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In Re: Charlie Crist for Florida PAC

Case No.: FEC 14-278 F.O. No.: FOFEC 5-032. W

### CONSENT FINAL ORDER

Respondent, Charlie Crist for Florida PAC, and the Florida Elections Commission

(Commission) agree that this Consent Order resolves all of the issues between the parties in this

case. The parties jointly stipulate to the following facts, conclusions of law, and order:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On August 28, 2014, a complaint was filed with the Commission alleging that

Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent expressed a desire to enter into negotiations directed toward reaching

a consent agreement

- 3. Respondent and the staff stipulate to the following facts:
  - a. Respondent is a statewide political committee registered with the Division of Elections
  - b. The area, scope, and jurisdiction of the committee is to make contributions to statewide candidates, political committees, political parties, and electioneering communication organizations and to engage in other political activities not otherwise prohibited by law
  - c. During the 2014 election cycle, Respondent filed eleven campaign treasurer reports that failed to list either the occupation or principal type of business for twenty-six campaign donors.
  - d. Each of the twenty-six donors lacking either the occupation or principal type of business info made contributions exceeding \$100.00

#### 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 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.

#### ORDER

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

7. The parties shall each bear its own attorney's fees and costs that are in any way associated with this case.

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

9. 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.

10. This Consent Order is enforceable under Sections 106 265 and 120 69, Florida Statutes. 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.

11. If the Commission does not receive the signed Consent Order by the close of business on February 6, 2015, the staff withdraws this offer of settlement and will proceed with the case.

12 Payment of the civil penalty by cashier's check, money order, and good for at

least 120 days, 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 the following provision of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and imposes the following fine:

Α. Respondent has violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when it falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in eleven campaign treasurer's reports required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Respondent is fined \$1,000 00 for the violations.

Therefore it is

ORDERED that the Respondent shall remit to the Commission a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00, inclusive of fees and costs. The civil penalty shall be paid by cashier's check, money order, good for at least 120 days, or attorney trust account check. The civil penalty should be made payable to the Florida Elections Commission and sent to 107 West Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-1050

Respondent hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Order on

2015

Bob Poe, Chairman Charlie Crist for Florida PAC 150 East Robinson Street, #3502 Orlando, FL 32801

Mark Herron Digitally signed by Mark Herron Mark Herron Parton Blank Herron of All States and Al

Mark Herron Messer Caparello, PA. P O. Box 15579 Tallahassee, FI. 32317-5579

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Commission staff hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Consent Order on  $\frac{7}{200} (0, 2015)$ 

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Assistant General Counsel Florida Elections Commission 107 West Gaines Street Collins Building, Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

Approved by the Florida Elections Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting held

on February 24 -25, 2015 in Tallahassee, Florida.

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Copies furnished to: Jaakan A Williams, Assistant General Counsel Mark Herron, Respondent's Attorney Jonathan Torres, Complainant

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