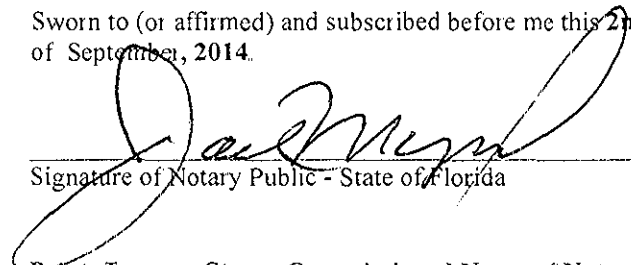
1. I am the Chief of the Bureau of Election Records of the Division of Elections (Division). In that capacity, I oversee the Division's duties related to the filing of campaign finance reports.
2. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
3. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
4. Equal Marriage Florida (60477) is a political committee registered with the Division. On June 26, 2013, Equal Marriage Florida filed the DSDE 5 and 6 with the Division of Elections indicating that Vanessa Brito was the chairperson and treasurer for the committee (See attached documents and acknowledgment letter).
5. The 2014 M4 campaign treasurer's report was due on May 12, 2014. At the time the 2014 M4 report was due, Vanessa Brito was the treasurer.
6. On May 14, 2014, the Division mailed Vanessa Brito notification that the 2014 M4 campaign treasurer's report had not been filed (See attached letter).
7. On May 20, 2014, the Division mailed Vanessa Brito notification that the 2014 M4 campaign treasurer's report had not been filed (See attached letter).
8. The 2014 M5 campaign treasurer's report was due on June 10, 2014. At the time the 2014 M5 report was due, Vanessa Brito was the treasurer.
9. On June 11, 2014, the Division mailed Vanessa Brito notification that the 2014 M5 campaign treasurer's report had not been filed. (See attached letter).

- 10 The 2014 P1 campaign treasurer's report was due on June 27, 2014. At the time the 2014 P1 report was due, Vanessa Brito was the treasurer.
- 11 On June 30, 2014, the Division mailed Vanessa Brito notification that the 2014 P1 campaign treasurer's report had not been filed (See attached letter).
- 12 The 2014 P1A campaign treasurer's report was due on July 4, 2014. At the time the 2014 P1A report was due, Vanessa Brito was the treasurer.
- 13 On July 7, 2014, the Division mailed Vanessa Brito notification that the 2014 P1A campaign treasurer's report had not been filed. (See attached letter)
- 14 On July 8, 2014, the Division mailed Vanessa Brito final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2014 M4, M5, P1 and P1A reports had not been filed. (See attached letter with delivery confirmation).
- 15 As of September 2, 2014, Ms. Brito has failed to file the 2014 M4, M5, P1 and P1A reports.

**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 2nd day of September, 2014.

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

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





**STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION  
OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE**

(PLEASE TYPE)

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JUN 26

AM 9:48

COMMISSIONS  
HASSLE, FL

1. Full Name of Committee

Telephone

**EQUAL MARRIAGE FLORIDA**

**786-547-8084**

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)

**15820 Palmetto Club Dr.  
Miami, FL 33157**

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)

**SAME AS ABOVE**

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

Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization

Mailing Address

Relationship

**N/A**

**N/A**

**N/A**

3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee

**Constitutional Amendment Initiative**

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

**MARRIAGE EQUALITY; FREEDOM OF RELIGION**

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

Full Name

Mailing Address

Committee Title or Position

**VANESSA Brito**

**15820 Palmetto Club Dr.  
Miami, FL 33157**

**CHAIR / TREASURER.**

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

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting: **MARRIAGE EQUALITY; RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**  
 List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing: **N/A**

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

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

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

Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address
<b>WELLS FARGO</b>	<b>14801 S. Dixie Hwy. MIAMI, FL 33176</b>

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

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

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY MIAMI-DADE

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

**X** [Signature] Signature of Chairman of Political Committee

6/25/13 Date

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

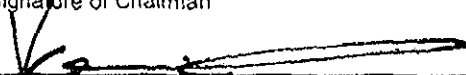
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STATE OF FLORIDA  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

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Original Appointment of Treasurer       Reappointment of Treasurer       Deputy Treasurer

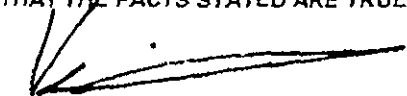
1. Committee or Organization <b>EQUAL MARRIAGE FLORIDA</b>		2. Telephone <b>(786) 547-8084</b>	
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer <b>VANESSA BRITO</b>		4. Email (optional) <b>VANESSA@equalmarriagefl.com</b>	
5. Telephone (optional) <b>(786) 547-8084</b>			
6. Mailing Address <b>15820 Palmetto Club Dr., Miami, FL 33157</b>			
7. Street Address <b>same as above</b>			
8. The following bank has been designated as the <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Depository			
9. Name of Bank <b>Wells Fargo</b>		10. Street Address <b>MIAMI, FL 14801 S. Dixie Hwy. 33176</b>	
11. City <b>Miami</b>		12. State <b>FL</b>	13. Zip Code <b>33176</b>
14. Signature of Chairman <b>X</b> 		15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type) <b>Vanessa Brito</b>	

**Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment**

I, **VANESSA BRITO** do hereby accept the appointment as  
(Please Print or Type)  
treasurer or deputy treasurer for **Equal MARRIAGE FLORIDA**  
(Committee or Organization)

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED ARE TRUE.

**6/25/13**  
Date

**X**   
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**REGISTERED AGENT  
STATEMENT OF APPOINTMENT**

(Section 106.022 F.S.)

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DIVISION OF STATE REGISTRATION  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

- Original Appointment       Change of Appointment  
 Change of Mailing Address       Change of Physical Address

**Registered Agent and Office Information**

Name <b>HEATHER L. GRAY</b>		Telephone <b>786-252-4097</b>
Street Address <b>15820 Palmetto Club Drive.</b>		
City <b>Miami</b>	State <b>FL</b>	Zip Code <b>33157</b>
Mailing Address <b>SAME AS ABOVE</b>		
City <b>" "</b>	State <b>" "</b>	Zip Code <b>" "</b>

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

*Heather L. Gray*

**6/25/13**

Signature of Registered Agent

Date

**Former Registered Agent and Office Information (for changes only)**

Name	Telephone
<b>N/A</b>	
Street Address	
City	State Zip Code

**Committee or Organization Information**

Name of Committee or Organization <b>EQUAL MARRIAGE FLORIDA</b>	
Street Address <b>15820 Palmetto Club Dr.</b>	Telephone <b>786-252-4097</b>
City <b>Miami</b>	State <b>FL</b> Zip Code <b>33157</b>

*Va*  
Signature of Chairperson

**VANESSA BRITO**

Printed Name of Chairperson

Date

**6/25/13**



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

**RICK SCOTT**  
Governor

**KEN DETZNER**  
Secretary of State

June 27, 2013

Ms. Vanessa Brito, Chairperson  
Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, Florida 33157

Dear Ms. Brito:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Equal Marriage Florida**, which were placed on file in our office on June 26, 2013. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee that supports issues.

### Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **July 10, 2013**. The report will cover the period of April 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013. All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

### Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains the committee's initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. The chairperson, 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: 60477

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Division of Elections

R.A. Gray Bldg., Rm. 316 • 500 S Bronough St. • Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250  
Telephone: (850) 245-6200 • Facsimile: (850) 245-6217 [elections.myflorida.com](http://elections.myflorida.com)  
Commemorating 500 years of Florida history [www.fl500.com](http://www.fl500.com)



Ms. Vanessa Brito, Chairperson  
June 27, 2013  
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### Pin Numbers

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update information. The enclosed sealed envelope provides a confidential pin number for the chairperson. By copy of this letter, a confidential pin number to access the EFS was sent to the treasurer.

Each political committee chairperson is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that the 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 must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106 07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date is subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

### Electronic Receipts

The person submitting the report on the EFS will be issued an electronic receipt indicating and verifying the report was filed. Each campaign treasurer's report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath by the chairperson and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106 07(5), Florida Statutes.

Ms. Vanessa Brito, Chairperson  
June 27, 2013  
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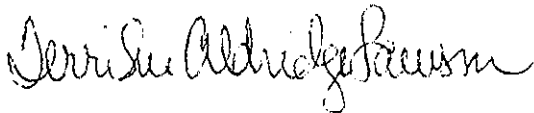
**Instructions and Assistance**


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://elections.myflorida.com>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, *2012 Political Committee Handbook*, *2013 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/ljr

Enclosures

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

May 14, 2014

Vanessa Brito, Treasurer  
Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, FL 33157-3157

Re: PAC 60477

Dear Ms. Brito:

Your campaign treasurer's report, which was due May 12, 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 this report and that a fine will be assessed of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter \$500 per day, although a fine cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

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Section 106.265(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Florida Elections Commission to impose a civil penalty up to \$1,000 per count for each willful violation of Chapter 106.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

**Second Notice**

May 20, 2014

Vanessa Brito, Treasurer  
Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, FL 33157-3157

Re: PAC 60477

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If the report is not filed via the Division's electronic filing system within 14 days of receipt of this notice, this matter will be referred to the Florida Elections Commission for further action. Section 106.265(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Florida Elections Commission, upon finding a willful violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, to impose a civil penalty up to \$1,000 per count.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 11, 2014

Vanessa Brito, Treasurer  
Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, FL 33157-3157

Re: PAC 60477

Dear Ms Brito:

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 30, 2014

Vanessa Brito, Treasurer  
Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, FL 33157-3157

Re: PAC 60477

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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

July 7, 2014

Vanessa Brito, Treasurer  
Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, FL 33157-3157

Re: PAC 60477

Dear Ms Brito:

Your campaign treasurer's report, which was due July 4, 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 this report and that a fine will be assessed of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter \$500 per day, although a fine cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

FINAL NOTICE
Delivery Confirmation:

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or call 1-800-222-1811

July 8, 2014

Vanessa Brito, Treasurer
Equal Marriage Florida (60477)
15820 Palmetto Club Drive
Miami, FL 33157

Dear Ms. Brito:

According to a review of the Division's records, the organization referenced above has not filed the following reports:

Table with 3 columns: Year, Report, Cover Period. Rows include 2014 M4, 2014 M5, 2014 P1, 2014 P1A with corresponding cover periods.

The organization has previously been notified of the reports that are outstanding. Enclosed are copies of letters sent by the Division. If the reports are 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 desk at (850) 245-6240.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature of Kristi Reid Bronson]

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/dsb

Enclosure

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Division of Elections

R.A. Gray Building, Suite 316 • 500 South Bronough Street • Tallahassee, Florida 32399
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

May 14, 2014

Vanessa Brito, Treasurer  
Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, FL 33157-3157

Re: PAC 60477

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

**Second Notice**

May 20, 2014

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Equal Marriage Florida  
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Miami, FL 33157-3157

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 11, 2014

Vanessa Brito, Treasurer  
Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, FL 33157-3157

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 30, 2014

Vanessa Brito, Treasurer  
Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, FL 33157-3157

Re: PAC 60477

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 7, 2014

Vanessa Brito, Treasurer  
Equal Marriage Florida  
15820 Palmetto Club Drive  
Miami, FL 33157-3157

Re: PAC 60477

Dear Ms. Brito:

Your campaign treasurer's report, which was due July 4, 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 this report and that a fine will be assessed of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter \$500 per day, although a fine cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report

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

Section 106 265(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Florida Elections Commission to impose a civil penalty up to \$1,000 per count for each willful violation of Chapter 106.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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Spoke w/Ms Brito - received second FF notice - mailed 7/25/13 - waiver was filed 7/30/13 - advised that notice would have arrived at about same time - account is now current - no activity for initial period - advised nothing further to do at this time			