

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Elizabeth G. Whitfield

Case No.: FEC 17-219

TO: Elizabeth G. Whitfield
921 Lord Nelson Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32218

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **May 15, 2018 at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **412 Knott Building, Pat Thomas Committee Room, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.**

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

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

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See further instructions on the reverse side.

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

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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 17-219

v.

**Elizabeth G. Whitfield,
Respondent.**

ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On February 7, 2018, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff's Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation(s):

Count 1:

On or about March 10, 2016, Respondent violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, when Respondent certified that Christian M. Whitfield's 2016 M2 Report was true, correct and complete, when it was not.

Count 2:

On or about February 10, 2016, Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(b), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to report a \$100 contribution on Christian M. Whitfield's 2016 M1 Report.

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Count 6:

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Count 7:

On or about November 4, 2016, Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes, when Respondent made a \$176.69 prohibited expenditure to Minuteman Press.

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



M. Scott Thomas, Chairman
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel
Elizabeth G. Whitfield, 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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NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

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

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

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**THIS FILE CONTAINS INFORMATION
THAT IS CONFIDENTIAL
AND EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE
PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES**

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the complaint in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Sections 106.07(5), 106.19(1)(b), 106.19(1)(c), and 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on January 5, 2018, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation.

1. On May 18, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from the Division of Elections (“Division”) alleging Elizabeth G. Whitfield (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent was the treasurer for Christian M. Whitfield (“CW”), a candidate for State Representative, District 14, in the 2016 election. CW’s Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form was filed with the Division on January 15, 2016. CW appointed Respondent as his campaign treasurer. (ROI Exhibit 1)¹

3. By letter dated October 25, 2017, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following alleged violations:

Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes: Respondent, treasurer for Christian M. Whitfield, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, may have certified that one or more campaign treasurer reports were true, correct, and complete when they were not, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(b), Florida Statutes: Respondent, treasurer for Christian M. Whitfield, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, may have failed to report one or more contributions required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, as alleged in the complaint.

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

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: Respondent, treasurer for Christian M. Whitfield, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in one or more campaign reports, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes: Respondent, treasurer for Christian M. Whitfield, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, may have made or authorized one or more expenditures prohibited by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, as alleged in the complaint.

4. By letter dated January 19, 2016, Kristi Reid Bronson, Division of Elections, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, notified CW that his name had been placed on the 2016 active candidate list. The Division also sent a copy of the letter to Respondent. (ROI Exhibit 2, pages 1 and 3)²

5. The letter also informed Respondent that candidates who file reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system ("EFS") and provided Respondent with a user identification number and initial password to access the EFS. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)

6. Ms. Bronson's January 19, 2016 letter advised Respondent that all the Division's publications and reporting forms were available on the Division's website and directed Respondent to print a copy of Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* ("Handbook"), and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 3)

7. During the campaign, Respondent filed periodic reports listing the contributions received and expenditures made during the reporting period. Based on information previously reported to the Division, after CW's 2017 TR was filed, the Division's Sum of Contributions vs. Expenditures Report running total showed the campaign account had a (\$177.26) deficit balance. (ROI Exhibit 3)

Sections 106.07(5), 106.19(1)(b), and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

8. A candidate and campaign treasurer are required to certify campaign reports they file are true, correct, and complete. Each report filed using the Division's EFS is considered to be under oath by the chair and treasurer. (Sections 106.0705 and 106.07(5), Florida Statutes)

² Kristi Reid Bronson is now known as Kristi Reid Willis.

9. Page 46 of the Handbook states:

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

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

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

(Attachment A)

10. Investigator Smith obtained copies of the campaign account records and compared the information from the bank records with the information Respondent reported to the Division. Investigator Smith determined that information on three reports was not supported by the bank records. (ROI Exhibits 4, 5, and 6)

2016 M1 Report

11. The 2016 M1 Report covered the dates of January 1, 2016, through January 31, 2016. Respondent filed a notice of no reportable activity for the 2016 M1 reporting period. However, the campaign account records showed a January 21, 2016 contribution for \$100 that Respondent failed to report. (ROI Exhibit 4)³

2016 M2 Report

12. The 2016 M2 Report covered the dates of February 1, 2016, through February 29, 2016. the campaign bank account records show Respondent failed to report a February 2, 2016 expenditure to Deluxe Checks for \$19.90. (ROI Exhibit 5)

2017 Termination Report

13. The 2017 TR covering the dates of November 4, 2016, through February 6, 2017, was due on February 6, 2017. A notice of no activity for the 2017 termination reporting period was filed on March 10, 2017. (ROI Exhibit 6; Attachment B; and Attachment C)

³ Because a notice of no activity is not a report, a candidate and campaign treasurer are not required to certify that it is true, correct, and complete.

14. Because a notice of no activity was filed for CW's campaign on March 10, 2016, instead of a 2017 TR, the campaign failed to report a \$400 customer debit, a \$425 expenditure to WCGL, a \$510 expenditure to Radio Delmarva, a \$176.69 expenditure to Minuteman Press, three \$36 overdraft fees, and a \$258.32 deposit. (ROI Exhibit 6, pages 4, 5, and 6; and Attachment D)⁴

15. Based on the foregoing facts and circumstances, it appears Respondent may have certified CW's 2016 M2 Report was true, correct, complete when it was not, may have failed to report contributions that were required to be reported on the 2016 M1 and 2017 Termination Reports, and may have deliberately failed to list information on the 2016 M1, 2016 M2, and 2017 Termination Reports that was required to be reported by Chapter 106.

Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes.

16. Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes, prohibits a campaign treasurer from making or authorizing an expenditure prohibited by Chapter 106.

17. Respondent made a \$176.69 expenditure to Minuteman Press on November 4, 2016. However, there were insufficient funds on deposit in the campaign account to pay for the full amount of the expenditure. Therefore, the Respondent's expenditure to Minuteman Press was prohibited. (Section 106.11(4), Florida Statutes, and ROI Exhibit 6, page 6)

18. Based on the information above, it appears Respondent may have made a prohibited expenditure to Minuteman Press during the 2017 termination reporting period.

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

20. The above facts show Respondent was the treasurer for Christian M. Whitfield, a candidate for State Representative, District 14, in the 2016 election. During CW's campaign, Respondent filed periodic reports listing contributions received and expenditures made during the respective reporting period and certified each report was true, correct and complete. After Mr. Whitfield's notice of no activity for the termination reporting period was filed, based on the information previously reported to the Division, the Division's Sum of Contributions vs. Expenditures Report reflected a (\$177.26) deficit balance in the campaign account.

⁴ During a January 4, 2018 telephone conversation, Respondent told Investigator Smith that her husband overspent a little more than \$200. Respondent believed that when she went to the bank to close the account she made the \$258.32 deposit with her own money to pay the amount that the account was overdrawn. (ROI Exhibit 6, pages 4 and 6; Attachment E, Phone Log Entry 2)

21. The above facts also show that Respondent filed a notice of no activity for the 2016 M1 reporting period even though a \$100 deposit was made to the campaign account and that Respondent failed to list a \$19.90 expenditure on the 2016 M2 Report.

22. The above facts additionally show that because a notice of no activity was filed for CW's campaign on March 10, 2016, the campaign failed to report a \$400 customer debit, a \$425 expenditure to WCGL, a \$510 expenditure to Radio Delmarva, a \$176.69 expenditure to Minuteman Press, three \$36 overdraft fees, and a \$258.32 deposit.

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

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Count 7:

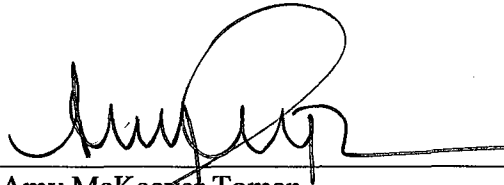
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Respectfully submitted on February 7th, 2018.



Eric M. Lipman
General Counsel

I have reviewed this Staff Recommendation on the 7th day of February 2018.



Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director

2016 Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook

Florida Department of State
Division of Elections
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250
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ATTACHMENT A Page 1

Chapter 16: Filing Campaign Reports

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

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(Section 106.07, F.S.)

Where to File

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

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

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

When to File

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

A statewide candidate must file reports:

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

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

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

<http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/forms-publications/publications/>

Eric Lipman

From: Willis, Kristi R. <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 10:03 AM
To: Eric Lipman
Subject: RE: 2016 TR - Candidates Defeated in General Election

11/4/2016-2/6/2017

From: Eric Lipman [mailto:Eric.Lipman@myfloridalegal.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 9:42 AM
To: Willis, Kristi R. <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>
Subject: 2016 TR - Candidates Defeated in General Election

Kristi,

For candidates who were defeated in the 2016 general election, what are the cover dates for their TR?

Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel
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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Candidate Name: Christian M. Whitfield

Name:

Account: 65167

Election:

Acct: **65167**

Type: **Candidate**

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
2/6/2017	TR	3/10/2017	CLO	32	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/4/2016	G7	11/4/2016						
10/28/2016	G6	10/28/2016						
10/21/2016	G5	10/21/2016						
10/14/2016	G4	10/14/2016						
10/7/2016	G3	10/7/2016						
9/23/2016	G2	9/23/2016						
9/9/2016	G1	9/9/2016						
8/26/2016	P7	8/26/2016						
8/19/2016	P6	8/20/2016	CLO	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/12/2016	P5	8/12/2016						
8/5/2016	P4	8/5/2016						
7/29/2016	P3	7/28/2016						
7/15/2016	P2	7/15/2016						
7/1/2016	P1	7/1/2016						
6/10/2016	M5	6/10/2016						
5/10/2016	M4	5/10/2016						
4/11/2016	M3	4/9/2016						
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ATTACHMENT C

CUSTOMER DEBIT

NOT NEGOTIABLE
ACCOUNT
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DESCRIPTION: Christian Whitted

DATE 11/4/16

APPROVED BY: [Signature]

PREPARED BY: [Signature]

ACCOUNT NUMBER: [Redacted]

TO (OPTIONAL):

DEBIT AMOUNT: \$ 400.00 DOLLARS

four hundred

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ATTACHMENT 0

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**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
PHONE LOG
Case No.: FEC 17-219**

Respondent: Elizabeth G. Whitfield

Complainant: Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** 10/30/17 @ 1:53 p.m.
Name: Synovus Bank representative
Phone #: 904-641-6756
Summary: I called and spoke with a bank representative to inquire as to where to direct a subpoena for bank records. The representative provided me with a fax number, 1-844-272-5286, in which to fax the subpoena and that someone from the bank would contact me as to the subpoena.
Memo to File? No
Entered by: KS

2. **Date and time:** 01/04/18 @ 10:58 a.m.
Name: Respondent
Phone #: 904-401-0080
Summary: I called and spoke with Respondent concerning the referral and the questionnaire-affidavit that was mailed to her on December 5, 2017.

Respondent said that she was unaware of the referral and that she had not seen the questionnaire-affidavit. I reviewed the case file and informed her that the 14-day letter was signed for on May 18, 2018 by "Takota Whitfield." She acknowledged that is her son. She said that she did not recall seeing the letter but perhaps her husband, who was the candidate, may have it.

I took the opportunity to explain the referral process from the Division to our office and the purpose of my telephone call. She said that she did recall speaking to someone who had advised her to e-mail them to explain what happened to cause a negative balance and that the e-mail would suffice unless the person had any other questions. When asked, she said that she believed it to be a person with the Division instead of our office who told her this but she was unable to recall when this transpired or who it was she communicated with. She explained that her husband overspent by a little over \$200 and when she went to close the account, she paid the amount out-of-pocket to cover the overspent amount.

I informed her that I had reviewed the campaign reports on file with the Division and compared the reports to the bank records and that I found a few discrepancies. I informed her that during the 2016 M1 reporting period, a \$100 contribution was not reported and that it appeared to be a deposit to open the campaign account. Also, I informed her that during the 2016 M2 reporting period, a \$19.90 expenditure for checks was not reported. Finally, I informed her that during the TR period, a \$400 expenditure made on November 4, 2016 was not reported and a \$258.32 deposit, made to the account on November 18, 2016, was not reported. Respondent said that she believed the deposit was the one she made out-of-pocket to close-out the campaign. In addition, I informed her that the TR

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disclosed an expenditure in the amount of \$66.00 to Raise the Money, Inc., in which there was no bank record to support the expenditure.

I took an opportunity to inform her that she would receive a copy of the report of investigation and that the report would outline specifically everything that was discovered during the investigation. She was advised that she could respond to the report of investigation in writing providing her side of the story or arguing what she believed to be factually inaccurate. Also, I informed her that she could agree to a pre-probable cause consent-order in which she would agree to a settlement with our attorney which would result in a monetary fine. Respondent said that she would prefer to wait until she received the report of investigation so that she could read the report to determine where the mistakes were made.

When asked, Respondent confirmed her mailing address, 921 Lord Nelson Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32218, was correct.

Memo to File? No

Entered by: KS

3. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Memo to File? No
Entered by:
4. **Date and time:**
Name:
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Summary:
Memo to File? No
Entered by:
5. **Date and time:**
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Phone #:
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Memo to File? No
Entered by:
6. **Date and time:**
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Phone #:
Summary:
Memo to File? No
Entered by:
7. **Date and time:**
Name:

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Case No.: FEC 17-219

Respondent: Elizabeth G. Whitfield

Complainant: Division of Elections

Pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, on May 18, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission ("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 106.22(7), Florida Statutes. Commission staff, therefore, investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, prohibiting a campaign treasurer from certifying to the correctness of a campaign treasurer's report that is incorrect, false, or incomplete;

Section 106.19(1)(b), Florida Statutes, failure of a person or organization to report a contribution required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes;

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; and

Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes, prohibiting a person or organization from making or authorizing any expenditure prohibited by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

I. Preliminary Information:

1. Respondent, Elizabeth G. Whitfield, was the campaign treasurer for Christian M. Whitfield, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, District 14. Christian M. Whitfield was defeated during the general election held on November 8, 2016.
2. Complainant is the Division of Elections (Division).
3. The candidate's filing officer was Kristi Reid-Bronson¹, Chief, Bureau of Election Records.

¹ At the time, known as Kristi Reid-Bronson. Now known as Kristi Reid-Willis.

4. On January 15, 2016, an Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository form (DS-DE 9) was filed with the Division naming Christian M. Whitfield as a candidate for State Representative, District 14. Elizabeth G. Whitfield (Respondent) was appointed to serve as the campaign treasurer. To review a copy of the DS-DE 9 form, refer to Exhibit 1.

5. On January 19, 2016, Ms. Bronson sent Mr. Whitfield a letter acknowledging that his name had been placed on the 2016 active candidate list. The letter advised Mr. Whitfield that all candidates filing reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system (EFS). Respondent, as treasurer, was copied on the letter.

6. The letter also advised Mr. Whitfield and Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, and the Calendar of Reporting Dates. The letter further advised Mr. Whitfield and Respondent that it was their responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. To review a copy of the acknowledgement letter, please refer to Exhibit 2.

II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes:

7. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by certifying to the correctness of campaign treasurer's reports as true, correct, and complete, when they were not.

8. Complainant provided a Sum of Contributions vs Expenditures sheet with the referral. The "Running Total" reflects a negative balance beginning with the 2016 G7 reporting period. To review the Sum of Contributions vs Expenditures sheet, refer to Exhibit 3.

9. I subpoenaed and reviewed the campaign account records and compared the account records to the campaign treasurer's reports. Based on the account records and the campaign treasurer's reports, it appears that three campaign treasurer's reports were certified as true, correct, and complete, when they were not.

2016 M1

10. The 2016 M1 reporting period covered the reporting period of January 15 – January 31, 2016; a notice-of-no-activity was filed for this reporting period. Respondent certified the notice-of-no-activity as true, correct, and complete. However, the campaign account records disclose a \$100 deposit was made to the account on January 21, 2016. To review the notice-of-no-activity report and the January bank statements, refer to Exhibit 4.

2016 M2

11. The 2016 M2 reporting period covered the reporting period of February 1 – February 29, 2016; no expenditures were reported during the reporting period. Respondent certified the report as true, correct, and complete. However, the campaign account records disclose an expenditure in the amount of \$19.90 on February 2, 2016. To review the 2016 M2 report and the February bank statements, refer to Exhibit 5.

Termination Report (TR)

12. The Termination Reporting period covered November 4, 2016 – February 6, 2017; two expenditures were reported during the reporting period. However, one of the reported expenditures, an expenditure in the amount of \$66.00 to “Raise the Money, Inc.” for finance charges, was not supported by bank records.

13. In addition, bank records disclose a \$400 withdrawal/debit was made on November 4, 2016; the expenditure was not reported. Further, the TR showed that no contributions were reported during the reporting period. However, the campaign account records disclose a \$258.32 deposit made to the account on November 18, 2016. Respondent certified the report as true, correct and complete. To review the TR as well as the November bank statements, refer to Exhibit 6.

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

15. In a questionnaire-affidavit, Respondent was asked to explain why the activity was not reported. As of the date of this report, the questionnaire-affidavit has not been returned².

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

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

17. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to report contributions.

18. As per paragraph eight, Complainant provided a Sum of Contributions vs Expenditures sheet which reflected a negative balance beginning with the 2016 G7 reporting period.

19. As per paragraph nine, I subpoenaed and reviewed the campaign account records and compared the account records to the campaign treasurer’s reports. Based on the account records, it appears that Respondent did not report two contributions.

20. As per paragraph 10, Respondent did not report a \$100 contribution during the 2016 M1 reporting period. And, as per paragraph 13, Respondent did not report a \$258.32 contribution during the Termination Reporting period.

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

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

² Respondent said that she did not recall receiving the questionnaire-affidavit. In a telephone interview on January 4, 2018, she confirmed her mailing address. In addition, I reviewed with her the purpose of the questionnaire-affidavit and reviewed the report of investigation with her.

22. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to report information.

23. As per paragraph eight, Complainant provided a Sum of Contributions vs Expenditures sheet which reflected a negative balance beginning with the 2016 G7 reporting period.

24. As per paragraph nine, I subpoenaed and reviewed the campaign account records and compared the account records to the campaign treasurer's reports. Based on the account records, it appears that Respondent may have failed to report information.

25. In addition to the contributions that were not reported (paragraphs 10 and 13), Respondent did not report two expenditures as previously noted in paragraphs 11 and 13.

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

V. Alleged Violation of Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes:

27. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by making prohibited expenditures from the campaign account.

28. As per paragraph eight, Complainant provided a Sum of Contributions vs Expenditures sheet which reflected a negative balance beginning with the 2016 G7 reporting period.

29. As per paragraph nine, I subpoenaed and reviewed the campaign account records and compared the account records to the campaign treasurer's reports. Based on the account records, it appears that Respondent made prohibited expenditures from the campaign account.

30. A review of the monthly bank statements reflects that the campaign was assessed an "Overdraft Fee" in the amount of \$36.00 on three separate occasions. A \$36.00 overdraft fee was levied against the account on November 7 and two times on November 8, 2017³. Respondent reported the overdraft fees in the 2017 TR. To review the TR, refer to Exhibit 6, page 2. To review the November bank statement with respect to the overdraft fees, refer to Exhibit 7.

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

VI. FEC History:


32. Respondent has no prior history with the Florida Elections Commission.

³ The three overdraft fee charges were the only charges levied against the account. The November 7, 2016 overdraft fee pertains to a \$425.00 purchase with WCGL on November 3, 2016. The November 8, 2016 overdraft fees pertain to (1) a \$510.00 purchase with Radio Delmarva on November 4, 2016; (2) a \$176.69 purchase with Minuteman Press Jacksonville on November 4, 2016.

Conclusion:

33. On January 4, 2018, I interviewed Respondent for the purpose of reviewing the case with her and to afford her an opportunity for any questions or comments. Respondent was advised that expenditures and/or contributions were not reported in three reporting periods: 2016 M1, 2016 M2 and 2016 TR. Respondent explained her husband, the candidate, had overdrawn the campaign account when he overspent a little over \$200. She further explained that when she went to close out the account and was made aware of the overdrawn amount, she covered the costs out-of-pocket, which she believed to be the \$258.32 deposit made to the account on November 18, 2016. Respondent added that she would wait and review the report of investigation and respond accordingly.

Respectfully submitted on January 5, 2018.



Keith Smith
Investigation Specialist

Current address of Respondent	Current address of Complainant
Elizabeth G. Whitfield 921 Lord Nelson Boulevard Jacksonville, Florida 32218	Division of Elections 500 South Bronough Street – Room 316 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250
Name and Address of Filing Officer:	

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

Copy furnished to: David Flagg, Investigations Manager

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Elizabeth Whitfield -- FEC 17-219

LIST OF EXHIBITS	
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 9 form
Exhibit 2	Acknowledgement letter
Exhibit 3	Sum of Contributions vs Expenditures sheet
Exhibit 4	2016 M1 report; January bank statement
Exhibit 5	2016 M2 report; February bank statement
Exhibit 6	TR; November bank statement
Exhibit 7	TR; November bank statement re: Overdraft fees

HAND DELIVER

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

RECEIVED DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2016 JAN 15 PM 12:33

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS TALLAHASSEE, FL

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

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

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

Christian Marcus Whitfield

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

921 Lord Nelson Blvd Jacksonville, FL 32218

4. Telephone

(904) 401-4310

5. E-mail address

christianm.whitfield@yahoo.com

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

State Representative, District 14

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

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

8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a

Write-In No Party Affiliation Republican Party candidate.

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

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Elizabeth G. Whitfield

11. Mailing Address

921 Lord Nelson Blvd

12. Telephone

(904) 401-0080

13. City

Jacksonville

14. County

Duval

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

32218

17. E-mail address

takotatopanga@att.net

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

19. Name of Bank

Navy Federal Credit Union

20. Address

550 Airport Center Drive

21. City

Jacksonville

22. County

Duval

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

32218

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

25. Date

13 JAN 16

26. Signature of Candidate

Signature of Candidate

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

I, Elizabeth G. Whitfield, do hereby accept the appointment (Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

13 JAN 2016 Date

EXHIBIT

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

January 19, 2016

Christian Marcus Whitfield
921 Lord Nelson Boulevard
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Dear Mr. Whitfield:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Representative, which was placed on file in our office on January 15, 2016. Your name has been placed on the 2016 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **February 10, 2016**. The report will cover the period of January 1-31, 2016 (M1). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. You, your campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting 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: 65167

EXHIBIT

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Division of Elections

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

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DIVISION OF
ELECTIONS

Christian Whitfield
January 19, 2016
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Pin Numbers

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

Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event this password is forgotten or lost. When you enter the campaign account screen, there will be a drop down box where you pick a question (such as *What is your mother's maiden name?*) and supply an answer. All passwords and answers to questions are stored as encrypted data and cannot be viewed by Division staff and given out over the phone. Please notify the Division if your credentials have been compromised.

Timely Filing

All reports filed must be completed and filed through the EFS not later than midnight of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

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

Electronic Receipts

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

EXHIBIT 2 (203)

Christian Whitfield
January 19, 2016
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Instructions and Assistance

An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports. The Division of Elections will also provide assistance to all users by contacting the EFS Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/zjs

Enclosures

pc: Elizabeth G. Whitfield, Treasurer

EXHIBIT 2 (3 of 3)

Sum of Contributions vs Expenditures

4/6/2017 4:49:53 PM

Christian M. Whitfield

65167

Date of last Contribution: 10/28/16

0 After 11/3/16

Year	Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Running Total
2016	M1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	M2	\$905.00	\$0.00	\$905.00
	M3	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,105.00
	M4	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$1,205.00
	M5	\$0.00	\$169.06	\$1,035.94
	P1	\$850.00	\$1,788.82	\$97.12
	P2	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$197.12
	P3	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$227.12
	P4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$227.12
	P5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$227.12
	P6	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$227.12
	P7	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$267.12
	G1	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$342.12
	G2	\$50.00	\$82.00	\$310.12
	G3	\$0.00	\$101.00	\$209.12
	G4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$209.12
	G5	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,209.12
	G6	\$0.00	\$47.00	\$1,162.12
	G7	\$1,000.00	\$2,339.38	(\$177.26)
2017	TR	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$177.26)
Campaign Total:		\$4,350.00	\$4,527.26	

EXHIBIT

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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

(1) Christian M. Whitfield (2) 65167
 Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 921 Lord Nelson Boulevard Jacksonville FL 32218
 Address (number and street) City State Zip Code

Check box if address has changed since last report

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

Candidate (office sought):
 Political Committee
 Committee of Continuous Existence
 Party Executive Committee

Check If PC has DISBANDED
 Check If CCE has DISBANDED

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 01/15/2016 To 01/31/2016 Report Type: M1

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks \$0.00
 Loans \$0.00
Total Monetary \$0.00
 In-Kind \$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures \$0.00
 Transfers to Office Account \$0.00
Total Monetary \$0.00

(8) Other Distributions

Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss.839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X
Signature

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of Candidate Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X
Signature

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

Name: Christian M. Whitfield

Report: 2016 M1

Period: 01/15/2016

to 01/31/2016

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend

EXHIBIT 4 (205)

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Name: Christian M. Whitfield

Report: 2016 M1

Period: 01/15/2016 to 01/31/2016

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip	Contributor	Occupation	Amount Amend
		Type	In-Kind Description	

EXHIBIT 4 (3 & 5)

Statement of Account

Last statement: January 21, 2016
This statement: January 31, 2016
Total days in statement period: 11
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CHRISTIAN M WHITFIELD
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 14
921 LORD NELSON BLVD
JACKSONVILLE FL 32218

Direct inquiries to: 0
904 641-6756

Summary of Account Balance

Account	Number	Ending Balance
Non-Profit Checking	[REDACTED]	\$100.00

Non-Profit Checking	Account Number		
Beginning balance		0.00	
Deposits/Credits	100.00	Low balance	100.00
Withdrawals/Debits	0.00	Average balance	100.00
Ending balance	100.00	Average collected balance	100.00

Deposits/Other Credits

Date	Transaction Type	Reference Number	Description	Amount
01-21	Deposit	000000543356240		100.00



Balance Summary

Date	Amount	Date	Amount	Date	Amount
01-21	100.00				

EXHIBIT 4 (4 & 5)

Christian M. Whitfield
State Rep. District 14

CURRENCY ▶ 100.00
COIN ▶
CHECKS ▶
DATE 1-21-16
DEPOSITS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL
DEPOSIT TICKET \$ 100.00

63-1552/500



PLEASE PRINT FULL NAME AND ADDRESS
ADDRESS ABOVE MACHINE TALK OR DEPOSIT TICKET

[Redacted]

CHARGE AND OTHER FEES ARE KEPT IN THIS COLUMN. EXPENSES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BANK. FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF OUR CUSTOMERS, WE HAVE ACHIEVED

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CASH IN DEBIT

NORTHSIDE

TELLER NUMBER

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EXHIBIT 4 (5 of 5)

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

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Candidate (office sought):
 Political Committee Check If PC has DISBANDED
 Committee of Continuous Existence Check If CCE has DISBANDED
 Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 02/01/2016 To 02/29/2016 Report Type: M2

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$905.00
Loans	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$905.00
In-Kind	\$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$0.00
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$0.00

(8) Other Distributions

Certification

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I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X
Signature

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of Candidate Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X
Signature

Name: Christian M. Whitfield

Report: 2016 M2

Period: 02/01/2016 to 02/29/2016

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Contributor Type	Occupation In-Kind Description	Amount Amend
1 02/15/2016	THOMAS, ANTHONY 1169 HONU LOOP AIEA, HI 96701	I CHE	US NAVY	\$150.00
2 02/16/2016	BANUELOS, CRYSTAL 1250 N PATE APT 11 CARLSBAD, NM 88220	I CHE	FRONT DESK CLERK	\$30.00
3 02/16/2016	ANDERSON, JACKLYN 770 WEST 4 STREET JACKSONVILLE, FL 32209	I CHE	ASSISTANT MANAGER	\$25.00
4 02/16/2016	NAVARRETE, MARIBEL 205 ALARGO DR LA MESA, NM 88044	I CHE	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CLERK	\$25.00
5 02/16/2016	BUENO, JUAN 3400 RIVERA AVE EL PASO, TX 79905	I CHE	ISCTECH	\$50.00
6 02/16/2016	MC RAE, GEORGETTE 803 HAW BRANCH RD BEULAVILLE, NC 28518	I CHE	FRONT DESK CLERK	\$25.00
7 02/17/2016	LAU, JANET 2534 N. SCHOOL ST HONOLULU, HI 96819	I CHE	COMMUNITY SERVICES COUNSELOR	\$100.00
8 02/17/2016	CRENSHAW, KACY 12402 NAOMI DRIVE JACKSONVILLE, FL 32218	I CHE	UNEMPLOYED	\$50.00
9 02/18/2016	KAMPE, EDNA 6613-A WIDEMAN COURT FORT POLK, LA 71459	I CHE	MEDICAL SUPPORT ASSISTANT	\$50.00
10 02/18/2016	MONTES, LOLE 99-125 KOHOMUA ST. 18D AIEA, HI 96701	I CHE	MASSAGE THERAPIST	\$50.00
11 02/18/2016	SIMMONS, ERICK 7801 OAK FOREST DRIVE PENSACOLA, FL 32514	I CHE	SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR	\$50.00
12 02/21/2016	WHITFIELD, ALLISON J 42D SKY A VIEW CIR EAST STROUDSBURG, PA 18302	I CHE	SSA DISABILITY CLAIMS ADJUDICA	\$100.00
13 02/24/2016	MOLLE, LETICIA 1040 KINAU STREET #401 HONOLULU, HI 96814	I CHE	LEGAL ASSISTANT	\$100.00
14 02/27/2016	BROODIE, ELROY 5496 SHADYPONE STREET SOUTH JACKSONVILLE, FL 32244	I CHE	HAIR SALON	\$100.00

EXHIBIT

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ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

Name: Christian M. Whitfield

Report: 2016 M2

Period: 02/01/2016 to 02/29/2016

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend

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Statement of Account

Last statement: January 31, 2016
This statement: February 29, 2016
Total days in statement period: 29
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CHRISTIAN M WHITFIELD
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 14
921 LORD NELSON BLVD
JACKSONVILLE FL 32218

Direct inquiries to: 0
904 641-6756

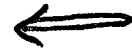
Summary of Account Balance

Account	Number	Ending Balance
Non-Profit Checking	[REDACTED]	\$652.46

Non-Profit Checking	Account Number		
Beginning balance		100.00	
Deposits/Credits		572.36	Low balance
Withdrawals/Debits		19.90	Average balance
Ending balance		652.46	Average collected balance
			184.00

Other Debits

Date	Transaction Type	Reference Number	Description	Amount
02-02	Preauthorized Wd	042000011423531	DELUXE CHECK CHECK/ACC. 160202	19.90



Deposits/Other Credits

Date	Transaction Type	Reference Number	Description	Amount
02-24	Preauthorized Credit	242071752059541	RAISE THE MONEY RAISEMONEY 160224	288.56
02-25	Preauthorized Credit	242071756117291	RAISE THE MONEY RAISEMONEY 160225	141.90

EXHIBIT 5 (4 of 4)

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

(1) Christian M. Whitfield (2) 65167
 Candidate, Committe or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 921 Lord Nelson Boulevard Jacksonville FL 32218
 Address (number and street) City State Zip Code

Check box if address has changed since last report

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

Candidate (office sought):
 Political Committee Check If PC has DISBANDED
 Committee of Continuous Existance Check If CCE has DISBANDED
 Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 11/04/2016 To 02/06/2017 Report Type: TR

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks \$0.00
 Loans \$0.00
Total Monetary \$0.00
 In-Kind \$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures \$174.00
 Transfers to Office Account \$0.00
Total Monetary \$174.00

(8) Other Distributions

Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss.839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X
Signature

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of Candidate Chaiman (PC/PTY Only)

X
Signature

Name: Christian M. Whitfield

Report: 2017 TR

Period: 11/04/2016 to 02/06/2017

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 11/04/2016	RAISE THE MONEY, INC P.O. BOX 26466 LITTLE ROCK, AR 72221	MON	FINANCE CHARGES FOR WWW.RAISETHEMONEY.COM FUND RAISING SERVICE.	\$66.00 ADD
2 11/08/2016	SYNOVUS BANK OF JACKSONVILLE 500 SKYMARKS DR. JACKSONVILLE, FL 32218	MON	CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT OVERDRAFT FEES	\$108.00 ADD

EXHIBIT

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ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Name: Christian M. Whitfield

Report: 2017 TR

Period: 11/04/2016

to 02/06/2017

**** Records in Filed Report ****

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip	Contributor	Occupation	Amount Amend
		Type	In-Kind Description	

EXHIBIT 6 (3 of 6)

DEPOSIT TICKET - CREDIT

SYNOVUS BANK

DATE 11-18-16

ACCOUNT NAME Christian Whitfield

DESCRIPTION CASH INCLUDING COIN

DOLLARS 258

CENTS 32

ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED]

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258.32

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SYNOVUS BANK

NORTHSIDE

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Statement of Account

Last statement: October 31, 2016
This statement: November 21, 2016
Total days in statement period: 21
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CHRISTIAN M WHITFIELD
STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 14
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2 Direct inquiries to: 0
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Summary of Account Balance

Account	Number	Ending Balance
Non-Profit Checking **	[REDACTED]	\$0.00

** Closed Account - Final Statement

Non-Profit Checking

Account Number [REDACTED]

Beginning balance	1,752.06	Low balance	-258.32
Deposits/Credits	258.32	Average balance	163.85
Withdrawals/Debits	2,010.38	Average collected balance	151.00
Ending balance	0.00		

Checks

Number	Date	Amount	Control
19900	11-04	400.00	000000543719900



Other Debits

Date	Transaction Type	Reference Number	Description	Amount
11-01	Check Card Purchase	000001530540000	MERCHANT PURCHASE TERMINAL 475542 FASTSIGNS 904 72474 FL	214.00
11-03	Check Card Purchase	000002730720000	TRAN DATE 10-31-16SEQ # 630527153054 MERCHANT PURCHASE TERMINAL 475542 MINUTEMAN PRESS JACKSONVI FL TRAN DATE 11-02-16SEQ # 630723273072	176.69

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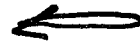
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Other Debits

Date	Transaction Type	Reference Number	Description	Amount
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11-07	Check Card Purchase	000002730940000	RADIO DELMARVA 904 861 0 FL TRAN DATE 11-04-16SEQ # 630926894676 MERCHANT PURCHASE TERMINAL 475542	176.69
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Deposits/Other Credits

Date	Transaction Type	Reference Number	Description	Amount
11-18	Deposit	000000543737650		258.32



Balance Summary

Date	Amount	Date	Amount	Date	Amount
10-31	1,752.06	11-04	536.37	11-18	0.00
11-01	1,538.06	11-07	-186.32		
11-03	1,361.37	11-08	-258.32		

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EXHIBIT 7



FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

107 W. Gaines Street,
Suite 224 Collins Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050
Telephone: (850) 922-4539
Fax: (850) 921-0783
www.fec.state.fl.us; fec@myfloridalegal.com

October 25, 2017

Elizabeth G. Whitfield
921 Lord Nelson Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32218

RE: Case No.: FEC 17-219; Respondent: Elizabeth G. Whitfield

Dear Ms. Whitfield:

On May 18, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violations:

Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes: Respondent, treasurer for Christian M. Whitfield, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, may have certified that one or more campaign treasurer reports were true, correct, and complete when they were not, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(b), Florida Statutes: Respondent, treasurer for Christian M. Whitfield, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, may have failed to report one or more contributions required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: Respondent, treasurer for Christian M. Whitfield, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in one or more campaign reports, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes: Respondent, treasurer for Christian M. Whitfield, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, may have made or authorized one or more expenditures prohibited by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, as alleged in the complaint.

Elizabeth G. Whitfield
October 25, 2017
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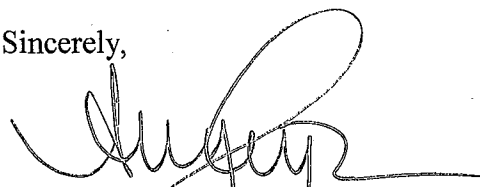
When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to you at the above address. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will make a written recommendation (Staff Recommendation or SR) to the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to charge respondent with violating Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You will have an opportunity to respond to both the ROI and the SR. The Commission will then hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violations occurred and, if so, the amount of the fine to be imposed. You and the complainant will receive notice at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

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

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

If you have additional questions, please contact **Keith Smith**, the investigator assigned to this case at extension 112.

Sincerely,



Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director

AMT/enr

**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
FEC NOTICE FORM**

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2017 MAY 18 P 3: 26

To FEC from Division of Elections

STATE OF FLORIDA
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Name: Christian Marcus Whitfield
Account Number: 65167
Candidate: Christian M. Whitfield
Treasurer: Elizabeth G. Whitfield
Person Named/Notified: Elizabeth G. Whitfield

The Division of Elections hereby provides this notice to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to sections 106.22(7) and 106.25, Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, F.S., has occurred based upon a failure to file addendums after notice as required by section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, for the following report(s):

2017 TR

Sent By: Kristi Reid Bronson
Date: May 16, 2017

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STATE OF FLORIDA

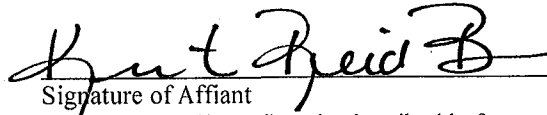
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Kristi Reid Bronson, being duly sworn, says:

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. Christian M. Whitfield (65167) was a 2016 candidate for the office of State Representative.
5. On January 15, 2016, Christian Marcus Whitfield filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division. Mr. Whitfield appointed Elizabeth G. Whitfield as treasurer. (See attached documents and acknowledgment letter.)
6. On April 7, 2017, the Division mailed Ms. Whitfield notification that the 2017 TR campaign treasurer's report was incomplete. (See attached letter.)
7. On April 20, 2017, the Division mailed Ms. Whitfield notification that the 2017 TR campaign treasurer's report was incomplete. (See attached letter.)
8. On May 8, 2017, the Division mailed Ms. Whitfield final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2017 TR campaign treasurer's report was incomplete. (See attached letter and delivery confirmation.)

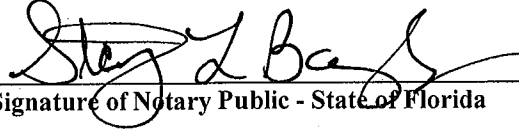
9. As of May 16, 2017, the 2017 TR campaign treasurer's report remains incomplete.

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 16th day of May 2017.



Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public
Personally Known





FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

April 7, 2017

Elizabeth G. Whitfield, Treasurer for
Candidate Christian M. Whitfield
921 Lord Nelson Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32218

Re: CAN 65167

Dear Ms. Whitfield:

The Division of Elections has determined that one or more campaign reports are incomplete for the reasons noted in the attached error report.

Pursuant to Section 106.07(2), Florida Statutes, you have 7 days from receipt of this notice to file an amended report to correct errors or provide missing information. If the information has been reported accurately, provide a written explanation to the Division addressing the issue noted in the error report. Please be advised that failure to supply this information within the time allowed may constitute a violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

If you need assistance in filing an amendment, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson
Chief, Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

cc: Christian M. Whitfield, Candidate

Compliance Report

Candidate: Christian M. Whitfield

Office: STR

Report: 2017 TR (20) Covering Period: 11/4/16 - 2/6/17

Account: 65167

Ball

<u>Statute</u>	<u>FAC</u>	<u>Description</u>
106.11		Deficit Balance - written explanation required

Contributions

Expenditures

and Transfers

Other Distributions

Sum of Contributions vs Expenditures

4/6/2017 4:49:53 PM

Christian M. Whitfield

65167

Date of last Contribution: 10/28/16

0 After 11/3/16

Year	Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Running Total
2016	M1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	M2	\$905.00	\$0.00	\$905.00
	M3	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,105.00
	M4	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$1,205.00
	M5	\$0.00	\$169.06	\$1,035.94
	P1	\$850.00	\$1,788.82	\$97.12
	P2	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$197.12
	P3	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$227.12
	P4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$227.12
	P5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$227.12
	P6	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$227.12
	P7	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$267.12
	G1	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$342.12
	G2	\$50.00	\$82.00	\$310.12
	G3	\$0.00	\$101.00	\$209.12
	G4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$209.12
	G5	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,209.12
	G6	\$0.00	\$47.00	\$1,162.12
	G7	\$1,000.00	\$2,339.38	(\$177.26)
2017	TR	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$177.26)
Campaign Total:		\$4,350.00	\$4,527.26	



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

Second Notice

April 20, 2017

Elizabeth G. Whitfield, Treasurer for
Candidate Christian M. Whitfield
921 Lord Nelson Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32218

Re: CAN 65167

Dear Ms. Whitfield:

On April 7, 2017, you were advised that one or more of your campaign treasurer's reports were incomplete and that you had 7 days to provide the requested information.

The Division's electronic filing system indicates that the required information has not been provided. Pursuant to Section 106.22, Florida Statutes, the Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of the failure to provide information required by Chapter 106. Accordingly, if the information requested in our prior notice is not received within 7 days of receipt of this letter, we will refer this matter to the Commission. A second copy of the error report is attached for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

cc: Christian M. Whitfield, Candidate

Compliance Report

Candidate: Christian M. Whitfield

Office: STR

Report: 2017 TR (20) Covering Period: 11/4/16 - 2/6/17

Account: 65167

Overall

<u>Statute</u>	<u>FAC</u>	<u>Description</u>
106.11		Deficit Balance - written explanation required

Contributions

Expenditures

Loans and Transfers

Other Distributions

Sum of Contributions vs Expenditures

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Christian M. Whitfield

65167

Date of last Contribution: 10/28/16

0 After 11/3/16

Year	Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Running Total
2016	M1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	M2	\$905.00	\$0.00	\$905.00
	M3	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,105.00
	M4	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$1,205.00
	M5	\$0.00	\$169.06	\$1,035.94
	P1	\$850.00	\$1,788.82	\$97.12
	P2	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$197.12
	P3	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$227.12
	P4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$227.12
	P5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$227.12
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2017	TR	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$177.26)
Campaign Total:		\$4,350.00	\$4,527.26	



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

FINAL NOTICE

Delivery Confirmation:

USPS TRACKING # **9114 9014 9645 0849 2365 93**
& CUSTOMER RECEIPT For Tracking or inquiries go to USPS.com
or call 1-800-222-1811.

May 8, 2017

Elizabeth G. Whitfield, Treasurer for
Candidate Christian M. Whitfield
921 Lord Nelson Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32218

Re: CAN 65167

Dear Ms. Whitfield:

You have previously been advised that one or more campaign treasurer's reports are incomplete for the reasons noted in the attached error report.

Pursuant to Section 106.07(2), Florida Statutes, you have 7 days from receipt of this letter to correct errors or provide missing information. If the information has been reported accurately, you must provide a written explanation to the Division addressing the issue noted in the error report. Please be advised that if you fail to comply with this request, 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 need assistance in filing an amendment, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson
Chief, Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

cc: Christian M. Whitfield, Candidate

Compliance Report

Candidate: Christian M. Whitfield

Office: STR

Report: 2017 TR (20) Covering Period: 11/4/16 - 2/6/17

Account: 65167

Total

<u>Statute</u>	<u>FAC</u>	<u>Description</u>
106.11		Deficit Balance - written explanation required

Contributions

Expenditures

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65167

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	P7	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$267.12
	G1	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$342.12
	G2	\$50.00	\$82.00	\$310.12
	G3	\$0.00	\$101.00	\$209.12
	G4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$209.12
	G5	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,209.12
	G6	\$0.00	\$47.00	\$1,162.12
	G7	\$1,000.00	\$2,339.38	(\$177.26)
2017	TR	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$177.26)
Campaign Total:		\$4,350.00	\$4,527.26	

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DATE & TIME	STATUS OF ITEM	LOCATION
May 10, 2017, 6:41 pm	Delivered, In/At Mailbox	JACKSONVILLE, FL 32218
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May 8, 2017, 11:43 pm	Departed USPS Facility	TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
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Report Detail

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20161108-GEN

Christian M. Whitfield

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Status/Reviewer	Mailed	Type/Recd	R E S P O N S E
SN dsbrown	1st: 4/7/2017	AUT	
5/8/17 8:14 am	2nd: 4/20/2017		TEL 5/2/2017
	3rd: 5/8/2017		

NOTES: 5/16/17 - No return call. No changes to report. Recommending referral. dsb
5/11/17 - No changes have been made to this report. The deficit balance still exists. Delivery confirmation indicates the Final Notice was received on May 10, 2017. Called and left message for the treasurer to call me regarding this audit. dsb
5/2/17 - Received a phone call from the candidate, he is working to amend the deficit balance and send in a written explanation. - zjs
4/20/17 - No updates or amendments have been made to this report. 2nd notice being sent. Dsb

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

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

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

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OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):
 Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Treasurer/Deputy Depository Office Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last) Christian Marcus Whitfield		3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code) 921 Lord Nelson Blvd Jacksonville, FL 32218	
4. Telephone (904) 401-4310	5. E-mail address christianm.whitfield@yahoo.com		

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number) State Representative, District 14	7. If a candidate for a <u>nonpartisan</u> office, check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.
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8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a
 Write-In No Party Affiliation Republican _____ Party candidate.

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

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer
Elizabeth G. Whitfield

11. Mailing Address 921 Lord Nelson Blvd	12. Telephone (904) 401-0080
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13. City Jacksonville	14. County Duval	15. State FL	16. Zip Code 32218	17. E-mail address takotatopanga@att.net
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18. I have designated the following bank as my Primary Depository Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank Synovus Bank		20. Address 500 Skymarks Drive	
21. City Jacksonville	22. County Duval	23. State FL	24. Zip Code 32218

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

25. Date 01 FEB 16	26. Signature of Candidate
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27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Elizabeth G. Whitfield, do hereby accept the appointment
 (Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

01 Feb 16 Date Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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Jacksonville, FL 32218

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17. E-mail address
takotatopanga@att.net

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

19. Name of Bank
Navy Federal Credit Union

20. Address
550 Airport Center Drive

21. City
Jacksonville

22. County
Duval

23. State
FL

24. Zip Code
32218

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25. Date
13 JAN 16

26. Signature of Candidate

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

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

13 JAN 2016
Date

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

January 19, 2016

Christian Marcus Whitfield
921 Lord Nelson Boulevard
Jacksonville, Florida 32218

Dear Mr. Whitfield:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Representative, which was placed on file in our office on January 15, 2016. Your name has been placed on the 2016 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **February 10, 2016**. The report will cover the period of January 1-31, 2016 (M1). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. You, your campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting 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: 65167

Christian Whitfield
January 19, 2016
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Pin Numbers

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

Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event this password is forgotten or lost. When you enter the campaign account screen, there will be a drop down box where you pick a question (such as *What is your mother's maiden name?*) and supply an answer. All passwords and answers to questions are stored as encrypted data and cannot be viewed by Division staff and given out over the phone. Please notify the Division if your credentials have been compromised.

Timely Filing

All reports filed must be completed and filed through the EFS not later than midnight of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

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

Electronic Receipts

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

Christian Whitfield
January 19, 2016
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Instructions and Assistance

An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports. The Division of Elections will also provide assistance to all users by contacting the EFS Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/zjs

Enclosures

pc: Elizabeth G. Whitfield, Treasurer

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**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

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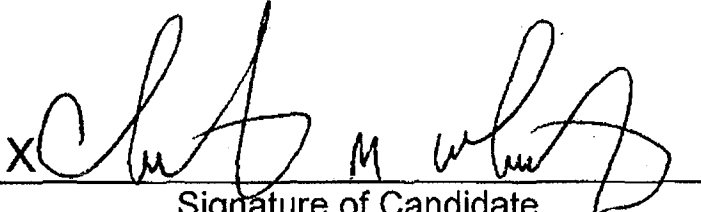
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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

I, Christian M. Whitfield

candidate for the office of State Representative, District 14

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

x 
Signature of Candidate

14 Jan 16
Date

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