

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: League of Voters, Extraordinaire

Case No.: FEC 22-249

TO: Leonard Schmiede, Chair
3024 25th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33713

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **August 15, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: **Virtual Meeting via GoTo Webinar:**

WEB PARTICIPATION: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4391393799096818270>

AUDIO PARTICIPATION: 1 877 309 2074 **ATTENDEE ACCESS CODE:** 424-284-031

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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.

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If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Ann 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.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
August 1, 2023

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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.

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,**

Case No.: FEC 22-249

v.

**League of Voters, Extraordinaire,
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 May 16, 2023, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On February 22, 2023, 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 May 10, 2022, League of Voters, Extraordinaire 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 2022 M4 Report.

Count 2:

On or about June 24, 2022, League of Voters, Extraordinaire 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 2022 P1 Report.

Count 3:

On or about July 1, 2022, League of Voters, Extraordinaire 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 2022 PIA Report.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on May 16, 2023.



Tim Vaccaro, J.D., Executive Director
For Joni Alexis Poitier, Vice Chair
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Stephanie J. Cunningham, General Counsel
League of Voters, Extraordinaire, 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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[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpduMuqTsqGt1MNuVpQBO15XPapAI_9zfC](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpduMuqTsqGt1MNuVpQBO15XPapAI_9zfC)

Audio Participation:
Dial: 1 301 715 8592

Meeting ID:
874 1067 0009

Passcode:
772737

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
May 2, 2023

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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 January 6, 2023, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On August 29, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections (“Division”), alleging that League of Voters, Extraordinaire (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
2. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. (ROI Exhibit 2)¹
3. By letter dated September 30, 2022, 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:

- 2022 M4
- 2022 P1
- 2022 P1A

4. By letter dated September 29, 2011, Kristi Reid Bronson, 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 3)

¹ 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)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2022 M4	04/01/22 – 04/30/22	05/10/2022	05/11/2022	1
2022 P1	06/01/22 – 06/17/22	06/24/2022	07/06/2022	12
2022 P1A	06/18/22 – 06/24/22	07/01/2022	07/06/2022	5

9. Leonard Schmiede, chairperson and treasurer for Respondent, stated that he was unable to file because he had no Internet access and noted that he cannot submit notices of no activity early. (ROI Exhibits 7 & 8) Mr. Schmiede stated that, “[he] should not be forced to hire a treasurer to act on [his] behalf when [he is] out of range of the internet.” He stated that the committee does not have an active ballot issue so the numerous reporting deadlines that are geared towards candidates are not relevant to the committee. (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: 2022 M4, 2022 P1, and 2022 P1A.

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 May 10, 2022, League of Voters, Extraordinaire 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 2022 M4 Report.

Count 2:

On or about June 24, 2022, League of Voters, Extraordinaire 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 2022 P1 Report.

Count 3:

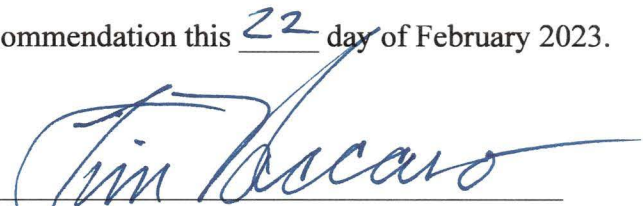
On or about July 1, 2022, League of Voters, Extraordinaire violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2022 P1A Report.

Respectfully submitted on February 22, 2023.



Stephanie J. Cunningham
General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 22 day of February 2023.



Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer

Case Number: FEC 22-249

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: League of Voters, Extraordinaire

Respondent's Atty: N/A

Division of Elections (Division)

Referral Filed: August 29, 2022

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 September 23, 2011. Leonard Schmiede was appointed as campaign treasurer. 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 September 23, 2011. To review the Statement of Organization, refer to Exhibit 2.
4. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on the DS-DE 6 on September 29, 2011, advising Respondent that all political committees filing reports with the Division are required to file by means of the Division's electronic filing system (EFS). Respondent was provided with a user identification number and initial password allowing access to the EFS.
5. The acknowledgement letter also advised Respondent 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 letter further advised that it was Respondent's responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. To review the acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 3.
6. 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.
7. 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 *EFS User's Guide*, refer to Exhibit 5.

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

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

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2022 M4	04/01/2022 – 04/30/2022	05/10/2022	05/11/2022	1
2022 P1	06/01/2022 – 06/17/2022	06/24/2022	07/06/2022	12
2022 P1A	06/18/2022 – 06/24/2022	07/01/2022	07/06/2022	5

9. Respondent did respond to the referral. Respondent’s Chairperson explained there have been no contributions or expenses since February 2017 and the Division’s EFS does not allow filing a waiver in advance. He stated that since Respondent did not have an active ballot issue in the election cycle at issue, the numerous extra reports are geared to current candidates and are not very relevant to Respondent, “and as such I believe while a possible technical violation, a late zero return in this case does not violate the spirit of the election law.” To review Respondent’s response, refer to Exhibit 7.

10. On January 5, 2023, I called Respondent’s Chairperson for the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the referral. When asked why the waivers at issue were filed late, the Chairperson stated he was out of range of internet access, had no way of filing and could not file early. The Chairperson stated he did not possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, but he has read it at least once and has probably read an older edition of the *Political Committee Handbook*. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 8.

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:  **Date:** January 6, 2023

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
League of Voters, Extraordinaire -- FEC 22-249

LIST OF EXHIBITS	
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 6
Exhibit 2	Statement of Organization
Exhibit 3	Acknowledgement Letter
Exhibit 4	<i>Political Committee Handbook</i>
Exhibit 5	<i>Political Committee EFS User's Guide</i>
Exhibit 6	Filing History
Exhibit 7	Respondent's Chairman Response
Exhibit 8	Phone Log

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

2011 SEP 23 AM 10:17

FLORIDA STATE
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

OFFICE USE ONLY

Original Appointment of Treasurer Reappointment of Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

1. Committee or Organization League of Voters, Extraordinaire		2. Telephone (727) 386 8536	
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer Leonard Schmiede		4. Email (optional) publicpolitics@gmx.com	
5. Telephone (optional) (727) 386 8536			
6. Mailing Address 3024 25th Avenue North, Saint Petersburg, FL 33713			
7. Street Address 3024 25th Avenue North, Saint Petersburg, FL 33713			
8. The following bank has been designated as the <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Depository			
9. Name of Bank Grow Financial Credit Union		10. Street Address 2600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. St. N., Suite 100	
11. City Saint Petersburg		12. State Florida	13. Zip Code 33704
14. Signature of Chairman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>L Schmiede</i>		15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type) Leonard Schmiede	

Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

I, Leonard Schmiede, do hereby accept the appointment as
(Please Print or Type)
treasurer or deputy treasurer for League of Voters, Extraordinaire
(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.

9-20-2011

Date

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION
OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE**

(PLEASE TYPE)

OFFICE USE ONLY

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FLORIDA STATE
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

1. Full Name of Committee	Telephone
League of Voters, Extraordinaire	727 386 8536

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)
3024 25th Avenue North, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33713

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)
3024 25th Avenue North, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33713

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

Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization	Mailing Address	Relationship
N/A	N/A	N/A

3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee
State of Florida

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

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
Leonard Schmiege	3024 25th Avenue North, Saint Petersburg, FL 33713	Chairperson and Treasurer

6. List by Name, Address and Position, Other Principal Officers, Including Officers and Members of the Finance Committee, If Any (include chairman's name)

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
N/A		

7. List by Name, Address, Office Sought and Party Affiliation Each Candidate or Other Individual that this Committee is Supporting (if none, please indicate)

Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party
None			

8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting: None
List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing: None

9. If this Committee is Supporting the Entire Ticket of a Party, Give Name of Party
 N/A

10. In the Event of Dissolution, What Disposition will be Made of Residual Funds?
 Donate to Suncoast Hospice in Saint Petersburg, Florida.

11. List all Banks, Safety Deposit Boxes, or Other Depositories Used for Committee Funds

Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address
Grow Financial Credit Union Account Number: To be determined.	2600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. St. N. Suite 100 St. Petersburg, FL 33704

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

Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of Official	Mailing Address
N/A			

STATE OF Florida Pinellas COUNTY

I, Leonard Schmiege, certify that the information in this Statement of Organization is complete, true and correct.

X L Schmiege 9-20-2011
 Signature of Chairman of Political Committee Date

Attn: Division of Elections

I have enclosed the following forms in order to register a political action committee in Florida

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

DS-DE5
DS-DE6
DS-DE41

Please file and acknowledge my political action committee, called "League of Voters, Extraordinaire" as soon as possible.

Please call 727 386 8536 if any information is missing or incomplete.

Thank you.

Leonard Schmiede



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KURT S. BROWNING
Secretary of State

September 29, 2011

Mr. Leonard Schmiede, Chairperson
League of Voters, Extraordinaire
3024 25th Avenue North
Saint Petersburg, Florida 33713

Dear Mr. Schmiede:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **League of Voters, Extraordinaire**, which were placed on file in our office on September 28, 2011. 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 that supports and opposes both candidates and issues.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **October 11, 2011**. The report will cover the period of July 1 - September 30, 2011. 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).

Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains the committee's initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. The chairperson, campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting this password 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: 55402

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Pin Numbers

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

Each political committee chairperson is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that the 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 must be completed and filed through the EFS not later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight, Eastern Standard Time, 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, 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.

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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://election.dos.state.fl.us>. 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, *2010 Political Committee Handbook*, *2011 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/jmc

Enclosures

2016 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 12, 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.

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Political Committee EFS User's Guide



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EFS HELP LINE: 850-245-6280

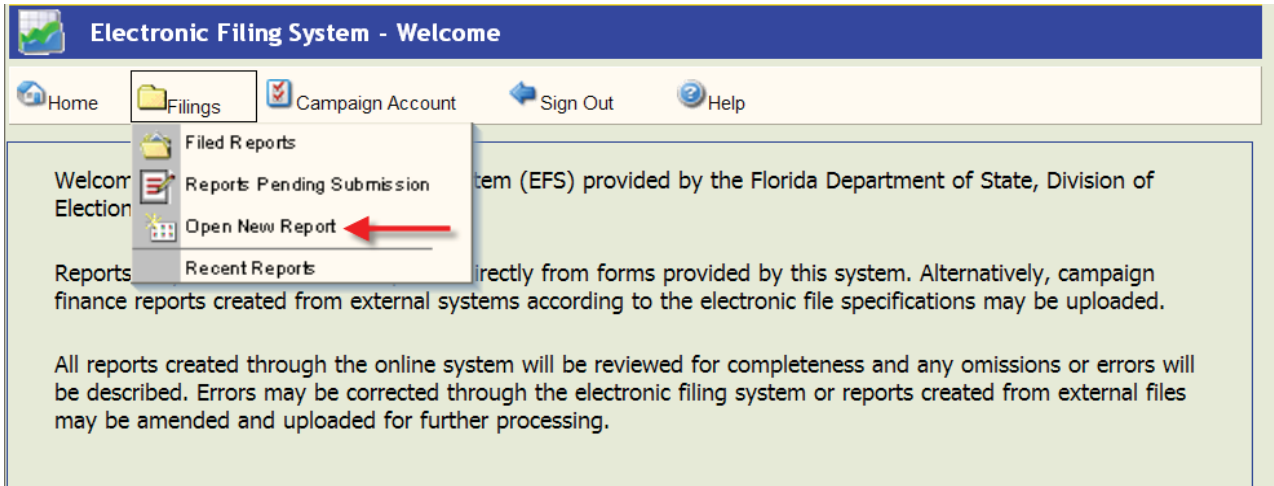
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Rule 1S-2.017, F.A.C.

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

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.

Browse...
Open Report

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:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Monetary:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Loans:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Transfers to Off Acct:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Total Monetary:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Total Monetary:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
In-Kind:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Other Distributions:	<input type="text" value="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.

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


Review Status: Reviewed

Original Amended

Waiver

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

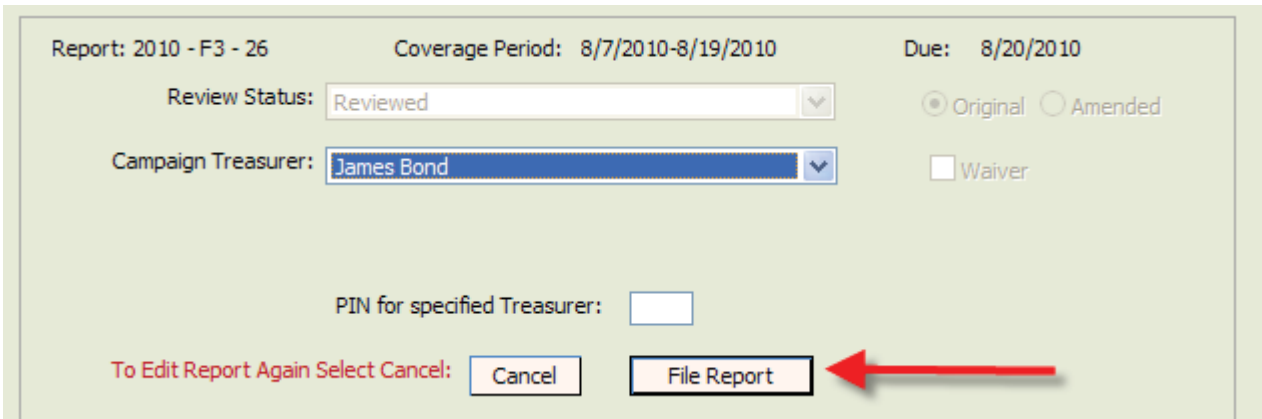
If there is more than one treasurer, click on the drop down and select the treasurer that is filing the report.



Campaign Treasurer: James Bond

Waiver

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 Original Amended

Campaign Treasurer: James Bond 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.



Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Name:

Election:

Acct:

Type:

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Name: League of Voters, Extraordinaire
Account: 55402

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
11/4/2022	G6	11/5/2022	PEN	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/3/2022	D6	11/3/2022						
11/2/2022	D5	11/2/2022						
11/1/2022	D4	11/1/2022						
10/31/2022	D3	10/31/2022						
10/30/2022	D2	10/30/2022						
10/29/2022	D1	10/29/2022						
10/28/2022	G5	10/21/2022						
10/21/2022	G4A	10/14/2022						
10/14/2022	G4	10/7/2022						
10/7/2022	G3A	10/2/2022						
10/7/2022	G3	9/24/2022						
9/23/2022	G2A	9/16/2022						
9/16/2022	G2	9/14/2022						
9/9/2022	G1A	9/5/2022						
9/2/2022	G1	9/3/2022	CLO	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/26/2022	P7A	8/24/2022						
8/19/2022	P7	8/18/2022						
8/12/2022	P6	8/11/2022						
8/5/2022	P5	8/5/2022						
7/29/2022	P4	7/29/2022						
7/22/2022	P3	7/15/2022						
7/15/2022	P2A	7/10/2022						
7/8/2022	P2	7/6/2022						
7/1/2022	P1A	7/6/2022	CLO	5	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/24/2022	P1	7/6/2022	CLO	12	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/10/2022	M5	6/8/2022						
5/10/2022	M4	5/11/2022	CLO	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
4/11/2022	M3	4/5/2022						
3/10/2022	M2	3/4/2022						
2/10/2022	M1	2/10/2022						
1/10/2022	M12	1/7/2022						
12/10/2021	M11	12/2/2021						
11/10/2021	M10	10/31/2021						
10/12/2021	M9	10/1/2021						
9/10/2021	M8	9/1/2021						
8/10/2021	M7	8/4/2021						
7/12/2021	M6	7/7/2021						
6/10/2021	M5	6/17/2021	CLO	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
5/10/2021	M4	5/3/2021						
4/12/2021	M3	4/9/2021						
3/10/2021	M2	3/1/2021						
2/10/2021	M1	1/31/2021						
1/11/2021	M12	1/8/2021						

12/10/2020	M11	12/2/2020						
11/10/2020	M10	11/2/2020						
10/30/2020	G6	10/29/2020						
10/29/2020	D6	10/29/2020						
10/28/2020	D5	10/29/2020	CLO	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/27/2020	D4	10/29/2020	CLO	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/26/2020	D3	10/29/2020	CLO	3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/25/2020	D2	10/29/2020	CLO	4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/24/2020	D1	10/26/2020	CLO	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/23/2020	G5	10/19/2020						
10/16/2020	G4A	10/9/2020						
10/9/2020	G4	10/5/2020						
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9/25/2020	G3	9/25/2020						
9/18/2020	G2A	9/16/2020						
9/11/2020	G2	9/16/2020	CLO	5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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2/10/2020	M1	2/5/2020						
1/10/2020	M12	1/8/2020						
12/10/2019	M11	12/5/2019						
11/12/2019	M10	11/7/2019						
10/10/2019	M9	10/4/2019						
9/10/2019	M8	9/8/2019						
8/12/2019	M7	8/1/2019						
7/10/2019	M6	7/1/2019						
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2/11/2019	M1	2/6/2019						
1/10/2019	M12	1/2/2019						
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11/1/2018	D6	10/31/2018						
10/31/2018	D5	10/30/2018						
10/30/2018	D4	10/29/2018						
10/29/2018	D3	10/29/2018						
10/28/2018	D2	10/29/2018	CLO	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/27/2018	D1	10/26/2018						

10/26/2018	G6	10/24/2018						
10/25/2018	G4	10/9/2018						
10/19/2018	G5	10/19/2018						
10/5/2018	G3	9/28/2018						
9/28/2018	G2A	9/21/2018						
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8/31/2018	P7A	9/1/2018	CLO	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
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8/12/2016	P5	8/13/2016	FOI	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
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7/8/2016	P1A	7/7/2016						
7/1/2016	P1	7/3/2016	FOI	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
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11/2/2012 G4 11/2/2012
10/19/2012 G3 10/15/2012
10/5/2012 G2 10/1/2012
9/21/2012 G1 9/18/2012
8/10/2012 F3 8/9/2012
7/27/2012 F2 7/23/2012
7/13/2012 F1 7/12/2012
4/10/2012 Q1 4/4/2012
1/10/2012 Q4 1/9/2012
10/11/2011 Q3 10/7/2011



Attention Florida Elections Commission
RE Case No: FEC 22-249

I am in receipt of a letter with a complaint that the committee I am chairman of, the League of Voters, Extraordinaire failed to file on time. As a brief review of our records shows we have not collected contributions or had any expenses since we paid your suggested fine for the last time this happened, on February 3, 2017.

Note this committee has not been raising money and has filled paperwork to plead hardship when submitting constitutional amendment petitions for verification.

Here are issues relevant to the situation at hand:

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**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
PHONE LOG
Case No.: FEC 22-249**

Respondent: League of Voters, Extraordinaire

Complainant: Division of Elections

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RESPONDENT INTERVIEW MEMO – Call details at #1

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September 30, 2022

Leonard Schmiede, Chair
League of Voters, Extraordinaire
3024 25th Avenue, North
St. Petersburg, FL 33713

RE: Case No.: FEC 22-249; Respondent: League of Voters, Extraordinaire

Dear Mr. Schmiede:

On August 29, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging 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:

- 2022 M4
- 2022 P1
- 2022 P1A

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

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Please contact Stephanie Cunningham by phone at (850) 922-4539, by email at Stephanie.Cunningham@myfloridalegal.com, or at the address listed above, to accept this minor violation consent order.

If you choose not to resolve this case by consent order, an investigation will be conducted, the Commission will hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violation(s) occurred and, if so, the amount of fine to be imposed upon your committee.

Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you notify us of a new address.

For additional information, please refer to the “Frequently Asked Questions” section on the Commission’s website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Vaccaro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

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Attention Florida Elections Commission
RE Case No: FEC 22-249

I am in receipt of a letter with a complaint that the committee I am chairman of, the League of Voters, Extraordinaire failed to file on time. As a brief review of our records shows we have not collected contributions or had any expenses since we paid your suggested fine for the last time this happened, on February 3, 2017.

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**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
FEC NOTICE FORM**

To FEC from Division of Elections

Name: League of Voters, Extraordinaire
Account Number: 55402
Chairperson: Leonard Schmiede
Treasurer: Leonard Schmiede
Registered Agent: Leonard Schmiede

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 notify the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date as required by section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, for the following reports:

2022 M4

2022 P1

2022 P1A

- League of Voters, Extraordinaire (55402) is a political committee registered with the Division of Elections. On September 28, 2011 the committee filed the DSDE 5 and DSDE 6 with the Division appointing Leonard Schmiede as the chairperson and treasurer for the committee.
- The 2022 M4 campaign treasurer's report was due on May 10, 2022. League of Voters, Extraordinaire failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On May 11, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2022 P1 campaign treasurer's report was due on June 24, 2022. League of Voters, Extraordinaire failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On July 6, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt.)

League of Voters, Extraordinaire (55402)

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- The 2022 P1A campaign treasurer's report was due on July 1, 2022. League of Voters, Extraordinaire failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On July 6, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt.)

Sent By: Donna S. Brown

Date: August 26, 2022

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 **Treasurer Report Status**

ID: **55402** Name: **League of Voters, Extraordinaire**

Report: 2022 - M4 - 201

Print Date: **8/17/2022 2:31:19 PM**

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 4/1/2022-4/30/2022

Amended Waiver

Due: 5/10/2022

Filed: **5/11/2022 5:33:57 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **5/11/2022**

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

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

May 18, 2022

Leonard Schmiede, Treasurer
League of Voters, Extraordinaire
3024 25th Avenue North
Saint Petersburg, FL 33713

PAC 55402

Dear Mr. Schmiede:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of May 10, 2022, was not filed until May 11, 2022. 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,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

 **Treasurer Report Status**

ID: 55402 **Name: League of Voters, Extraordinaire**

Report: 2022 - P1 - 203

Print Date: **8/17/2022 2:31:44 PM**

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 6/1/2022-6/17/2022

Due: 6/24/2022

Amended Waiver

Filed: **7/6/2022 5:01:31 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **7/6/2022**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Number of Detail Records

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 **Treasurer Report Status**

ID: 55402 **Name: League of Voters, Extraordinaire**

Report: 2022 - P1A - 204

Print Date: **8/17/2022 2:32:08 PM**

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 6/18/2022-6/24/2022

Due: 7/1/2022

Amended Waiver

Filed: **7/6/2022 5:02:18 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **7/6/2022**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Pending Queued Items: **0**

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