

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Florida Taxpayers Association**

**Case No.: FEC 19-461**

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**TO:** Florida Taxpayers Association  
Daniel P. Diaz, Chair  
43 South Powerline Road, # 262  
Pompano Beach, Fl 33069

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

**NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission **on February 23, 2021 at 8:30 am, EST**, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard.

Please note that because of COVID-19, this will be a virtual meeting conducted by remote video or teleconference. Enclosed you will find additional details on joining the video conference via GoToWebinar, 9-Digit Webinar ID 627-359-707, or via teleconference by dialing (877) 309-2071 and entering the meeting access code 324-720-215, 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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**See further instructions on the reverse side.**

***Tim Vaccaro***

Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
February 2, 2021

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

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



# Florida Elections Commission

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## **Commission Meeting February 23, 2021 at 8:30AM via GoToWebinar and OpenVoice**

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

- A. GoToWebinar – Remote Video Conferencing
  1. Open your web browser and search GoToWebinar or enter [www.gotowebinar.com](http://www.gotowebinar.com)
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And your email address
  4. Register your name and email address
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- B. OpenVoice - Teleconference
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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) of interest, when contacting our office.

Thank you,

Commission Staff

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,  
Petitioner,**

**Case No.: FEC 19-461**

**v.**

**Florida Taxpayers Association,  
Respondent.**

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**ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

**THIS MATTER** was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 1, 2020, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On July 2, 2020, 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 March 11, 2019, Florida Taxpayers Association violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2019 M2 Report.

**Count 2:**

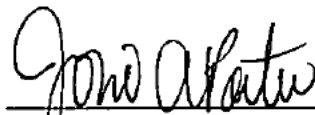
On or about April 10, 2019, Florida Taxpayers Association violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing

officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2019 M3 Report.

**Count 3:**

On or about May 10, 2019, Florida Taxpayers Association violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2019 M4 Report.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on December 1, 2020.



Jori Alexis Poitier, Vice Chair  
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:  
Stephanie J. Cunningham, Assistant General Counsel  
Florida Taxpayers Association, 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.

To request a hearing, please send a written request to the Commission Clerk, Donna Ann Malphurs. The address of the Commission Clerk is 107 W. Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050. The telephone number is (850) 922-4539. The Clerk will provide you with a copy of Chapter 28-106, *Florida Administrative Code*, and other applicable rules upon request. No mediation is available.

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Florida Taxpayers Association**

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**Case No.: FEC 19-461**

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Daniel P. Diaz, Chair  
43 South Powerline Road, # 262  
Coral Gables, FL 33069

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **December 1, 2020 at 10:00 AM**, *or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard*, at the following location: **Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Room 110-S, 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  
November 9, 2020

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

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

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Florida Taxpayers Association**

**Case No.: FEC 19-461**

**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**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on June 8, 2020, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On August 1, 2019, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections (“Division”), alleging that Florida Taxpayers Association (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. (ROI Exhibit 2)<sup>1</sup>

3. By letter dated August 29, 2019, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provision:

**Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:** As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

- 2019 M2
- 2019 M3
- 2019 M4

4. By letter dated July 3, 2018, Kristi Reid Willis, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received its Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees forms. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1)

5. The acknowledgment letter 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 3, page 2)

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

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

7. The *Political Committee Handbook* references the statutory requirement regarding written notification and directs political committees to notify the Division by way of the Division’s electronic filing system. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 2) The *Political Committee EFS User’s Guide* shows the process through which to notify the Division. The user’s guide instructs political committees to select the relevant reporting period and place a checkmark in a box titled “Waiver” to indicate the lack of reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibit 5, pages 2 & 3)

8. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods, as set forth in the table below. (ROI Exhibit 6, page 1)

<b>Report</b>	<b>Report Cover Period</b>	<b>Date Notification Due</b>	<b>Date Notification Filed</b>	<b>No. of Days Late</b>
2019 M2	02/01/19 – 02/28/19	03/11/19	03/20/19	9
2019 M3	03/01/19 – 03/31/19	04/10/19	04/16/19	6
2019 M4	04/01/19 – 04/30/19	05/10/19	05/16/19	6

9. Daniel Diaz, chairperson and treasurer for Respondent, stated that the committee did not have any financial activity during the relevant reporting periods. Mr. Diaz also stated that he has medical issues and that the committee has an accountant to file reports. (ROI Exhibit 7)

10. “Probable Cause” is defined as reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. *Schmitt v. State*, 590 So. 2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reasonable man to reach the conclusion that an offense has been committed. *Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles v. Favino*, 667 So. 2d 305, 309 (Fla. 1st DCA 1995).

11. The facts set forth above show that Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods: 2019 M2, 2019 M3, and 2019 M4.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find probable cause to charge Respondent with violating the following:

**Count 1:**

On or about March 11, 2019, Florida Taxpayers Association violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2019 M2 Report.

**Count 2:**

On or about April 10, 2019, Florida Taxpayers Association violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2019 M3 Report.

**Count 3:**

On or about May 10, 2019, Florida Taxpayers Association violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2019 M4 Report.

Respectfully submitted on July 2, 2020.



Stephanie J. Cunningham  
Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this <sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup> day of July 2020.



Tim Vaccaro  
Executive Director



**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

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August 29, 2019

Daniel P. Diaz, Chair  
Florida Taxpayers Association  
43 South Powerline Road #262  
Pompano Beach, FL 33069

**RE: Case No.: FEC 19-461; Respondent: Florida Taxpayers Association**

Dear Mr. Diaz:

On August 1, 2019, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that your committee 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 violation(s):

**Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:** As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

- 2019 M2
- 2019 M3
- 2019 M4

However, prior to an investigation, you have the option to **resolve your case now by** signing a minor violation consent order and **paying a fine of \$150**, per Rule 2B-1.003, Florida Administrative Code, **rather than the potential \$1,000 per violation** provided for in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes.

If you sign the consent order, you would not be required to admit or deny the allegation(s) in the complaint, but you would be required to immediately correct the violation, if feasible.

The signed consent order would then be considered by the Commission at its next available meeting, and would constitute final action by the Commission once it is accepted and approved by the Commission.

Florida Taxpayers Association  
August 29, 2019  
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**Please contact Stephanie Cunningham at 850-922-4539**, or at the address listed above, to accept this minor violation consent order offer.

If you choose not to resolve the case by consent order, an investigation will be conducted, and then the Commission will hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violation(s) occurred and, if so, the amount of the fine to be imposed upon your committee. For more information, please see our FAQs available at <http://www.fec.state.fl.us>.

Sincerely,

Tim Vaccaro  
Executive Director

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## FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

### Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer

**Case Number:** FEC 19-461

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate or political committee that did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to timely notify the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed.

**Respondent:** Florida Taxpayers Association  
**Respondent's Atty:** N/A

**Division of Elections (Division)**  
**Referral Filed:** August 1, 2019

**Respondent Type:** Political Committee

#### **I. Preliminary Information:**

1. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division.

2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on July 2, 2018. Daniel Diaz was appointed as the political committee's treasurer.<sup>1</sup> To review the DS-DE 6, refer to Exhibit 1.

3. A Statement of Organization (DS-DE 5) for the political committee was filed with the Division on July 2, 2018. To review a copy of the Statement of Organization, refer to Exhibit 2.

4. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on the DS-DE 6 on July 3, 2018 advising Respondent's chairman that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Political Committee Handbook*, and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*. The acknowledgement letter also states, "An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports" and provides the telephone number for the Division's EFS Help Desk. To review the acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 3.

5. The *Political Committee Handbook* discusses filing a waiver when there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant page of the *Handbook*, refer to Exhibit 4.

6. The *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* discusses how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, the *Handbook* instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant pages from the *Political Committee EFS User's Guide*, refer to Exhibit 5.

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

7. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by not timely notifying the filing officer, in writing, that no reports would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making expenditures during the following reporting periods. To review a copy of Respondent's filing history reflecting the untimely filed notifications summarized below, refer to Exhibit 6.

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<sup>1</sup> Respondent filed a second DS-DE 6 on July 2, 2018, appointing Randy Goodwin as the political committee's deputy treasurer, refer to Exhibit 1.

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
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2019 M4	4/1/19 – 4/30/19	5/10/19	5/16/19	6

8. Respondent’s chairperson did not respond to the referral.

9. Respondent’s chairperson did not respond to a questionnaire-affidavit. Because the affidavit has not been returned, I am unable to ascertain whether he has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and/or the *Political Committee Handbook*.

10. On October 28, 2019, I called Respondent’s chairperson for the purpose of reviewing the referral with him. Mr. Diaz advised me that he has been dealing with medical issues for some time. He informed me that he does not regularly check his Google messages or mail due to his medical conditions. He stated that he had an accountant who filed his reports for him. He denied having any financial transactions to report during any of the reporting periods at issue. To review a copy of the phone log, refer to Exhibit 7.

**III. FEC History:**

11. Respondent has a prior history with the Florida Elections Commission. FEC 19-210, MVCO, Section 106.07(7), fined \$650.00, paid.

**SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:**



**Date:** June 8, 2020

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Florida Taxpayers Association -- FEC 19-461**

<b>LIST OF EXHIBITS</b>	
<b>Exhibits #s</b>	<b>Description of Exhibits</b>
Exhibit 1	Respondent's DS-DE 6 form
Exhibit 2	Statement of Organization
Exhibit 3	Acknowledgement letter
Exhibit 4	Political Committee Handbook
Exhibit 5	Political Committee EFS User's Guide
Exhibit 6	Respondent's filing history
Exhibit 7	Phone log



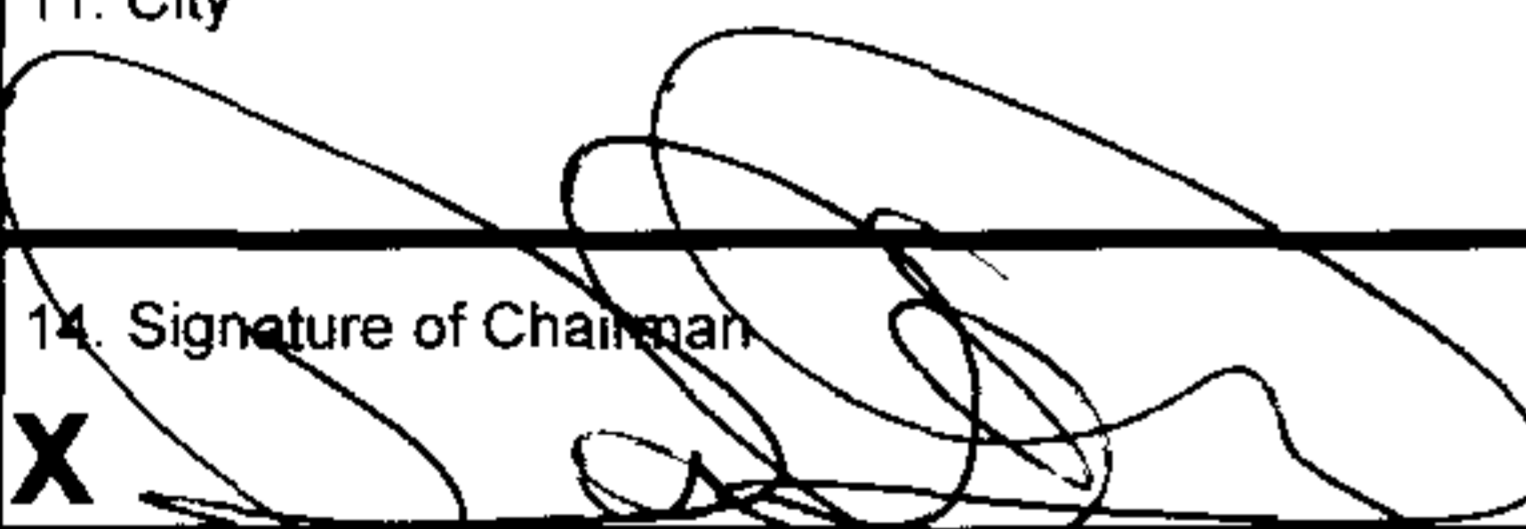
**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER  
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN  
DEPOSITORY FOR  
POLITICAL COMMITTEES**  
(Sections 106.011(1) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

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TALLAHASSEE FL

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

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Original Appointment of Treasurer       Reappointment of Treasurer       Deputy Treasurer

1. Committee or Organization <b>Florida Taxpayers Association</b>		2. Telephone <b>(954 ) 834-3429</b>	
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer <b>Daniel P Diaz</b>		4. Email (optional) <b>( )</b>	
5. Telephone (optional) <b>( )</b>			
6. Mailing Address <b>43 S Powerline Rd Ste 262, Pompano Beach, FL 33069</b>			
7. Street Address <b>43 S Powerline Rd Ste 262, Pompano Beach, FL 33069</b>			
8. The following bank has been designated as the <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Depository			
9. Name of Bank <b>Wells Fargo (Pending)</b>		10. Street Address	
11. City		12. State	13. Zip Code
14. Signature of Chairman <b>X</b> 		15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type) <b>Daniel P Diaz</b>	

**Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment**

I, **Daniel P Diaz**, do hereby accept the appointment as  
(Please Print or Type)  
treasurer or deputy treasurer for **Florida Taxpayers Association**  
(Committee or Organization)

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S  
ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED ARE TRUE.

**6/29/2018**

Date

**X** 

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER  
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN  
DEPOSITORY FOR  
POLITICAL COMMITTEES**  
(Sections 106.011(1) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

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Original Appointment of Treasurer       Reappointment of Treasurer       Deputy Treasurer

1. Committee or Organization <b>Florida Taxpayers Association</b>	2. Telephone <b>(954 ) 834-3429</b>
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer <b>Randy Goodwin</b>	4. Email (optional) <b></b>
5. Telephone (optional) <b>( )</b>	

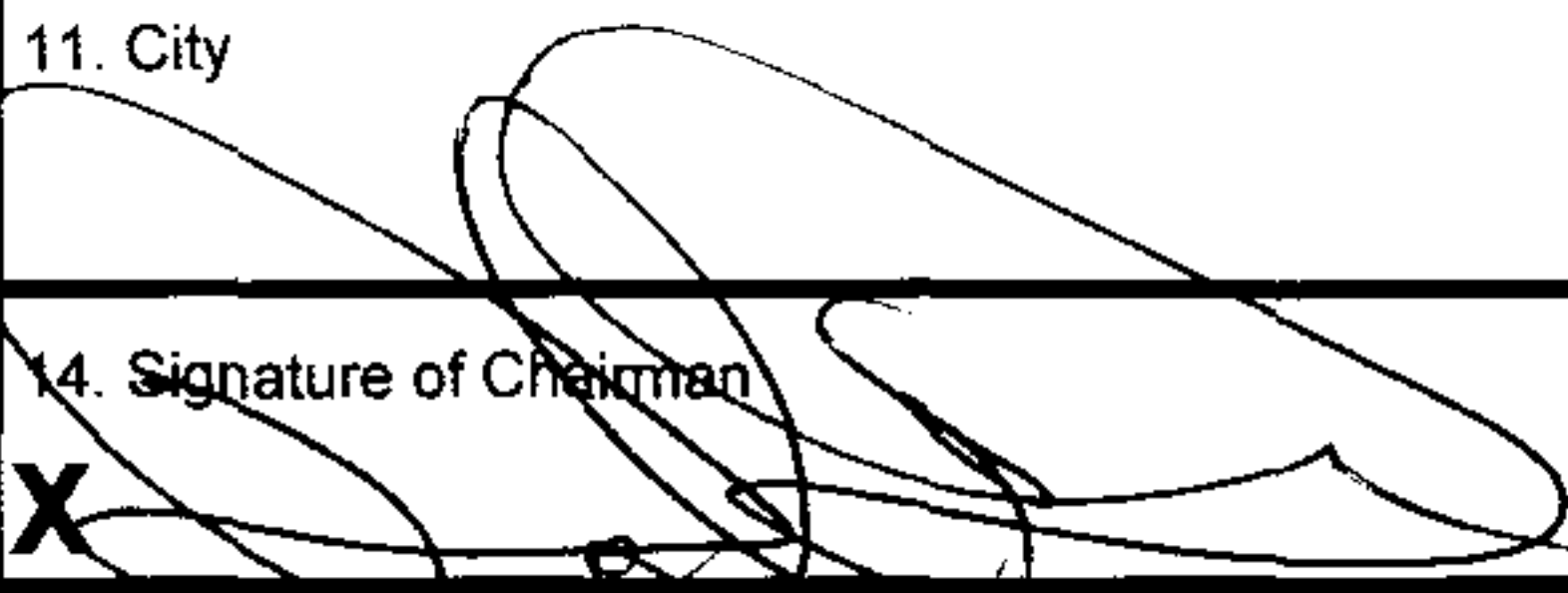
6. Mailing Address  
**43 S Powerline Rd Ste 262, Pompano Beach, FL 33069**

7. Street Address  
**43 S Powerline Rd Ste 262, Pompano Beach, FL 33069**

8. The following bank has been designated as the  **Primary Depository**       **Secondary Depository**

9. Name of Bank <b>Wells Fargo (Pending)</b>	10. Street Address <b></b>
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11. City <b></b>	12. State <b></b>	13. Zip Code <b></b>
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14. Signature of Chairman 	15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type) <b>Daniel P Diaz</b>
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**Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment**

I, **Randy Goodwin**, do hereby accept the appointment as  
(Please Print or Type)

treasurer or deputy treasurer for **Florida Taxpayers Association**  
(Committee or Organization)

**UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S  
ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED ARE TRUE.**

**6/29/2018**  
Date

  
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Daniel P. Diaz  
43 S. Powerline Rd Ste 262  
Pompano Beach, FL 33069  
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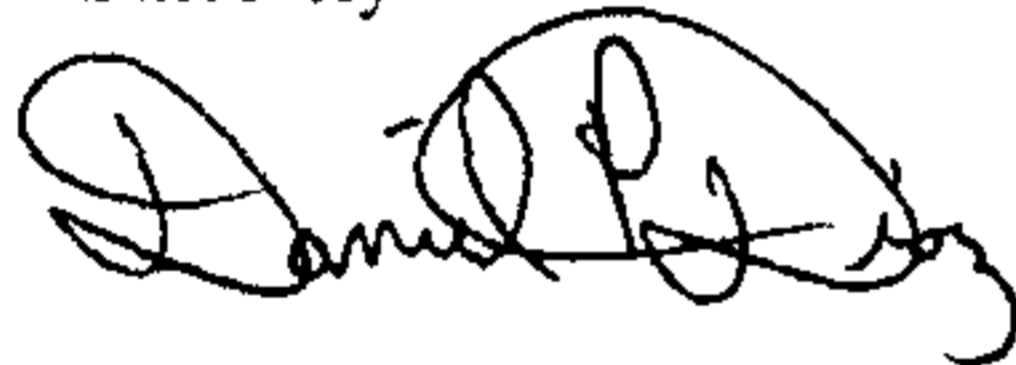
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To whom it may concern,

The Depository for Account #'s 73661, 73662, 73663 will all be located at the same banking institution which you can find listed below:

- Wells Fargo  
4901 Coconut Creek Pkwy  
Coconut Creek, FL 33063

Sincerely



Daniel P Diaz  
Treasurer  
Florida Taxpayers Association PAC  
Florida Public Safety Association PAC  
Floridians for Ron DeSantis PAC

**STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION  
OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE**

(PLEASE TYPE)

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**1. Full Name of Committee**  
Florida Taxpayers Association

Telephone  
954-834-3429

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)  
43 S Powerline Rd #262, Pompano Beach, FL 33069

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)  
43 S Powerline Rd #262, Pompano Beach, FL 33069

**2. Affiliated or Connected Organizations (includes other committees of continuous existence and political committees)**

Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization	Mailing Address	Relationship
None		

**3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee**

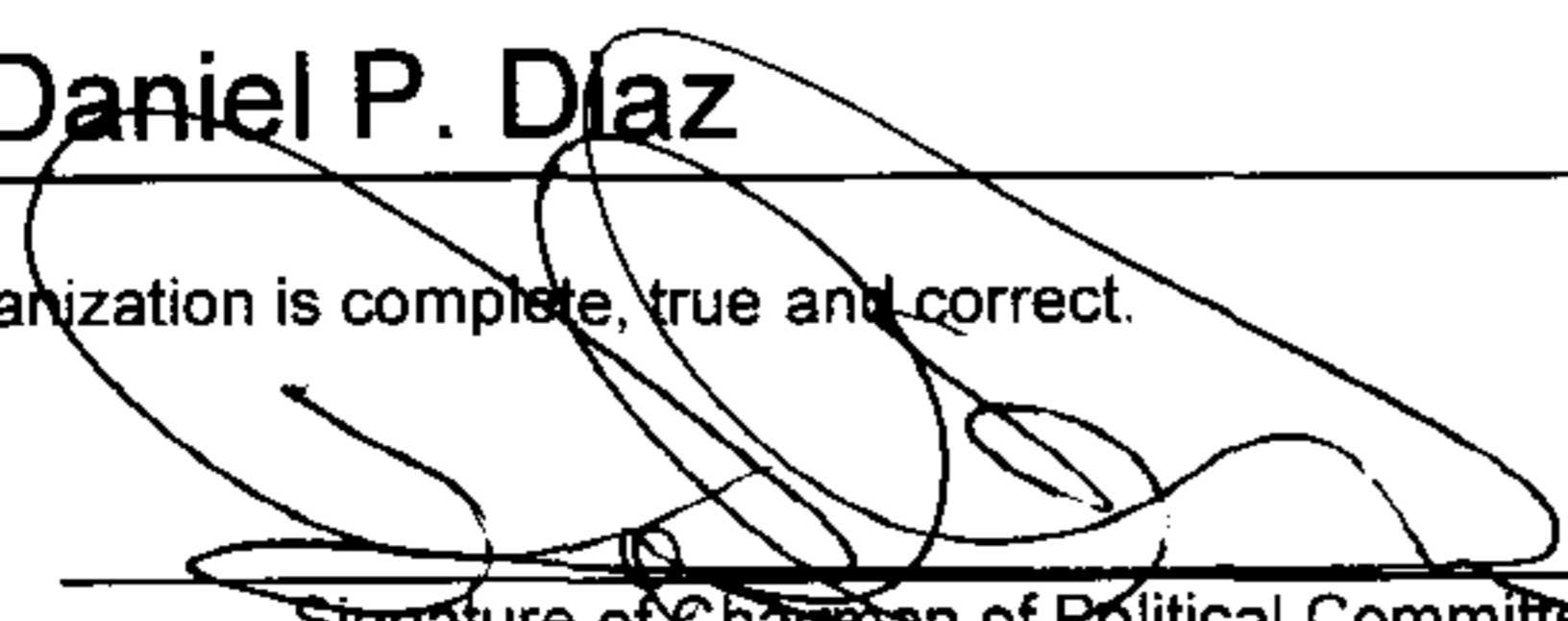
Statewide political committee to support statewide and local candidates or other activity not prohibited by Chapter 106 F.S.

**4. Nature of Organization or Organization's Special Interest (e.g., medical, legal, education, etc.)**

Political

**5. Identify by Name, Address and Position, the Custodian of Books and Accounts (include treasurer's name)**

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
Daniel P Diaz	43 S Powerline Rd Ste 262, Pompano Beach, FL 33069	Treasurer

<b>6. List by Name, Address and Position, Other Principal Officers, Including Officers and Members of the Finance Committee, If Any (include chairman's name)</b>			
Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position	
Randy Goodwin	43 S Powerline Rd Ste 262, Pompano Beach, FL 33069	Deputy Treasurer	
Daniel P Diaz	43 S Powerline Rd Ste 262, Pompano Beach, FL 33069	Chairman	
<b>7. List by Name, Address, Office Sought and Party Affiliation Each Candidate or Other Individual that this Committee is Supporting (if none, please indicate)</b>			
Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party
TBD			
<b>8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting: None</b>			
List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing: None			
<b>9. If this Committee is Supporting the Entire Ticket of a Party, Give Name of Party</b>			
n/a			
<b>10. In the Event of Dissolution, What Disposition will be Made of Residual Funds?</b>			
Contribute to candidates, political parties, political committees or other activities not prohibited by law.			
<b>11. List all Banks, Safety Deposit Boxes, or Other Depositories Used for Committee Funds</b>			
Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number		Mailing Address	
Wells Fargo, Account Pending			
<b>12. List all Reports Required to be Filed by this Committee with Federal Officials and the Names, Addresses and Positions of Such Officials, If Any</b>			
Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of Official	Mailing Address
None			
STATE OF <u>Florida</u>		<u>Broward</u> COUNTY	
I, <u>Daniel P. Diaz</u> , certify that the information in this Statement of			
Organization is complete, true and correct.			
<b>X</b> 		<u>6/29/2018</u>	
Signature of Chairman of Political Committee		Date	



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

**RICK SCOTT**  
Governor

**KEN DETZNER**  
Secretary of State

July 3, 2018

Daniel P. Diaz, Chairperson  
Florida Taxpayers Association  
43 South Powerline Road #262  
Pompano Beach, Florida 33069

Dear Mr. Diaz:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Florida Taxpayers Association**, which were placed on file in our office on July 2, 2018. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

### **Campaign Treasurer's Reports**

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **July 13, 2018**. The report will cover the period of June 30, 2018 - July 6, 2018 (2018 P2). All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

### **EFS Access**

Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains the committee's filing credentials.

**EFS Website Address:** <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>  
**Identification Number:** 73662

### **Timely Filing**

All reports 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

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July 3, 2018  
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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, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date is subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per 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 chairperson and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

### **Instructions and Assistance**

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

**All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <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: Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, *Political Committee Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.**

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Willis, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

KRW/zjs

Enclosures

pc: Randy Goodwin, Deputy Treasurer

# Political Committee Handbook



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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. (See [Chapter 11, Electronic Filing of Campaign Reports.](#))  
(Sections [106.07](#), [106.0705](#), and [106.141](#), F.S.)

### Penalty for Late Filing

Any political committee 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 due immediately prior to the primary and general elections, 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.

(Section [106.07\(8\)](#), F.S.)

### Notice of No Activity

When there has been no reportable activity in the campaign account during a reporting period (no funds expended or received) the filing of the report is waived. The political committee shall notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date. 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.)

A notice of no activity filed with the Division must be filed electronically using the Division's [electronic filing system](#).

(Section [106.0705](#), F.S.)

### Special Election Reports

When a special election is called to fill a vacancy in office, all political committees making contributions or expenditures to influence the results of the special election shall file campaign treasurers' reports with the filing officer on the dates set by the Department of State pursuant to Section [100.111](#), F.S.

When an election is called for an issue to appear on the ballot at a time when no candidates are scheduled to appear on the ballot, all political committees making contributions or expenditures in support of or in opposition to such issue shall file reports on the 18th and 4th days prior to such election.

Committees are to include on the special election campaign treasurer's reports only

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# **Political Committee EFS User's Guide**



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**EFS HELP LINE: 850-245-6280**

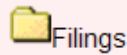
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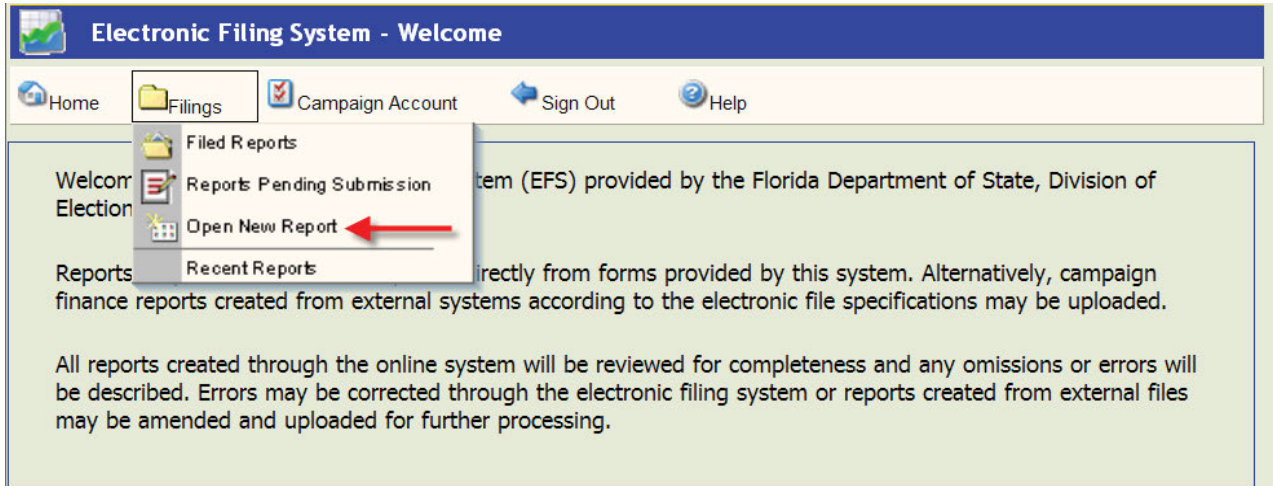
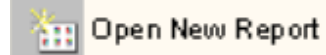
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# Create a New Report by Data Entry

From the Welcome screen, click



and then



Use this form to submit an original report. To submit an amendment to a previously filed report, first select the report from the 'Filed Reports' listing and then choose the 'Amend Report' option from the 'Edit' menu item.

**Coverage Periods**  
Campaign finance reports itemize financial activity occurring during a specific reporting period. The reporting period is declared by first selecting the reporting year and then the report type. The beginning and ending coverage dates and the filing due date of the report are automatically associated with the *Reporting Year* and *Report Type*.


Election Cycle:


Report Type:

Coverage Period:   Due Date:

Special Election Report  Waiver

**Uploading a Campaign Finance Report**  
A Campaign Finance report file meeting the department's specifications may be uploaded at the time a report is opened. Use the Browse button to locate and select the report text or zip file to be uploaded. You may upload the report file in a compressed zip. The zip file must contain only one report file.

Click  arrow next to **Election Cycle**. Scroll to the cycle associated with the report you are entering.

Click  arrow next to **Report Type** select report type corresponding to the correct cover period and due date.

The **Cover Period** dates will automatically fill in based on the **Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates**.

The **Due Date** will automatically fill in based on the **Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates**.

If this report is for a special election, click the  box next to **Special Election Report**. (If no special elections are scheduled this option will not be available.)

**\*\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*\***

If this report is a waiver of report (no activity), click the  box next to **Waiver**.

Election Cycle: 2010 General Election  
Report Type: F2 2010  
Coverage Period: 7/17/2010 7/30/2010 Due Date: 08/06/2010  
 Special Election Report  Waiver

Click  at the bottom of the screen. A **Report Detail** screen (view only) will appear. This screen will not indicate any activity until individual detail data is entered, saved and a review is performed.

Report: 2010 - G4 - 27 2010 General Election Covers: 10/16/2010-10/28/2010 Due: 10/29/2010

Amendment  Waiver Complete Status: Incomplete Detail Records  
File Date: Review Status: Not Reviewed  
Status: Data Entry Last Review:

# of Transactions: 0

Contributions		Total Amount	Expenditures		Total Amount
Cash and Checks:		0.00	Monetary:		0.00
Loans:		0.00	Transfers to Off Acct:		0.00
Total Monetary:		0.00	Total Monetary:		0.00
In-Kind:		0.00	Other Distributions:		0.00

Review Messages

Created: 10/26/2010 11:41:25 AM By: 50552 Revised: 10/26/2010 11:41:25 AM By: 50552

# File the Report

If the **Review Status** is Updated Detail – Needs Review the report has not been reviewed since the last update. (See page 39 for instructions on how to submit the report to the system for review.)

If the status of the report is Complete Detail Records, you are ready to file the report.

Report: 2010 - F3 - 26    2010 General Election    Covers: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010    Due: 8/20/2010

Amendment     Waiver    Complete Status: **Complete Detail Records** ←

File Date:     Review Status: Reviewed

Status: Data Entry    Last Review: 8/19/2010 3:56:42 PM

# of Transactions: 1    **Review**    **Recalculate**    **Go To File Report**    **Append File**    **Delete Report**    **Save**

Contributions		Total Amount	Expenditures		Total Amount
Cash and Checks:	<input type="text"/>	0.00	Monetary:	<input type="text"/>	51.00
Loans:	<input type="text"/>	0.00	Transfers to Off Acct:	<input type="text"/>	0.00
Total Monetary:	<input type="text"/>	0.00	Total Monetary:	<input type="text"/>	51.00
In-Kind:	<input type="text"/>	0.00	Other Distributions:	<input type="text"/>	0.00

Review Messages:

Created: 8/19/2010 2:01:35 PM    By: 50552    Revised: 8/19/2010 3:56:42 PM    By: 50552

Click on **Go To File Report**.

The **chairperson** enters his or her **PIN**, and then selects **Report Approved**.

**NOTE: A PIN is the same as your signature attesting to the validity of the report.**

Step 1: Enter the candidate/chairperson PIN.

Step 2: Select the 'Report Approved' button.

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Report: 2010 - F3 - 26    Coverage Period: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010    Due: 8/20/2010

Review Status: Reviewed

Original     Amended

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PIN for Candidate/Chairperson:     **Report Approved** ←

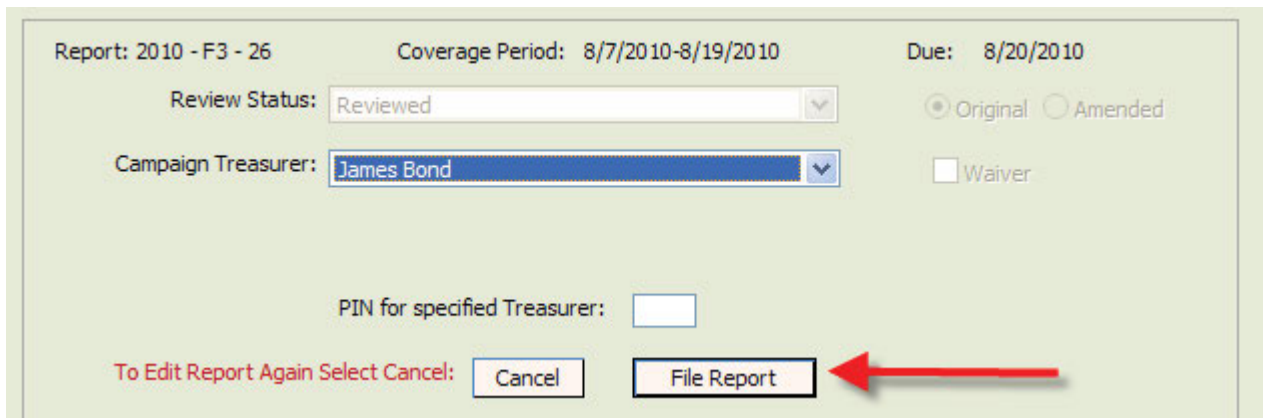
If there is more than one treasurer, click on the drop down and select the treasurer that is filing the report.



Campaign Treasurer: James Bond [v]  Waiver

A red arrow points to the dropdown arrow next to 'James Bond'.

The treasurer enters his **PIN** and then clicks **File Report**.




Report: 2010 - F3 - 26      Coverage Period: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010      Due: 8/20/2010

Review Status: Reviewed [v]       Original     Amended

Campaign Treasurer: James Bond [v]       Waiver

PIN for specified Treasurer: [ ]

To Edit Report Again Select Cancel:   

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If changes need to be made after a chairperson PIN is entered, the treasurer must undo the chairperson PIN validation before the system will allow changes. See page 49 for instructions.



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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

**Committee Name:** Florida Taxpayers Association

Name:

**Account:** 73662

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
4/10/2020	M3	4/11/2020	CLO	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
3/10/2020	M2	3/10/2020						
2/10/2020	M1	2/7/2020						
1/10/2020	M12	1/10/2020						
12/10/2019	M11	12/9/2019						
11/12/2019	M10	11/6/2019						
10/10/2019	M9	10/13/2019	CLO	3	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/10/2019	M8	9/10/2019						
8/12/2019	M7	8/5/2019						
7/10/2019	M6	7/1/2019						
6/10/2019	M5	6/7/2019						
5/10/2019	M4	5/16/2019	FEC	6	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
4/10/2019	M3	4/16/2019	FEC	6	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
3/11/2019	M2	3/20/2019	FEC	9	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
2/11/2019	M1	2/11/2019						
1/10/2019	M12	1/10/2019						
12/10/2018	M11	12/11/2018	FOI	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/2/2018	G7	11/2/2018						
11/1/2018	D6	11/2/2018	FOI	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/31/2018	D5	11/2/2018	FOI	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/30/2018	D4	11/2/2018	FEC	3	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/29/2018	D3	11/2/2018	FOI	4	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/28/2018	D2	11/2/2018	FOI	5	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/27/2018	D1	10/27/2018						
10/26/2018	G6	10/26/2018						
10/25/2018	G4	10/8/2018						
10/19/2018	G5	10/16/2018						
10/5/2018	G3	10/8/2018	CLO	3	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/28/2018	G2A	10/8/2018	FOI	10	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/21/2018	G2	10/8/2018	FOI	17	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/14/2018	G1A	9/11/2018						
9/7/2018	G1	9/11/2018	FOI	4	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/31/2018	P7A	8/30/2018						
8/24/2018	P7	8/30/2018	FOI	6	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/17/2018	P6	8/11/2018						
8/10/2018	P5	8/11/2018	FOI	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/3/2018	P4	7/31/2018						
7/27/2018	P3	7/24/2018						
7/20/2018	P2A	7/24/2018	FOI	4	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/13/2018	P2	7/11/2018						



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**Campaign Finance Activity**

**Note:** The information presented below was obtained from the Committee's/Candidate's Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with the Division of Elections. About the Campaign Finance Data Base. If all contributions for a reporting period are less than 1 dollar Then they may not be displayed.

	Filing Period	Contributions			Expend	Other	Transfers
		Monetary	Loans	InKind			
W	06/30/2018 - 07/06/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/07/2018 - 07/13/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/14/2018 - 07/20/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/21/2018 - 07/27/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/28/2018 - 08/03/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/04/2018 - 08/10/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/11/2018 - 08/23/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/24/2018 - 08/24/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/25/2018 - 08/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/01/2018 - 09/07/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/08/2018 - 09/14/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/15/2018 - 09/21/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/22/2018 - 09/28/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/29/2018 - 10/05/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/06/2018 - 10/12/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/13/2018 - 10/19/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/20/2018 - 10/26/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/27/2018 - 10/27/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/28/2018 - 10/28/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/29/2018 - 10/29/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/30/2018 - 10/30/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/31/2018 - 10/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



W	10/20/2018 - 11/01/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/02/2018 - 11/30/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/01/2018 - 12/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2019 - 01/31/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/01/2019 - 02/28/2019	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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W	01/01/2020 - 01/31/2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Note: (E) indicates that report was filed electronically

X Indicates that detail has not been released

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

Select Detail Type

Contributions ▼

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Date(Ascending) ▼

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**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION  
PHONE LOG  
Case No.: FEC 19-461**

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**Complainant:** Division of Elections

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**Phone #:** (954) 834-3429  
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**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** CKO
  
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**Name:** Daniel Diaz—Chairman  
**Phone #:** (954) 834-3429  
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**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** CKO
  
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**Name:** Daniel Diaz—Chairman  
**Phone #:** (954) 834-3429  
**Summary:** I attempted telephone contact to complete final interview. No answer.  
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## DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

To FEC from Division of Elections

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<b>Name:</b>	Florida Taxpayers Association
<b>Account Number:</b>	73662
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Daniel P. Diaz
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Daniel P. Diaz
<b>Registered Agent:</b>	Daniel P. Diaz

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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(2), Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, has occurred based upon repeated late filings or failure to file notifications to the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date under s. 106.07(7).

2019 M2

2019 M3


2019 M4

- Florida Taxpayers Association (73662) is a political committee registered with the Division. On July 2, 2018, Daniel P. Diaz filed the DSDE 5 and 6 with the Division of Elections indicating that he was the chairperson and treasurer for the committee.
- The 2019 M2 campaign treasurer's report was due on March 11, 2019. Mr. Diaz failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Diaz filed a notification of no activity on March 20, 2019. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2019 M3 campaign treasurer's report was due on April 10, 2019. Mr. Diaz failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Diaz filed a notification of no activity on April 16, 2019. (See attached file receipt and letter.)

- The 2019 M4 campaign treasurer's report was due on May 10, 2019. Mr. Diaz failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Diaz filed a notification of no activity on May 16, 2019. (See attached file receipt and letter.)

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**Sent By:** Kristi Reid Willis  
**Date:** July 31, 2019 *KRW*  
dlh

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: **73662** Name: **Florida Taxpayers Association**

Report: 2019 - M4 - 29

Print Date: **7/30/2019 3:56:55 PM**

Election: 2020 General Election

Covers: 4/1/2019-4/30/2019

Amended  Waiver

Due: 5/10/2019

Filed: **5/16/2019 11:21:06 AM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **5/16/2019**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

**Number of Detail Records**

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Laurel M. Lee  
Secretary of State  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 3, 2019

Daniel P. Diaz, Treasurer  
Florida Taxpayers Association  
43 South Powerline Road #262  
Pompano Beach, FL 33069-3069

PAC 73662

Dear Mr. Diaz:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of May 10, 2019, was not filed until May 16, 2019. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.


However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Reid Willis".

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

 **Treasurer Report Status**

<b>ID: 73662</b>	<b>Name: Florida Taxpayers Association</b>
Report: 2019 - M2 - 27	Print Date: <b>7/30/2019 3:55:23 PM</b>
Election: 2020 General Election	
Covers: 2/1/2019-2/28/2019	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waiver
Due: 3/11/2019	
<b>Filed: 3/20/2019 4:29:28 PM</b>	<b>File Status: Filed Report</b>
<b>Reviewed: 3/20/2019</b>	<b>Review Status: Reviewed</b>
	<b>Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found</b>
File Method: Web Filed	<b><u>Number of Detail Records</u></b>
Entry Method: Web Data Entry	Contributions: 0
	Expenditures: 0
Pending Queued Items: <b>0</b>	Fund Transfers: 0
	Distributions: 0
To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'	





FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurel M. Lee  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

April 3, 2019

Daniel P. Diaz, Treasurer  
Florida Taxpayers Association  
43 South Powerline Road #262  
Pompano Beach, FL 33069-3069

PAC 73662

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Kristi Reid Willis, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

 **Treasurer Report Status**

<b>ID: 73662</b>	<b>Name: Florida Taxpayers Association</b>
Report: 2019 - M3 - 28	Print Date: <b>7/30/2019 3:56:18 PM</b>
Election: 2020 General Election	
Covers: 3/1/2019-3/31/2019	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waiver
Due: 4/10/2019	
Filed: <b>4/16/2019 8:21:06 PM</b>	File Status: <b>Filed Report</b>
Reviewed: <b>4/16/2019</b>	Review Status: <b>Reviewed</b>
	Detail Complete: <b>No Detail Records Found</b>
File Method: Web Filed	<b><u>Number of Detail Records</u></b>
Entry Method: Web Data Entry	Contributions: 0
	Expenditures: 0
	Fund Transfers: 0
Pending Queued Items: <b>0</b>	Distributions: 0
To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'	



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Laurel M. Lee**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

April 22, 2019

Daniel P. Diaz, Treasurer  
Florida Taxpayers Association  
43 South Powerline Road #262  
Pompano Beach, FL 33069-3069

PAC 73662

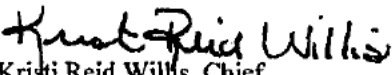
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