In Re	e: Bobby Powell, Jr.	<b>Case No.: FEC 19-526</b>
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TO:	Mark Herron, Esquire	Division of Elections
	Messer Caparello PA	500 S Bronough Street, Room 316
	Post Office Box 15579	Tallahassee, FL 32399
	Tallahassee, FL 32317	

### **NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE: OTHER MOTIONS)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on August 26, 2020 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 Meeting ID 602-468-659, or via teleconference by dialing (866) 901-6455 and entering the meeting access code 515-462-864, 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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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission August 13, 2020 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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### Florida Elections Commission

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



### Commission Meeting August 26, 2020at 8:30AM via GoToWebinar and OpenVoice

In order to participate in the public portion of the August 26, 2020, 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 A Webinar in the upper right corner of the website
  - 3. Enter the 9-digit Webinar ID: 602-468-659 And your email address
  - 4. Register your name and email address
  - 5. You will automatically join to the meeting as an attendee. Attendees are muted and can choose to their webcam.
- B. OpenVoice Teleconference
  - 1. Call 1-866-901-6455
  - 2. Enter Audio Access Code 515-462-864
  - 3. You will automatically join the meeting as an attendee. Attendees are muted.

While this is a public meeting and advanced registration is not mandatory, we ask that if you plan to attend via Video Conference or Teleconference, that you notify our office in advance. This will give the Commission the opportunity to organize the agenda as efficiently as possible. It will be the goal of the Commission to hear cases in which parties are present, first, in order to reduce the standby time of the parties in attendance.

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) when contacting our office.

Thank you,

**Commission Staff** 

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission July 28, 2020 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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In Ke:	Bobby Powelli, Jr.	Case No.: FEC 19-526
то:	Mark Herron Messer Caparello PA Post Office Box 15579 Tallahassee, FL 32317	Division of Elections 500 S. Bronough Street, Room 310 Tallahassee, FL32399

### NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE: OTHER MOTIONS)

You are hereby notified that the previously scheduled hearing for March 24, 2020 is cancelled.

It is anticipated that your client's case will be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting which is currently scheduled for May 2020. A Notice of Hearing indicating the exact date and time will be mailed approximately 14 days prior to the hearing date.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission March 11, 2020

In Re:	Bobby Powell, Jr.	Case No.: FEC 19-526
то:	Mark Herron, Esquire Messer Caparello PA Post Office Box 15579 Tallahassee, FL 32317	Division of Elections 500 S Bronough Street, Room 316 Tallahassee, FL 32399

### NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE: OTHER MOTIONS)

You are hereby notified that the previously scheduled **hearing for March 24-25, 2020 is cancelled**. It is anticipated that your case will be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting, which is currently set for May 2020. A Notice of Hearing will be mailed approximately 14 days prior to the hearing date indicating the exact date, time, and location.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission March 12, 2020

### **Donna Malphurs**

From:

Mark Herron < mherron@lawfla.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 5:23 PM

To:

Donna Malphurs; Timothy Vaccaro

Subject:

**Bobby Powell Cases** 

Per our telephone conversation earlier today, Senator Powell respectfully requests that the pending matters be continued to the next meeting of the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to Section 11.111, Florida Statutes.

Mark Herron

Messer Caparello, P.A. Telephone: (850) 2220720 Direct: (850) 435-5217

Cell: (850) 567-4878 Fax: (850) 558-0659

Email: mherron@lawfla.com



In Re	: Bobby Powell, Jr.	Case No.: FEC 19-526
то:	Mark Herron, Esquire Messer Caparello PA Post Office Box 15579 Tallahassee, FL 32317	Division of Elections 500 S Bronough Street, Room 31 Tallahassee, FL 32399

### **NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE: OTHER MOTIONS)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, March 24, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: House Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Room 28-H, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission March 9, 2019 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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TO: Mark Herron, Esquire Messer Caparello P.A. PO Box 15579

Tallahassee, FL 32317

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

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission November 5, 2019

In Re	: The Honorable Bobby Powell Jr.		<b>Case No.: FEC 19-526</b>		
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TO:	Mark Herron, Esquire		Division of Elections		
	Messer Caparello P.A.		500 S Bronough Street, Room 316		
	PO Box 15579		Tallahassee, FL 32399		

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Tallahassee, FL 32317

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission November 1, 2019

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Case No.: FEC 19-526

TO: Mark Herron, Esquire

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### **Donna Malphurs**

From:

Mark Herron < mherron@lawfla.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 17, 2019 2:23 PM

To:

Donna Malphurs

Subject:

FEC Case 19-526 Bobby Powell

**Attachments:** 

Motion to Reconsider.pdf

Attached is motion to reconsider the determination that Bobby Powell's appeal of the automatic fine was not timely received.

Mark Herron

Messer Caparello

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Email: mherron@lawfla.com

### BEFORE THE STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

IN RE: BOBBY POWELL, JR.,
FEC Case 19-526
Appeal of Fine for Late-Filed Campaign Treasurer's Report.

## Motion to Reconsider Determination that Powell's Appeal Notice Was Not Timely Filed

Bobby Powell, Jr. ("Powell"), through undersigned counsel, moves that the Florida Elections Commission ("FEC") reconsider its determination that Powell's appeal notice was not timely filed as indicated in the attached letter of October 9, 2019 (Exhibit A).

The FEC's determination is grounded on the assertion that Powell "received a final fine notice with delivery confirmation on or around May 13, 2019." This assertion is undercut by the following:

1. The delivery confirmation" does not show that the letter of May 13, 2019 was received by Powell or that it was delivered to the specific post office box to which the letter of May 13, 2019 was addressed (Post Office Box 782, West Palm Beach, FL 33402).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The letter at issue was dated May 13, 2019. The delivery confirmation purports to show delivery on May 15, 2019.

- 2. As indicated in the appeal, Powell did not receive the correspondence from the Division "on or about May 13, 2019," as asserted, regarding the automatically assessed fine, his right to appeal, and the requirement to appeal within 20 days, because his rental of the post office box expired while he was in Tallahassee performing his duties as a member of the Florida Senate during the 2019 legislative session. The 2019 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature convened on March 5, 2019 and its adjourned *sine die* on May 4, 2019.
- 3. After learning that his rental of the post office box had expired, Powell renewed his rental of Post Office Box 782, West Palm Beach, FL 33402, and became aware of the automatically assessed fine, his right to appeal, and the requirement to appeal within 20 days, on September 5, 2019, when he picked up his mail. Whereupon, Powell timely filed his appeal on September 24, 2019, within the statutorily required 20 days period of receiving notice of the assessment and his right to appeal the fine.

Wherefore, Powell respectfully requests that the FEC reconsider its determination that Powell's appeal notice was not timely filed as indicated in the attached letter of October 9, 2019 and take up this appeal, grant him a hearing as requested, and waive the assessed fine, in whole or in part, based on the standards set out in Section 106.07(8)(c), Florida Statutes.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of October 2019, by:

/s/Mark Herron\_

Mark Herron

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original and one copy of this petition for formal administrative hearing was filed with the Agency Clerk, Florida Elections Commission, Room 224, The Collins Building, 107 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050, by hand delivery on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

/s/	Mark	Herror	)	



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October 9, 2019

Mark Herron, Esquire Representative for Bobby Powell, Jr. Post Office Box 15579 Tallahassee, FL 32317

RE: Case No.: FEC 19-526; Campaign Treasurer's Report due 03/11/19

Dear Mr. Herron:

The Florida Elections Commission received your letter appealing the fine assessed against your client for failing to timely file a required report. Section 106.07(8)(c), Florida Statutes, provides that the candidate may appeal a fine assessed by a filing officer for the late filing of a campaign treasurer's report within 20 days of the receipt of the fine notice.

It appears Senator Bobby Powell, Jr. received a final fine notice with delivery confirmation on or around May 13, 2019; the deadline for appealing the fine was June 2, 2019. Unfortunately, your appeal notice was not timely filed, as it was delivered to this office on September 24, 2019. Therefore, we are unable to accept your appeal for this late report. This case is now closed.

Payment for the late report should be made to the filing officer to avoid entry of a default final order. I urge your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Donna Inn Malphurs

Agency Clerk

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cc: Division of Elections, Filing Officer w/enclosure





### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

#### DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Final Notice Delivery Confirmation: USPS TRACKING # & CUSTOMER

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May 13, 2019

Bobby Powell Jr Candidate for State Senator, District 30 Post Office Box 782 West Palm Beach, FL 33402-3402

CAN 74103

Dear Senator Powell:

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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

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### **Stephanie Cunningham**

From:

Willis, Kristi R. (Bronson) < Kristi. Willis@DOS. MyFlorida.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 11:24 AM

To:

Stephanie Cunningham

Subject:

RE: 74103 Bobby Powell Jr

The delivery confirmation is behind the 6-10-19 fine collection letter. It does not require a signature.

Returned mail is logged.

From: Stephanie Cunningham <Stephanie.Cunningham@myfloridalegal.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 08, 2019 11:12 AM

To: Willis, Kristi R. (Bronson) < Kristi. Willis@DOS. MyFlorida.com>

Cc: Braxeton Wims <br/>
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braxeton.wims@myfloridalegal.com>

Subject: 74103 Bobby Powell Jr

### EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

#### Kristi:

It looks like the 5/13/19 Fine Letter for the 2019 M2 Report sent by certified mail was delivered. Do you have any records confirming delivery and showing who signed for the letter? Also, am I correct in assuming that if any letter sent after 5/13/19 was returned it would be logged into the campaign doc search the same way the returned mail was on 5/13?

Thank you.

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# BEFORE THE STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

IN RE: BOBBY POWELL, JR.,
Appeal of Fine for Late-Filed Campaign Treasurer's Report.

Bobby Powell, Jr. ("Powell'), through undersigned counsel, appeals the fine imposed by the Division of Elections, on or about March 27, 2019, in connection with a late filed campaign treasurer's report. With respect to this appeal, the Ms. Leyva requests a hearing before the Florida Elections Commission ("FEC").

In support of this appeal and request for hearing, Mr. Powell states:

### Failure to Receive Notice of Right to Appeal

- 1. On or about February 5, 2019, Powell filed an appointment of campaign treasurer and designation of campaign depository (DS-DE 9) with the Division of Elections naming himself as the campaign treasurer for his 2022 campaign for re-election to the Florida Senate, District 30. The listed mailing address for the campaign was Post Office Box 782, West Palm Beach, FL 33402 (Exhibit 1.)
- 2. On or about March 13, 2019, Kristi Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Elections Records, sent a letter to Powell indicating that he had not filed the 2019 M2 campaign treasurer's report that was due on March 11, 2019. This

letter was mailed to Powell at the following address: Post Office Box 782, West Palm Beach, FL 33402 (Exhibit 2.)

- 3. On or about March 27, 2019, Kristi Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Elections Records, sent a letter to Powell indicating that the 2019 M2 campaign treasurer's report that was due on March 11, 2019 had been filed on March 23, 2019 and that a late fine of \$4,448.65 had been assessed. This letter was mailed to Powell at the following address: Post Office Box 782, West Palm Beach, FL 33402 (Exhibit 3.)
- 4. On or about April 10, 2019, Kristi Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Elections Records, sent a second letter to Powell indicating that the 2019 M2 campaign treasurer's report that was due on March 11, 2019 had been filed on March 23, 2019 and that a late fine of \$4,448.65 had been assessed. This letter was mailed to Powell at the following address: Post Office Box 782, West Palm Beach, FL 33402 (Exhibit 4.)
- 5. On or about April 1, 2019, Kristi Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Elections Records, sent an audit letter to Powell indicating that the 2019 M2 campaign treasurer's report was incomplete and indicating that he had seven days to file an amended report to correct the noted errors or provide the missing information. This letter was mailed to Powell at the following address: Post Office Box 782, West Palm Beach, FL 33402 (Exhibit 5.)

- 6. On or about April 15, 2019, Kristi Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Elections Records, sent a second audit letter to Powell indicating that the 2019 M2 campaign treasurer's report was incomplete and indicating that he had seven days to file an amended report to correct the noted errors or provide the missing information. This letter was mailed to Powell at the following address: Post Office Box 782, West Palm Beach, FL 33402 (Exhibit 6.)
- 7. On May 13, 2019, the March 13, 2019 letter from Kristi Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Elections Records, to Powell indicating that he had not filed the 2019 M2 campaign treasurer's report that was due on March 11, 2019 (Exhibit 2) was returned as being undeliverable. (Exhibit 7.)
- 8. On May 13, 2019, the March 27, 2019 letter from Kristi Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Elections Records, to Powell indicating that a fine of \$4,448.65 had been imposed for a late filed campaign treasurer's report (Exhibit 3) was returned as being undeliverable. (Exhibit 8.)
- 9. On May 13, 2019, the April 1, 2019 letter from Kristi Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Elections Records, to Powell indicating that the 2019 M2 report was incomplete (Exhibit 5) was returned as being undeliverable. (Exhibit 9.)

- 10. On May 13, 2019, the April 10, 2019 letter from Kristi Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Elections Records, to Powell indicating that a fine of \$4,448.65 had been imposed for a late filed campaign treasurer's report (Exhibit 4) was returned as being undeliverable. (Exhibit 10.)
- 11. On or about May 13, 2019, Kristi Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Elections Records, sent a final notice to Powell indicating that the 2019 M2 campaign treasurer's report that was due on March 11, 2019 had been filed on March 23, 2019 and that a late fine of \$4,448.65 had been assessed. This letter was mailed to Powell at the following address: Post Office Box 782, West Palm Beach, FL 33402. (Exhibit 11.)
- 12. On or about June 10, 2019, Kristi Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Elections Records, referred the unpaid assessed fine of \$4,448.65 to the Department of Financial Services for collection. (Exhibit 12.)
- 13. On June 21, 2019, United Collections Bureau forwarded correspondence to Powell demanding payment of \$5,227.16, reflecting the unpaid assessed fine of \$4,448.65, plus a collection fee of \$778.51. (Exhibit 13.)
- 14. Powell received notice of these actions on September 5, 2019, when copies of some of above-referenced documents were delivered to him at Post Office Box 782, West Palm Beach, FL 33402.

### **Appeal of Fine Imposed**

- 15. Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes, authorizes a candidate to appeal or dispute a fine imposed by the Division of Elections, based upon, but not limited to, unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date. The candidate may request and shall be entitled to a hearing before the Florida Elections Commission, which shall have the authority to waive the fine in whole or in part. The Florida Elections Commission must consider the mitigating and aggravating circumstances contained in s. 106.265(2) when determining the amount of a fine, if any, to be waived.
- 16. On February 5, 2019, Powell transferred \$17,794.59 from his 2018 Senate District 39 campaign as funds retained pursuant to Section 106.141(6), Florida Statutes, for use in his 2022 campaign for the same office. A report of this transaction, the 2019 M2 report, was due on March 11, 2019. This was the first report due in connection with Powell's 2022 Senate campaign.
- 17. The 2019 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature convened on March 5, 2019. On the weekend before the start of session, Powell checked his post office box and it did not have the confirmation letter from the Division

with his campaign identification number and candidate / campaign treasurer passwords. Therefore, he could not file the 2019 M2 report at that time.

- 18. Powell became aware that the 2019 M2 report had not been filed. He then reached out to the Division was informed that he could not be provided the information by telephone and subsequently the Division provided the information to Powell needed to file the 2019 M2 report. The report was filed on March 23, 2019.
- 19. Powell did not receive the correspondence from the Division regarding the automatically assessed fine, his right to appeal, and the requirement to appeal within 20 days because, at some point while in Tallahassee, his rental of Post Office Box 782, West Palm Beach, FL 33402 expired.
- 20. He subsequently renewed his rental of Post Office Box 782, West Palm Beach, FL 33402, and upon receipt of notice of these actions on September 5, 2019, Powell timely filed this appeal within the statutorily required 20 days period of receiving notice.

### **Conclusion**

Based on the foregoing, Powell respectfully requests that the FEC take up this appeal, grant him hearing a hearing as requested, and waive the

assessed fine, in whole or in part, based on the standards set out in Section 106.07(8)(c), Florida Statutes.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of September 2019, by:

/s/Mark Herron

Mark Herron Florida Bar No.: 0199737 MESSER CAPARELLO, P.A. Post Office Box 15579 Tallahassee, FL 32317 Email: mherron@lawfla.com

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/s/	Mark Herron



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

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

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### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

#### Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

#### DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

March 13, 2019

Bobby Powell Jr Candidate for State Senator, District 30 Post Office Box 782 West Palm Beach, FL 33402-3402

CAN 74103

#### Dear Senator Powell:

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 March 11, 2019.

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.

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief

Bureau of Election Records

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### **ZIP Code™ by Address**

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POST OFFICE BOX 782 WEST PALM BEACH FL

If more than one address matches the information provided, try narrowing your search by entering a street address and, if applicable, a unit number. **Edit and search again.** (zip-code-lookup.htm?byaddress)

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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Laurel M. Lee Secremry of State

### DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

March 27, 2019

Bobby Powell Jr Candidate for State Senator, District 30 Post Office Box 782 West Palm Beach, FL 33402-3402

CAN 74103

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief

Bureau of Election Records



Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

### DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

April 10, 2019

Bobby Powell Jr Candidate for State Senator, District 30 Post Office Box 782 West Palm Beach, FL 33402-3402

**CAN 74103** 

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records



Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

April 1, 2019

Bobby Powell Jr Post Office Box 782 West Palm Beach, FL 33402

Re: CAN 74103

Dear Senator Powell:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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Attachment

3/28/2019

#### Florida Department of State - Division of Sections

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Candidate: Bobby Powell Jr

Covering Period: 2/5/19 - 2/28/19

\*The Transaction Date is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period

Office: STS

Report: 2019 M2 (1)

Account: 74103

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Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

### DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

### Second Notice

April 15, 2019

Bobby Powell Jr Post Office Box 782 West Palm Beach, FL 33402

Re: CAN 74103

Dear Senator Powell:

On April 1, 2019, you were advised that one or more of your campaign treasurer 's reports were incomplete and that you had 7 days to provide the requested information.

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

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Sincerely.

Krisli Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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#### Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

### DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

March 13, 2019

Bobby Powell Jr Candidate for State Senator, District 30 Post Office Box 782 West Palm Beach, FL 33402-3402

CAN 74103

Dear Senator Powell:

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 March 11, 2019.

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.

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

### DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

March 27, 2019

Bobby Powell Jr Candidate for State Senator, District 30 Post Office Box 782 West Palm Beach, FL 33402-3402

CAN 74103

Dear Senator Powell:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on March 11, 2019, was filed on March 23, 2019. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$4,448.65.

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

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:

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Kristi Reid Willis, Chief

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Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

April 1, 2019

Bobby Powell Jr Post Office Box 782 West Palm Beach, FL 33402

Re: CAN 74103

Dear Senator Powell:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief

Bureau of Election Records

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### DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

April 10, 2019

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Kristi Reid Willis, Chief

Bureau of Election Records



### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Laurel M. Lee

Secretary of State

### DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Final Notice

Delivery Confirmation:

May 13, 2019

Bobby Powell Jr Candidate for State Senator, District 30 Post Office Box 782 West Palm Beach, FL 33402-3402

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TO:

Kedra Lewis, Chief

Bureau of Planning, Budget and Financial Services

FROM:

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief

Bureau of Election Records

DATE:

June 10, 2019

SUBJECT:

Referral for Debt Collection

I forward to you for referral to the Department of Financial Services for debt collection the enclosed paperwork reflecting that Senator Bobby Powell, Jr., a candidate for elected office, has not paid a duly imposed fine by the Division of Elections. The Division imposed a fine upon the candidate as mandated by Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes, for untimely filed campaign finance reports. The Division has been unsuccessful in its repeated attempts to collect this fine.

Bobby Powell, Jr.

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UNITED COLLECTION BUMAU, INC. 5620 SOUTHWYCK BLVD TOLEDO OH 43614-0190

1-866-769-4084

BOBBY POWELL JR, PO BOX 782 WEST PALM BCH FL 33402-0782

The PLORIDA DBPT OF STATE has placed your account with our office for collection. Please pay the total balance or call our office for arrangements.

Client/Agency:

FLORIDA DEPT OF STATE

Account Number: Principal Duc:

: 4103 \$4448.65 \$778.51\*

Collection Fac: \$778.51\* TOTAL BALANCE: \$5227.16

\*Collection fee is authorized by Florida Statute Section 17.20(2) Assignment of claims for collection: "The Chief Financial Officer may assign the collection of any claim to a collection agent or agents who are registered and in good standing pursuant to chapter 559, if the Chief Financial Officer determines the assignation to be cost-effective. The Chief Financial Officer may authorize the agent or agents to add a fee to the amount to be collected."

When calling our office at 1-866-769-4084, please refer to reference number 90633178. To ensure proper credit to your account, your payment should be sent to the address in the Remit To section below.

Sincerely,

United Collection Bureau, Inc.

This is an attempt to collect a debt by United Collection Bureau, Inc., a debt collector, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Unless you notify this office within 30 days after receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of this debt or any portion thereof, this office will assume this debt is valid. If you notify this office in writing within 30 days from receiving this notice that you dispute the validity of this debt or any portion thereof, this office will obtain verification of the debt or obtain a copy of a judgment and mail you a copy of such judgment or verification. If you request this office in writing within 30 days after receiving this notice, this office will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the current creditor.

#### SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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June 21, 2019

CU900062 PO Box 1280 Caks PA 19456-1280 ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED June 21, 2019

United Collection Bureau, Inc. PO BOX 1120 MAUMEE OH 43537

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When you provide a check as a dyment, you authorize us either to use information from your chand to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction.

We are required under state law to notify consumers of the following rights. This list does not include all rights consumers have under state and federal law.

CALIFORNIA: The state Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act require that, except under unusual circumstances, collectors may not contact you before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. They may not harass you by using threats of violence or arrest or by using obscene language. Collectors may not use false or misleading statements or call you at work if they know or have reason to know that you may not receive personal calls at work. For the most part, collectors may not tell another person, other than your attorney or spouse, shout your debt. Collectors may contact another person to confirm your location or enforce a judgment. For more information about debt collection activities, you may contact the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP or www.ftc.gov. Nonprofit credit counseling services may be available in the area.

COLORADO: FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLORADO FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, SEE <a href="https://www.coag.gov/car">www.coag.gov/car</a>, A consumer has the right to request in writing that a debt collector or collection agency cease further communication with the consumer. A written request to cease communication will not prohibit the debt collector or collection agency from taking any other action authorized by law to collect the debt. Payments can be made in person at:

Colorado Manager, Inc., 80 Garden Center, Building B, Suite 3, Broomfield, Colorado 80020, 303-920-4763.

IDAHO: Toll Free 1-866-209-0622 during normal business hours.

KANSAS: An investigative consumer report, which includes information as to your character, general reputation, personal characteristics and mode of living, may have been requested. You have the right to request additional information, which includes the nature and scope of the investigation.

MAINE: Hours of operation (ET): Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MASSACHUSETTS: \*\*NOTICE OF IMPORTANT RIGHTS\*\* You have the right to make a written or oral request that telephone calls regarding your debt not be made to you at your place of employment. Any such oral request will be valid for only ten days unless you provide written confirmation of the request postmarked or delivered within seven days of such request. You may terminate this request by writing to the debt collector. Hours of operation (BT): Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MINNESOTA: This collection agency is licensed by the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

NEW YORK CITY; New York City Department of Consumer Affairs License Number 1004887.

NORTH CAROLINA: North Carolina Permit Numbers: 101866, 113029, 3843, 113517 and 4367.

TENNESSEE: This collection agency is licensed by the Collection Service Board of the Department of Commerce and Insurance.

WISCONSIN: This collection agency is licensed by the Division of Banking in the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions, <a href="https://www.wdfi.org">www.wdfi.org</a>,

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting this debt, please call our toll-free Consumer Service Hotline at 1-866-209-0622, email us at <a href="https://documer.com/UCBCompliance@ucbinc.com">UCBCompliance@ucbinc.com</a>, or mail to United Collection Bureau, Inc, Compliance Department, 5620 Southwyck Blvd, Toledo, OH 43614. Please include your Reference Number on all communication. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, you can dial 711 to be automatically connected to a Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) operator.

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