STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Parker John Baro

Case No.: FEC 17-306

TO: Parker John Baro 794 Oak Shadows Road Celebration, FL 34747

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:

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.

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

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

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If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Ann Malphurs at (850) 922-4539 or by mail at 107 West Gaines Street, The Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at least 5 days before the hearing.

See further instructions on the reverse side.

Amy McKeever Toman

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission April 30, 2018 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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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, Petitioner,

v.

Case No.: FEC 17-306

Parker John Baro, Respondent.

ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On January 30, 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 August 10, 2017, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing the 2017 M7 report.

The Commission finds that there is **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

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

M. Scott Thomas, Chairman Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Cole H. Kekelis, Assistant General Counsel Parker John Baro, Respondent Division of Elections, Complainant

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING

As the Respondent, you may elect to resolve this case in several ways. First, you may elect to resolve this case by <u>consent order</u> where you and Commission staff agree to resolve the violation(s)s and agree to the amount of the fine. The consent order is then presented to the Commission for its approval. To discuss a consent order, contact the FEC attorney identified in the Order of Probable Cause.

Second, you may request an <u>informal hearing</u> held before the Commission, if you <u>do not</u> dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to make written or oral arguments to the Commission concerning the legal issues related to the violation(s) and the potential fine. At the request of Respondent, the Commission will consider and determine willfulness at an informal hearing. Otherwise, live witness testimony is unnecessary.

Third, you may request a <u>formal hearing</u> 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 righthand 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.

STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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Case No.: FEC 17-306

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

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

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STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Parker John Baro

Case No.: FEC 17-306

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the complaint in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7)**, Florida Statutes, and **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.19(1)(c)**, Florida Statutes. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on January 12, 2018, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On October 5, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections ("Division") alleging that Parker John Baro ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent is a candidate for State Representative, District 39, in the 2020 election. Respondent is a first-time candidate.

3. By letter dated November 9, 2017, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provisions:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent may have failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2017 M7 reporting period.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when he failed to file a report on the prescribed reporting date for the 2017 M7 reporting period.

4 On February 20, 2017, Respondent filed an Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form ("DS-DE 9") with the Division. Respondent appointed Hannah Maldonado as his campaign treasurer. On August 14, 2017, Respondent filed another DS-DE 9 with the Division appointing himself as his own campaign treasurer. On October 23, 2017, Respondent filed another DS-DE 9 with the Division reiterating

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5. By letter dated February 28, 2017, Kristi Willis², Division of Elections, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, notified Respondent that his DS-DE 9 was filed with the Division on February 24, 2017, and that he had been placed on the 2020 active candidate list. The letter also contained a sealed envelope containing Respondent's confidential PIN number to access the Division's electronic filing system. (ROI Exhibit 2)

6. Ms. Willis' February 28, 2017, letter also informed Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms were available on the Division's website, including Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*. The letter notified Respondent that it was his responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. On October 26, 2017, upon receipt of the DS-DE 9 reiterating Respondent's appointment as his own campaign treasurer, Ms. Willis sent Respondent another written reminder of his obligation to read, understand, and follow the requirements Florida's election laws. (*Id.*)

7. On February 20, 2017, Respondent filed a Statement of Candidate form with the Division by facsimile transmission in which he acknowledged that he had been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Respondent's original Statement of Candidate form was received by the Division on February 24, 2017. (ROI Exhibit 11)

8. In an affidavit dated January 2, 2018, Respondent attested that he possessed and had read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. (Attachment A)

9. Respondent's 2017 M7 campaign treasurer's report was due on August 10, 2017. However, Respondent failed to file it. On August 11, 2017, the Division sent Respondent's campaign treasurer written notification that the campaign's 2017 M7 report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever was applicable, had not been filed. Respondent was copied on the notice. (ROI Exhibit 4)

10. On September 7, 2017, the Division sent Respondent's campaign treasurer³ a second notice that the campaign's 2017 M7 report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever was applicable, had not been filed. Respondent was copied on the notice. (ROI Exhibit 5)

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

² At the time of the letter, Ms. Willis was known as Kristi Reid Bronson.

³ Although Respondent filed a DS-DE 9 appointing himself as his own campaign treasurer on August 14, 2017, he did not notify the Division that Hannah Maldonado had been relieved of her position as campaign treasurer until October 23, 2017. (ROI Exhibit 1)

11. On September 18, 2017, the Division sent Respondent's campaign treasurer a letter marked "Final Notice" that the campaign's 2017 M7 report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, which was applicable, had not been filed. The notice was delivered on September 20, 2017. Respondent was copied on the notice. (ROI Exhibit 6)

12. The investigation subpoenaed Respondent's campaign account records from his campaign depository, Bank of America, N.A. However, the bank informed Commission staff that they were unable to locate any accounts or records for Respondent. (ROI Exhibit 7)

13. Respondent ultimately filed a waiver of the 2017 M7 report on December 6, 2017, which was 118 days late. (ROI Exhibit 10)

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

15. Pursuant to Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, in any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds, made any contributions, or expended any reportable funds, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. However, the candidate is required to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.

16. Based upon Bank of America's declaration that it could not locate any accounts or records for Respondent, there is no evidence that any reportable financial transactions occurred in the 2017 M7 reporting period. Since Respondent did not have campaign finance activity to report in the 2017 M7 reporting period, Respondent did not have to file the 2017 M7 report. However, Respondent was required to file written notification on the prescribed reporting date that no report was being filed on that date.

17. Respondent did not provide a response to the complaint. However, in an affidavit dated January 2, 2018, Respondent admitted that his campaign had no financial activity during the 2017 M7 reporting period, and Respondent acknowledged that the waiver of the 2017 M7 report was not filed until December 6, 2017. (Attachment A)

18. Based upon the information above, it appears that Respondent failed to file written notification of no activity for the 2017 M7 reporting period on the prescribed reporting date.

19. "Probable Cause" is defined as a reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. *Schmitt v. State*, 590 So.2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reason able 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 that Respondent is a 2020 candidate for State Representative, District 39. Since there is no evidence of reportable financial transactions having occurred during the 2017 M7 reporting period, Respondent was not required to file the 2017 M7 report. However, Respondent was required to file written notification on the prescribed reporting date that no report

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was being filed on that date, but he failed to do so. Respondent ultimately filed the notice of no activity 118 days late.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find no probable cause to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, and find probable cause to charge Respondent with the following:

Count 1:

On or about August 10, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing the 2017 M7 report.

Respectfully submitted on Januing 30, 2018,

Cole H. Kekelis Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 30H day of 2018. mon

Amy McKeever Toman Executive Director

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AFFIDAVIT OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION VED Case Number: FEC 17-306

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STATE OF FLORIDA County of Osceola

STATE OF FLORIDA

(b)

Parker John Baro, being duly sworn, says:

1. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge.

2.	I am	of legal	age and	competent to	testify	to the	matters	stated herein.	I am	currently
employ	ed by	The	Walt	- Disney	Co.	as	Merc	handise	host	

3. Have you ever run for public office? If so, please name the office(s) you ran for and the date(s) of the election(s) you ran in.

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4. Have you ever been appointed to act as a campaign treasurer for a candidate? If so, please name the candidate(s) you served as treasurer, the office(s) the candidate ran for, and the dates of the election(s).

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5. Have you ever held the office of chairperson, treasurer, board member, or other similar position for a political committee? If so, please list the names and addresses of the committees and dates when you held the position.

6. Have you ever held the office of chairperson, treasurer, board member, or other similar position for a committee of continuous existence? (Committee of continuous existence is defined in Section 106.04, Florida Statutes.) If so, please list the name and addresses of the committees and dates when you held the position.

No.

No.

ATTACHMENT A, Por 1 st 3

7. Have you ever prepared or signed a campaign treasurer's report? If so, please list the name of the candidate or committee whose report you prepared or signed.

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9.	Do you possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes?	X Yes	🗌 No
10.	If so, when did you first obtain it? <u>January</u> 2017		
11.	Have you read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes?	Yes	🗌 No
12.	Do you possess a copy of Chapter 104, Florida Statutes?	X Yes	🗌 No
13.	If so, when did you first obtain it? January 2017		
14.	Have you read Chapter 104, Florida Statutes?	X Yes	🗌 No
15. Treası	Do you possess a copy of the Candidate and Campaign urer Handbook?	Y Yes	🗌 No
16.	If so, when did you first obtain it? January 2017		·
17. <i>Handb</i>	Have you read the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer ook?	Yes	🗌 No
18.	List any additional materials you received from the Supervisor of $\frac{N}{k}$	Elections	•

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Have you filed the 2017 M7 Report at this time? If so, when? If not, why not? 19. December 6, 2017. · es 20. Did your campaign have any financial activity during the 2017 M7 reporting period? No. I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. 00 Signature of Affiant worn to dr affirmed) and subscribed before me this ______ day of S 20 1 😂 AV 122 ۵. Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public Notery Public State of Florida Robert N Nicholi My Commission GG 007218 Expires 10/22/2020 Personally Known _____ or Produced Identification _____ Type of Identification Produced: D2IVCrLICENCE 120210A Case Investigator: CKO

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Case No.: FEC 17-306

Respondent: Parker John Baro Counsel for Respondent: n/a

Complainant: Division of Elections Counsel for Complainant: n/a

On October 5, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Division of Elections alleging that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Commission staff investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate who did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to notify timely the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed; 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 is a candidate for the office of State Representative, District 39 in the 2020 election. Respondent is a first-time candidate.

2. Complainant is the Division of Elections.

3. Respondent's filing officer is Kristi Willis, Chief, Bureau of Election Records¹.

4. On February 20, 2017, Respondent filed his original Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) with his filing officer². Respondent appointed Ms. Hannah Maldonado as his campaign treasurer. To view a copy of Respondent's February 20, 2017 DS-DE 9 form, refer to exhibit 1.

5. On February 28, 2017, Ms. Willis sent Respondent a letter acknowledging he had been placed on the 2020 active candidate list³. The letter advised Respondent that all candidates filing

¹ Ms. Willis was recently married and changed her name from Kristi Reid-Bronson, to Kristi Willis.

² On August 14, 2017, Respondent completed an updated DS-DE 9 form appointing himself as his own campaign treasurer. On October 23, 2017, Respondent submitted a letter as well as an updated DS-DE 9 form informing the DOE that he had appointed himself as his own campaign treasurer.

³ On October 27, 2017, the DOE acknowledged receiving the updated DS-DE 9 form from Respondent appointing himself as his own campaign treasurer.

reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system (EFS). Respondent was provided with a user identification number and initial password allowing him access to the EFS. To view a copy of the February 28, 2017 acknowledgement letter, refer to exhibit 2.

6. On October 4, 2017, a DOE staff representative, Kristi Willis, submitted a swornaffidavit alleging that Respondent failed to report campaign activity, or in the alternative failed to notify the filing officer that no report would be filed for the 2017 M7 reporting period. To view a copy of the October 4, 2017 sworn-affidavit from Complainant, refer to exhibit 3.

7. On August 11, 2017, Complainant mailed Respondent a failure-to-file letter informing him that the 2017 M7 Report had not been filed. This letter was sent to the address Respondent provided on his DS-DE 9 form (Exhibit 1). To view a copy of the August 11, 2017 failure-to-file letter, refer to exhibit 4.

8. On September 7, 2017, Complainant sent Respondent a second failure-to-file letter informing him that the 2017 M7 Report still had not been filed. This letter was also sent to the address Respondent provided on his DS-DE 9 form (Exhibit 1). To view a copy of the September 7, 2017 failure-to-file letter, refer to exhibit 5.

9. On September 18, 2017, Complainant mailed Respondent a failure-to-file letter via certified mail, informing him that the 2017 M7 Report had not been filed. This letter was sent to the address Respondent provided on his DS-DE 9 form (Exhibit 1). To view a copy of the September 18, 2017 failure-to-file letter with delivery confirmation receipt, refer to exhibit 6.

10. The allegations that Respondent failed to report campaign activity, or in the alternative, failed to notify the filing officer in writing, that no report would be filed for the 2017 M7 reporting period will be discussed in the following paragraphs.

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

11. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when he failed to file a treasurer's report, or written notice to the filing officer that no report would be filed due to lack of reportable activity during the 2017 M7 reporting period, on the prescribed reporting date.

12. On December 19, 2017, I subpoenaed Respondent's campaign account records from Bank of America, the campaign depository listed on Respondent's current DS-DE 9 form (Exhibit 1). In a Business Records Declaration dated January 5, 2018, a depository representative stated that they were unable to locate any information on Respondent. To review a copy of the "business records declaration" from Respondent's depository, refer to exhibit 7.

13. Based upon Bank of America's declaration in response to the Commission's subpoena, it appears that Respondent did not have any contributions or expenditures during the 2017 M7 reporting period⁴. Therefore, it appears there was no campaign activity for Respondent to disclose during this period.

⁴ The 2017 M7 reporting period covers the time-period of July 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017.

14. On December 6, 2017, Respondent filed a notice-of-no-activity for the 2017 M7 reporting period with his filing officer; the notice was due August 10, 2017. Respondent attested that he did not make any contributions nor make any expenditures during this reporting period. To view a copy of the waiver-of-report for the 2017 M7 reporting period, refer to exhibit 8.

15. There is no record that Respondent has previously violated this section of the election laws.

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

16. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to timely notify the filing officer, in writing, that no report would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making any expenditures during the 2017 M7 reporting period.

17. To review the circumstances regarding Respondent's campaign activity, refer to paragraphs 12 through 14 of this report.

18. Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, states in part:

"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...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."

19. In an e-mail dated April 2, 2014, Ms. Bronson was asked to clarify the procedure regarding how to notify the Division in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed. In her response, Ms. Bronson stated, "The notice that no report will be filed is the waiver, which must be filed in the EFS. We do not require anything separate in writing." To review a copy of Ms. Bronson's e-mail, please refer to exhibit 9.

20. Based upon Bank of America's declaration and Ms. Bronson's email, because Respondent did not have any contributions or expenditures during the 2017 M7 reporting period, it appears Respondent was required to notify the Division in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed. Respondent filed his notice-of-no-activity 118 days after the reporting due date. To review a copy of Respondent's filing history, refer to exhibit 10.

21. Based on records on file with the Division of Elections, Respondent filed a notice-ofno-activity for the 2017 M2 reporting period 10 days late.

IV. FEC History:

22. None.

Conclusion:

23. Respondent was offered several opportunities to make comments regarding the findings of this investigation. Respondent has not responded to any of these attempts to discuss this matter.

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24. In the February 28, 2017 acknowledgement letter, Respondent was informed that all of the Division's publications are available online at the DOE's website. In the letter, Respondent was admonished as follows: It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, Calendar of Reporting Dates, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code". To view a copy of the February 28, 2017 acknowledgement letter, refer to exhibit 2.

25. On February 20, 2017, Respondent filed his original Statement of Candidate for State House Representative, District 39 acknowledging that he had been provided access to read and understand that requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes⁵. To view a copy of the Statement of Candidate, refer to exhibit 11.

Respectfully submitted on January 12, 2018.

Cedric Oliver Investigation Specialist

Current address of Respondent

Current address of Complainant

Mr. Parker John Baro 794 Oak Shadow Road Celebration, Fl 34747 Division of Elections 500 South Bronough Street, Room 316 Tallahassee, Fl 32399

Name and Address of Filing Officer:

Ms. Kristi Willis Bureau of Election Records Chief 500 South Bronough Street, Room 316 Tallahassee, Fl 32399

Copy furnished to: Mr. David Flagg, Investigations Manager

⁵ On February 24, 2017, Respondent filed a second Statement of Candidate for the office of State House Representative, District 39

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Parker John Baro -- FEC 17-306

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Exhibit 6	September 18, 2017 failure-to-file certified mail with delivery confirmation receipt							
Exhibit 7	Declaration page from Bank of America							
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DIVISION OF LEUTIONS TALLAHASSEE. FL 794 Oak Shadows Rd Celebration, FL 34747 407-414-1798 parkerjbaro@gmail.com

February 20, 2017

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

Mr. Chellman,

Following this letter is forms DS-DE 9 and DS-DE 84, to be filed in accordance with Florida state law regarding declaration of candidacy. My intent is to file to run for State House Representative for District 39 during the 2020 election cycle. I do not intend to campaign or run for/during the 2018 election cycle, as I would not fulfill the age requirement for office at that time. Please email me at the address provided above if there are any issues regarding these forms, or if you have any questions. I sincerely thank you for your assistance regarding this process, and look forward to working with you and your department in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Parker John Baro

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To whom it may concern,

Treasurer Hannah Maldonado has been relieved of her duties as campaign treasurer for the campaign of Parker John Baro. Attached is form DS-DE 9 reappointing myself as campaign treasurer.

Yours, C Parker Baro

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT Of STATE

RICK SCOTT Governor **KEN DETZNER** Secretary of State

February 28, 2017

Parker John Baro 794 Oak Shadows Road Celebration, Florida 34747

Dear Mr. Baro:

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 February 24, 2017. Your name has been placed on the 2020 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on March 10, 2017. The report will cover the period of February 1-28, 2017 (M2). 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: 69682

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/



Parker John Baro February 28, 2017 Page Two

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.

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Parker John Baro February 28, 2017 Page Three

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

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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Enclosures

pc: Hannah Maldonado, Treasurer



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT Of STATE

RICK SCOTT Governor

KEN DETZNER Secretary of State

October 26, 2017

Parker John Baro (69682) 794 Oak Shadows Road Celebration, Florida 34747

Dear Mr. Baro:

Your appointment as campaign treasurer for your candidacy for State Representative was filed in this office on October 23, 2017. Enclosed is a security envelope containing your confidential pin number to access the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS) for submitting campaign treasurer's reports.

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

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

Sincerely,

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Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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Enclosure

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Kristi Reid Willis, being duly sworn, says:

- 1. I am the Chief of the Bureau of Election Records of the Division of Elections (Division). In that capacity, I oversee the Division's duties related to the filing of campaign finance reports.
- 2. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
- 3. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
- 4. Parker John Baro (69682) is a 2020 candidate for the office of State Representative.
- 5. On February 24, 2017, Mr. Baro filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division. Mr. Baro appointed Hannah Maldonado as treasurer.
- 6. The 2017 M7 campaign treasurer's report was due on August 10, 2017. On August 11, 2017, the Division mailed Ms. Maldonado notification that the 2017 M7 treasurer's report had not been filed.
- 7. On September 7, 2017, the Division mailed Ms. Maldonado notification that the 2017 M7 treasurer's report had not been filed.
- 8. On September 18, 2017, the Division mailed Ms. Maldonado final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2017 M7 treasurer's report had not been filed. (See attached letter and delivery confirmation.)
- 9. Ms. Maldonado did not notify the Division of Elections prior to or on the prescribed reporting date for the 2017 M7 report that no report was to be filed.

EXHIBIT 3

10. As of October 4, 2017, Ms. Maldonado has not filed the 2017 M7 report.

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

in Willis Signature of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 4th day of October, 2017.

Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

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Personally Known

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

August 11, 2017

Hannah Maldonado, Treasurer 906 Spring Park Loop Celebration, FL 34747 CAN 69682

Dear Ms. Maldonado:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was August 10, 2017.

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

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report:
 - \$50 per day for the first 3 days late
 - \$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late
 - If the required report immediately precedes a primary and general election, the automatic fine is \$500 for each late day.

The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period. Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines. We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission.

• If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106,265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely, toquia Willis

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Parker John Baro Candidate for State Representative, District 39

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

Second Notice

September 7, 2017

Hannah Maldonado, Treasurer 906 Spring Park Loop Celebration, FL 34747

CAN 69682

Dear Ms. Maldonado:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was August 10, 2017.

We mailed, via regular mail, the first notice of the failure to file the above-mentioned report or notification to the address on file with our office on August 11, 2017.

The first notice which we provided to you specifically explained the automatic fine provisions in the law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) for failure to file a required report. Such fines are continuing to accrue for a late-filed report. Also, that notice explained that if no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to provide notification in writing that no reportable activity occurred. Our initial notice further indicated that, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

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Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Parker John Baro Candidate for State Representative, District 39

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

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September 18, 2017

Hannah Maldonado, Treasurer 906 Spring Park Loop Celebration, FL 34747

CAN 69682

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Sincerely,

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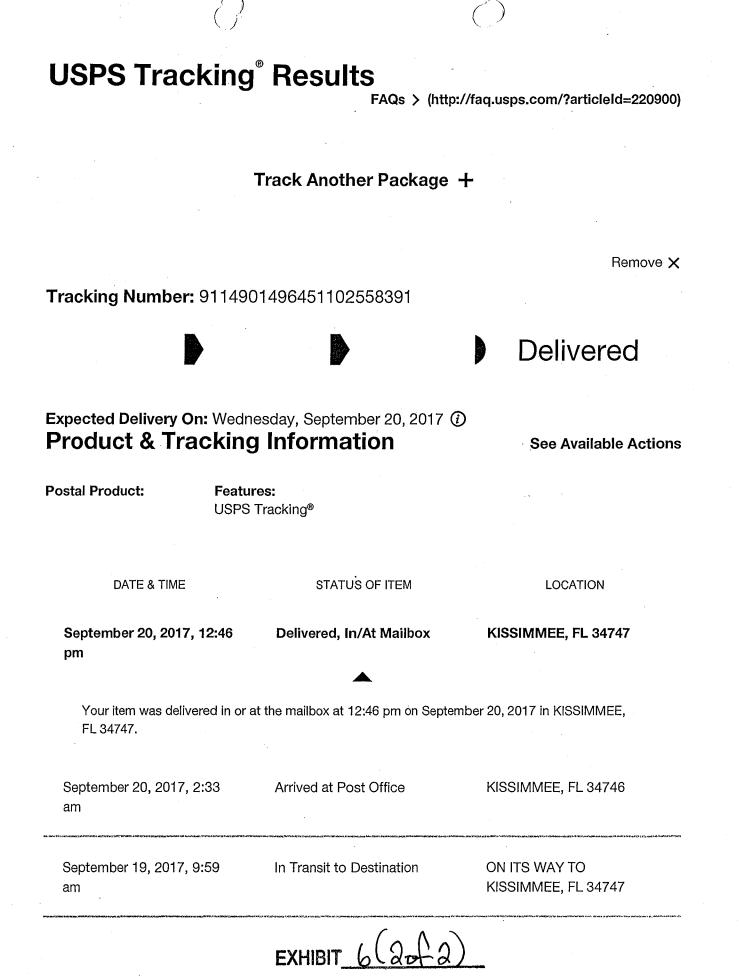
Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Parker John Baro Candidate for State Representative, District 39

The R A Gray Building-Room 316 • 500 South Bronough Street • Tallahassee FL 32399-0250 • (850) 245-6240 WWW Address: http://dos.myflorida.com/eleve E-Mail: ElecRecords@dos.myflorida.c

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION Cedric Oliver 107 W. Gaines Street, Collins Bldg., Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399

Regarding reference number: D122717000173 Case name: PARKER BARO Case number: FEC 17-306 Customer name:

Bank of America, N.A. ("the Bank") received the above referenced subpoena. Please see our response below.

What you need to know

The Bank is unable to locate any accounts or records requested with the information provided.

The Bank is unable to locate any records requested for the timeframe specified.

The Bank is unable to locate any information or records on any account(s) for the date requested as the date exceeds the Bank's retention period.

The Bank is unable to comply with the subpoena/legal request requesting documents from a separate legal entity. It will be necessary for you to serve a proper subpoena/legal request on that entity.

Other. The Bank does not possess and/or cannot produce any of the requested records for the following reasons:

What you need to do

If you need to forward any additional correspondence to us regarding this case, please mail it to the following address:

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Bank of America DE5-024-02-08 P.O. Box 15047 Wilmington, DE 19850

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(1) Parker John Baro Candidate, Committe or Party		(2)	69682	******	
(3) 794 Oak Shadows Road		Celebration	FL	34747	
Address (number and street)	changed since last report	City	State	Zip Code	*************
(4) Check appropriate box(es):					
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Prepared on: 1/11/18 10:51:21AM

Reviewed On: 12/6/17 6:35 pm

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RE: Referrals Bronson, Kristi R. to:

Tracie Aulet 04/02/2014 02:49 PM Show Details

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The notice that no report will be filed is the waiver, which must be filed in the EFS. We do not require anything separate in writing.

Regards,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Division of Elections, Bureau of Election Records (850) 245-6240

From: Tracie Aulet [<u>mailto:Tracie.Aulet@myfloridalegal.com</u>] Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 12:56 PM To: Bronson, Kristi R. Subject: Referrals

Good Afternoon Kristi,

I am investigating a referral from DOE for failure to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed, i.e. the untimely filing of waivers.

Would you please inform me as to what the procedure is for a candidate who wants to notify the Division in writing that there will be no report filed? Is it similar to the request for password in that they have to fax a signed letter to the Division? Does the Division acknowledge receipt of the notification that no report will be filed? Once the letter is received is the candidate still required to file the actual waiver of report?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tracie L. Aulet Investigation Specialist II Florida Elections Commission The Collins Building, Suite 224 107 West Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

Please note that Florida has a broad public records law, and that all correspondence to me via e-mail may be subject to disclosure.

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Florida Election System Reports

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Florida Department of State **Division of Elections**

2020 General Election Parker John Baro (DEM) State Representative

Campaign Finance Activity

Note: The information presented below was obtained from the Committee's/Candidate's Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with the Division of Elections. <u>About the Campaign Finance Data Base</u>.

		Contributions					
	Filing Period	Monetary	Loans	InKind	Expend	Other	Transfers
W	02/24/2017 - 02/28/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/01/2017 - 03/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2017 - 04/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/01/2017 - 05/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/01/2017 - 06/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/01/2017 - 07/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/01/2017 - 08/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Note: ^(E) indicates that report was filed electronically

X Indicates that detail has not been released

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

Select Detail Type

Select Sort Order

Select Output Type

Submit Query Now

Query the Campaign Finance Data Base

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T-103 P0003/0003 F-771 02-20-'17 16:10 FROM-407-828-6888 OFFICE USE ONLY STATEMENT OF HE PAR IMENT OF STATE **CANDIDATE** 17 FEB 20 PM 3: 14 (Section 106.023, F.S.) DIVISION CE ELLUTIONS TOLLAHASSEE, FL (Please print or type) Parker John Baro ١. candidate for the office of State House Representative District 39 have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. LAX Signature of Candidate 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). DS-DE 84 (05/11) **EXHIBI**

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE (Section 106.023, F.S.) (Please print or type)	OFFICE USE ONLY 2017 FEB 24 AM 9: 34 DIVISION OF THE TOWS
I, <u>Parker John Baro</u> candidate for the office of <u>State House</u>	e Representative District 39 ;
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Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.	•
X Signature of Candidate	Feb 20, 2017 Date
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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

November 9, 2017

Parker John Baro 794 Oak Shadow Road Celebration, FL 34747

RE: Case No.: FEC 17-306; Respondent: Parker John Baro

Dear Mr. Baro:

On October 5, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violations:

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

• 2017 M7

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when he failed to file a report on the prescribed reporting date for the following reporting period:

• 2017 M7

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.

Parker John Baro November 9, 2017 Page 2 FEC 17-306

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 **Cedric Oliver**, the investigator assigned to this case at extension 114.

Sincerely,

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COMMISSION

To FEC from Division of Elections

Name:Parker John BaroAccount Number:69682Treasurer:Hannah Maldonado

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

The following report or notice is outstanding after notification:

2017 M7

Sent By: Kristi Reid Willis Date: October 4, 2017

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STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Leon

Kristi Reid Willis, being duly sworn, says:

- 1. I am the Chief of the Bureau of Election Records of the Division of Elections (Division). In that capacity, I oversee the Division's duties related to the filing of campaign finance reports.
- 2. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
- 3. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
- 4. Parker John Baro (69682) is a 2020 candidate for the office of State Representative.
- 5. On February 24, 2017, Mr. Baro filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division. Mr. Baro appointed Hannah Maldonado as treasurer.
- 6. The 2017 M7 campaign treasurer's report was due on August 10, 2017. On August 11, 2017, the Division mailed Ms. Maldonado notification that the 2017 M7 treasurer's report had not been filed.
- 7. On September 7, 2017, the Division mailed Ms. Maldonado notification that the 2017 M7 treasurer's report had not been filed.
- 8. On September 18, 2017, the Division mailed Ms. Maldonado final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2017 M7 treasurer's report had not been filed. (See attached letter and delivery confirmation.)
- 9. Ms. Maldonado did not notify the Division of Elections prior to or on the prescribed reporting date for the 2017 M7 report that no report was to be filed.

10. As of October 4, 2017, Ms. Maldonado has not filed the 2017 M7 report.

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

Rice Willis

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 4th day of October, 2017.

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Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

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



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Ken Detzner Secretary of State

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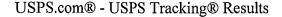
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Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Parker John Baro Candidate for State Representative, District 39 CAN 69682





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