# STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Scott C. Cox		Case No.: FEC 17-165	5	
TO:	Scott C. Cox	Division of Elections		
	4863 Spring Run Avenue	500 S Bronough Street, R	oom 316	
	Orlando, FL 32819	Tallahassee, FL 32399		

# **NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **August 13, 2019 at 8:30 am,** *or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard*, at the following location: **Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Room 110-S, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.** Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

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See further instructions on the reverse side.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission July 29, 2019 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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STATE OF FLORIDA PLECTIONS COMMISSION

# STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

**Case No.: FEC 17-165** 

v.

Scott C. Cox, Respondent.

# **ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 14, 2019, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On March 27, 2019, 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 there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violations:

### Count 1:

On or about June 10, 2015, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before June 10, 2015, that Respondent would not be filing a 2015 M5 Report on the prescribed due date.

# Count 2:

On or about July 10, 2015, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before July 10, 2015, that Respondent would not be filing a 2015 M6 Report on the prescribed due date.

# Count 3:

On or about August 10, 2015, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before August 10, 2015, that Respondent would not be filing a 2015 M7 Report on the prescribed due date.

### Count 4:

On or about November 10, 2015, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before November 10, 2015, that Respondent would not be filing a 2015 M10 Report on the prescribed due date.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on May 14, 2019.

Joni Alexis Poitier, Vice Chair Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel Scott C. Cox, 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 <u>consent order</u> 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 <u>informal hearing</u> held before the Commission, if you <u>do not</u> 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 <u>formal hearing</u> held before an administrative law judge in the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), if you dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to present evidence relevant to the violation(s) listed in this order, to cross-examine opposing witnesses, to impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence presented against you.

If you do not elect to resolve the case by consent order or request a formal hearing at the DOAH or an informal hearing before the Commission within 30 days of the date this Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission, the case will be sent to the Commission for a formal or informal hearing, depending on whether the facts are in dispute. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order.

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# STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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	Orlando, FL 32819	Tallahassee, FL 32399	

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# THIS FILE CONTAINS INFORMATION THAT IS CONFIDENTIAL AND EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 119, FLORIDA STATUTES

# STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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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 complaint 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 15, 2019, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation.

- 1. On April 20, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Division of Elections ("Division") alleging that Scott C. Cox ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
- 2. Respondent was a candidate for State Representative, District 44, in the 2016 election. He withdrew from the race. Respondent's Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form was filed with the Division on May 4, 2015. (ROI Exhibit 1 and Attachment A)<sup>1</sup>
- 3. By letter dated May 5, 2015, Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent a letter to Respondent notifying him that his name had been placed on file in the Division's office as a candidate for State Representative. The letter advised Respondent that all candidates filing reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system ("EFS") and provided Respondent with a user identification number and initial password to access to the EFS. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)<sup>2</sup>
- 4. Ms. Bronson's May 5, 2015 letter also stated that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms were on the Division's website and directed Respondent to print a copy of Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* ("Handbook"), and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 3)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Report of Investigation shall be referred to herein as "ROI."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Kristi Reid Bronson is now known as Kristi Reid Willis.

5. On August 27, 2018, the Executive Director sent Respondent notification that Commission staff would investigate the following alleged violations:

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

- 2015 M5
- 2015 M6
- 2015 M7
- 2015 M10
- 6. Page 47 of the Handbook states:

In any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds or made any expenditures, the filing of the required report for that period is waived; **however**, the candidate must indicate there is no activity by filing a waiver of report. (Waivers filed with the Division of Elections must be filed using the EFS.) (Emphasis in original)

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

# (Attachment B)

- 7. Pages 12, 13, 44, and 45 of the Candidate EFS User's Guide ("Guide") explain the steps a candidate should take to notify the Division in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed for the reporting period using the EFS. Specifically, at the top of page 13, the Guide instructs the user to click the box next to "Waiver" if there is no financial activity to report. (Attachment C)
  - 8. Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, provides:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, in any reporting period during which a candidate or 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 next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed, and any candidate or political committee not reporting by virtue of this subsection on dates prescribed elsewhere in this chapter shall notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date. (Emphasis added)

9. The table below reflects Respondent's untimely notices of no activity filed with the Division:

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2015 M5	05/01/15 - 05/31/15	06/10/15	07/28/15	48
2015 M6	06/01/15 - 06/30/15	07/10/15	07/28/15	18
2015 M7	07/01/15 - 07/31/15	08/10/15	08/15/15	5
2015 M10	10/01/15 - 10/31/15	11/10/15	12/11/15	31

(ROI Exhibit 5, ROI ¶7)

- 10. On October 29, 2018, Respondent called the Commission's office to speak with Investigator Spore. Commission staff transferred the call to Investigator Spore; however, Respondent either hung-up or was disconnected before Investigator Spore could answer the call. Investigator Spore tried to return Respondent's phone call immediately; however, she reached a generic voicemail. Investigator Spore left a message requesting Respondent to call her back, which he failed to do. (Attachment D, Phone Log Entry 1)
- 11. On November 5, 2018, Investigator Spore attempted to speak with Respondent by telephone a second time. Investigator Spore reached Respondent's voice mail and left a message requesting Respondent to return her call, which he failed to do. (Attachment D, Phone Log Entry 2)
- 11. "Probable Cause" is defined as reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. Schmitt v. State, 590 So.2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reasonable man to reach the conclusion that an offense has been committed. Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles v. Favino, 667 So.2d 305, 309 (Fla. 1st DCA 1995).
- 12. The above facts show Respondent was a candidate for State Representative, District 44, in the 2016 election. He withdrew from the race. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed due date for the 2015 M5, 2015 M6, 2015 M7, and 2015 M10 Reports that he had no reportable financial activity and would not be filing a report for the applicable reporting period.

Based on the foregoing, I recommend that the Commission find probable cause to charge Respondent with the following violations:

# Count 1:

On or about June 10, 2015, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before June 10, 2015, that Respondent would not be filing a 2015 M5 Report on the prescribed due date.

# Count 2:

On or about July 10, 2015, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before July 10, 2015, that Respondent would not be filing a 2015 M6 Report on the prescribed due date.

# Count 3:

On or about August 10, 2015, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before August 10, 2015, that Respondent would not be filing a 2015 M7 Report on the prescribed due date.

# Count 4:

On or about November 10, 2015, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to notify the Division of Elections in writing on or before November 10, 2015, that Respondent would not be filing a 2015 M10 Report on the prescribed due date.

Respectfully submitted on March 27, 2019.

Eric M. Lipman General Counsel

I have reviewed this Staff Recommendation on the 27 day of March 2019.

Tim Vaccaro **Executive Director** 

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Governor

**KEN DETZNER**Secretary of State

November 10, 2015

Scott C. Cox (64694) 4863 Spring Run Avenue Orlando, Florida 32819

Dear Mr. Cox:

This will acknowledge receipt of the letter informing us of your withdrawal as a 2016 candidate for the office of State Representative. This information was placed on file in our office on November 10, 2015.

Pursuant to Section 106.141, Florida Statutes, all candidates must, within 90 days of withdrawing their candidacy, dispose of all funds on deposit in the campaign account. You are required to file a 90-day termination report no later than **February 8, 2016**. You are not required to close the campaign prior to the due date; however, you must have written checks disposing of all surplus funds by this date.

You may file your report in the Electronic Filing System (EFS) at any time prior to the deadline once you have disposed of all funds. In order to file your termination report prior to the due date, you will need to change the cover period, which has been defaulted to an ending period of February 8, 2016, in the EFS (see attached example).

If you have any questions, please contact this office at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

KRB/mcc

Attachment

ATTACHMENT A





Candidate
& Campaign
Treasurer
Handbook



November 2013
Florida Department of State
Division of Elections
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250
(850) 245-6240

ATTACHMENT B.

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

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

# **Penalty for Late Filing**

Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three days late and. thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding the primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. For a candidate's termination report, the fine shall be \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the late report. All fines must be paid from the candidate's personal funds not campaign funds.

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

### **Waiver of Report**

In any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds or made any expenditures, the filing of the required report for that period is waived; however, the candidate must indicate there is no activity by filing a waiver of report on the prescribed due date. (Waivers filed with the Division must be filed using the EFS.) The next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed.

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

# **Incomplete Reports**

If a campaign treasurer files a report that is deemed incomplete, it shall be accepted on a conditional basis. The campaign treasurer will be notified by the filing officer as to why the report is incomplete. The campaign treasurer must file an addendum to the incomplete report within seven days of notification. The addendum must include all necessary information to complete the report.

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

### **Reporting Total Sums**

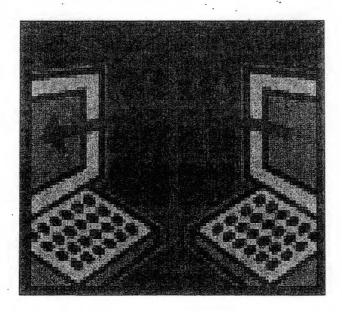
Each campaign treasurer's report required by Chapter 106, F.S., shall contain the total sums of all loans, in-kind contributions, and other receipts by or for such candidate, and total sums of all expenditures made by such candidate during the reporting period. The

reporting forms shall be designed to elicit separate totals for in-kind contributions, loans, and other receipts.

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

# **Department of State Division of Elections**

# Candidate EFS User's Guide



Florida Department of State Division of Elections R.A. Gray Building, Room 316 500 S Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

EFS HELP LINE: 850-245-6280

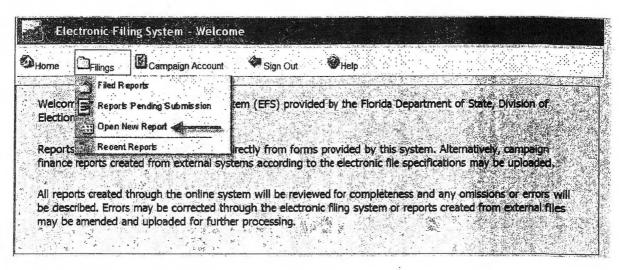
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The Cover Period dates will automatically fill in based on the Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates.

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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.

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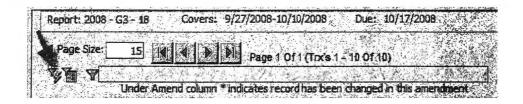
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Report: 2006 - Q4 - 28	Covers: 11/3/2006-12/31/2006 Due: 1/10/2007 Status: Reviewed	
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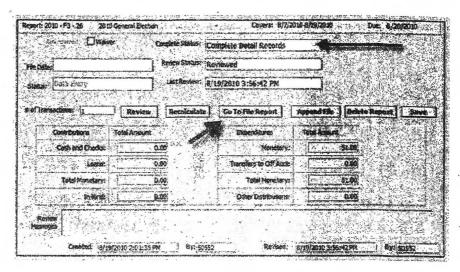


<u>NOTE</u>: Repeat the filter process for Expenditures, Funds Transfers and Other Distributions, if necessary.

# File the Report

If the Review Status is <u>Updated Detail - Needs Review</u> 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 <u>Complete</u> <u>Detail Records</u>, you are ready to file the report.

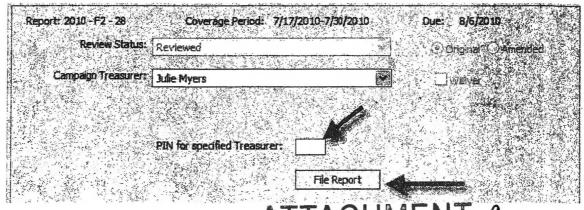


Click on Go To File Report

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

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Campaign Treasurer:	Julie Myers	2
		19.50 Sec. 10.

The treasurer enters his or her PIN and then clicks Fle Report



ATTSACHMENT C, page 5

# FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

Case No.: FEC 17-165

Respondent: Scott C. Cox

Complainant: Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** 10/29/18-11:48 AM

**Name:** Respondent **Phone** #: 407-625-1415

Summary: Respondent called and spoke with our administrative assistant. He stated he did not know why our office was still sending him letters in the mail, as he had received the questionnaire-affidavit, and did not know why a referral had been sent to our office regarding late filings of reports in his campaign for State Representative. The administrative assistant asked if he would like to speak with me, and he stated he would. She transferred the call to me at my desk. The call came through, however, it appears Respondent hung up or was disconnected before I could answer. I attempted to return the call, after the administrative assistant told me who had been attempting to get in touch with me. I reached a generic voicemail box when I called, and left a message, asking Respondent to call me back at his earliest convenience.

Memo to File? No Entered by: S. Spore

2. **Date and time:** 11/05/18-3:39 PM

Name: Respondent Phone #: 407-625-1415

Summary: I called and reached a voicemail box. I left a message, asking Respondent to

return my call.

Memo to File? No

Entered by: S. Spore

3. Date and time:

Name: Phone #: Summary:

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

4. Date and time:

Name:

Phone #:

Summary:

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

Date and time:

Name:

ATTACHMENT P

# FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer			
Case Number: FEC 17-165  Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate who did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to notify timely the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed	Respondent: Scott C. Cox Complainant: Division of Elections Respondent Type:  Candidate Political Committee		
I. Preliminary Information:			
1. An appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designed on May 4, 2015. (Ex. 1)	gnation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) was		
2. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the add 5, 2015 advising Respondent that all of the Division's public website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the Candia Calendar of Reporting Dates. (Ex. 2)	cations and reporting forms are available on their		

- 3. The acknowledgement letter also states, "An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports" and provides the telephone number for the Division's EFS Help Desk.
- 4. The Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, discusses filing a notice-of-no-activity when there is no activity to disclose on page 47. (Ex. 3)
- 5. Pages 12, 13, 45, and 46 of the *Candidate EFS User's Guide* discuss how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, page 13 instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose. (Ex. 4)
- 6. In a telephone interview on April 2, 2014, Kristi Reid-Bronson clarified that once the waiver box is chosen and a new report is opened as shown on page 12, the only available option on the report summary screen will be "Go To File Report" as shown on page 13. Choosing "Go To File Report" will take the user directly to the screens where the candidate/treasurer PINS are entered as shown on pages 45 and 46.

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

7. Respondent's filing history reflects the untimely filed notifications summarized below. (Ex. 5)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2015 M5	05/01/15 - 05/31/15	06/10/15	07/28/15	48
2015 M6	06/01/15 - 06/30/15	07/10/15	07/28/15	18
2015 M7	07/01/15 - 07/31/15	08/10/15	08/15/15	5
2015 M10	10/01/15 - 10/31/15	11/10/15	12/11/15	31

Ш.	FEC	History:

8. Respondent has not had any prior cases before the Commission.

### Conclusion:

- 9. I attempted to contact Respondent on two occasions to give him an opportunity to discuss the allegations in the referral. Additionally, a questionnaire-affidavit was mailed to Respondent on September 28, 2018. As of the date of this report, Respondent has not returned my calls, nor has he returned an affidavit.
- 10. Because Respondent has not contacted the Commission or returned an affidavit, I am unable to ascertain whether Respondent has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and/or the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. Respondent signed his Statement of Candidate form on April 13, 2015. (Ex. 6)

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:

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Date: 01/15/2019

# FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

# REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Scott C. Cox -- FEC 17-165

LIST OF EXHIBITS				
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits			
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 9 Form			
Exhibit 2	Acknowledgment Letter			
Exhibit 3	Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook page 47			
Exhibit 4	Candidate EFS User's Guide pages 12, 13, 44, and 45			
Exhibit 5	Respondent's Filing History			
Exhibit 6	Statement of Candidate Form			

# APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN **DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying

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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)	3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip				
South C. CAL	code)				
4. Telephone 5. E-mail address	4863 Spry Rn Ane 32819				
(467) 625-146 SCX[13111@1/mil.	illy sidnes, Flower				
6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)	7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if				
Star Peprate District +> applicable:  My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.					
8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fil	Il in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a				
☐ Write-In ☐ No Party Affiliation 1 ☐ ☐	emountre Party candidate.				
9. I have appointed the following person to act as my	Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer				
10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer					
LoisACZ					
11. Mailing Address	12. Telephone				
4663 Spring Pun Ave	1417, COL 8452				
13. City 14. County 15. St	tate 16. Zip Code 17. E-mail address				
0420 0150	1 51819 LEOX @ works Maty corp. com				
18. I have designated the following bank as my	Primary Depository Secondary Depository				
19. Name of Bank	20. Address				
Regions Bank 21. City 22. County	- SORA Dr Phillips Blut				
21. City 22. County	23. State 24. Zip Code				
charge crite	FL 32819				
	HE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND BY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.				
25. Date	26. Signature of Candidate				
April 22, 2015 CE	X Sarax				
27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointmen	it (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)				
Lois A. Cax					
(Please Print or Type Name)	, do hereby accept the appointment				
designated above as: Campaign Treasure	Pr Deputy Treasurer.				
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Date	Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer				
DS-DE 9 (Rev. 10/10)	Rule 1S-2.0001, F.A.C.				
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EXHIBIT \_\_\_



RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

May 5, 2015

Scott C. Cox 4863 Spring Run Avenue Orlando, Florida 32819

Dear Mr. Cox:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Representative, which was placed on file in our office on May 4, 2015. Your name has been placed on the 2016 active candidate list.

# Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on June 10, 2015. The report will cover the period of May 1-31, 2015 (M5). 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 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 Website Address: https://efs.dos.state.fl.us

Identification Number: 64694





Scott Cox May 5, 2015 Page Two

# Pin Numbers

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update personal information. The enclosed sealed envelope contains confidential pin numbers for you. By copy of this letter, a confidential pin number to access the EFS was sent to your treasurer.

Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event this 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.

EXHIBIT 2 page 2 of 3

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# **Instructions and Assistance**

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

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

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief

Bureau of Election Records

KRB/zjs

**Enclosures** 

pc: Lois A. Cox, Treasurer

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

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

> (Sections <u>106.07</u>, <u>106.0705</u> and <u>106.141</u>, F.S.)

# **Penalty for Late Filing**

Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is

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

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

# **Notice of No Activity**

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

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

# **Incomplete Reports**

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

# Create a New Report by Data Entry

From the Welcome screen, click and then Open New Report

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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.

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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  $\square$  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 D box next to Waiver.

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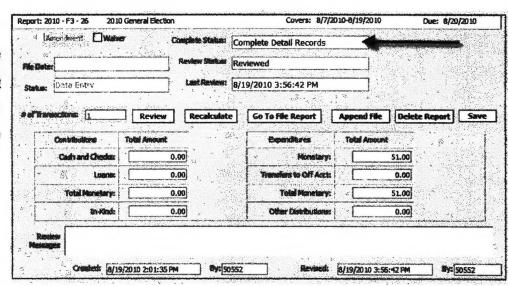
Click Open Report at the bottom of the screen. A Report Detail screen (view only) will appear. This screen will not indicate any activity until individual detail data is entered, saved and a review is performed.

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# File the Report

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



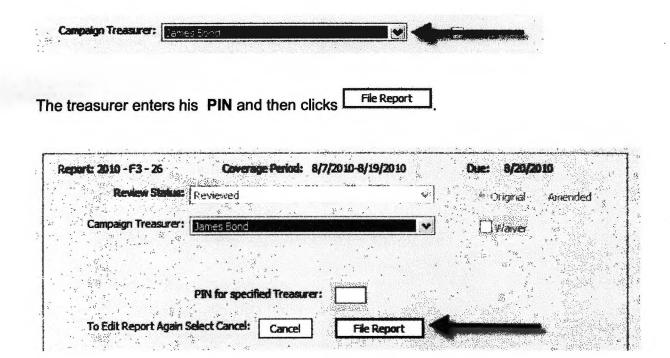
Click on Go To File Report

The chairperson enters his or her PIN, and then selects

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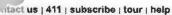
If there is more than one treasurer, click on the drop down and select the treasurer that is filing the report.



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





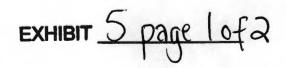


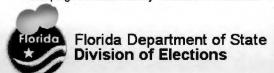


# Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

# Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup	Candidate Name: Scott C. Cox		
Name: Cox	Account: 64694		
Election:	Date Due Type Date Filed Status	Days Fine Appealed Late Assessed	Amount Amount Fined Paid
	2/8/2016 TR 11/10/2015		
Acet: 64694	11/10/2015 M10 12/11/2015 FEC	31 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00
Type: Candidate ▼	10/13/2015 M9 10/12/2015		
	9/10/2015 M8 9/9/2015		
Search Reset	8/10/2015 M7 8/15/2015 FEC	5 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00
**************************************	7/10/2015 M6 7/28/2015 FEC	18 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00
	6/10/2015 M5 7/28/2015 FEC	48 \$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00





2016 General Election Scott C. Cox (DEM) State Representative

### **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.

		C	ontributions			•	
	Filing Period	Monetary	Loans	InKind	Expend	Other	Transfers
W	05/04/2015 - 05/31/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/01/2015 - 06/30/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/01/2015 - 07/31/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/01/2015 - 08/31/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/01/2015 - 09/30/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/01/2015 - 10/31/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/01/2015 - 11/10/2015	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
•	All Dates (Totals)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	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

[Department of State] [Division of Elections] [Candidates and Races] [Campaign Finance Information]

# STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)
(Please print or type)

DS-DE 84 (05/11)

OFFICE USE ONLY

2015 APR 20 AM 10: 43

UNVERSE OF ELECTIONS

EXHIBIT \_\_\_\_

1. SOUT Christofur CX	,
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have been provided access to read and understar	nd the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.	
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X ESTEM	April 17 3015
Signature of Candidate	Date
Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying	
Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Car ailure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. Statutes).	a civil violation of the Campaign



#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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www.fec.state.fl.us; fec@myfloridalegal.com

August 27, 2018

Scott C. Cox 4863 Spring Run Avenue Orlando, FL 32819

RE: Case No.: FEC 17-165; Respondent: Scott C. Cox

Dear Mr. Cox:

On April 20, 2017, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violations:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent 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 period:

- 2015 M5
- 2015 M6
- 2015 M7
- 2015 M10

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to you at the above address. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will make a written recommendation (Staff Recommendation or SR) to the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to charge respondent with violating Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You will have an opportunity to respond to both the ROI and the SR. The Commission will then hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violations occurred and, if so, the amount of the fine to be imposed. You and the complainant will receive notice at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you **notify us of a new address**. Also, please remember that complaints, Commission

Scott C. Cox August 27, 2018 Page 2 FEC 17-165

investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, are confidential until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause.

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

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

Sincerely,

Amy McKeever Toman

Executive Director

AMT/enr

# **DIVISION OF ELECTIONS** FEC NOTICE FORM

FRECEIVED

7811 APR 20 P 3: 37

STATE OF FLORIDA

To FEC from Division of Elections

Candidate:

Scott C. Cox

Account Number: 64694

Treasurer:

Lois A. Cox

The Division of Elections hereby provides this notice to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to Sections 106.07(8)(d), 106.22(7), and 106.25(2), Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, has occurred based upon repeated late filings or failure to file notifications to the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date under s. 106.07(7).

2015 M5

2015 M6

2015 M7

2015 M10

Sent By:

Kristi Reid Bronson

Date:

April 19, 2017

mcc

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

# STATE OF FLORIDA County of Leon

#### Kristi Reid Bronson, being duly sworn, says:

- 1. I am the Chief of the Bureau of Election Records of the Division of Elections (Division). In that capacity, I oversee the Division's duties related to the filing of campaign finance reports. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
- 2. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
- 3. Scott C. Cox (64694) was a 2016 candidate for the office of State Representative. On May 4, 2015, Mr. Cox filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division designating Lois A. Cox as treasurer. (See attached documents and acknowledgment letter).
- 4. The 2015 M5 campaign treasurer's report was due on June 10, 2015. Ms. Cox failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Ms. Cox filed a notification of no activity on July 28, 2015. (See attached file receipt).
- 5. The 2015 M6 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 10, 2015. Ms. Cox failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Ms. Cox filed a notification of no activity on July 28, 2015. (See attached letter and file receipt).
- 6. The 2015 M7 campaign treasurer's report was due on August 10, 2015. Ms. Cox failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Ms. Cox filed a notification of no activity on August 15, 2015. (See attached letter and file receipt).

7. The 2015 M10 campaign treasurer's report was due on November 10, 2015. Ms. Cox failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Ms. Cox filed a notification of no activity on December 11, 2015. (See attached file receipt).

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

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 19th day of April, 2017.

Signature of Netary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known



# APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN **DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

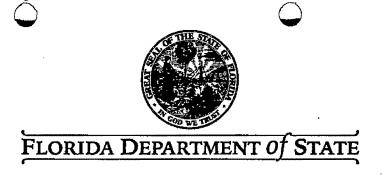
(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

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NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying

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officer before opening the campaign account.	OFFICE USE ONLY
1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):	
Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: T	reasurer/Deputy Depository Office Party
2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)	3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip
Seatt C. CAZ	code)
4. Telephone 5. E-mail address	- 4863 Spr. Rn Mc 32819
(467) 625-145 Scox/131/18/19/11/11/11 1/10/00 Flower	
6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)	7. If a candidate for a <u>nonpartisan</u> office, check if
Star Peprasure District 47	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 ☑ <u>De</u>	MOCRATIC Party candidate.
9. I have appointed the following person to act as my Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer	
10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer	
Loisacox	
11. Mailing Address	12. Telephone
4-663 Sprin Run Ave	1417, Cbl. 8452
13. City 14. County 15. Sta	16. Zip Code 17. E-mail address  Sign Cox @ wutsnest corp.com
18. I have designated the following bank as my	Primary Depository Secondary Depository
19. Name of Bank	20. Address
Regions Bank	· SOR4 Dr Phillips Blut
21. City 22. County 5 KM &	23. State 24. Zip Code
	FL   32819
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	26. Signature of Candidate
April 22, 2015 CE	X Sarax
27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)	
Lois A. Cax	, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)	
designated above as:   Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.	
4-22-15 X	- For a wy
Date	Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



RICK SCOTT Governor

KEN DETZNER Secretary of State

May 5, 2015

Scott C. Cox 4863 Spring Run Avenue Orlando, Florida 32819

Dear Mr. Cox:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Representative, which was placed on file in our office on May 4, 2015. Your name has been placed on the 2016 active candidate list.

# Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on June 10, 2015. The report will cover the period of May 1-31, 2015 (M5). 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 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 Website Address: https://efs.dos.state.fl.us

Identification Number: 64694



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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 confidential pin numbers for you. By copy of this letter, a confidential pin number to access the EFS was sent to your treasurer.

Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event this 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' website at <a href="http://elections.myflorida.com">http://elections.myflorida.com</a>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, Calendar of Reporting Dates, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

KRB/zjs

**Enclosures** 

pc: Lois A. Cox, Treasurer



ID: 64694

Name: Scott C. Cox

Report: 2015 - M5 - 1

Print Date: 4/18/2017 8:33:51 AM

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 5/4/2015-5/31/2015

■ Amended ☑ Waiver

Due: 6/10/2015

Filed: **7/28/2015 11:21:31 AM** 

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: **7/28/2015** 

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

**Number of Detail Records** 

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: Expenditures:

Fund Transfers:

Pending Queued Items: 0

Distributions:



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

#### Ken Detzner Secretary of State

#### **DIVISION OF ELECTIONS**

August 3, 2015

Lois A. Cox, Treasurer 4863 Spring Run Avenue Orlando, FL 32819-2819

CAN 64694

Dear Ms. Cox:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of July 10, 2015, was not filed until July 28, 2015. 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.

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

ee: Scott C. Cox

Candidate for State Representative, District 44



ID: 64694

Name: Scott C. Cox

Report: 2015 - M6 - 2

Print Date: 4/18/2017 8:34:15 AM

Election: 2016 General Election Covers: 6/1/2015-6/30/2015

Due: 7/10/2015

☐ Amended ☑ Waiver

Filed: **7/28/2015 11:24:51 AM** 

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 7/28/2015

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

**Number of Detail Records** 

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions:

Expenditures:

Pending Queued Items: 0

Fund Transfers:

Distributions:



#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

#### Ken Detzner Secretary of State

#### **DIVISION OF ELECTIONS**

August 18, 2015

Lois A. Cox, Treasurer 4863 Spring Run Avenue Orlando, FL 32819-2819

CAN 64694

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Scott C. Cox

Candidate for State Representative, District 44



ID: 64694

Name: Scott C. Cox

Report: 2015 - M7 - 3

Print Date: 4/18/2017 8:34:47 AM

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 7/1/2015-7/31/2015

Due: 8/10/2015

□ Amended 
 ☑ Waiver

Filed: 8/15/2015 1:57:49 PM

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 8/15/2015

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

**Number of Detail Records** 

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Expenditures:

Contributions:

Fund Transfers:

Pending Queued Items: 0

Distributions:





ID: 64694

Name: Scott C. Cox

Report: 2015 - M10 - 7

Print Date: 4/18/2017 8:35:14 AM

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 10/1/2015-10/31/2015

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Due: 11/10/2015

Filed: 12/11/2015 4:35:30 PM

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Reviewed: **12/11/2015** 

Review Status: Reviewed

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**Number of Detail Records** 

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions:

Expenditures: Fund Transfers:

Pending Queued Items: 0

Distributions: