#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re	: Douglas Mayorga	Case No.: FEC 15-28					
то:	Douglas Mayorga 8720 NW 33rd Street		Orlando Lopez 10355 SW 3 Street				
	Apt. 171		Sweetwater, FL 33174				

Doral, FL 33172

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

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, November 16, 2016 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amy McKeever Toman

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission November 1, 2016 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

**Case No.: FEC 15-289** 

Douglas Mayorga, Respondent.

v.

#### **ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

**THIS MATTER** was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 17, 2016, in Tallahassee, Florida.

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:

During his 2015 campaign for Mayor of Sweetwater, Florida, Respondent violated Section 106.143(6), Florida Statutes, when Respondent, who was not the incumbent, failed to use the word "for" between his name and the office for which he was running on his May 15, 2015 Political Advertisement

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on August 17, 2016.

M. Scott Thomas, Chairman Florida Elections Commission Copies furnished to: Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel Douglas Mayorga, Respondent Orlando Lopez, 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)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.

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.

#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re:	Douglas Mayorga	<b>Case No.: FEC 15-289</b>

#### 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 106.143(6)**, **Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on January 28, 2016, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation.

- On March 23, 2015, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a complaint from Orlando Lopez ("Complainant") alleging that Douglas Mayorga ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes
- Respondent was a first time candidate for Mayor of Sweetwater, Florida, in the May 12, 2015 municipal election. Respondent was not the incumbent. Complainant defeated Respondent in the election. (Attachment A)
- 3. On or about July 8, 2015, the Executive Director sent notification to Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following section of law:

Section 106.143(6), Florida Statutes: Douglas Mayorga, a 2015 candidate for Mayor of Sweetwater, paid for and distributed one or more political advertisements in which the word "for" was not included between his name and the office for which he was running, as alleged in the complaint.

During his campaign, Respondent paid for and distributed political advertisement cards. As a candidate who was not the incumbent, Respondent was required to include the word "for" between his name and the office for which he was running. (Section 106.143(6), Florida Statutes)

- 5 Complainant attached one of Respondent's political advertisement cards to his complaint and alleged that Respondent, who was not the incumbent, failed to use the word "for" between his name and the office for which he was running in violation of Section 106 143(6), Florida Statutes. (ROI Exhibit 1)<sup>1</sup>
- The front of the political advertisement card states, "This May 12, 2015 Vote for Douglas \*\*\*\*\*\* Mayorga Mayor of Sweetwater" ("May 12, 2015 Political Advertisement"). At the top of the back of Respondent's May 12, 2015 Political Advertisement, it states, "Douglas \*\*\*\*\*\* Mayorga Mayor of Sweetwater" Respondent failed to use the word "for" between his name and the office for which he was running on his political advertisement card, which he was required to include because he was not the incumbent. *Id*
- During a January 15, 2016 telephone call with Marie Schmidt, the Sweetwater City Clerk ("City Clerk" or "Clerk") in Case Number FEC 15-201, the Clerk told Investigator Wade that candidates do not receive physical copies of Florida's election laws and the Candidate Handbook. The City Clerk stated candidates are referred to the Division of Election's website to download the materials. (Attachment B, Phone Log Entry 17)
- Respondent did not provide a written response to the complaint. Additionally, Investigator Wade made four attempts to speak with Respondent by telephone without success (Attachment C, Phone Log Entries 9-12)
- 9. Based on the information above, it appears Respondent, who was not the incumbent candidate, disseminated a political advertisement card during his campaign that did not use the word "for" between his name and the office for which he was running.
- "Probable Cause" is defined as reasonable ground 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).
- The above facts show that Respondent was a first time candidate for Mayor of Sweetwater, Florida, in the May 12, 2015 municipal election. Respondent was not the incumbent candidate and therefore, was required to use the word "for" between his name and the office for which he was running on his political advertisements. However, Respondent failed to do so on his March 12, 2015 Political Advertisement

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

Based upon the information above, I recommend that the Commission find probable cause to charge the Respondent with the following violation:

#### Count 1:

During his 2015 campaign for Mayor of Sweetwater, Florida, Respondent violated Section 106 143(6), Florida Statutes, when Respondent, who was not the incumbent, failed to use the word "for" between his name and the office for which he was running on his May 15, 2015 Political Advertisement.

Respectfully submitted on March 4, 2016

Eric M. Lipman General Counsel

I have reviewed this Staff Recommendation on the 4th day of March 2016.

Amy Toman

Executive Director

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

(Section 106 021(1), F.S.)

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#### CERTIFICATION

STATE OF FLORIDA)

COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE)

I, Penelope Townsley, Supervisor of Elections of Miami-Dade County, Florida, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the Official Results for the municipal offices listed below in the **Sweetwater General Municipal Election** conducted on May 12, 2015:

MAYOR
COMMISSIONER – GROUP 5
COMMISSIONER – GROUP 6
COMMISSIONER – GROUP 7

WITNESS MY HAND AND
OFFICIAL SEAL, AT MIAMI,
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ON THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF May, 2015

Penelope Townsley Supervisor of Elections Miami-Dade County

Enclosure

ATTACHMENT A page 2

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ATTACHMENT A, page 3

#### WFLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

Case No.: FEC 15-201

Respondent: Douglas Mayorga

Complainant: Orlando Lopez

1. **Date and time:** June 23, 2015 @ 4:38 p m.

Name: Trelvis D. Randolph, Esquire

**Phone** #: 305.350.5332

Summary: I telephoned and spoke with Respondent's attorney. We discussed this case with our offer of a minor-violation consent order (MVCO) for the lack of a disclaimer on what appears to have been a double-sided flier handout. We also touched on two other matters pertaining to other issues under our review. I advised that legal sufficiency determinations will have to be made in the other two areas. I explained that once that has been completed, he will know, specifically, our initial assessment on each of the other matters.

I suggested that the three separate matters could then be discussed with one of our staff attorneys for possible settlement. Counsel advised me that he would be interested in settling the matters provided that any fine would be commensurate with the offense.

I asked Mr Randolph for good times to reach him by telephone. Counsel advised me that when he is not in court, he is generally at his law office from 8:00 in the morning to 7:00 in the evening.

Mr. Randolph advised me that his schedule, in the near term, is as follows: He will be in his law office all day this Friday, June 26, 2015. On Monday, June 29, 2015, counsel will be in court during the morning hours; he plans to spend the entire afternoon in his law office.

Memo to File? No Entered by: dbf

2. **Date and time:** 10/29/15; 11:50 am

Name: Respondent

Phone #: called for Eric Lipman

Summary: Respondent telephoned the office to speak with Mr. Lipman I informed Respondent that Mr. Lipman is away from the office and he stated that he wanted to let Mr. Lipman know his circumstances in not being able to pay the consent order fine by the October 30, 2015 deadline. Respondent stated that he needed more time to pay the \$1,200.

I explained to Respondent that since he has an attorney of record (Trelvis Randolph), that it is improper for staff to speak to him directly about this case. Respondent persisted to tell me that he could pay the monies due by the first week of January 2016.

#### ATTACHMENT B. Page 1

I suggested Respondent contact his attorney and have his attorney contact Mr. Lipman to discuss potential modification of the consent order due date.

Memo to File? Yes – please see email to Eric Lipman and Margie Wade dated 10/29/15 @ 12:03 pm

Entered by: DMalphurs

3. Date and time: October 29, 2015 @ 12: 21 p.m.

Name: Trelvis Randolph, R's attorney

**Phone** #: 305-350-5332

Summary: I called Mr. Randolph regarding the telephone call his client made to the

Commission Clerk. There was no answer; I did not leave a message

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

4. **Date and time:** October 29, 2015 @ 2: 27 p.m.

Name: Trelvis Randolph, R's attorney

**Phone** #: 305-350-5332

Summary: I called Mr. Randolph regarding the telephone call his client made to the

Commission Clerk. There was no answer; I left a message.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

5. Date and time: October 29, 2015 @ 2: 32 a.m.

Name: Trelvis Randolph, R's attorney

**Phone #**: 305-350-5332

Summary: Mr. Randolph returned my call He stated that he understood that the total fine was He stated that his client stated that he call the FEC and got an extension until January I explained that his client did not get an extension and if the case returns for investigation; there is no guarantee that the fine will remain at I explained that the is for the PPC CO, and the deadline is tomorrow. I reiterated that the fine would settle all three cases He stated that he would call his client back and call me back I agreed

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

6 **Date and time:** October 29, 2015 @ 2: 47 p.m.

Name: Trelvis Randolph, R's attorney

**Phone** #: 305-350-5332

Summary: Mr Randolph called me back. He stated that he had discussed the matter with his client and explained everything to his client. He stated that his client stated that he cannot pay the fine at this time. Mr Randolph stated that he would not be involved in the case past this point. I asked if he could send a written statement that he is withdrawing as the attorney and he agreed

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

7. **Date and time:** November 16, 2015 @ 2:49 p.m.

Name: Complainant

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**Phone #**: 305-389-3200

Summary: I called Complainant to introduce myself as the investigator assigned to the case and to query whether he had any addition information. He did not answer; I left a message on his voice mail.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

8. **Date and time:** November 16, 2015 @ 3:29 p.m.

Name: Complainant Phone #: 305-389-3200

Summary: Complainant returned my call. He stated that the first ad was in the local newspaper. The second was left on the counter of a local store and he picked it up. He stated he did not recall if he got the third ad at a later date. He stated that he filed the complaints as he got the ads. He stated that he would check his records for the dates he received the ads and call me back on Wednesday.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

9 **Date and time:** November 18, 2015 @ 12:11 p m Name: Marie Schmidt, Sweetwater City Clerk

**Phone #**: 305-221-0411

Summary: I called Ms Schmidt to inform her that I was sending the Affidavit of FO to her via email She stated that she had just received the email She stated that she would pull the information and get it back to me as soon as possible

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

10. **Date and time:** January 11, 2016 @ 2:50 p.m.

**Name:** Respondent **Phone** #: 786-260-1965

**Summary:** A gentleman answered the phone. I asked for Douglas Mayorga. He stated "you have the wrong number" and hung up the phone. (This is the contact number listed on Respondent's campaign advertisements.)

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

11 **Date and time:** January 11, 2016 @ 3:41 p.m.

Name: Respondent

**Phone #:** 305-620-5690 (from Anywho.com)

**Summary:** I reached a recording stating the number has been disconnected or is no longer in service. (Also checked Switchboard com and ReferenceUSA com with no results.)

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

12. **Date and time:** January 14, 2016 @ 8:49 a.m.

Name: Respondent Phone #: 786-260-1965

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**Summary:** I called again to see if I would get a different response. A gentleman answered the phone. I asked for Douglas Mayorga. He stated "you have the wrong number" and hung up the phone. (This is the contact number listed on Respondent's campaign advertisements.)

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

13. Date and time: January 14, 2016 @ 8:51 a.m.

**Name:** Respondent **Phone** #: 786-260-1572

Summary: I called to discuss the ads at issue. I received a busy signal. I waited a few

minutes and called back; I still received a busy signal.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

14. **Date and time:** January 15, 2016 @ 9:05 a.m.

Name: Marie Schmidt, City Clerk

**Phone #**: 305-455-6604

Summary: I called Ms. Schmidt regarding the Affidavit of Filing Officer that had not

been returned. There was no answer; I left a message on her voice mail.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

15. **Date and time:** January 15, 2016 @ 10:03 a.m.

Name: Marie Schmidt, City Clerk

**Phone** #: 305-455-6604

Summary: I called Ms Schmidt regarding the Affidavit of Filing Officer that had not

been returned. There was no answer; I left a message on her voice mail.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

Date and time: January 15, 2016 @ 11:17 a m
Name: Carmen Garcia, City Clerk's office

**Phone** #: 305-455-6604

Summary: Ms. Garcia returned the call on behalf of Ms. Schmidt regarding the Affidavit

of Filing Officer. She stated that she would email the information to me later today

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

17. **Date and time:** January 15, 2016 @ 1:55 p.m.

Name: Marie Schmidt, City Clerk

**Phone** #: 305-455-6604

**Summary:** I called Ms. Schmidt regarding the Affidavit of Filing Officer. She marked "N/A" for giving the candidate a copy of the Election Laws and the Candidate Handbook. I asked if "N/A" meant that the candidate did not receive copies. She explained that the candidates do not receive physical copies but they are referred to the Division of Elections website to download the materials.

Memo to File? No

#### ATTACHMENT 8, page 4

Entered by: MBW

18. **Date and time:** January 19, 2016 @ 10:09 a.m.

Name: Marie Schmidt, City Clerk

**Phone #**: 305-455-6604

Summary: I called Ms. Schmidt regarding Respondent's CTRs. There was no answer; I

left a message on her voice mail

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

19. **Date and time:** January 19, 2016 @ 10:28 a.m.

Name: Marie Schmidt, City Clerk

**Phone #**: 305-455-6604

Summary: Ms. Schmidt returned my call. I asked if Respondent's CTRs were available online. She stated that they are not. She stated that she would scan the CTRs and email

them to me.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

20. **Date and time:** January 20, 2016 @ 12:42 p.m.

Name: Marie Schmidt, City Clerk

**Phone #**: 305-455-6604

Summary: Ms Schmidt called and stated that she had sent the CTRs. She stated she did not send the TR; apparently it has been misplaced. She stated that R did not have a lot of

money he didn't have money to pay the qualifying fee, he qualified by petition.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

21. **Date and time:** January 21, 2016 @ 1:35 p.m.

Name: Flyer Studios, R's printer

**Phone #:** 1-855-333-5937

Summary: I called the printer to query about whether Respondent approved the ad before they printed it. (This was the printer listed on R's CIRs.) I spoke with Larry Reyes. He stated that they offer design and printing for advertisement; however, they did not design R's ads. He stated that R's presented the ads camera ready and they just did the printing. He stated that they printed some flyers, cards and a banner for Respondent. He stated that he would check his files and send me a copy of the art work. I agreed to send him an email requesting the artwork.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

22. **Date and time:** January 22, 2016 @ 1:37 p.m.

Name: Larry Reyes, Flyer Studios

Phone #: 1-855-333-5937

Summary: I called Mr Reyes to acknowledge receiving his email and to ask about the other ads he printed He stated that he only printed the two ads in the email. He stated that Respondent may have published additional ads but they only printed those two. He stated

#### ATTACHMENT B, Page 5

that he has the invoices and could send them but he would need a written request. I agreed to send him an email requesting the documents.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

Case No.: FEC 15-289

Respondent: Douglas Mayorga
Complainant: Orlando Lopez

1 Date and time: 10/29/15; 11:50 am

Name: Respondent

Phone #: called for Eric Lipman

Summary: Respondent telephoned the office to speak with Mr Lipman I informed Respondent that Mr Lipman is away from the office and he stated that he wanted to let Mr Lipman know his circumstances in not being able to pay the consent order fine by the October 30, 2015 deadline Respondent stated that he needed more time to pay the

I explained to Respondent that since he has an attorney of record (Trelvis Randolph), that it is improper for staff to speak to him directly about this case. Respondent persisted to tell me that he could pay the monies due by the first week of January 2016.

I suggested Respondent contact his attorney and have his attorney contact Mr. Lipman to discuss potential modification of the consent order due date.

Memo to File? Yes – please see email to Eric Lipman and Margie Wade dated 10/29/15 @ 12:03 pm

Entered by: DMalphurs

2 Date and time: October 29, 2015 @ 12: 21 p m

Name: Trelvis Randolph, R's attorney

**Phone** #: 305-350-5332

Summary: I called Mr. Randolph regarding the telephone call his client made to the

Commission Clerk There was no answer; I did not leave a message.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

3. **Date and time:** October 29, 2015 @ 2: 27 p.m.

Name: Trelvis Randolph, R's attorney

**Phone** #: 305-350-5332

Summary: I called Mr Randolph regarding the telephone call his client made to the

Commission Clerk. There was no answer; I left a message.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

4. **Date and time:** October 29, 2015 @ 2: 32 a.m.

Name: Trelvis Randolph, R's attorney

**Phone #:** 305-350-5332

Summarv: Mr Randolph returned my call He stated that he understood that the total fine was He stated that his client stated that he call the FEC and got an extension

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until January. I explained that his client did not get an extension and if the case returns for investigation; there is no guarantee that the fine will remain at I explained that the is for the PPC CO, and the deadline is tomorrow. I reiterated that the would settle all three cases. He stated that he would call his client back and call me back. I agreed.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

5 Date and time: October 29, 2015 @ 2: 47 p.m.

Name: Trelvis Randolph, R's attorney

**Phone** #: 305-350-5332

Summary: Mr. Randolph called me back. He stated that he had discussed the matter with his client and explained everything to his client. He stated that his client stated that he cannot pay the fine at this time. Mr. Randolph stated that he would not be involved in the case past this point. I asked if he could send a written statement that he is withdrawing as the attorney and he agreed.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

6. **Date and time:** November 16, 2015 @ 2:49 p.m.

Name: Complainant Phone #: 305-389-3200

**Summary:** I called Complainant to introduce myself as the investigator assigned to the case and to query whether he had any addition information. He did not answer; I left a message on his voice mail.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

7. **Date and time:** November 16, 2015 @ 3:29 p m.

Name: Complainant Phone #: 305-389-3200

Summary: Complainant returned my call. He stated that the first ad was in the local newspaper. The second was left on the counter of a local store and he picked it up. He stated he did not recall if he got the third ad at a later date. He stated that he filed the complaints as he got the ads. He stated that he would check his records for the dates he received the ads and call me back on Wednesday.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

8. **Date and time:** November 18, 2015 @ 12:11 p m. **Name:** Marie Schmidt, Sweetwater City Clerk

**Phone** #: 305-221-0411

Summary: I called Ms. Schmidt to inform her that I was sending the Affidavit of FO to her via email. She stated that she had just received the email. She stated that she would pull the information and get it back to me as soon as possible.

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

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9 **Date and time:** January 11, 2016 @ 2:50 p.m.

Name: Respondent Phone #: 786-260-1965

Summary: A gentleman answered the phone. I asked for Douglas Mayorga. He stated "you have the wrong number" and hung up the phone. (This is the contact number listed

on Respondent's campaign advertisements)

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

10 Date and time: January 11, 2016 @ 3:41 p.m.

Name: Respondent

**Phone** #: 305-620-5690 (from Anywho.com)

Summary: I reached a recording stating the number has been disconnected or is no longer in service (Also checked Switchboard com and ReferenceUSA com with no results.)

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

11. **Date and time:** January 14, 2016 @ 8:49 a.m.

Name: Respondent Phone #: 786-260-1965

**Summary:** I called again to see if I would get a different response A gentleman answered the phone. I asked for Douglas Mayorga. He stated "you have the wrong number" and hung up the phone (This is the contact number listed on Respondent's campaign advertisements.)

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW

12 **Date and time:** January 14, 2016 @ 8:51 a.m.

**Name:** Respondent **Phone** #: 786-260-1572

Summary: I called to discuss the ads at issue. I received a busy signal. I waited a few

minutes and called back; I still received a busy signal

Memo to File? No Entered by: MBW<sup>1</sup>

13 **Date and time:** February 19, 2016@ 12:30 pm **Name:** Marie Schmidt Sweetwater City Clerk

Phone #: 305-620-5690,

Summary: I called to verify the date on Ms. Schmidt's affidavit that Respondent had run for office (mayor) on the one previous occasion which was on March 12, 2015. The assistant clerk stated she was not in the office but would call be back later today.

Memo to File? No Entered by: EML

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Additional information can be found in FEC 15-201

14. **Date and time:** February 19, 2016 @1:45 pm Name: Marie Schmidt Sweetwater City Clerk

Phone #: 305-620-5690,

Summary: Ms. Schmidt returned my call and told me that the date on her affidavit that Respondent lost an election for mayor was a mistake. Ms. Schmidt stated Respondent only ran for public office on one occasion which was the May 12, 2015 mayoral race. Respondent said she would send me an email to that effect.

Memo to File? No Entered by: EML

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case No.: FEC 15-289

Respondent: Douglas Mayorga Counsel for Respondent: None

Complainant: Orlando Lopez Counsel for Complainant: None

On March 23, 2015, the Florida Elections Commission received a sworn complaint alleging that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Commission staff investigated whether Respondent violated the following statute:

Section 106 143(6), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate who is not the incumbent to include the word "for" in his political advertisement between his name and the office for which he is running.

#### I. Preliminary Information:

- Respondent was a candidate for the office of Mayor for the City of Sweetwater. There were three candidates vying for the office. Respondent and Complainant were opponents. Respondent finished third; he received 8 69% of the vote.
- 2 Initially, Respondent was represented by Trelvis D. Randolph. Counsel subsequently withdrew from the case.
- 3 Complainant was a candidate for Mayor of Sweetwater in the May 12, 2015 municipal election. There was no incumbent candidate in the race. Complainant won; he received 55.71 % of the vote. Prior to the 2015 election, Complainant served as Vice-Mayor of Sweetwater, Florida

#### II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.143(6), Florida Statutes:

- 4. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the elections laws by publishing a political advertisement that did not include the word "for" in the advertisement between his name and the office he was seeking when he was not the incumbent.
- 5. Complainant submitted a palm card with the complaint According to Complainant, Respondent published the palm cards that did not contain "for" between his name and the office he was seeking. The palm card reads, "This 12 May 2015 Vote for Douglas Mayorga Mayor of Sweetwater. "The disclaimer at the bottom of the palm card reads, "Political Advertisement paid for and approved by Douglas Mayorga for Mayor of Sweetwater." To review the palm card, refer to Exhibit 1
- 6 In a separate mailing, Complainant provided a flyer<sup>2</sup> distributed by Respondent's campaign. The flyer reads, VOTE! Mayorga For Mayor City of Sweetwater. "The flyer

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mr. Randolph represented Respondent during the negotiations for a pre-probable cause consent order.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This ad was not at issue in the case

contained the word "for" between his name and the office he was seeking. To review the flyer, refer to Exhibit 2.

- 7. During telephone interview on November 16, 2015, Complainant stated that he personally received the palm card but could not recall how or when he received it. He stated that he thought the flyer was published in a local newspaper but he could not recall when it was published
- Respondent did not provide a written response to the complaint; however, he provided another example of his political advertising. The ad reads, "Do Not Be Afraid! This 12 May, Vote for Douglas Mayorga Mayor of Sweetwater." (The ad provided by Respondent does not contain the word "for" between his name and the office he was seeking) To review the advertisement provided by Respondent, refer to Exhibit 3.
- 9 I attempted to reach Respondent four times by telephone<sup>3</sup> A man answered the telephone; I asked for Respondent, the man said I had the wrong number. (I called the number listed on Respondent's advertisement and in the case file as his contact number.) I also mailed a questionnaire affidavit to Respondent at his address of record. The questionnaire was not returned by the post office as undeliverable or by Respondent.
- I called Larry Reyes, Flyer Studios, the printer listed on Respondent's campaign reports. He acknowledged that they printed flyers, cards and a banner for Respondent's campaign. He stated that they did not design the advertisements; Respondent provided camera ready copies and they printed the advertisements. I requested copies of the invoices from Mr. Reyes to show the dates the ads were printed but did not receive copies of the invoices.
- 11. No record of Respondent having previously violated this section of the election laws was found.

#### III. FEC History:

There are two additional cases filed against Respondent by the same Complainant Conclusion:

- Because I did not have any success in contacting Respondent by telephone previously, I made a final attempt to contact him by sending an email to the email address listed on his DS-DE 9 The email was returned "undeliverable. To review the email, refer to Exhibit 4.
- Ms. Marie Schmidt, Sweetwater City Clerk, served as the filing officer for Respondent's campaign. Ms. Schmidt stated that Respondent was a first-time candidate. According to Ms. Schmidt, candidates are not given a physical copy of the Election Laws or the Candidate Handbook; however, they are given a copy of the Candidate Elections Calendar. The Calendar contains important dates and a statement that refers the candidate to the Division of Elections website to download the Candidate Campaign Handbook and the State Election Laws. To review the Candidate Elections Calendar, refer to Exhibit 5. To review the list for the candidate packet, refer to Exhibit 6. To refer to the Affidavit of Filing Officer, refer to Exhibit 7.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> I also checked three websites, referenceUSA com, Anywho com, and Swithboard com, in an attempt to find a viable number for Respondent but was no numbers were listed for Respondent on referenceUSA com or Switchboard com. The number listed on Anywho com had been disconnected.

On January 16, 2015, Respondent filed his statement of candidate form with the filing officer, certifying that he had been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. To review the statement of candidate form, refer to Exhibit 8.

Respectfully submitted on January 28, 2016.

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Margie B. Wade

Investigation Specialist

#### Current address of Respondent

Douglas Mayorga 11567 SW 6 Street Sweetwater, Florida 33174

#### **Current Address of Complainant:**

The Honorable Orlando Lopez 10355 SW 3 Street Sweetwater, Florida 33174

#### Name and Address of Filing Officer:

Marie Schmidt Sweetwater City Clerk 500 SW 109 Avenue Sweetwater, Florida 33174

Copy furnished to:

David Flagg, Investigations Manager

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

#### REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Douglas Mayorga -- FEC 15-289

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Exhibit 7	Affidavit of Filing Officer
Exhibit 8	Statement of Candidate

#### ESTE 12 DE MAYO 2015 Vote por

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EMPLEOS - CALIDAD DE VIDA - EDUCACION - JUSTICIA - ORDEN Y DESARROLLO ECONOMICO

#### CANDIDATO CON UN GRAN CORAZON!!

Mayor información:

786.260.1965 douglas@mayorgaformayor.com www.mayorgaformayor.com

# DOUGLAS AXAAA MAYORGA LCALDE DE SWEETWATER 1. Eliminación de gastos hasia un 30° de la municipalidad 2. Eliminación de las Camaras en los semaioros 3. Privatizar activos sin uso de la Ciudad. 4. Crear un Banco Municipal para dar capital semilla a nuevos y activos empresarios 5. No salarios sibre \$80,000 6. Eliminación de cargos por licancias a nuevos negocias que generen empleos de ciudadanos llocales 6. Incéntivos tributarios para la creación, formalización de empresas y generación de empleos de allo nivel productivo y lecinica. 6. Crear un parque lecnológico y destribilo de plantas gemelas de manufactura liviano. 7. Arrader empresa se indústrias de alra capacidad fecnológica y dar empleo a nuestros jovenes de Sweetwicter como prientada 7. Primover y crear una bolas de empleos para las personas mayores activoremente productivas 7. Formento a la lecturar y al assurollo de nillico de la juventual y la niñez con actividades de cancurso con premio y blecas 7. Recréación y Deporte con accedentas y competencias regionales en Beseball socies de saquello il rensi Raquel hall. Boxeo y otras soprifundades depolívas 7. Censtrucción de una Equitia se cundaria publica para Sweetwater. 8. Censtrucción de una Equitia se cundaria publica para Sweetwater. 9. Un centro vecacional granda de manufación de la Oración Orarenos lodas las mananas por nuestros divadadanos para que reine la Paze en los Hegares y existen consejeros familiares para nuestros jovenes. 9. Centemas un programa de Secas enarques nuestros jovenes. 15. Centemas un programa de Secas enarques nuestros jovenes.



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#### QUIEN ES DOUGLAS MAYORGA

#### Douglas@mayorgaformayor.com

Nacido en Nicaragua, la hermosa tierra de lagos y volcanes, de gente humilide, trebajadola y esforzada de dadres empresarios múy conocidos en el país, Don Jose Mayorga y Aura Lila Solorzano de Mayorga (qepd) y que para 1977 abandona su país para irse a la isla del encanto Puerto Rico, dande se formo educativamente en una de las universidades de primer instancia en los Estados Unidos, la UPR recinto de Rio Piedras. Soltero, padre de 4 hermosos hijos ya todos profesionales. El Sy Mayorga, está también al frente de la cumbre nacional de llueres hispanos de minorias empresariales en America, un grupo de reflexión y análisis sobre asuntos comerciales, oportunidades y de colaboración entre el ambito de la educación y la emprendimiento a los negocios sea de interes local como internacional.

Hoy en día, como Presidente de Cámara de Comercio de las Minorías (CCM) (www.minoritychamber.net), con base en la ciudad de Washington DC, na llevado a cabo una extraordinaria labor en la comunidad del sur de la Florida creando más de 5,000 negocios bajo su asesoría y dirección, y más de 50,000 empleos mediantes las ferias de empleos organizada por su entidad desde el 2000. Hoy en día trae su experiencia empresarial, comunitaria, intergubernamental y corporativa por el bien de la ciudadanía de Sweetwater, ciudad incorporada al Condado de Miami Dade County en la Florida, los Estados Unidos de América. Nuestra campaña es autenticamente independiente con una plataforma de inteligencia empresaria y comunitaria

#### PORQUE NUESTRA CANDIDATURA?

Oweetwater, poseg una imperante necesidad de contar con un goblerno de características proplas de una ciudad de los Estados Unidos) que sea capaz de enfreitar los problemas y retos actuales que tiene el municipio con el objeto de avenzar hacia una ciudad a la modernización, pacifica, educada y participante de las decisiones de su administración, posibilitando que todos esuman el compromiso de unicombortamienos colectivo caracterízado por la meericado.

De la mano de nuestra administración, la empresa privada y la comunidad nacional e internacional que son parte de mis relaciones, sentaremos las bases para que Sweetwater se transforme en una ciudad a futuro con un potencial al desarrollo industrial, turístico, empresarial, educativo, institucionalmente confiable, transparente e independiente; económicamente creciente, productiva y atractiva; nodo competitivo de desarrollo tecnológico, logístico y ambientalmente sostenible.

**Ha nacido una nueva E**ra para Sweetwater!! **Este Mayo 12**, 2015 VOTE POR **POLIBEAS MAYORGA**ALCALDE PARA TODOS !!



ATREVASE, **NO TENGA MIEDO**!!! El próximo 12 de Mayo, V**O**TE por

## DOUGLAS STATES

ALCADE DE SWEETMATER

-No cámaras en semáforos
-Sin miedo, no habrá mas terror
-Creare 500 empleos en el primer año
-Clínica Médica de atención primaria
-Banco Municipal para Prestamos
-No permitiré abuso, ni injusticia

**Mayor información:** 786.260.1965

douglas@mayorgaformayor.com www.mayorgaformayor.com

Politicial Advertisement paid for and approved by Douglas Mayorga for Mayor of Sweetwater.





# Quien es el candidato Douglas Mayorga y

Simple y sencillo parte del pueblo
 Vive en la ciudad desde hace 13 años

Con estudio de alto nivel en **Finanzas y Periodismo** 

Ejecutivo del Mundo Corporativo con amplias **relaciones en el Gobierno Federal** 

Nacido en **Nicaragua** y Criado en **Puerto Rico** 

esentador de Televisión todos los Domingos a la 8:30 por **Mira TEVE** r<mark>esidente de la Cámara de Comercio de las Minorías</mark> (CCM) con oficinas centrales en Washington DC

Capellán consejero de las cárceles para jóvenes de minorías Presidente de la Fund**ación al Desarrollo Económico a las Minorías** Presidente del Períodico **Sweetwater al Dia** y Wynwood al Día

Fundador de las relaciones bilaterales entre el estado de Israel y las empresas de Minorías en los Estados Unidos Ha creado más de 5,000 empresas con la CCM, formado 50,000 empleos con las ferias desde el 2000

# "Humilde y Forjado con la ayuda de Dios"

Este 12 de Mayo, su voto por **DOUGLAS MAYORGA** para Alcalde de Sweetwater

Politicial Advertisement paid for and approved by Douglas Mayorga for Mayor of Sweetwater.

#### **Delivery Failure Report**

Your

FEC 15-201, 15-289 and 15-307

message: was not

delivered to:

douglas@mayorgaformayor.com

because:

550 5 1 1 <douglas@mayorgaformayor.com> Recipient not found. <a href="http://x.co/irbounce">http://x.co/irbounce</a>

#### What should you do?

- You can resend the undeliverable document to the recipients listed above by choosing the Resend button or the Resend command on the Actions menu
- Once you have resent the document you may delete this Delivery Failure Report.
- If resending the document is not successful you will receive a new failure report.
- Unless you receive other Delivery Failure Reports, the document was successfully delivered to all other recipients.

Routing path

TLH01/OAG, TLH03/OAG, TLH03/OAG, TLH01/OAG

To: douglas@mayorgaformayor.com

cc:

Date: 10:51:52 AM Today

Subject: FEC 15-201, 15-289 and 15-307

Dear Mr. Mayorga,

We have your initial response for FEC 15-201 on file: however, my subsequent attempts to reach you have been unsuccessful. Now that the investigation is completed I still have a few final questions that are listed below

Case 15-201 refers to an advertisement that reads, "VOTE Mayorga for Mayor City of Sweetwater." The ad does not contain a disclaimer. You initially stated that the ad provided by Complainant was a draft. Was the ad ever published? Did you ad a disclaimer before the ad was published? How did you publish the ad, e.g., flyer, newspaper, etc.? Do you have any other comments you would like to make about this advertisement?

Cases 15-289 and 15-307 refer to a palm card with blue background which was written in Spanish. The palm card reads "This 12 May 2015 Vote for Douglas Mayorga Mayor of Sweetwater..." The advertisement does not contain the word "for" between your name and the office that you were running for. Why was the word "for" omitted? Did your publish this ad before or after the advertisement discussed above? Do you have any additional comments regarding the palm cards?

Please to this email by Tuesday, February 2, 2016.

Sincerely,

Margie B. Wade

Investigation Specialist II
Florida Elections Commission

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107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399 850-922-4539 (phone) 850-921-0783 (fax)



#### CITY OF SWEETWATER

#### GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

#### TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015

DATE	Cambidate election calleidan
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2015	
3/6	Last day to submit resignation to run for office if already serving a term as an
<i>VI.</i> V	elected official. Must be submitted to the City Clerk before 4:30 P.M. this date.
.3/18	First day candidates may file qualifying papers. Fee for Commissioner: \$75 Qualifying Fee + \$376.77 State Assessment. Fee for Mayor: \$250 Qualifying Fee + \$1,184.15 State Assessment. Please bring a separate check from your campaign account for each fee.
3/27	Campaign Treasurer's Report 6-1 due no later than 4:30 P.M. on this date for the period from March 1, 2015 ending March 20, 2015 Late reports will be assessed a fine pursuant to State Law.
3/27	Final day candidates may file qualifying papers (5:00 P.M. deadline)
4/10	Cumpaign Freasurer's Report G-2 due no later than 4:30 P.M. on this date for the period from March 21, 2015 and ending April 3rd, 2015. Late reports will be assessed a fine pursuant to State Law. Unopposed candidates will not be subject to this or the remainder of the reporting periods and will have 90 days from the close of the qualifying period to present their final reports.
4/13	Voter registration books close - anyone who registers as a new voter after this date will be incligible to vote in the May 12th election.
4/24	Campaign Trensurer's Kepon C-3 due no later than 4:30 P.M. on this date for the period from April 4, 2015 and ending April 17, 2015. Late reports will be assessed a fine pursuant to State Law.
4/28	Last day candidates may designate poll watchers. <u>Candidate's list must be in the</u> office of the <u>City Clerk no later than 12:00 Poon this date.</u>

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Candidate Campaign Handbook and State Election Laws can be accessed, downloaded and printed at http://election.dos.state.fl.us/publications/index.shtml

Should dates and times in this calendar change, each registered candidate will be notified immediately providing they can be contacted electronically.

Logic and Accuracy testing of the voting equipment is performed by Miami-Dade County Elections. As soon as the dates are available, you will be notified electronically.

Canvassing Board meetings have not been scheduled yet. As soon as the dates are set, you will be notified electronically.



#### City of Sweetwater

MARCH 16, 2015

#### DOCUMENTS RECEIVED BY CANDIDATE:

- 1. CANDIDATES INFORMATION FOR 2015 ELECTION
- 2- CANDIDATE ELECTION CALENDAR
- 3- CANDIDATE OATHS

RECEIVED BY:

- 4- AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDATE
- 5- STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS 2014
- 6- POLL WATCHER DESIGNATION INSTRUCTION AND FORM
- 7- ETHICAL CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ORDINANCE
- 8- SIGNS REGULATION ORDINANCE

(SIGNATURE)	Hayorga	3/18/2015 DATE

EXHIBIT

#### AFFIDAVIT OF FILING OFFICER

1. Please provide <u>certified copies</u> of the listed items from the following candidate's campaign file: **Douglas Mayorga** 

Check	ITEM
<b>*</b>	The Statement of Candidate form for 2015
<b>*</b>	Appointments of Treasurers and Designation of Campaign Depository form for 2015
1	Statements of financial interest (Form 1 and Form 6) for 2015

2. Please check each item provided to the candidate or his or her staff, and list the date that the item was provided. (If the item is published by the Division of Elections, it is unnecessary to provide a copy of the item. If your office published the item, please send a copy of the item with this affidavit.)

Check	ITEM	DATE
	Chapter 106, Florida Statutes	NA
***************************************	Chapter 104, Florida Statutes	NA
	Candidate Handbook Please indicate Year	NA
	Political ad and disclaimer supplement	NA
***************************************	Calendar of Election dates	3/6/15
	Any other election related document, Please indicate the title of the related document: AFFIDANT OF UNDUEBURAL CANDIDATE PETITION	W-3/

3. Please list all other written materials provided to the candidate or his or her staff, the <u>date</u> of receipt, and a brief description of the written materials. Did you notify the candidate that the campaign handbook was available on the Division of Elections website?

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ava	available, please attach a copy of any attendance sheets from the seminar(s).												

NONE

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5 of t	Please list the subjects covered during these seminars. If available, please provide a copy he syllabus and outline for the seminar.	
N/A		
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the prov mer	Please list any other contacts with this candidate by you or your staff concerning a vision of Chapter 104, Section 105 071, or Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Indicate whether contact was in person, in writing, or by telephone and the subject matter of the contact. Also, vide copies of any documentation of the contact. Please provide a separate affidavit from any other of your staff who was in contact with this candidate or his or her staff, detailing the ect matter of the contact.	
7. of th	Please list each year the candidate ran for office, the office the candidate ran for, the dates the elections, and the results of the elections.	
	3/12/15 RAN FOR MAYOR. LOST.	

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#### I SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

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Signature of Affiant
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Swom to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this
January 2016
2300
C Contact
Signature of Notary Public State of Florida
Print, Type, or Stamp Company Sound Name of Nature Public
CARMEN J. GARCIA  Notary Public - State of Florida  Commission # FF 227839  My Comm Expires May 9, 2019  Bonded through National Notary Asso.
Personally Known
Type of Identification Produced:

Case Investigator: MBW

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#### STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

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

,	DOUGLAS	MAYORGA

candidate for the office of MAYOR - SWEETWATER, FI.

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

Signature of Candidate

01-15-2015

OFFICE USE ONLY

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes)

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EXHIBIT





#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224 Collins Building Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050 Telephone: (850) 922-4539 Fax: (850) 921-0783

July 8, 2015

Trelvis D. Randolph, Esquire Cole, Scott & Kissane Bldg, 9150 S. Dadeland Blvd, Suite 1400 Miami, FL 33156

RE: Case No.: FEC 15-289; Respondent: Douglas Mayorga

Dear Mr. Randolph:

On March 23, 2015, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that your client 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 106.143(6), Florida Statutes: Douglas Mayorga, A 2015 candidate for Mayor of Sweetwater, paid for and distributed one or more political advertisements in which the word "for" was not included between his name and the office for which he was running, as alleged in the complaint. Respondent was not the incumbent

You may respond to the allegations above by filing a notarized statement providing any information regarding the facts and circumstances surrounding the allegations. Your response will be included as an attachment to the investigator's report.

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation will be mailed to you at the above address. You may file a response to the report within 14 days from the date the report is mailed to you. Based on the results of the investigation, legal staff will make a written recommendation to the Commission on whether there is probable cause to believe your client has violated Chapter 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. A copy of the Staff Recommendation will be mailed to you and you may file a response within 14 days from the date the recommendation is mailed to you. Your timely filed response(s) will be considered by the Commission when determining probable cause.

The Commission will then hold a hearing to determine whether there is probable cause to believe your client has violated Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You and the complainant will

receive a notice of hearing at least 14 days before the hearing. The notice of hearing will indicate the location, date, and time of your hearing. You will have the opportunity to make a brief oral statement to the Commission, but you will not be permitted to testify or call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence.

At any time before a probable cause finding, you may notify us in writing that your client wants to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a settlement via consent agreement.

The Report of Investigation, Staff Recommendation, and Notice of Hearing will be mailed to the above address as this letter. Therefore, if your address changes, you must notify this office of your new address. Otherwise, you may not receive these important documents. Failure to receive the documents will not delay the probable cause hearing.

Under section 106 25, Florida Statutes, complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, are confidential until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause. The confidentiality provision does not apply to the person filing the complaint. However, it does apply to you and your client unless your client waives confidentiality in writing

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tracie Aulet, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,

Amy McKeever Toman

Executive Director

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#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

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#### CONFIDENTIAL COMPLAINT FORM

The Commission's records and proceedings in a case are confidential until the Commission rules on probable cause. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the person against whom the complaint is brought

Name: Orlando Lopez	Work Phone: (305) 389-3200			
Address: 10355 SW 3 Street	Home Phone: ()			
City: Sweetwater County: Miami-Dade State: FL	Zip Code: <u>33174</u>			
2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGH	<u>HT</u> :			
A person can be an individual, political committee, committee of electioneering communication organization, club, corporation, parts other type of organization. (If you intend to name more than one is complaints)	nership, company, association, or any			
Name of individual or entity: Douglas Mayorga				
Address: 11567 SW 6 Street	Phone: (786) 260-1965			
City: Sweetwater County: Miami-Dade State: Flor				
If individual is a candidate, list the office or position sought: Ma				
Have you filed this complaint with the State Attorney's Office?				
3. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):	·			
Please list the provisions of The Florida Election Code that you believe the person named above may have violated. The Commission has jurisdiction only to investigation the following provisions: Chapter 104 Chapter 106, and Section 105.071, Florida Statutes. Also, please include:				
<ul> <li>✓ The facts and actions that you believe support the violation</li> <li>✓ The names and telephone numbers of persons you believe</li> <li>✓ A copy or picture of the political advertisements you ment</li> <li>✓ A copy of the documents you mention in your statement,</li> <li>✓ Other evidence that supports your allegations</li> </ul>	e may be witnesses to the facts, tion in your statement,			
Douglas Mayorga filed as a candidate for Mayor of the City of Sweet	water on Friday, January 16, 2015.			
Count 1 - Mayorga has printed and distributed campaign palm cards without the	e words "Elect or Vote" before his name			
Count 2 - Mayorga has printed the same palm cards without the word 'For' before Ma	yor insinuating that he is already the Mayor.			

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	Additional materials attached (check one)?   ✓ Yes   No
4. <u>OATH</u> STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF//OM/-D/	ade_
I swear or affirm, that the above	information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
	Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint
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	(Print Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)
	Personally known Or Produced Identification
	Type of Identification Produced

Any person who files a complaint while knowing that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775 082 and 775 083, Florida Statutes.

### ESTE 12 DE MAYO 2015 Vote por

## DOUGLAS \*\*\*\*\*\* MAYORGA

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#### CANDIDATO CON UN GRAN CORAZON!!

Mayor información: 786.260.1965

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Political advertisament paig for and approved by Douglas Mayongs for Mayor of Sweetwater

