

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Babar Shahbaz Ahmed**

**Case No.: FEC 17-294**

**TO:** Babar Shahbaz Ahmed  
2471 Rain Lily Way  
Tallahassee, FL 32311-2311

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **August 14, 2018 at 9:00 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **First District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Drive, 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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**See further instructions on the reverse side.**

*Amy McKeever Toman*  
Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
July 30, 2018

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,  
Petitioner,**

**Case No.: FEC 17-294**

**v.**

**Babar Shahbaz Ahmed,  
Respondent.**

**ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

**THIS MATTER** was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 15, 2018, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On April 10, 2018, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff's Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation(s):

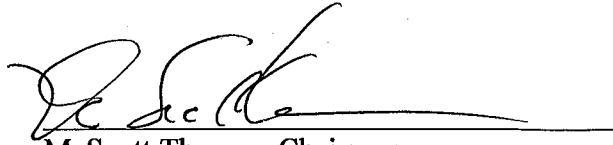
**Count 1:**

On or about July 10, 2017, Babar Shahbaz Ahmed 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 2017 M6 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 May 15, 2018.



M. Scott Thomas, Chairman  
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:  
Stephanie J. Cunningham, Assistant General Counsel  
Babar Shahbaz Ahmed, Respondent  
Division of Elections, Complainant

### NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING

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

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

Third, you may request a formal hearing held before an administrative law judge in the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), if you dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to present evidence relevant to the violation(s) listed in this order, to cross-examine opposing witnesses, to impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence presented against you.

If you do not elect to resolve the case by consent order or request a formal hearing at the DOAH or an informal hearing before the Commission within 30 days of the date this Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission, the case will be sent to the Commission for a formal or

informal hearing, depending on whether the facts are in dispute. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order.

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Florida Elections Commission  
April 30, 2018

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**Case No.: FEC 17-294**

**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 March 20, 2018, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On September 7, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections ("Division"), alleging that Babar Shahbaz Ahmed ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent was a 2018 candidate for State Representative, District 9. (ROI Exhibit 11)<sup>1</sup> Respondent withdrew from the race on October 16, 2017. (ROI Exhibit 2)

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

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

- 2017 M6

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

- 2017 M6

4. By letter dated June 14, 2017, Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received his Appointment

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<sup>1</sup> The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as "ROI."



of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form and that his name was placed on the 2018 active candidate list. (ROI Exhibit 9, page 1)

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 9, 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 9, page 3)

6. Respondent's 2017 M6 Report was due to be filed by July 10, 2017; however, Respondent failed to timely file the report or notify the filing officer that no report would be filed. By letters dated July 11, 2017, July 28, 2017, and August 9, 2017, the Division notified Respondent that his 2017 M6 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 3-5)

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., June 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017. The financial institution had no record of an account in Respondent's name. (ROI Exhibit 8, page 2)

8. Respondent stated that he is 20 years old and a junior at Florida State University. He stated that he was unaware that he was required to notify the Division when he had no reportable financial activity and that he did not know his EFS credentials. He also stated that he did not raise any funds. (ROI Exhibit 6)

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 2017 M6 Report on the prescribed reporting date, but failed to do so. Therewith, it does not appear that Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in his 2017 M6 Report as the report was waived due to a lack of reportable financial activity.

10. As of March 15, 2018, Respondent had not filed his 2017 M6 Report or notified the filing officer that no report would be filed. (ROI Exhibit 7)

11. "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).

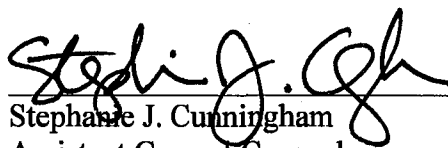
12. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a 2018 candidate for State Representative, District 9. Respondent failed to timely file his 2017 M6 Report or notify the filing officer that no report would be filed. It appears that Respondent had no financial activity during the relevant reporting period, and therefore, was required to notify the filing officer in writing that he would not be filing his 2017 M6 Report on the prescribed reporting date, but failed to do so. Therewith, it does not appear that Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in his 2017 M6 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:

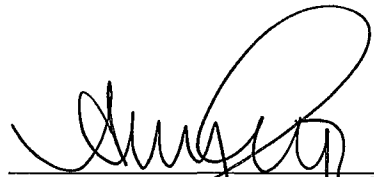
**Count 1:**

On or about July 10, 2017, Babar Shahbaz Ahmed 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 2017 M6 Report.

Respectfully submitted on April 10, 2018.

  
Stephanie J. Cunningham  
Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

  
Amy McKeever Toman  
Executive Director

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Case No.: FEC 17-294**

**Respondent:** Babar Shahbaz Ahmed  
Counsel for Respondent: None

**Complainant:** Division of Elections  
Counsel for Complainant: None

Pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, on September 7, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received information from the Division of Elections (Division) that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Commission staff, therefore, investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate 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; and

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, prohibiting a person or organization from falsely reporting or deliberately failing to report information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

**I. Preliminary Information:**

1. Respondent was a 2018 candidate for the office of State Representative. He is a student at Florida State University. On June 13, 2017, Respondent filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository form (DS-DE 9) with the Division; he appointed himself as treasurer. On October 16, 2017, Respondent filed a withdrawal notice with the Division. To review the DS-DE 9 form, refer to Exhibit 1. To review the withdrawal notice, refer to Exhibit 2.

2. Respondent's filing officer is Kristi Willis, Chief, Bureau of Election Records.

3. Complainant is the Division.

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

4. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by not timely filing a written notice with the filing officer that no report would be filed.

5. According to Complainant, Respondent did not file the 2017 M6 Report nor did he file a written notice with the filing officer that no reportable activity occurred. A report or notice-of-no-activity was due on July 10, 2017. The 2017 M6 Report covered the period from June 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

6. On July 11, 2017, the Division mailed Respondent notification that the 2017 M6 Report had not been filed or a notice of no reportable activity. To review the letter from the Division, refer to Exhibit 3.

7. On July 28, 2017, the Division mailed a "Second Notice" to Respondent informing him that the 2017 M6 Report had not been filed. The notice reads, "Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable." To review the Second Notice, refer to Exhibit 4.

8. On August 9, 2017, the "Final Notice" was mailed to Respondent with delivery confirmation. The verbiage was similar to the previous notice. To review the Final Notice and the delivery confirmation, refer to Exhibit 5.

9. In a written statement, Respondent stated that he did not realize that he was required to "submit a report even if I haven't raised any funds..." He added, "I haven't been able to focus on my campaign because of school, and I realize I am way over my head and should focus on school and other things before I'm ready to run for office." To review the written statement, refer Exhibit 6.

10. I mailed Respondent a questionnaire affidavit but he did not return the affidavit.

11. According to an email from Ms. Willis, as of March 15, 2018, Respondent had not filed the 2017 M6 Report or a notice of no activity. To review the email from Ms. Willis, refer to Exhibit 7.

12. Sunshine Community Bank is listed on the DS-DE 9 as the campaign depository. I subpoenaed the bank for Respondent's campaign account bank records. According to Ms. Michele Clarke, bank representative, the bank found no records pertaining to Respondent's 2018 campaign for State Representative. To review the DS-DE 9 form, refer to Exhibit 1. To review the telephone interview, refer to Exhibit 8, entry 7.

13. No record of Respondent having previously violated this section of the election laws was found.

### **III. Alleged Violation of Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:**

14. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by falsely reporting or deliberately failing to report information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

15. As previously stated in paragraph 12 of this report, no financial records were found pertaining to Respondent's campaign.

16. No record of Respondent having previously violated this section of the election laws was found.

### **IV. FEC History:**

17. Respondent has not previously appeared before the Commission.

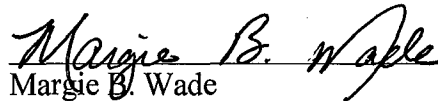
**Conclusion:**

18. On March 19, 2018, I met with Respondent in the Commission's conference room. Respondent reiterated that he did not collect any money or do anything to further his campaign. He stated that he was focused on his classes at Florida State University. He acknowledged receiving the letters from the Division; however, he stated that he just placed them in a file folder.

19. On June 14, 2017, the Division mailed Respondent a letter informing him that his name had been placed on the 2018 active candidate list. The letter informs the reader that all the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website. The letter reads, "**It is your responsibility to read, understand and follow the requirement of Florida's election laws.**" The letter also advises the reader to "**print a copy of the following documents: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, Calendar of Reporting Dates, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.**" To review the acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 9. To review relevant pages of the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, refer to Exhibit 10.

20. On June 13, 2017, Respondent filed his Statement of Candidate form with the filing officer certifying that he had been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. To review the Statement of Candidate form, refer to Exhibit 11.

Respectfully submitted on March 20, 2018.



Margie B. Wade  
Investigation Specialist

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2471 Rain Lily Way  
Tallahassee, Florida 32311

**Current Address of Complainant**

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

**Name and Address of Filing Officer:**

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

Copy furnished to:

David Flagg, Investigations Manager

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
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<b>LIST OF EXHIBITS</b>	
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Exhibit 1	DS-DE 9 Form
Exhibit 2	Notice of Withdrawal
Exhibit 3	Notification Letter
Exhibit 4	Second Notice
Exhibit 5	Final Notice
Exhibit 6	Respondent's Written Statement
Exhibit 7	Email from Ms. Willis
Exhibit 8	Phone Log
Exhibit 9	Acknowledgement Letter
Exhibit 10	Relevant Pages from Handbook
Exhibit 11	Statement of Candidate

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
SECRETARY OF STATE

**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)

Babar Shahbaz Ahmed

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

2471 Rain Lily Way, Tallahassee FL 32311

**4. Telephone**

( 850) 524 1614

**5. E-mail address**

babar.s.ahmed@gmail.com

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

Florida House of Representative - District 9

**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**

Babar Ahmed

**11. Mailing Address**

2471 Rain Lily Way

**12. Telephone**

( 850) 524 1614

**13. City**

Tallahassee

**14. County**

Leon

**15. State**

FL

**16. Zip Code**

32311

**17. E-mail address**

babar.s.ahmed@gmail.com

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

**19. Name of Bank**

Sunshine Community Bank

**20. Address**

1400 E Park Ave

**21. City**

Tallahassee

**22. County**

Leon

**23. State**

FL

**24. Zip Code**

32301

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**

6/13/2017

**26. Signature of Candidate**

X Babar Shahbaz Ahmed

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

I, Babar Ahmed, do hereby accept the appointment  
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:  Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer.

6/13/2017

Date

X

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



From:

10/16/2017 15:30

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Babar Ahmed and I am a candidate running for the Florida House of Representatives - District 9. I'm writing to withdraw my candidacy for the Florida House of Representative - District 9. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [babar.s.ahmed@gmail.com](mailto:babar.s.ahmed@gmail.com) or at 850 524 1614.

Sincerely,



Babar Ahmed



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 11, 2017

Babar Ahmed  
2471 Rain Lily Way  
Tallahassee, FL 32311-2311

CAN 69894

Dear Mr. Ahmed:

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 July 10, 2017.

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

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

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

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

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

**Second Notice**

July 28, 2017

Babar Ahmed  
2471 Rain Lily Way  
Tallahassee, FL 32311-2311

CAN 69894

Dear Mr. Ahmed:

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 July 10, 2017.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records



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

**Final Notice**

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 For Tracking or inquiries go to USPS.com or call 1-800-222-1811

August 9, 2017

Babar Ahmed  
 2471 Rain Lily Way  
 Tallahassee, FL 32311-2311

CAN 69894

Dear Mr. Ahmed:

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Cover Period</u>
2017	M6	6/1/17 - 6/30/17

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,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief  
 Bureau of Election Records

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Case No.: FEC 17-308, Respondant: Babar Shahbaz Ahmed  
Babar Ahmed

to:  
Florida Elections Commission  
10/19/2017 09:54 AM

Hide Details

From: Babar Ahmed <babar.s.ahmed@gmail.com>

To: Florida Elections Commission <fec@myfloridalegal.com>

To whom it may concern,

My name is Babar Ahmed, I'm 20 years old and I am a junior at Florida State University studying Economics and English Literature. I'm responding to the letter I received in the mail regarding Case No.: FEC 17-308, Respondant: Babar Shahbaz Ahmed.

I have big dreams to be a public servant and help the people of my community. I want to rise to a position of leadership where I can make change to Tallahassee; the city I grew up in and love. Because of this, I decided to run for the Florida House of Representative for my district (district 9).

I understand that according to Florida law anyone who runs for office must disclose any donations and file a monthly financial report. At first I didn't realize that I have to submit a report even if I haven't raised any funds for my campaign. But when I did learned what's required, I contacted the Florida Division of Elections. I didn't know my electric filing system credentials to log on to file my monthly report, so I filled a request and faxed it over back in August (form attached). I haven't heard from the FDE since and I forgot about it.

On Monday, October 16th, 2017 I submitted my letter of withdrawal from the race. Since the first day I submitted my forms to officially run for office until the day I withdrew my candidacy, I raised \$0. I haven't been able to focus on my campaign because of school, and I realize I am way over my head and should focus on school and other things before I'm ready to run for office. My apologies, I'm ready to rectify any mistakes I've made and I fully understand that I am not ready for the responsibility of being a part of our local government.

I am writing also to ask for help, what can I do to eradicate this and get this behind me? I no longer am running for office so I no longer needed to file monthly reports so this mistake won't happen again. I would be grateful for any guidance.

Thank you for your time, I greatly appreciate it.

With much appreciation,

--  
Best Regards,  
Babar Ahmed

Florida State University 2019  
Economics | English Literature  
850.524.1614

EXHIBIT 6

## Margie Wade

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**From:** Willis, Kristi R. <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 15, 2018 8:55 AM  
**To:** Margie Wade  
**Subject:** RE: 69894

No he did not file the reports. He also never filed the 2017 M8 or M9 or his termination report.

**From:** Margie Wade [mailto:Margie.Wade@myfloridalegal.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2018 3:54 PM  
**To:** Willis, Kristi R. <Kristi.Willis@DOS.MyFlorida.com>  
**Subject:** 69894

Hi Kristi,

I am following up on the referrals on Babar Ahmed, account number 69894, 2018 candidate for State Representative.

1. Did he file the 2017 M6 Report or notification of no activity?
2. Did he file the 2017 M7 Report or notification of no activity?
3. If so, on what dates were they filed?
4. If reports were filed, were they complete?

*Margie B. Wade*

Investigation Specialist  
Florida Elections Commission  
107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399  
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**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION  
PHONE LOG  
Case No.: FEC 17-294**

**Respondent:** Babar Ahmed

**Complainant:** Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** December 19, 2017 @ 10:21 a.m.  
**Name:** Respondent  
**Phone #:** 850-524-1614  
**Summary:** I called Respondent to follow-up on information from his written statement. He stated in his written statement that he wanted to settle this issue as soon as possible. He did not answer; I left a message on his voice mail.  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** MBW
  
2. **Date and time:** December 19, 2017 @ 10:27 a.m.  
**Name:** Respondent  
**Phone #:** Called me  
**Summary:** I explained that I was the investigator assigned to his case and I had reviewed his written statement. He reiterated that he wanted to get this over with as soon as possible. I explained the investigation process and the pre-probable cause consent order procedure. He stated that he wanted to try to work out a pre-probable cause agreement. I told him that I would speak with the attorney assigned to his case.  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** MBW
  
3. **Date and time:** January 29, 2018 @ 1:39 p.m.  
**Name:** Sunshine Community Bank  
**Phone #:** 850-894-1178  
**Summary:** I called the bank to find out the procedure to issue a subpoena to their institution. I reached a voice mail and left a message.  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** MBW
  
4. **Date and time:** January 30, 2018 @ 1:41 p.m.  
**Name:** Sunshine Community Bank  
**Phone #:** 850-894-1178  
**Summary:** I called the bank to find out the procedure to issue a subpoena to their institution. I reached a voice mail and left a message.  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** MBW
  
5. **Date and time:** February 1, 2018 @ 10:06 a.m.  
**Name:** Michele Clarke, VP, Sunshine Community Bank  
**Phone #:** 850-219-7307

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**Summary:** I returned an earlier call from Ms. Clark. She did not answer. I left a message on her voice mail.

**Memo to File?** No

**Entered by:** MBW

6. **Date and time:** February 26, 2018 @ 9:36 a.m.

**Name:** Michele Clarke, VP, Sunshine Community Bank

**Phone #:** 850-219-7307

**Summary:** I called to follow up on a subpoena served on January 31, 2018; the production was due on February 19, 2018. Ms. Clark was not in; I left a message on her voice mail.

**Memo to File?** No

**Entered by:** MBW

7. **Date and time:** March 9, 2018 @ 11:59 a.m.

**Name:** Michele Clarke, VP, Sunshine Community Bank

**Phone #:** 850-219-7307

**Summary:** Ms. Clark called me at 10:53 a.m. and left a message on my voice mail. Ms. Clarke stated that she had called this office and left messages that they did not find any documents under Respondent's name. she stated that after logging this information they destroyed the subpoena. She stated that she recently received a voice mail that the FEC needs some kind of declaration page. She left her email address ([mclarke@sunshinebank.com](mailto:mclarke@sunshinebank.com)) and her phone number.

I returned her call and informed her that I had not received any messages from her regarding the subpoena issued to their bank. She stated, "Well, I spoke with some attorney; then another one call and left a jumbled message that I couldn't understand about a declaration and a general phone number." She asked that I send her a copy of "whatever form we needed her to complete."

I explained that a statement on their letterhead would suffice; however, her signature should be notarized. I told her that I would email a copy of the subpoena to her so that she can reference the subpoena number in her sworn statement.

**Memo to File?** No

**Entered by:** MBW

8. **Date and time:** March 16, 2018 @ 11:12 a.m.

**Name:** Respondent

**Phone #:** 850-524-1614

**Summary:** I called Respondent for the final interview. He did not answer: I left a message on his voice mail.

**Memo to File?** No

**Entered by:** MBW

9. **Date and time:** March 19, 2018 @ 11:09 a.m.

**Name:** Respondent

**Phone #:** 850-524-1614

**Summary:** I called Respondent for the final interview. I explained that I had completed the investigation and was calling to see in he had any final comments. He stated that he

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thought the cases would be settled. I explained that the attorney handling the case tried to contact him regarding a PPCO but was not successful. He asked if he could meet with me and the attorney this afternoon to discuss settlement. He stated that he could meet with us at 2:30 p.m. I agreed.

**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** MBW

- 10. **Date and time:**  
**Name:**  
**Phone #:**  
**Summary:**  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:**
  
- 11. **Date and time:**  
**Name:**  
**Phone #:**  
**Summary:**  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:**
  
- 12. **Date and time:**  
**Name:**  
**Phone #:**  
**Summary:**  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:**
  
- 13. **Date and time:**  
**Name:**  
**Phone #:**  
**Summary:**  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:**
  
- 14. **Date and time:**  
**Name:**  
**Phone #:**  
**Summary:**  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:**



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**RICK SCOTT**  
Governor

**KEN DETZNER**  
Secretary of State

June 14, 2017

Babar Shahbaz Ahmed  
2471 Rain Lily Way  
Tallahassee, Florida 32311

Dear Mr. Ahmed:

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 June 13, 2017. Your name has been placed on the 2018 active candidate list.

### Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **July 10, 2017**. The report will cover the period of June 1-30, 2017 (M6). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

### Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. You, your campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting these passwords from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using these credentials, unless the Division is notified that your credentials have been compromised.

**EFS Website Address:** <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>  
**Identification Number:** 69894

Division of Elections  
R.A. Gray Building, Suite 316 • 500 South Bronough Street • Tallahassee, Florida 32399  
850.245.6240 • 850.245.6260 (Fax) [dos.myflorida.com/elections/](https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/)



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June 14, 2017  
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### **Pin Numbers**

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update personal information. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your confidential pin numbers.

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

### **Timely Filing**

All reports filed must be completed and filed through the EFS 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.

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.

Babar Ahmed  
June 14, 2017  
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**Instructions and Assistance**

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

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

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/zjs

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& Campaign  
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Division of Elections  
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## Chapter 1: Background

The information contained in this publication is intended as a quick reference guide only and is current upon publication. To the extent that this handbook covers material beyond that contained in law or rule, the Division of Elections (Division) offers such material to candidates as guidelines. Chapters 97-106, Florida Statutes, the Constitution of the State of Florida, Division of Elections' opinions and rules, Attorney General opinions, county charters, city charters and ordinances, and other sources should be reviewed in their entirety for complete information regarding campaign financing and qualifying.

In addition, the following publications produced by the Division should be reviewed for further information:

- State Qualifying Handbook
- Candidate Petition Handbook
- Candidate Electronic Filing System User's Guide
- Calendar of Reporting Dates

All forms and publications mentioned in this handbook are available on the Division's website at:

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

Other helpful websites are:

### Florida Elections Commission:

<http://www.fec.state.fl.us>

### Florida Elected Officials:

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<http://www.floridaclerks.org>

### Florida Attorney General:

<http://myfloridalegal.com>

### Federal Election Commission:

<http://www.fec.gov>

## Chapter 16: Filing Campaign Reports

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

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

*(Section 106.07, F.S.)*

### Where to File

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

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

The web address for filing online with the Division is: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us/>

*(Section 106.07(2), F.S.)*

### When to File

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

A statewide candidate must file reports:

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

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

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

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

An individual seeking a publicly elected position on a political party executive committee who receives a contribution or makes an expenditure must file a single report of all contributions and expenditures on the 4th day immediately preceding the primary election. (See Chapter 18, Reporting for Individuals Seeking a Publicly Elected Position on a Party Executive Committee.)

Unless the electronic filing requirements of Section 106.0705, Florida Statutes, apply, reports shall be filed no later than 5 p.m. of the day designated. A report postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight of the day designated is deemed timely filed. A report received by the filing officer within 5 days after the designated due date that was delivered by the U.S. Postal Service is deemed timely filed unless it has a postmark indicating the report was mailed after the designated due date. A certificate of mailing obtained from and dated by the U.S. Postal Service at the time of mailing or a receipt from an established courier company, which bears a date on or before the date on which the report is due, is proof of mailing in a timely manner. Reports filed with the Division through the Electronic Filing System (EFS) are due no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date.

(Sections 106.07, 106.0705  
and 106.141, F.S.)

### Penalty for Late Filing

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 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is

greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding the primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. For a candidate's termination report, the fine shall be \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the late report. All fines must be paid from the candidate's **personal funds** – not campaign funds.

(Section 106.07(2) and (8), F.S.)

### Notice of No Activity

In any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds or made any expenditures, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. **However, the candidate must notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.** (A notice of no activity filed with the Division must be filed electronically using the EFS.) The next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed.

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

### Incomplete Reports

If a campaign treasurer files a report that is deemed incomplete, it shall be accepted on a conditional basis. The campaign treasurer will be notified by the filing officer as to why the report is incomplete. The campaign

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**STATEMENT OF  
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

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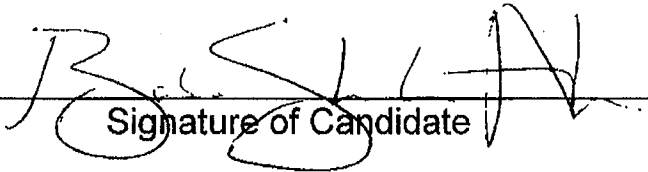
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Babar Shahbaz Ahmed,

candidate for the office of Florida House of Representatives - District 9;

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

X

  
Signature of Candidate

6/13/2017  
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).



**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

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October 25, 2017

Babar Shahbaz Ahmed  
2471 Rain Lily Way  
Tallahassee, FL 32311-2311

**RE: Case No.: FEC 17-294; Respondent: Babar Shahbaz Ahmed**

Dear Mr. Ahmed:

On September 7, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violations:

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

- 2017 M6

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

- 2017 M6

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to you at the above address. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will make a written recommendation (Staff Recommendation or SR) to the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to charge respondent with violating Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You will have an opportunity to respond to both the ROI and the SR. The Commission will then hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violations occurred and, if so, the amount

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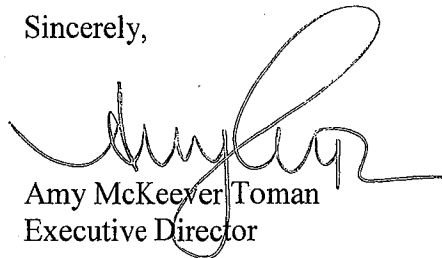
of the fine to be imposed. You and the complainant will receive notice at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

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

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

If you have additional questions, please contact **Samantha Spore**, the investigator assigned to this case at extension 110.

Sincerely,



Amy McKeever Toman  
Executive Director

AMT/enr



**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
FEC NOTICE FORM**

To FEC from Division of Elections

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ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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**Name:** Babar Shahbaz Ahmed  
**Account Number:** 69894  
**Treasurer:** Babar Shahbaz Ahmed

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

The following report or notice is outstanding after notification:

2017 M6

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**Sent By:** Kristi Reid Willis  
**Date:** September 6, 2017 *KRW*

ejr

## AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Leon

**Kristi Reid Willis, being duly sworn, says:**

1. I am the Chief of the Bureau of Election Records of the Division of Elections (Division). In that capacity, I oversee the Division's duties related to the filing of campaign finance reports.
2. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
3. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
4. Babar Shahbaz Ahmed (69894) is a 2018 candidate for the office of State Representative.
5. On June 13, 2017, Mr. Ahmed filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division. He appointed himself as treasurer.
6. The 2017 M6 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 10, 2017. On July 11, 2017, the Division mailed Mr. Ahmed notification that the 2017 M6 treasurer's report had not been filed.
7. On July 28, 2017, the Division mailed Mr. Ahmed notification that the 2017 M6 treasurer's report had not been filed.
8. On August 9, 2017, the Division mailed Mr. Ahmed final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2017 M6 treasurer's report had not been filed. (See attached letter and delivery confirmation.)
9. Mr. Ahmed did not notify the Division of Elections prior to or on the prescribed reporting date for the 2017 M6 report that no report was to be filed.

10. As of September 6, 2017, Mr. Ahmed has not filed the 2017 M6 report.

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

Kristina Willis  
Signature of Affiant

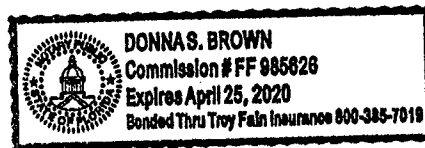
Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

Donna S. Brown

Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known





FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

**Final Notice**

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August 9, 2017

Babar Ahmed  
2471 Rain Lily Way  
Tallahassee, FL 32311-2311

CAN 69894

Dear Mr. Ahmed:

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Cover Period</u>
2017	M6	6/1/17 - 6/30/17

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,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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