STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re:	Angel Rafael Morales, Jr.	Case No.: FEC 20-049
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TO:	Angel Rafael Morales, Jr.	Division of Elections
	11517 Meredyth Street	500 S. Bronough Street, Room 316
	Tampa, FL 33637-2728	Tallahassee, FL 32399

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, May 25, 2021, at 8:30 am EST, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard.

Please note that because of COVID-19, this will be a virtual meeting conducted by remote video or teleconference. Enclosed you will find additional details on joining the video conference via GoToWebinar, 9-Digit Webinar ID 640938187 or via teleconference by dialing (866) 901-6455 and entering the meeting access code 278040912, when prompted. If you wish to speak before the Commission, you will need to appear by webcam and will be sworn in remotely. Please be advised that the Commission will consider multiple cases, so you will need to wait until your case is considered. If you have any questions, please contact Commission staff at (850) 922-4539.

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

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

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<u>Tim Vaccaro</u>
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission

May 10, 2021

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

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

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

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

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



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Commission Meeting May 25, 2021 at 8:30AM via GoToWebinar and OpenVoice

In order to participate in the public portion of the May 25, 2021, Florida Elections Commission meeting, please follow the instructions below:

- A. GoToWebinar Remote Video Conferencing
 - 1. Open your web browser and search GoToWebinar or enter www.gotowebinar.com.
 - 2. Select "Join" in the upper right corner of the website.
 - 3. Enter the 9-digit Webinar ID: 640938187 and your email address.
 - 4. Register your name and email address.
 - 5. You will automatically join the meeting as an attendee. Attendees are muted and can choose to utilize their webcam.
- B. OpenVoice Teleconference
 - 1. Call 1-866-901-6455
 - 2. Enter Access Code 278-040-912
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You can call or email our office of your intent to participate or of any questions you may have regarding this meeting. Please provide the case number(s) of interest, when contacting our office.

Thank you,

Commission Staff

STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

Case No.: FEC 20-049

v.

Angel Rafael Morales Jr., Respondent.

ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 23, 2021, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On January 4, 2021, 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 January 10, 2020, Angel Rafael Morales Jr. 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 his 2019 M12 Report.

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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 February 23, 2021.

Jori Alexis Poitier, Vice Chair Fldrida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Stephanie J. Cunningham, Assistant General Counsel Angel Rafael Morales Jr., 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) 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 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 VIRTUAL HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

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<u>Tim Vaccaro</u> Executive Director

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Confidential Commission Meeting February 23, 2021 at 1:00 PM via Zoom

In order to participate in the confidential portion of the February 23, 2021, Florida Elections Commission meeting, please follow the instructions below:

Join Zoom Meeting

Click on the meeting link sent to your attention via email: https://zoom.us/j/98718470706?pwd=TXdsdGwrZVVScjNmVGFDbXRRdzljZz09

If you have difficulty launching the hyperlink, follow these steps.

- 1. Open your web browser and search ZOOM or enter www.zoom.us
- 2. Select "Join A Meeting" in the upper right corner of the website.
- 3. Enter the Meeting ID: 987 1847 0760 and click "Join".
- 4. Enter the Meeting Passcode: 370906 and click "Join".

For alternative audio participation:

1. Dial: 1 (929) 205-6099

2. Meeting ID: 987 1847 0760

3. Passcode: 370906

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Please test your audio; microphone, speakers and webcam, in advance.

Those attendees who wish to speak before the Commission will need to appear by webcam and will be sworn in remotely.

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Thank you,

Commission Staff

STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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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 referral in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7)**, **Florida Statutes**, and that there is **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 November 23, 2020, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

- 1. On February 20, 2020, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections ("Division"), alleging that Angel Rafael Morales Jr. ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
- 2. Respondent was a 2020 candidate for State Representative, District 58. (ROI Exhibit 3)¹ On March 30, 2020, the Division received Respondent's request to withdraw his candidacy. (ROI Exhibit 1)
- 3. By letter dated May 29, 2020, 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, a 2020 candidate for State Representative, District 58, 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 2019 M12 reporting period.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2020 candidate for State Representative, District 58, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, during the 2019 M12 reporting period.

4. By letter dated July 9, 2019, Kristi Reid Willis, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received his Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form and that his name was placed on the 2020 active candidate list. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 1)

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

- 5. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all candidates filing reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system ("EFS"), and provided Respondent with a user identification number and initial password to grant access to the EFS. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 1) The letter further advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms were available on its website and directed Respondent to print out the Calendar of Reporting Dates as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 2)
- 6. Respondent's 2019 M12 Report was due to be filed by January 10, 2020; however, Respondent failed to timely file the report or notify the filing officer that no report would be filed. See Compl. By letters dated January 13, 2020, January 28, 2020, and February 5, 2020, the Division notified Respondent that his 2019 M12 Report had not been received. The letters also notified Respondent that he was still required to notify the Division if he had no reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibits 5 & 6) The February 5, 2020 letter was confirmed delivered. (ROI Exhibit 6, page 2)
- 7. A subpoena was issued to Respondent's designated campaign depository to ascertain whether any financial activity occurred during the relevant reporting period, i.e., December 1, 2019 December 31, 2019. The financial institution was unable to locate an account in Respondent's name. (ROI Exhibit 8)
- 8. Respondent was given multiple opportunities to respond to Commission staff's investigation, but failed to do so. (ROI Exhibit 9, page 1; ROI, p. 2, ¶¶9-11)
- 9. As it appears that Respondent had no financial activity, Respondent was required to notify the filing officer in writing that he would not be filing his 2019 M12 Report on the prescribed reporting date, but failed to do so. Thus, it does not appear that Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in his 2019 M12 Report as the report was waived due to a lack of reportable financial activity.
- 10. "Probable Cause" is defined as reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. Schmitt v. State, 590 So. 2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reasonable man to reach the conclusion that an offense has been committed. Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles v. Favino, 667 So. 2d 305, 309 (Fla. 1st DCA 1995).
- 11. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a 2020 candidate for State Representative, District 58. Respondent failed to timely file his 2019 M12 Report or notify the filing officer that no report would be filed. It appears that Respondent had no financial activity during the relevant reporting period, and therefore, was required to notify the filing officer in writing that he would not be filing his 2019 M12 Report on the prescribed reporting date, but failed to do so. Thus, it does not appear that Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in his 2019 M12 Report as the report was waived due to a lack of reportable financial activity.

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 violating the following:

Count 1:

On or about January 10, 2020, Angel Rafael Morales Jr. 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 his 2019 M12 Report.

Respectfully submitted on January 4, 2021.

Stephanie J. Cunningham Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this _____ day of January 2021.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Report of Investigation for Sections 106.07(7) and 106.19(1)(c), F.S.

Sections 106.07(7) and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate or political committee that did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to notify timely the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed or failure to file a campaign report to reflect financial activity.

Respondent: Angel Rafael Morales, J	r.
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Division of Elections (Division) Referral Filed: February 20, 2020

Respondent Type:

Candidate/Candidate's Treasurer
PC/PC's Chairperson/PC's Treasurer

I. Preliminary Information:

Case Number: FEC 20-049

- 1. Respondent was a 2020 candidate for State Representative, District 58; he withdrew his candidacy on March 30, 2020. Respondent was a first-time candidate. To review the withdrawal letter, refer to Exhibit 1.
- 2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) was filed on July 8, 2019. Respondent appointed himself as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 9, refer to Exhibit 2.¹
- 3. Respondent filed a Statement of Candidate with the Division on July 8, 2019 in which he certified he had been provided access to read and understand Chapter 106, F.S. To review a copy of the Statement of Candidate, refer to Exhibit 3.
- 4. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on the DS-DE 9 on July 9, 2019 advising Respondent that all candidates filing reports with the Division are required to file by means of the Division's electronic filing system (EFS). Respondent was provided with a user identification number and initial password allowing him access to the EFS.
- 5. The acknowledgement letter also advised Respondent that all the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook* and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*. The letter further advised Respondent that it was his responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. To review the acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 4.
- 6. The Division sent correspondence to Respondent notifying Respondent that he had not filed either a campaign report or notification that no reportable activity occurred for the following reporting period(s): **2019 M12**. The letter(s) included reference to the filing date(s) for the report(s). The correspondence was mailed to Respondent at the address provided on the DS-DE 9. To review the failure to file correspondence, refer to Exhibit 5.

ROI Referral - 106.07(7)/106.19(1)(c) (03/20)

¹ Respondent filed a second DS-DE 9 on July 15, 2019, changing his depository but leaving himself treasurer.

7. On February 5, 2020, the Division sent Respondent a letter marked "Final Notice" with delivery confirmation stating that the following campaign report(s), or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, had not been filed: **2019 M12**. The letter was mailed to Respondent at the address provided on the DS-DE 9, and it was confirmed delivered on February 8, 2020. To review the letter marked "Final Notice" and delivery confirmation, refer to Exhibit 6.

II. Alleged Violation of Sections 106.07(7), and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:

8. I investigated whether Respondent violated these sections of the election laws either by not notifying the filing officer, in writing, that no report would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making expenditures during the following reporting period(s) or by not filing campaign report(s) to reflect financial activity for the reporting period(s). To review a copy of Respondent's filing history, refer to Exhibit 7.

Report	Report Cover Period	Due Date	Report or Waiver Required	² Exhibit #
2019 M12	12/01/19- 12/31/19	01/10/20	Waiver	8

- 9. Respondent did not respond to the referral.
- 10. Respondent did not respond to a questionnaire-affidavit. Because the affidavit has not been returned, I am unable to ascertain whether he has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and/or the *Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook*.
- 11. On June 4, 2020, I called Respondent for the purpose of reviewing the referral with him. I reached an automated message indicating that the person I called was not taking calls at this time. On August 13, 2020, I called Respondent again for the purpose of reviewing the referral with him. I reached an automated message indicating that the number was not in service. To review a copy of the phone log, refer to Exhibit 9.

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR: Helen Hinson Date: November 23, 2020

² I subpoenaed Respondent's campaign account records from the designated campaign depository. The campaign depository provided notification declaring that it had no record of a campaign account found in Respondent's name. To review the bank's declaration, refer to Exhibit 8.

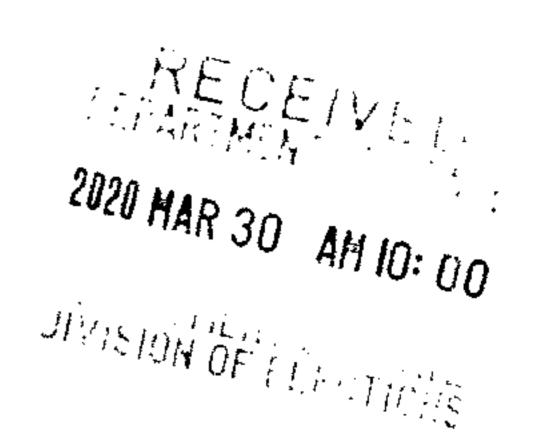
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Angel Rafael Morales Jr. -- FEC 20-049

	LIST OF EXHIBITS
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits
Exhibit 1	Respondent's withdrawal letter
Exhibit 2	Respondent's DS-DE 9
Exhibit 3	Statement of Candidate
Exhibit 4	Division's acknowledgement
Exhibit 5	Failure to file correspondence
Exhibit 6	Final Notice with delivery confirmation
Exhibit 7	Respondent's filing history
Exhibit 8	Bank's statement
Exhibit 9	Phone Log

Angel Rafael Morales, Jr 11517 Meredyth Street Tampa, FL 33637



March 26, 2020

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records Florida Division of Elections R.A. Gray Building, Room 316 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-0250

Dear Ms Willis, RE: Candidate: 74414

I want to withdraw my candidacy for the State House of Representative, District 58 which I filed on July 2, 2019 and was received by your office on July 8, 2019.

Thank you for your prompt attention to my request.

Respectfully,

Angel Rafael Morales, Jr.

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES

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

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2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)	3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip
Angel, Rafael, Morales	code)
	- 11517 Meredyth Street tampa
4. Telephone 5. E-mail address AMSEI MORALES & FL @ 5 mail. with the second state of t	n FL, 33637
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☐ Write-In ☐ No Party Affiliation ☑ D< MC	CYG+1C Party candidate.
9. I have appointed the following person to act as my	Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer
10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer	
Angel R Morales	
11. Mailing Address	12. Telephone
11517 Meredyth Street Tampa	FL (813)514-5875
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18. I have designated the following bank as my	Primary Depository Secondary Depository
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Date

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Date

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account. OFFICE USE ONLY 1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES): Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Treasurer/Deputy Depository Office Party 2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last) 3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code) Angel Rafael Morales ir 11517 meredyth street Tampa FI 33637 4. Telephone 5. E-mail address (813) 514-5875 angelmoralesrfl@gmail.com 6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number) 7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if Florida House Representative District 58 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 Democratic X Write-In No Party Affiliation candidate. Party 9. I have appointed the following person to act as my Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer Angel Rafael Morales jr 11. Mailing Address 12. Telephone 11517 meredyth street (813) 5145875 13. City 14. County 15. State 16. Zip Code 17. E-mail address hillsborugh 33637 FI tampa angelmoralesrfl@gmail.com **Primary Depository** 18. I have designated the following bank as my X Secondary Depository 19. Name of Bank 20. Address 11253 n 56th street suntrust 21. City 22. County 23. State 24. Zip Code temple terrace hillsborough 33637 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 26. Signature of Candidate 7/11/19 No Comment 27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block) Angel Rafael Morales in , do hereby accept the appointment (Please Print or Type Name) designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer. Exhibit 2 (Page 2 of 2) 7/11/19

Rule 1S-2.0001, F.A.C.

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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).



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Governor

LAUREL M. LEE Secretary of State

July 9, 2019

Angel Rafael Morales 11517 Meredyth Street Tampa, Florida 33637

Dear Mr. Morales:

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 July 8, 2019. 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 **August 12, 2019**. The report will cover the period of July 1-31, 2019 (2019 M7). 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. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your filing credentials.

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

Identification Number: 74414

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.



Angel Morales
July 9, 2019
Page Two

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.

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.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief

Bureau of Election Records

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Enclosures



Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

January 13, 2020

Angel Rafael Morales Jr.

Candidate for State Representative, District 58
11517 Meredyth Street
Tampa, FL 33637-3637

CAN 74414

Dear Mr. Morales:

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 January 10, 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.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

Exhibit 5 (Page 1 of 2)



Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Second Notice

January 28, 2020

Angel Rafael Morales Jr.
Candidate for State Representative, District 58
11517 Meredyth Street
Tampa, FL 33637-3637

CAN 74414

Dear Mr. Morales:

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 January 10, 2020.

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 January 13, 2020.

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.

Sincerely,

Krist Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records



Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Final Notice

Delivery Confirmation:

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February 5, 2020

Angel Rafael Morales Jr.
Candidate for State Representative, District 58
11517 Meredyth Street
Tampa, FL 33637-3637

CAN 74414

Dear Mr. Morales:

A recent review of the Division's records show that the Division has not yet received the belowreferenced campaign treasurer's report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable, during the following cover period:

Year	Report	Cover Period
2019	M12	12/1/19 - 12/31/19

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

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

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

Sincerety.

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief

Bureau of Election Records

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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

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Campaign Contributions - Division of Elections - Florida Department of State



Campaign Contributions

2020 General Election Angel Rafael Morales Jr. (DEM) State Representative About the Campaign Finance Data Base

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Query the Campaign Finance Data Base

https://dos.elections.myflorida.com/cgi-bin/TreFin.exe



Campaign Expenditures

2020 General Election Angel Rafael Morales Jr. (DEM) State Representative

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

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2019	6 W	09/10/2019	1.30	1.30 ACTBLUE	PO BOX 441146	SOMERVILLE, MA 02144	ACTBLUE TRANSFER FEE
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Query the Campaign Finance Data Base



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SunTrust Bank Subpoena Services FL-ORL-7136 P.O. Box 620577 Orlando, FL 32862-0577 Fax 877-220-9403

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STATE OF FLORIDA

Date: 09/29/2020

SS-117267

RE:

HELEN HINSON FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION 107 WEST GAINES STREET COLLINS BLDG, SUITE 224 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-1050

MORALES, ANGEL RAFAEL

	Enclosed please find the bank documents and/or video responsive to the subpoena.
	Enclosed please find partial bank documents in response to the Subpoena. The remaining documents to
	follow.
	CD password(s) will be mailed or faxed separately from CD(s). The disk(s) and/or password(s) may
	arrive within 2-3 days of each other.
\neg	Signature card/Corporate Resolution not on file.
Ħ	The requested information is beyond the records retention period (7 years- Statements, Checks &
	Deposits, 5 years- Wire transfers, 5 years- CTR).
	The requested information is beyond the video retention period for this branch/ ATM.
=	Account closed prior to requested date range.
북	Invalid Account Number(s) / Invalid SSN.
\exists	Based upon the information provided, we are unable to locate records for the designated person or entity
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contact separate entities of the SunTrust family of companies.

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

Case No.: FEC 20-049

Respondent: Angel Rafael Morales, Jr. **Complainant:** Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** Thursday, June 4, 2020; 5:00 p.m. **Name:** Respondent—Angel Rafael Morales, Jr.

Phone #: 813-514-5875

Summary: I phoned; system message said the person I called is not taking calls at this time.

Memo to File? No Entered by: HH

2. **Date and time:** Thursday, August 13, 2020; 9:19 a.m.

Name: Respondent—Angel Rafael Morales, Jr.

Phone #: 813-514-5875

Summary: I phoned; system message said, "The number you dialed is not a working

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Memo to File? No Entered by: HH

3. **Date and time:** Thursday, September 17, 2020; 1:42 p.m.

Name: Marcus, legal fulfillment, BB&T

Phone #: 910-272-4250

Summary: I called Ms. Page in response to her email today reference # **122949** & "no account letter" from BB&T—SDT to SunTrust Bank via certified mail delivery to CT Corp. System. Marcus answered the phone; I identified myself, explained the reason for my call and he said they had a meeting today about such issues as it's causing confusion such as mine; he indicated both BB&T and SunTrust Bank personnel will respond to my subpoena until the merger as Truist Bank is completed so I should also expect a reply from SunTrust Bank.

Memo to File? No Entered by: HH

4. **Date and time:** Thursday, September 17, 2020; 5:14 p.m.

Name: SunTrust Bank, subpoena services

Phone #: 877-220-9402, x-4

Summary: I phoned subpoena services, listened to the message at x-3 (service of process recording) and then listened to message at x-4 (subpoenas—leave your name & number); I identified myself, provided my contact number and requested someone return my call.

Memo to File? No Entered by: HH

5. **Date and time:** Friday, September 18, 2020; 10:41 a.m.

Name: Angelica Gonzales, SunTrust Bank, subpoena services

Phone #: 407-762-7779 (caller I.D.)

Summary: She returned my call; I explained that I had received a "no account letter" from BB&T recently, the subpoena was addressed to SunTrust Bank and I asked if it was received; she asked for the case number (20-049) or the bank reference # (122949); she acknowledged receipt, it was assigned to an analyst who would be out on leave; she agreed to assist me. She reviewed the subpoena and explained it was unacceptable as it identified SunTrust Bank, Inc. and since the merger SunTrust Bank, Inc. and Truist Bank, Inc. are not acceptable entities. I requested she respond by email and provide updated information; she agreed to provide same and confirmed my email address as same as on the subpoena.

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Memo to File? No Entered by: HH

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Phone #: 407-762-7779

Summary: I phoned, reached message that she is unavailable, and I chose to not leave

another message.

Memo to File? No
Entered by: HH

8. **Date and time:** Monday, September 21, 2020; 11:16 a.m.

Name: SunTrust, subpoena services **Phone** #: 877-220-9402, option 4

Summary: I phoned, reached voice-mailbox, I identified myself, requested a supervisor to return my call regarding their name change for subpoenas and provided my contact number.

Memo to File? No Entered by: HH

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Name: Phone #: Summary:

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Memo to File? No



Florida Elections Commission

107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050 Telephone: (850) 922-4539 · Facsimile: (850) 921-0783 FEC@myfloridalegal.com · www.fec.state.fl.us



May 29, 2020

Angel Rafael Morales, Jr. 11517 Meredyth Street Tampa, FL 33637-3637

RE: Case No.: FEC 20-049; Respondent: Angel Rafael Morales, Jr.

Dear Mr. Morales:

On February 20, 2020, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violations:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2020 candidate for State Representative, District 58, 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 2019 M12 reporting period.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2020 candidate for State Representative, District 58, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, during the 2019 M12 reporting period.

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 prepare and present a written Staff Recommendation (SR) to the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to charge you, the 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 upon you. Notice will be mailed to you and the Complainant at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(i)3., Florida Statutes, the Commission may enter into a consent agreement with a Respondent to settle a complaint prior to a finding of probable cause. If you are interested in entering negotiations directed towards reaching a consent agreement to resolve this matter, please contact the Commission and request to speak with the attorney assigned to this case.

Angel Rafael Morales, Jr. May 29, 2020 Page 2 FEC 20-049

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

Pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, complaints, 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, unless the Respondent files a written waiver of confidentiality with the Commission. The confidentiality provision does not apply to the Complainant or the Respondent.

Should you retain counsel, your attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Commission before any member of the commission staff can discuss this case with him or her.

For additional information, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Commission's website.

If you have additional questions, please contact **Helen Hinson**, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

To FEC from Division of Elections

Candidate:

Angel Rafael Morales, Jr.

Account Number:

74414

Treasurer:

Angel Rafael Morales, Jr.

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, Florida Statutes, has occurred based upon the candidate's alleged failure to file a report after notice or failure to file a notification to the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date as required by section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes.

The following report is outstanding after notification:

2019 M12

- Angel Rafael Morales, Jr. (74414) is a 2020 candidate for the office of State Representative.
- On July 8, 2019, Angel Rafael Morales, Jr. filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division.
- The 2019 M12 campaign treasurer's report was due on January 10, 2020.
 On January 13, 2020, the Division mailed Mr. Morales notification that the 2019 M12 campaign treasurer's report had not been filed.
- On January 28, 2020, the Division mailed Mr. Morales notification that the 2019 M12 campaign treasurer's report had not been filed.
- On February 5, 2020, the Division mailed Mr. Morales final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2019 M12 report had not been filed. (See attached letter and delivery confirmation.)

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- Mr. Morales did not notify the Division of Elections prior to or on the prescribed reporting date for the 2019 M12 report that no report was to be filed.
- As of February 19, 2020, Mr. Morales has not filed the 2019 M12 report.

Sent By: Kristi Reid Willis

Date: February 19, 2020

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Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

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February 5, 2020

Angel Rafael Morales Jr. Candidate for State Representative, District 58 11517 Meredyth Street Tampa, FL 33637-3637

CAN 74414

Dear Mr. Morales:

A recent review of the Division's records show that the Division has not yet received the belowreferenced campaign treasurer's report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred. whichever is applicable, during the following cover period:

<u>Year</u>	Report	Cover Period
2019	M12	12/1/19 - 12/31/19

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

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

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

Sincerely.

Bureau of Election Records

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