

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Ron Saunders

Case No.: FEC 13-180

TO: The Honorable Ron Saunders
2018 Lawson Road
Tallahassee, FL 32308

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on **February 25, 2014, at 9:00 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **Senate Office Building, Room S-110, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399.**

Failure to appear in accordance with this notice will constitute a waiver of your right to participate in the hearing. Continuances will be granted only upon a showing of good cause

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, which governs your participation as follows:

If you are the Respondent, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission. However, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless you request to be heard or the Commission requests that your case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, your case will *not* be individually heard

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

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

Please be advised that both confidential and public cases are scheduled to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission on this date. As an Appellant, Respondent or Complainant in one case, you will *not* be permitted to attend the hearings on other confidential cases

The Commission will electronically record the meeting. Although the Commission's recording is considered the official record of the hearing, the Respondent may provide, at his own expense, a certified court reporter to also record the hearing

If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Malphurs at (850) 922-4539 or by mail at 107 West Gaines Street, The Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at least 5 days before the hearing

See further instructions on the reverse side

Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
February 4, 2014

Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

If this is a hearing to consider **an appeal from an automatic fine**, the Filing Officer has imposed a fine on you for your failure to file a campaign treasurer's report on the designated due date and, by filing an appeal, you have asked the Commission to consider either (1) that the report was in fact timely filed; or (2) that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure to file the report timely. You are required to prove your case. If the Commission finds that the report was filed timely or that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure, it may waive the fine, in whole or in part. The Commission may reduce a fine after considering the factors in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes. If the Commission finds that the report was not timely filed and there were no unusual circumstances, the fine will be upheld.

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

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

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

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

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

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
CASE REPORT**

Case Number: FEC-13-180

NAME: RON SAUNDERS

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 5/29/13

DATE HEARING REQUEST RECEIVED: N/A

DATE REPORT DUE: 11/12/12 (2012 TR)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 11/30/12

DATE FILING OFFICER RECEIVED REPORT: 11/30/12

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 18

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$900.00

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$0

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$40,513.55

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 11/13/12

SUMMARY: Ron Saunders was a candidate for State Senator, District 39 in the 2012 elections. He was defeated in the election. Ron Saunders was his own treasurer.

Mr. Saunders is appealing the fine claiming that an unusual circumstance prevented him from timely filing his 2012 TR Report. According to Mr. Saunders, he was going to send in documented information explaining why his report was untimely filed. Mr. Saunders never sent in any information explaining why his 2012 TR Report was untimely filed.

- The 2012 TR Report covers the time period from 8/10/12 through 11/12/12
- Mr. Saunders reported receiving 0 contributions, while making 39 expenditures.
- The Queued Transactions Report for Mr. Saunder's 2012 TR Report shows that the report was created on 11/30/12 at approximately 8:04 pm, reviewed 3 times, before being filed on 11/30/12 at approximately 10:59 pm.

PRIOR CASES: Mr. Saunders has been involved in one other case (FEC 10-033). Mr. Saunders agreed to a \$500.00 consent agreement.

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

PHONE LOG
Case No.: FEC 13-180

Respondent: Ron Saunders

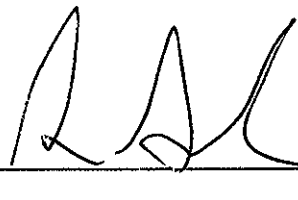
1. **Date and time:** September 26, 2013 @ 8:40 am
Name: Respondent
Phone #: (305) 619-0383
Summary: I had telephone contact to inquire if he would be filing any appeal information Respondent states that he will email his explanation as to why his report was untimely filed. I gave him my email address information and he states that he will send the information when he gets home He inquired about the procedure and what would happen after he sent in his appeal information I explained to him the process and he stated that he understood and didn't have any other questions. I thanked him for his assistance in this matter.
Entered by: CKO
2. **Date and time:** October 8, 2013 @ 2:10 pm
Name: Respondent
Phone #: (305) 619-0383
Summary: I attempted telephone contact to inquire about appeal information. I left a message to return my call
Entered by: CKO
3. **Date and time:** October 11, 2013 @ 10:00 am
Name: Respondent
Phone #: (305) 619-0383
Summary: I attempted telephone contact to inquire about appeal information I left a message to return my call
Entered by: CKO
4. **Date and time:** October 31, 2013 @ 8:00 am
Name: Respondent
Phone #: (305) 619-0383
Summary: I attempted telephone contact to check if he would be sending in any information. I left a message to return my call.
Entered by: CKO
5. **Date and time:** November 19, 2013 @ 2:50 pm
Name: Respondent
Phone #: (305) 619-0383
Summary: I attempted telephone contact to see if he was going to send in any other information I left a message to return my call.
Entered by: CKO

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Re: CAN 55888

Pursuant to Rule 2B-1.005, Florida Administrative Code, this Notice of Appeal is filed with the Florida Elections Commission to appeal the imposition of a fine for a late-filed report.

- (a) Appealing Party:
Ron Saunders, Candidate for State Senate, District 39
2018 Lawson Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308
Telephone (305) 619-0383
- (b) A copy of the notice of imposition of fine issued by Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, dated April 26, 2013 and received by Appellant on May 17, 2013, is attached hereto.
- (c) No personal hearing before the Commission is desired.



RON SAUNDERS

RECEIVED
2013 MAY 29 A 9:37
STATE OF FLORIDA
ELECTIONS COMMISSION



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

April 26, 2013

The Honorable Ron Saunders
Candidate for State Senator, District 39
Post Office Box 5217
Key West, FL 33045-3045

Re: CAN 55888

Dear Representative Saunders:

Your termination report, which was due November 12, 2012, was not filed until November 30, 2012. Accordingly, you are fined in the amount of \$900.00. The fine must be paid to the Division of Elections within 20 days of receipt of this notice unless appealed to the Florida Elections Commission. Please note that as a candidate, the fine is not an allowable campaign expenditure and must be paid from personal funds.

If you wish to appeal the fine, you must submit a notice of appeal to the Commission within 20 days of the date of the receipt of this notice. (See Rules 2B-1.005, 2B-1.0052 and 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code.) The Florida Elections Commission's address is 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0100.

Please send a copy of your notice of appeal to the Bureau of Election Records at the address listed below. If you have any questions, please contact us at (850) 245-6240.

Sincerely,

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

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

SECOND NOTICE

January 11, 2013

The Honorable Ron Saunders
Candidate for State Senator, District 39
Post Office Box 5217
Key West, FL 33045-3045

Dear Representative Saunders:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristi Reid Bronson".

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

November 13, 2012

The Honorable Ron Saunders
Candidate for State Senator, District 39
Post Office Box 5217
Key West, FL 33045-3045

Dear Representative Saunders:

Your campaign treasurer's report, which was due November 12, 2012, has not been received

Section 106.07(8)(b), Florida Statutes, requires that the filing officer immediately notify you of the failure to file said report. The fine for termination reports for candidates, shall be \$50 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.

Once your report is filed, this office will notify you of the specific amount of your fine. Fines must be paid to the filing officer within 20 days of receipt of the payment due notice.

Please be advised, however, that failure to file a campaign treasurer's report may constitute a violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, independent of the automatic fine violation referenced above. Therefore, if you fail to file a report, the division will turn the matter over to the Florida Elections Commission.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Theresa Holdeen at (850)245-6250

Sincerely,

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

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

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

(1) Ron Saunders (2) 55888
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I D. Number

(3) Post Office Box 5217 Key West FL 33045
Address (number and street) City State Zip Code

Check box if address has changed since last report

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

- Candidate (office sought);
 Political Committee
 Committee of Continuous Existence
 Party Executive Committee
 Check If PC has DISBANDED
 Check If CCE has DISBANDED

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 08/10/2012 To 11/12/2012 Report Type: TR

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$0 00
Loans	\$0 00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$0 00
In-Kind	\$0 00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$38,755 45
Transfers to Office Account	\$0 00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$38,755 45

(8) Other Distributions

Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss 839 13, F S)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X
Signature

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of Candidate Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X
Signature

ID: 5

CAMPAIGN MEASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Name: Ron Saunders

Report: 2012 TR

Period: 08/10/2012 to 11/12/2012

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix First, Middle)	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	In-Kind Description	Amend

Name: Ron Saunders

Report: 2012 TR

Period: 08/10/2012 to 11/12/2012

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 08/10/2012	DESPINOSSE JACQUE 12811 W. DIXIE HIGHWAY NORTH MIAMI, FL 33161	MON	CONSULTING	\$1,000 00
2 08/10/2012	GORDON JENNIFER 703-2 N. GADSDEN ST TALLAHASSEE, FL 32303	MON	LABOR- PLACEMENT OF SIGNS	\$200 00 UPD
2 08/10/2012	GORDON JENNIFER 703-2 N. GADSDEN ST TALLAHASSEE, FL 32303	MON	LABOR	\$200 00 History 12/21/12
3 08/10/2012	SAUNDERS RON P.O. BOX 5217 KEY WEST, FL 33045	PCW	PETTY CASH	\$100 00
4 08/10/2012	NATIONAL CAMPAIGN SUPPLY P.O. BOX 2909 KEY WEST, FL 33045	MON	PRINTING AND POSTAGE	\$15 000 00
5 08/10/2012	MEDICINE AND SOCIETY, INC 2201 S. SHERMAN CIRCLE MIRAMAR, FL 33025	MON	ADVERTISEMENT	\$4,000 00
6 08/10/2012	MORRA FRANK 5717 SUNSET DRIVE S. MIAMI, FL 33143	MON	CONSULTING	\$1,000 00
7 08/10/2012	SUNPASS P.O. BOX 880049 BOCA RATON, FL 33488	MON	TOLLS	\$50 00
8 08/10/2012	VIC'S 90575 OLD HIGHWAY TAVERNIER, FL 33070	MON	TRANSPORTATION	\$39 72
9 08/10/2012	TOM THUMB STORE 30622 OVERSEAS HIGHWAY BIG PINE KEY, FL 33043	MON	FUEL	\$32 30
10 08/10/2012	SAUNDERS RON P.O. BOX 5217 KEY WEST, FL 33045	PCS	FOOD AND BEVERAGE (WEEK)	\$200 00 UPD
10 08/10/2012	SAUNDERS RON P.O. BOX 5217 KEY WEST, FL 33045	PCS	FOOD AND BEVERAGE (WEEK)	\$260 00 History 12/21/12
11 08/10/2012	POSITIVE RESULTS LLC 5951 NW 173RD DR., STE 1 MIAMI LAKES, FL 33015	MON	CONSULTING	\$5 400 00
12 08/10/2012	RACETRAC 35426 S. DIXIE HWY FLORIDA CITY, FL 33034	MON	FUEL	\$54 20
13 08/10/2012	TOM THUMB STORE 97950 OVERSEAS HIGHWAY KEY LARGO, FL 33037	MON	FUEL	\$20 60
14 08/13/2012	OUTLET MEDIA 2001 BISCAYNE BLVD #117-4 MIAMI, FL	MON	CONSULTING	\$2,000 00
15 08/13/2012	SAUNDERS RON P.O. BOX 5217 KEY WEST, FL 33045	PCW	PETTY CASH	\$100 00
16 08/13/2012	NATIONAL CAMPAIGN SUPPLY P.O. BOX 2909 KEY WEST, FL 33045	MON	PRINTING AND POSTAGE	\$5,000 00
17 08/13/2012	LANDSLIDE VICTORY CAMPAIGNS 934 N UNIVERSITY DRIVE 3125 CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33071	MON	PHONE CALLS	\$2,000 00
18 08/13/2012	BALDWIN DEACON GEORGE 10370 SW 149 TERRACE MIAMI, FL 33176	MON	LABOR- LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION	\$1,200 00 UPD
18 08/13/2012	BALDWIN DEACON GEORGE 10370 SW 149 TERRACE MIAMI, FL 33176	MON	LABOR	\$1 200 00 History 12/21/12
19 08/13/2012	VAN CORE JONES COMMUNICATIONS INC 906 THOMASVILLE RD TALLAHASSEE, FL 32303	MON	PHONE CALLS	\$1,018 01 UPD

Name: Ron Saunders

Report: 2012 TR

Period: 08/10/2012 to 11/12/2012

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
19 08/13/2012	VAN CORE JONES COMMUNICATIONS, INC 906 THOMASVILLE RD TALLAHASSEE, FL 32303	MON	PHONE CALLS	\$1,136 88 History 08/16/13
20 08/13/2012	HURRICANE HOLE 5130 OVERSEAS HWY KEY WEST, FL 33040	MON	FOOD AND BEVERAGE	\$115 60
21 08/13/2012	OFFICE DEPOT 32955 S. DIXIE HIGHWAY FLORIDA CITY, FL	MON	SUPPLIES	\$89 86
22 08/13/2012	RACETRAC 35426 S. DIXIE HWY FLORIDA CITY, FL 33034	MON	FUEL	\$52 20
23 08/13/2012	TOM THUMB STORE 30622 OVERSEAS HIGHWAY BIG PINE KEY, FL 33043	MON	FUEL	\$51 80
24 08/13/2012	EL SIBONEY 900 CATHERINE ST KEY WEST, FL 33040	MON	FOOD AND BEVERAGE	\$11 36
25 08/14/2012	BOONDOCKS MILE MARKER 27 5 RAMROD KEY, FL 33042	MON	FOOD AND BEVERAGE	\$105 39
26 08/14/2012	TOM THUMB STORE 97950 OVERSEAS HIGHWAY KEY LARGO, FL 33037	MON	FUEL	\$37 20
27 08/14/2012	HOMESTEAD MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE 455 N. FLAGLER AVE. HOMESTEAD, FL 33030	MON	FOOD AND BEVERAGE	\$32 00
28 08/14/2012	BANANA CAFE 1215 DUVAL ST. KEY WEST, FL 33040	MON	FOOD AND BEVERAGE	\$30 21
29 08/14/2012	SONNY'S BBQ 33505 S. DIXIE HWY. FLORIDA CITY, FL 33034	MON	FOOD AND BEVERAGE	\$15 00
30 08/14/2012	SAUNDERS RON P.O. BOX 5217 KEY WEST, FL 33045	PCS	FOOD AND BEVERAGE (WEEK)	\$100 00 UPD
30 08/14/2012	SAUNDERS RON P.O. BOX 5217 KEY WEST, FL 33045	PCS	FOOD AND BEVERAGE (WEEK)	\$185 00 History 12/21/12
31 08/20/2012	OFFICE DEPOT 3151 CAPITAL CIRCLE N.E TALLAHASSEE, FL 32308	MON	SUPPLIES	\$36 54 DEL.
32 08/21/2012	AT&T P.O. BOX 538695 ATLANTA, GA 30353	MON	COMMUNICATIONS	\$102 13 DEL.
33 08/22/2012	SPENCER GLENN 2544 1ST STREET FT. MYERS, FL 33901	MON	LABOR	\$200 00 DEL.
34 08/24/2012	AT&T P.O. BOX 538695 ATLANTA, GA 30353	MON	COMMUNICATIONS	\$277 79 DEL.
35 08/28/2012	COMCAST 3760 HARTSFIELD RD. TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301	MON	COMMUNICATIONS	\$416 88 DEL.
36 09/04/2012	OFFICE DEPOT 3151 CAPITAL CIRCLE N.E TALLAHASSEE, FL 32308	MON	SUPPLIES	\$20 42 DEL.
37 09/24/2012	AT&T P.O. BOX 538695 ATLANTA, GA 30353	MON	COMMUNICATIONS	\$326 17 DEL.
38 10/25/2012	AT&T P.O. BOX 538695 ATLANTA, GA 30353	MON	COMMUNICATIONS	\$328 17 DEL.
39 11/05/2012	SUNPASS P.O. BOX 880049 BOCA RATON, FL 33488	MON	TOLLS	\$50 00 DEL.

ID: 55888

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

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Name: Ron Saunders

Report: 2012 TR

Period: 08/10/2012 to 11/12/2012

ID: _____

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED DISTRIBUTIONS

Name: Ron Saunders

Report: 2012 TR

Period: 08/10/2012 to 11/12/2012

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

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

ID: _____

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED FUNDS TRANSFERS

Name: Ron Saunders

Report: 2012 TR

Period: 08/10/2012 to 11/12/2012

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

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

Queued Items for 2012-TR

Account: 55888

STS 039 Ron Saunders

Rpt Seq: 4

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
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Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	55888	11/30/2012 10:52:04 PM	11/30/2012 10:52:04 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	55888	11/30/2012 10:59:55 PM	11/30/2012 10:59:55 PM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	55888	12/21/2012 10:57:32 AM	12/21/2012 10:57:32 AM
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Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	55888	8/16/2013 4:48:06 PM	8/16/2013 4:48:06 PM
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**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**
(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

RECEIVED
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2012 APR -2 AM 10: 22

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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)

~~Saunders~~ Ron **Saunders**

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

P.O. Box 5217
Key West, FL 33045

4 Telephone

(305) 619-0383

5 E-mail address

ronesaunders@comcast.net

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

State Senate, District 39

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

Ron Saunders

11 Mailing Address

P.O. Box 5217

12 Telephone

(305) 619-0383

13 City

Key West

14 County

Monroe

15 State

Florida

16 Zip Code

33045

17 E-mail address

ronesaunders@comcast.net

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

19 Name of Bank

Bank of America

20 Address

315 South Calhoun Street

21 City

Tallahassee

22 County

Leon

23 State

Florida

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

April 2, 2012

26 Signature of Candidate



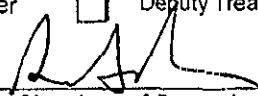
27 Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Ron Saunders, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

April 2, 2012

Date


Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

RECEIVED
OFFICE USE ONLY
APPOINTMENT OF STATE

2012 APR -2 AM 10:22

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

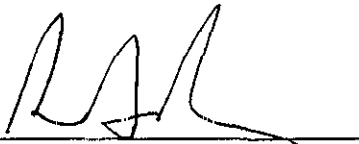
I, Ron Saunders

candidate for the office of State Senate, District 39

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of

Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X


Signature of Candidate

April 2, 2012
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 DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

April 2, 2012

The Honorable Ron Saunders
Post Office Box 5217
Key West, Florida 33045

Dear Representative Saunders:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Senator, which was placed on file in our office on April 2, 2012. Your name has been placed on the 2012 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **July 13, 2012**. The report will cover the period of April 1 – July 6, 2012. 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 Web site Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>
Identification Number: 55888

Division of Elections

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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 not later than midnight 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.

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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' web site at <http://elections.myflorida.com>. 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, 2012 Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, 2012 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/lkb

Enclosures



Florida Department of State
Division of Elections

2012 General Election
Ron Saunders (DEM)
State Senator

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

Filing Period	Contributions			Expend	Other	Transfers
	Monetary	Loans	InKind			
04/02/2012 - 07/06/2012	62,470.00	0.00	0.00	31,218.10	0.00	0.00
07/07/2012 - 07/20/2012	40,770.00	0.00	0.00	23,122.64	0.00	0.00
07/21/2012 - 08/09/2012	65,215.00	0.00	5,000.00	75,358.81	0.00	0.00
08/10/2012 - 11/12/2012	0.00	0.00	0.00	38,755.45	0.00	0.00
All Dates (Totals)	168,455.00	0.00	5,000.00	168,455.00	0.00	0.00

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

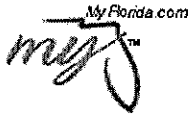
Select Sort Order
Date(Ascending)

Select Output Type
Display On Screen

Submit Query Now

Query the Campaign Finance Data Base

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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Name:

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Candidate Name: Ron Saunders

Account: 55888

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
11/12/2012	TR	11/30/2012	APP	18	\$900.00		\$900.00	\$0.00
8/10/2012	F3	8/10/2012						
7/27/2012	F2	7/26/2012						
7/13/2012	F1	7/12/2012						

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Ronald Saunders
_____ /

**Case No.: FEC 10-033
F.O. No.: 11-065W**

CONSENT FINAL ORDER

The Respondent, Ronald Saunders, and the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) agree that this Consent Order resolves all of the issues between the parties in this case. The parties agree to the following facts, conclusions of law, and order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On March 2, 2010, a complaint was filed with the Commission alleging that the Respondent violated Florida elections laws.
2. The Respondent has expressed a desire to enter into negotiations to resolve the issues in this case prior to a determination of probable cause.
3. The Respondent and the staff jointly stipulate to the following facts:
 - A. The Respondent was a candidate for re-election to the Florida House of Representatives, District 120, in the 2008 elections
 - B. The Respondent became unopposed on September 22, 2008.¹
 - C. After the Respondent became unopposed, he expended campaign funds for a purpose other than those listed in Section 106.11(5)(a)-(d), Florida Statutes.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this cause, pursuant to Section 106.26, Florida Statutes
5. Section 106.25(4)(i)3., Florida Statutes, allows the Commission to approve a

¹ The Division of Elections notified the Respondent that he was an unopposed candidate by a letter dated September 25, 2008.

consent agreement with a Respondent prior to the Commission finding probable cause that a violation of the election laws occurred. The consent agreement has the same force and effect as a consent agreement reached after the Commission finds probable cause.

6 The Commission staff and the Respondent stipulate that staff could prove all the elements of a violation of Section 106.11(5), Florida Statutes, by clear and convincing evidence.

ORDER

7. The Respondent and the staff of the Commission have entered into this Consent Order voluntarily and upon advice of counsel.

8 The Respondent shall bear his own attorney fees and costs that are in any way associated with this case.

9. The Commission will consider the Consent Order at its next available meeting.

10 The Respondent voluntarily waives the right to any further proceedings under Chapters 104, 106, and 120, Florida Statutes, and the right to appeal the Consent Order.

11. The Respondent and the staff of the Commission agree that this Consent Order and the terms contained herein shall not constitute an admission against interest or acknowledgement of guilt as to any criminal charge that might arise from the allegations that form the basis of the complaint filed against Respondent on March 2, 2010, and this Consent Order.

12. This Consent Order is enforceable under Sections 106.265 and 120.69, Florida Statutes. The Respondent expressly waives any venue privileges and agrees that if enforcement of this Consent Order is necessary, venue shall be in Leon County, Florida, and Respondent shall be responsible for all fees and costs associated with enforcement.

13 If the Commission does not receive the signed Consent Order within seven (7)

days of the date Respondent or his attorney received this order, the staff withdraws this offer of settlement and will proceed with the case

14 Payment of the civil penalty by a money order, cashier's check or attorney trust account check is a condition precedent to the Commission's consideration of the Consent Order.

PENALTY

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission finds that the Respondent has violated Section 106.11(5), Florida Statutes. The Commission imposes a civil penalty of \$500 for the violation.

Therefore it is

ORDERED that the Respondent shall remit to the Commission a civil penalty in the amount of \$500, inclusive of fees and costs. The civil penalty shall be paid with a money order, cashier's check or attorney trust account check, and made payable to the Florida Elections Commission, 107 W Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-1050.

The **Respondent** hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Order on _____, 2011.

Mark Harron, Esquire
Florida Bar Number 199737
Messer Caparella & Self, P.A.
P.O. Box 15579
Tallahassee, Florida 32317

Ronald Sanders, Respondent
1207 11th Street
Key West, Florida 33040

The **Commission staff** hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Consent Order on _____, 2011.

Joshua B. Moye
Assistant General Counsel
Florida Elections Commission
107 W. Gaines Streets
Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

Approved by the Florida Elections Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting held on May 10 & 11, 2011, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Jose Luis Rodriguez
Vice-Chair/Acting Chair
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:

Joshua B. Moye, Assistant General Counsel
Mark Herron, Attorney for Respondent