

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Andy Mele

Case No.: FEC 20-551

TO: Andy Mele
1443 Sea Gull
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Division of Elections
500 S. Bronough Street, Room 316
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

AMENDED NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)
(ONLY CHANGES MADE WERE TO CORRECT WEBINAR ID &
TELECONFERENCE DIAL-IN NUMBER & ACCESS CODE

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Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
August 23, 2021

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Commission Meeting August 31, 2021 at 8:30AM via GoToWebinar and OpenVoice

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
CASE REPORT
Case Number: FEC 20-551

NAME: ANDY MELE

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 11/16/2020

DATE REPORT DUE: 10/23/2020 (2020 G5)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 10/29/2020

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 6

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$1,122.72

FINE BASED ON: () NUMBER OF DAYS (X) 25% OF RECEIPTS () 25% OF EXPENDITURES

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$4,490.89

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$4,342.97

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 10/26/2020 (Failure to File Ltr)

SUMMARY: Andy Mele was a candidate for State Representative, District 71, in the 2020 elections. Mr. Mele was his own treasurer.

Andy Mele is appealing the fine claiming that the report was filed late due to reasons outside of his control. According to Mr. Mele, he hired a CPA, Mindy LaCroix, to file his reports. He notes that she was hospitalized with COVID and was unable to complete the filing. Mr. Mele claims that he filed the report himself on October 29th after learning about the EFS system.

- The 2020 G5 Original Report covers the period from 10/03/20-10/16/20; it was due on 10/23/20.
- The 2020 G5 Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created on 10/26/20 and filed on 10/29/20.
- Andy Mele reported receiving 58 contributions while making 12 expenditures.
- The Division of Elections has one note pertaining to Andy Mele's 2020 G5 report. On October 26, 2020, the candidate requested his password and stated that the person filing his campaign reports was in the hospital with COVID.

PRIOR CASES: None.

CANDIDATE [X]	STATE [X]
PC []	DISTRICT []
CCE []	COUNTY []
POLITICAL PARTY []	CITY []

Andy Mele
1444 Sea Gull Ct.
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Nov. 10, 2020

Ref: CAN 76043

Letter dated 10/30/20 from Kristi Reid Willis, Chief, Bureau of Election Records
Florida Department of State (letter attached)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am being assessed a large fine for late filing report G5. The report was due October 23, but the DOS did not receive it until 10/29. None of this is in dispute.

I am asking for reconsideration of this fine for the following reasons:

1. I had been using the paid services of a CPA named Mindy LaCroix since the first month of the campaign. I would send her each report in an Excel spreadsheet laid out to her specifications. She uploaded the report to DOS. I don't know how she did it, just that she did it.
2. I completed this G5 report four days early, on the morning of October 19 and emailed it to her that afternoon.
3. We went back and forth with a couple of questions, but then on 10/21 she told me she was laid up with COVID clots and in the hospital. She said she would get the report filed.
4. I followed up a few days later and got no response until 10/26, when she asked if the report I was mentioning was "the one from Friday." I decided that she was no longer capable of doing the filing, and that I should relieve her of the burden.
5. She had been in the ER again all day, and was in the hospital through the 29th, and I am not certain where she is even now. She just responds, "I am doing better, thank you."
6. When I heard from her late on the 26th, I realized that my report, which had been submitted to her in plenty of time, had been understandably displaced by acute health problems, so I set about learning how to do reports on the state EFS system, and submitted the completed report on the 29th.

Therefore, I respectfully state that I produced the necessary data for Ms. LaCroix four days early, that the report was submitted late for reasons beyond my knowledge or control—or hers, for that matter, and that once I realized what had happened I dove into an unfamiliar system to meet my obligations as soon as possible.

Now familiar with the EFS, I submitted the G6 report on time.

COVID is affecting everyone in our society, and I hope very much that you can view this error as an act of God more than an act of inattention. I will be grateful for a waiver of the fine.

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COPY
2020 NOV 16 AM 10:13
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'A' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Andy Mele
Former Candidate for FL House District 71



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurel M. Lee
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

October 30, 2020

Andy Mele
Candidate for State Representative, District 71
1444 Sea Gull Court
Punta Gorda, FL 33950-3950

CAN 76043

Dear Mr. Mele:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on October 23, 2020, was filed on October 29, 2020. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$1,122.72.

You have 20 days from the receipt of this notice to either:

1. Pay the fine to the Florida Division of Elections (For a candidate only, a fine is not an allowable campaign expenditure and must be paid from personal funds) at:

*Florida Division of Elections
R.A. Gray Building, Room. 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-025011*


2. Appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission (See Rules 2B-1.005 and 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code) at:

*Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150*

If you appeal, please send a copy also to the Florida Division of Elections so that you will not receive further notices from the Division about this matter.

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

Sincerely,


Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurel M. Lee
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

October 26, 2020

Andy Mele
Candidate for State Representative, District 71
1444 Sea Gull Court
Punta Gorda, FL 33950-3950

CAN 76043

Dear Mr. Mele:

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 October 23, 2020.

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.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

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

(1) Andy Mele (2) 76043
 Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 1444 Sea Gull Court Punta Gorda FL 33950
 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 Existence Check If CCE has DISBANDED
 Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 10/03/2020 To 10/16/2020 Report Type: G5

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$4,490.89
Loans	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$4,490.89
In-Kind	\$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$4,342.97
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$4,342.97

(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

Name: Andy Mele

Report: 2020 G5

Period: 10/03/2020 to 10/16/2020

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

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	In-Kind Description	Amend
1	SMITH, LAURIE 100 CENTRAL AVE. #1103 SARASOTA, FL 34236	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$50.00
10/03/2020		CHE		
2	ANDERSON, NANCY 7765 CALLE CASINO RANCHO, CA 91730	I	PROGRAMMER	\$3.00
10/03/2020		CHE		
3	ROYHL, CHARLES 5736 ISLANDA PLACE SARASOTA, FL 34231	I	YACHT BROKER	\$100.00
10/03/2020		CHE		
4	GUROWSKY, CHARLES 6115 9TH AVE. W. BRADENTON, FL 34209	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$50.00
10/04/2020		CHE		
5	WILLEY, KAREN 1113 16TH ST. W BRADENTON, FL 34205	I		\$25.00
10/05/2020		CHE		
6	MELE ANDRE 2091 GLASCO TURNPIKE WOODSTOCK, NY 12498	S	CANDIDATE	\$25.00
10/06/2020		CHE		
7	HAMLIN, CURTIS 805 HILLCREST DR. BRADENTON, FL 34209	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$50.00
10/07/2020		CHE		
8	HAMLIN, JANICE 805 HILLCREST DR. BRADENTON, FL 34209	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$50.00
10/07/2020		CHE		
9	FISHER, CANDACE 3603 CAMINO REAL SARASOTA, FL 34239	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$50.00
10/08/2020		CHE		
10	METTLER, KATHLEEN 1959 WISTERIA ST. SARASOTA, FL 34239	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$1,000.00
10/08/2020		CHE		
11	PERRET, CHARLOTTE 707 GULFSTREAM AVE. SARASOTA, FL 34236	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$250.00
10/09/2020		CHE		
12	PALMER, C. AMY 9107 NASSAU BRADENTON, FL 34210	I	SERVER	\$3.00
10/09/2020		CHE		
13	BEATON, DAVID 3706 ROYAL PALM AVE. SARASOTA, FL 34234	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$25.00
10/09/2020		CHE		
* 14	MCCANN, PETER 8335 ABINGDON CT. UNIVERSITY PARK, FL 34201	I		\$250.00
10/10/2020		CHE		
15	ABREU, SHARON PO BOX 969 EASTSOUND, WA 98245	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$10.00
10/11/2020		CHE		
16	SRAMEK, ANDRA 109 CHERRYWOOD DR. FISHKILL, NY 12524	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$25.00
10/12/2020		CHE		
17	BOGNER, ERIC 760 INDIAN BEACH LANE SARASOTA, FL 34234	I	WRITER/EDITOR	\$100.00
10/12/2020		CHE		
18	LAPOVSKY, LUCIE 1281 GULF OF MEXICO DR. LONGBOAT KEY, FL 34228	I	CONSULTANT	\$250.00
10/12/2020		CHE		
19	MEEHAN, THOMAS 708 SUGARWOOD TRAIL VENICE, FL 34292	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$50.00
10/13/2020		CHE		
20	GERHARDT, KATIE 3224 AUSTIN ST. SARASOTA, FL 34231	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$25.00
10/13/2020		CHE		

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10/13/2020				
22	PROEGER, TERRY 755 INDIAN BEACH LANE SARASOTA, FL 34234	 CHE	NOT EMPLOYED	\$50.00
10/13/2020				
23	AYRE, LINDA 1309 MONARCH LANE DAVIS, CA 95618	 CHE	NOT EMPLOYED	\$1.00
10/13/2020				
24	JOSE, TERESITA 888 BLVD. OF THE ARTS SARASOTA, FL 34236	 CHE		\$25.00
10/13/2020				
25	JAROS, KENNETH 5509 SW 6TH AVE. CAPE CORAL, FL 33914	 CHE	NOT EMPLOYED	\$50.00
10/13/2020				
26	GLAZER, SHARON 746 LAKEVIEW DR. MIAMI BEACH, FL 33140	 CHE	ATTORNEY	\$100.00
10/13/2020				
27	PAVER, DIANA 1919 N. LAKESHORE DR. SARASOTA, FL 34231	 CHE	PROPERTY MANAGER	\$50.00
10/13/2020				
28	PUTNEY, JUSTIN 182 TAMAL VISTA DR. SAN RAFAEL, CA 94901	 CHE	ENTREPRENEUR	\$10.00
10/14/2020				
29	TURNER, SUZANNE 33 WEST 93RD ST., APT. 4N NEW YORK, NY 10025	 CHE	NOT EMPLOYED	\$1.89
10/14/2020				
30	DORWICK, THALIA 2450 HARBOURSIDE DRIVE LONGBOAT KEY, FL 34228	 CHE	NOT EMPLOYED	\$200.00
10/14/2020				
31	O'LOUGHLIN, LAURIE 2415 LANDINGS CIRCLE BRADENTON, FL 34209	 CHE	NOT EMPLOYED	\$50.00
10/14/2020				
32	LERNER, CAROL 1916 WYNDHAM DRIVE SARASOTA, FL 34235	 CHE		\$20.00
10/14/2020				
33	VERTEFEUILLE, LINDA 6902 STONEYWALK CT. BRADENTON, FL 34203	 CHE	NOT EMPLOYED	\$25.00
10/15/2020				
34	TEDHAMS, GALE 308A 67TH ST. HOLMES BEACH, FL 35217	 CHE	DIRECTOR	\$50.00
10/15/2020				
35	KRAMARZ, TERRY 4127 RESIDENCE DR. #418 FORT MYERS, FL 33901	 CHE	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$1.00
10/15/2020				
36	PANNEE, BEVERLY 7519 CAMDEN HARBOUR DRIVE BRADENTON, FL 34212	 CHE	NOT EMPLOYED	\$100.00
10/15/2020				
37	HADDAD, CAROL 3711 72ND AVE. E SARASOTA, FL 34243	 CHE	NOT EMPLOYED	\$50.00
10/16/2020				
38	ARMSTRONG, NANCY 7301 REDGE RAINEY RD. ONA, FL 33865	 CHE	NURSERY MANAGER	\$50.00
10/16/2020				
39	GLASS, JEANIE 6241 NUTMEG AVE. SARASOTA, FL 34231	 CHE		\$11.00
10/16/2020				
40	MACHINIST, LOUISE 1100 IMPERIAL DR., UNIT 206 SARASOTA, FL 34236	 CHE	NOT EMPLOYED	\$50.00
10/16/2020				

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Report: 2020 G5

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

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	In-Kind Description	Amend
41	PARKER, MERRIE LYNN 7611 9TH AVE. NW BRADENTON, FL 34209		NOT EMPLOYED	\$100.00
10/16/2020		CHE		
42	RADTKE, TANYA 2350 LOMA LINDA ST. SARASOTA, FL 34239		DENTAL HYGIENIST	\$50.00
10/16/2020		CHE		
43	PEEPLER, GRANT 84 COUNCIL MOORE CRAWFORDVILLE, FL 32327		MUSICIAN	\$50.00
10/16/2020		CHE		
44	PRATT, COLEMAN 6928 26TH ST. W BRADENTON, FL 34207		DOCTOR	\$100.00
10/16/2020		CHE		
45	SLOAN, LINDA 1233 N. GULFSTREAM AVE, #404 SARASOTA, FL 34236		NOT EMPLOYED	\$100.00
10/16/2020		CHE		
46	PIERCE, ANGELA 137 PINENEEDLE DR. BRADENTON, FL 34210		NOT EMPLOYED	\$10.00
10/16/2020		CHE		
47	ARMSTRONG, JANE 1141 OCELOT DR. VENICE, FL 34293		ARTIST	\$50.00
10/16/2020		CHE		
48	TULSKI, FRANCESCA 7458 EDENMORE ST. BRADENTON, FL 34202		NOT EMPLOYED	\$100.00
10/16/2020		CHE		
49	TUGENDHAT, ANDY 1415 2ND ST., UNIT 825 SARASOTA, FL 34236		NOT EMPLOYED	\$100.00
10/16/2020		CHE		
50	ZALLER, GUY 146 CREEK DRIVE APTOS, CA 95003		ENGINEER	\$10.00
10/16/2020		CHE		
51	CONWAY, MARY 4615 PARK LANE TERR. S BRADENTON, FL 34209		FITNESS COACH	\$10.00
10/16/2020		CHE		
52	MATHERS, KAY 3646 BENEVA OAKS DR. SARASOTA, FL 34238		NOT EMPLOYED	\$100.00
10/16/2020		CHE		
53	GOOD, MARGARET 2904 HOMOSASSA ROAD SARASOTA, FL 34239		STATE REPRESENTATIVE	\$25.00
10/16/2020		CHE		
54	MACDONALD, SUZANNE 11568 ECHO LAKE CIRCLE BRADENTON, FL 34211		NOT EMPLOYED	\$50.00
10/16/2020		CHE		
55	MANSFIELD, WILLIAM 14324 WEST WESLEY CIRCLE LAKEWOOD, CO 80228		NOT EMPLOYED	\$50.00
10/16/2020		CHE		
56	ARMAN-VALDIVIA, JESSIKA 3232 MAYFLOWER ST. SARASOTA, FL 34231		REALTOR	\$50.00
10/16/2020		CHE		
57	CURRAN, RACHAEL 1125 21ST AVE, N ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33704		ATTORNEY	\$100.00
10/16/2020		CHE		
58	WALTERS, SUSAN 730 BAYPORT WAY LONGBOAT KEY, FL 34228		NOT EMPLOYED	\$50.00
10/16/2020		CHE		

Name: Andy Mele

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

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 10/05/2020	MR. TEQUILA MEXICAN RESTAURANT 491 CORTEZ RD. W BRADENTON, FL 34207	MON	TEAM LUNCH	\$91.58
2 10/05/2020	THE HOME DEPOT 3941 TAMiami TRAIL PUNTA GORDA, FL 33950	MON	PURCHASE OF YARD SIGN MOUNTING SUPPLIES	\$103.26
3 10/05/2020	MARTIN MEGAN 6630 WATERS EDGE WAY LAKEWOOD RANCH, FL 34202	MON	PAYMENT TO CAMPAIGN MANAGER	\$1,250.00
4 10/05/2020	ACTBLUE PO BOX 441146 SOMERVILLE, MA 02144	MON	DONATION	\$180.47
5 10/06/2020	ANNA MARIA ISLANDER 3218 EAST BAY DR. HOLMES BEACH, FL 34217	MON	ADVERTISING	\$230.00
6 10/08/2020	ZOOM 55 ALMADEN BLVD., 6TH FLOOR SAN JOSE, CA 95113	MON	SERVICE SUBSCRIPTION	\$69.88
7 10/08/2020	FACEBOOK 1601 WILLOW RD. MENLO PARK, CA 94025	MON	ADVERTISING	\$50.00
8 10/09/2020	VANTIV E-COMMERCE 8500 GOVERNORS HILL DR. SYMMES TOWNSHIP, OH 45249	MON	CARD PROCESSING FEES	\$212.78
9 10/13/2020	ANNA MARIA ISLANDER 3218 EAST BAY DR. HOLMES BEACH, FL 34217	MON	ADVERTISING	\$230.00
10 10/13/2020	FACEBOOK 1601 WILLOW RD. MENLO PARK, CA 94025	MON	ADVERTISING	\$75.00
11 10/14/2020	OBSERVER MEDIA 1970 MAIN ST., THIRD FLOOR SARASOTA, FL 34236	MON	ADVERTISING	\$600.00
12 10/16/2020	MARTIN MEGAN 6630 WATERS EDGE WAY LAKEWOOD RANCH, FL 34202	MON	PAYMENT TO CAMPAIGN MANAGER	\$1,250.00

Name: Andy Mele

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

Name: Andy Mele

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

Queued Items for 2020-G5

Account: 76043

STR 071 Andy Mele

Rpt Seq: 13

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	76043	10/26/2020 5:02:41 PM	10/26/2020 5:02:41 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	76043	10/28/2020 3:15:57 PM	10/28/2020 3:15:57 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	76043	10/29/2020 12:23:12 PM	10/29/2020 12:23:12 PM



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Candidate/Committee Lookup

Candidate Name: **Andy Mele**

Name:

Account: [76043](#)

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
2/1/2021	TR	1/31/2021						
10/30/2020	G6	10/30/2020						
10/23/2020	G5	10/29/2020	APP	6	\$1,122.72		\$1,122.72	\$0.00
10/9/2020	G4	10/9/2020						
9/25/2020	G3	9/25/2020						
9/11/2020	G2	9/11/2020						
8/28/2020	G1	8/28/2020						
8/14/2020	P7	8/14/2020	APP	0	\$3,175.33		\$3,175.33	\$0.00
8/7/2020	P6	8/7/2020	CLO	0	\$205.98		\$205.98	\$205.98
7/31/2020	P5	7/30/2020						
7/24/2020	P4	7/23/2020						
7/17/2020	P3	7/17/2020						
7/3/2020	P2	7/14/2020	CLO	11	\$525.00		\$525.00	\$525.00
6/19/2020	P1	6/18/2020						
6/10/2020	M5	6/12/2020	CLO	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00

HISTORY NOTES
Andy Mele - 76043

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
72081	10/26/2020 3:51:00 PM		dsbrown
RE: Credential Request Form			
Candidate said had just found out that the person that has been filing his campaign finance reports is in the hospital with COVID. She hasn't filed any reports for the past week. He needed the password reset because he didn't know it. He did have the pins. He was not where he could log into his computer during the call.			
69267	6/9/2020 5:33:00 PM		zjsantos
RE: Credentials			
I left Mr. Mele a voicemail for him to call back if he has yet to receive his credentials, and reminded him that the 2020 M5 is due by midnight tomorrow.			



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

RON DESANTIS

Governor

LAUREL M. LEE

Secretary of State

May 22, 2020

Andre Mele
1444 Sea Gull Court
Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

Dear Mr. Mele:

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 May 22, 2020. 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 **June 10, 2020**. The report will cover the period of May 1-31, 2020 (2020 M5). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

EFS Access

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. Enclosed are your confidential, filing credentials.

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>

Identification Number: 76043

Timely Filing

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

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May 22, 2020
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Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% 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.

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 <https://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 Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRW/zjs

Enclosures

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**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**
(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

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

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

Andre Peter Mele

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

1444 Sea Gull Ct.
Punta Gorda, FL 33950

4. Telephone

(914) 204-0030

5. E-mail address

andymele@mac.com

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

Florida House, District 71

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

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

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

Write-In No Party Affiliation Democratic Party candidate.

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

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Andre Mele

11. Mailing Address

1444 Sea Gull Ct.

12. Telephone

(914) 204-0030

13. City

Punta Gorda

14. County

Charlotte

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

33950

17. E-mail address

andymele@mac.com

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

19. Name of Bank

Bank of America

20. Address

126 E. Olympia Ave., Ste. 101

21. City

Punta Gorda

22. County

Charlotte

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

33950

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

May 21, 2020

26. Signature of Candidate



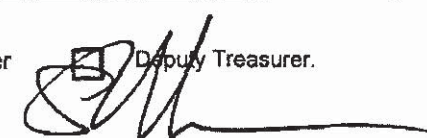
27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

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

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

May 21, 2020

Date



Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**CANDIDATE OATH -
STATE AND LOCAL PARTISAN OFFICE**

Check applicable one:

- Candidate with party affiliation
- Candidate with no party affiliation
- Write-in candidate

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Candidate Oath

(Section 99.021(1)(a), Florida Statutes)

I, Andy Mele

(Print name above as you wish it to appear on the ballot. If your last name consists of two or more names but has no hyphen, check box . (See page 2 - Compound Last Names). No change can be made after the end of qualifying. Although a write-in candidate's name is not printed on the ballot, the name must be printed above for oath purposes.)

am a candidate for the office of State Representative 71 Charlotte
(Office) (District #) (Circuit #)

Charlotte; my legal residence is Charlotte County, Florida; I am a qualified elector
(Group or Seat #)

under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; I have qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek; and I have resigned from any office from which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Statement of Party

(Section 99.021(1)(b), Florida Statutes)

(Complete Statement of Party only if you are seeking to qualify for nomination as a party candidate.)

I am a member of the Democratic Party; I have not been a registered member of any other political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which I seek to qualify; and I have paid the assessment levied against me, if any, as a candidate for said office by the executive committee of the political party, of which I am a member.

Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card): [REDACTED]

Phonetic spelling for audio ballot: Print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot as may be used by persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form): [Not applicable to write-in candidates.]

X	(914) 204-0030	andymele@mac.com
Signature of Candidate	Telephone Number	Email Address
1444 Sea Gull Ct.	Punta Gorda	FL 33950
Address	City	State ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Charlotte

Signature of Notary Public
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by physical or online presence this June 9 day of 2020
Personally Known: or Produced Identification:
Type of Identification Produced: Govt Photo ID

SUSAN M. MALVIK
Notary Public, State of Florida
Commission# GG 915317
My comm. expires Oct. 14, 2023

**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)
(Please print or type)

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

I, Andre Mele

candidate for the office of Florida House, District 71

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

X



Signature of Candidate

May 21, 2020

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).