

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Ryan Ramsey

Case No.: FEC 19-333

TO: Ryan Ramsey
Post Office Box 906
Lawtey, FL 32058

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

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on **February 23, 2021 at 8:30 am, EST**, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard.

Please note that because of COVID-19, this will be a virtual meeting conducted by remote video or teleconference. Enclosed you will find additional details on joining the video conference via GoToWebinar, 9-Digit Webinar ID 627-359-707, or via teleconference by dialing (877) 309-2071 and entering the meeting access code 324-720-215, when prompted. If you wish to speak before the Commission, you will need to appear by webcam and will be sworn in remotely. Please be advised that the Commission will consider multiple cases, so you will need to wait until your case is considered. If you have any questions, please contact Commission staff at (850) 922-4539.

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
February 2, 2021

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Commission Meeting February 23, 2021 at 8:30AM via GoToWebinar and OpenVoice

In order to participate in the public portion of the February 23, 2021, Florida Elections Commission meeting, please follow the instructions below:

- A. GoToWebinar – Remote Video Conferencing
 1. Open your web browser and search GoToWebinar or enter www.gotowebinar.com
 2. Select Join A Webinar in the upper right corner of the website
 3. Enter the 9-digit Webinar ID: 627-359-707
And your email address
 4. Register your name and email address
 5. You will automatically join to the meeting as an attendee. Attendees are muted and can choose to their webcam.

- B. OpenVoice - Teleconference
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While this is a public meeting and advanced registration is not mandatory, we ask that if you plan to attend via Video Conference or Teleconference, that you notify our office in advance. This will give the Commission the opportunity to organize the agenda as efficiently as possible. It will be the goal of the Commission to hear cases in which parties are present, first, in order to reduce the standby time of the parties in attendance.

You can call or email our office of your intent to participate or of any questions you may have regarding this meeting. Please provide the case number(s) of interest, when contacting our office.

Thank you,

Commission Staff

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,**

Case No.: FEC 19-333

v.

**Ryan Ramsey,
Respondent.**

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ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 1, 2020, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On January 27, 2020, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff’s Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff’s Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation(s):

Count 1:

On or about September 22, 2017, Ryan Ramsey violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2017 M8 Report.

Count 2:

On or about October 10, 2017, Ryan Ramsey violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer

in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2017 M9 Report.

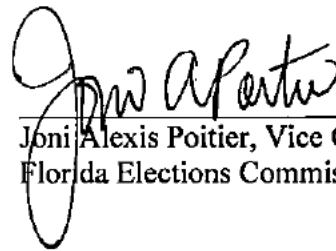
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Count 4:

On or about June 11, 2018, Ryan Ramsey violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2018 M5 Report.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on December 1, 2020.



Joni Alexis Poitier, Vice Chair
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Mattie T. Clay, Attorney
Ryan Ramsey, Respondent
Division of Elections, Complainant

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING

As the Respondent, you may elect to resolve this case in several ways. First, you may elect to resolve this case by consent order where you and Commission staff agree to resolve the violation(s) and agree to the amount of the fine. The consent order is then presented to the Commission for its approval. To discuss a consent order, contact the FEC attorney identified in the Order of Probable Cause.

Second, you may request an informal hearing held before the Commission, if you do not dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have thirty (30) days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to make written or oral arguments to the Commission concerning the legal issues

related to the violation(s) and the potential fine. At the request of Respondent, the Commission will consider and determine willfulness at an informal hearing. Otherwise, live witness testimony is unnecessary.

Third, you may request a formal hearing held before an administrative law judge in the Division of Administrative Hearings (“DOAH”), if you dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have thirty (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 thirty (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 West Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050. The telephone number is (850) 922-4539. The Clerk will provide you with a copy of Chapter 28-106, *Florida Administrative Code*; and other applicable rules upon request. No mediation is available.

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NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **December 1, 2020 at 10:00 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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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
November 9, 2020

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

You are hereby notified that the previously scheduled **hearing for March 24-25, 2020 is cancelled**. It is anticipated that your case will be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting, which is currently set for May 2020. A Notice of Hearing will be mailed approximately 14 days prior to the hearing date indicating the exact date, time, and location.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
March 12, 2020

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March 9, 2019

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the referral in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on December 17, 2019, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On June 3, 2019, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections (“Division”), alleging that Ryan Ramsey (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent was a 2018 candidate for State Representative, District 19. (ROI Exhibit 6)¹

3. By letter dated July 16, 2019, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provision:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, 2018 candidate for State Representative, District 19, 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 following reporting periods:

- 2017 M8
- 2017 M9
- 2017 M12
- 2018 M5

4. By letter dated August 4, 2017, Kristi Reid Willis, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received his Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)

5. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all of the Division’s publications and reporting forms were available on its website and directed Respondent to print

¹ The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as “ROI.”

out the *Calendar of Reporting Dates* as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 2)

6. Pursuant to Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, in any reporting period during which a candidate 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 candidate is required to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.

7. The *Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook* references the statutory requirement regarding written notification and directs candidates to notify the Division by way of the Division's electronic filing system. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 5) The *Candidate EFS User's Guide* shows the process through which to notify the Division. The user's guide instructs candidates to select the relevant reporting period and place a checkmark in a box titled "Waiver" to indicate the lack of reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibit 4, pages 3 & 4)

8. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods, as set forth in the table below. (ROI Exhibit 5, page 1)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2017 M8	08/03/17 – 08/31/17	09/22/17	10/11/17	19
2017 M9	09/01/17 – 09/30/17	10/10/17	10/11/17	1
2017 M12	12/01/17 – 12/31/17	01/10/18	01/11/18	1
2018 M5	05/01/17 – 05/31/18	06/11/18	06/12/18	1

9. Respondent stated that his wife helped him with the campaign reporting but acknowledged that he was ultimately responsible for it. (ROI Exhibit 7, page 1)

10. "Probable Cause" is defined as reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. *Schmitt v. State*, 590 So. 2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reasonable man to reach the conclusion that an offense has been committed. *Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles v. Favino*, 667 So. 2d 305, 309 (Fla. 1st DCA 1995).

11. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a 2018 candidate for State Representative, District 19. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods: 2017 M8, 2017 M9, 2017 M12, and 2018 M5.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating the following:

Count 1:

On or about September 22, 2017, Ryan Ramsey violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2017 M8 Report.

Count 2:

On or about October 10, 2017, Ryan Ramsey violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2017 M9 Report.

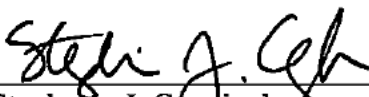
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Respectfully submitted on January 27, 2020.



Stephanie J. Cunningham
Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 27th day of January 2020.



Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer

Case Number: FEC 19-333

Respondent: Ryan Ramsey

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.

Complainant: Division of Elections

Respondent Type:

Candidate

Political Committee

I. Preliminary Information:

1. An appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) was filed on August 3, 2017. (Ex. 1)

2. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on Respondent's DS-DE 9 on August 4, 2017 advising Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, and the Calendar of Reporting Dates. (Ex. 2)

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 notification-of-no-activity when there is no activity to disclose on page 47. (Ex. 3)

5. Pages 12, 13, 44, and 45 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 44 and 45.

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
2017 M8	08/03 – 08/31/17	09/22/17	10/11/17	19
2017 M9	09/01 – 09/30/17	10/10/17	10/11/17	1
2017 M12	12/01 – 12/31/17	01/10/18	01/11/18	1
2018 M5	05/01 – 05/31/18	06/11/18	06/12/18	1

8. According to Respondent's filing history, a notification-of-no-activity was filed timely during the 2017 M10 and 2017 M11 reporting periods. (Ex. 5)
9. Respondent did not offer a response nor did he return a questionnaire-affidavit.
III. FEC History:
10. Respondent has not had any prior cases before the Commission.
Conclusion:
11. I attempted to contact Respondent to give him an opportunity to discuss the allegations in the referral. Additionally, an affidavit was mailed to Respondent on September 20, 2019. As of the date of this report, Respondent has not returned my calls, nor has he returned an affidavit.
12. 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 <i>Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook</i> . Respondent signed his Statement of Candidate form on July 27, 2017. (Ex. 6)
13. The Investigative Phone Log is included with this report. (Ex. 7)
SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR: <u>Keith Smith</u> Date: <u>12/17/19</u>

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Ryan Ramsey -- FEC 19-333

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
SECRETARY OF STATE

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
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)

RYAN RUSSELL RAMSEY

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

PO BOX 906
LAWTEY, FL, 32058

4. Telephone

(904) 813-9092

5. E-mail address

brewerrac@gmail.com

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

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 19

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a

Write-In No Party Affiliation

LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF FLORIDA Party candidate.

9. I have appointed the following person to act as my

Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

BRANDI HICKS

11. Mailing Address

PO BOX 906

12. Telephone

(904) 813-9092

13. City

LAWTEY

14. County

BRADFORD

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

32058

17. E-mail address

brandiahicks@gmail.com

18. I have designated the following bank as my

Primary Depository Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

COMMUNITY STATE BANK

20. Address

111 S WALNUT ST

21. City

STARKE

22. County

BRADFORD

23. State

FLORIDA

24. Zip Code

32091

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

7/27/2017

26. Signature of Candidate

X

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

I, BRANDI A HICKS, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:

Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

8/1/17
Date

EXHIBIT

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

August 4, 2017

Ryan Russell Ramsey
Post Office Box 906
Latwy, Florida 32058

Dear Mr. Ramsey:

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 August 3, 2017. Your name has been placed on the 2018 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **September 11, 2017**. The report will cover the period of August 1-31, 2017 (M8). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

EFS Access

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your filing credentials.

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>

Identification Number: 70005

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.

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Division of Elections

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850.245.6240 • 850.245.6260 (Fax) dos.myflorida.com/elections/



Ryan Russell Ramsey
August 4, 2017
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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.

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 <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/>. 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 Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRW/kep

Enclosures

PC: Brandi Hicks, Treasurer

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2016 Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook

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Division of Elections
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Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook

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Chapter 16: Filing Campaign Reports

Each campaign treasurer designated by a candidate shall file regular reports of all contributions received and all expenditures made by or on behalf of such candidate.

The candidate and his or her campaign treasurer shall certify as to the correctness of each report. Each person so certifying shall bear the responsibility for the accuracy and veracity of each report. Any campaign treasurer or candidate who willfully certifies the correctness of any report while knowing that such report is incorrect, false or incomplete commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

Where to File

A campaign treasurer is required to file campaign treasurer's reports with the officer with whom the candidate registers.

Candidates filing reports with the Division are required to file by means of the Electronic Filing System. If the candidate's filing officer is other than the Division, contact the appropriate filing officer to find out the requirements.

The web address for filing online with the Division is: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us/>

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

When to File

Reports must be filed on the 10th day following the end of each calendar month from the time the candidate registers; except that if the 10th day occurs on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the report shall be filed on the next business day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

A statewide candidate must file reports:

1. On the 60th day immediately preceding the primary election, and each week thereafter, with the last weekly report being filed on the 4th day immediately preceding the general election.
2. On the 10th day immediately preceding the general election, and each day thereafter, with the last daily report being filed the 5th day immediately preceding the general election.

All other candidates must file reports on the 60th day immediately preceding the primary election and bi-weekly on each Friday thereafter through and including the 4th day immediately preceding the general election, with additional reports due on the 25th and 11th days before the primary election and the general election.

For candidates that file with the Division, see the "Reporting Dates Calendar" at:

<http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/forms-publications/publications/>

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 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.)

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.

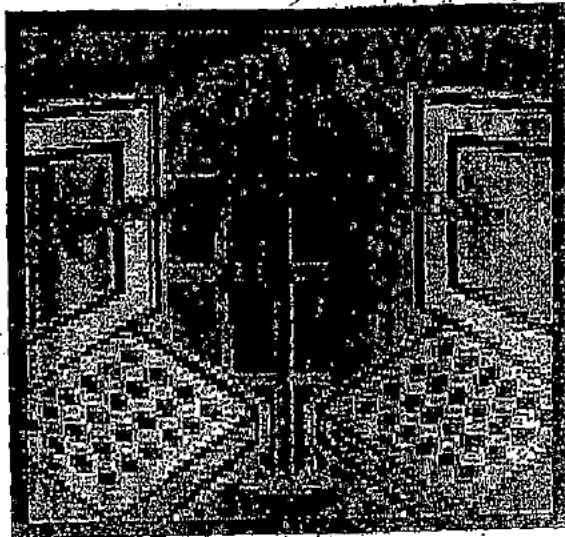
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Incomplete Reports

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

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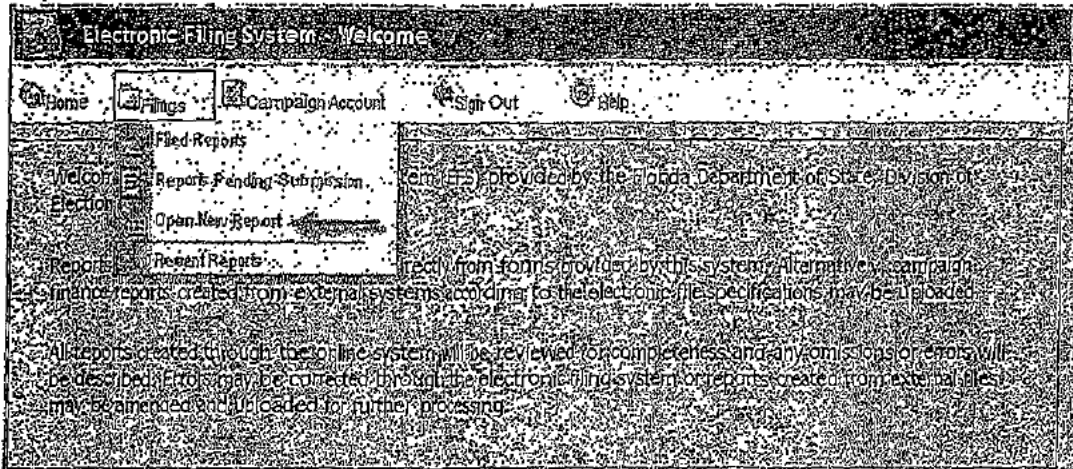
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Create a New Report by Data Entry

From the Welcome Screen, click  and then  Open New Report



Use this form to submit an original report. To submit an amendment to a previously filed report, first select the report from the Filed Reports listing and then choose the Amend Report option from the Edit menu items.

Calendar F2 2010

Campaign finance reports track financial activity occurring during a specific reporting period. The reporting period is declared by the calendar and the reporting year and the report type. The beginning and ending coverage dates and the filing due date of the report are automatically associated with the *Reporting Year* and *Report Type*.

Election Cycle: 2010 General Election


Report Type: F2 2010


Coverage Period: 7/17/2010 7/30/2010 Due Date: 09/06/2010

Special Election Report Quorum

Uploading a Campaign Finance Report

Campaign Finance report files meeting the department's specifications may be uploaded at the time a report is opened. Use the browse button to locate and select the report text or zip file to be uploaded. You may upload this report file as a compressed zip file. The zip file must contain only one report file.

Click  arrow next to **Election Cycle**. Scroll to the cycle associated with the report you are entering.

Click  arrow next to **Report Type** and select the report type that corresponds to the appropriate cover period and due date.

The **Cover Period** dates will automatically fill in based on the **Calendar of Election** and **Reporting Dates**. The end date may be changed for candidate termination reports.

The Due Date will automatically fill in based on the Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates.

NOTE

If this report is a waiver of report (no activity), click the box next to Waiver.

Amendment Waiver
 Report Type: P1 2010
 Coverage Period: 10/16/2010 - 10/26/2010
 Due Date: 10/29/2010
 Waiver

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

Report: 2010-64-27 2010 General Election Covers: 10/16/2010-10/26/2010 Due: 10/29/2010
 Amendment Waiver Complete Status: Incomplete Detail Records
 File Date: Review Status: Not Reviewed
 Status: Date Ent: Last Review:

Contributions	Total Amount	Expenditures	Total Amount
Cash and Checks	0.00	Monetary	0.00
Loans	0.00	Transfers to Off. Acct.	0.00
Total Monetary	0.00	Total Monetary	0.00
In Kind	0.00	Other Distributions	0.00

Review Messages:
 Created: 10/26/2010 11:41:25 AM By: 60552 Revised: 10/26/2010 11:41:25 AM By: 60552

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File the Report

If the **Review Status** is Updated Detail – Needs Review the report has not been reviewed since the last update. (See page 38 for instructions on how to submit the report to the system for review.)

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

Contributor	Total Amount	Expense	Total
Cash on Hand	0.00	Transfer to Off Acct	151.00
Check	0.00	Total Expense	151.00
Other Deposits	0.00	Other Deposits	0.00
Other	0.00		

Click on **Go To File Report**

The candidate enters his or her PIN, and then selects **Report Approved**

NOTE: A PIN is the same as your signature attesting to the validity of the report.

Step 1: Enter the candidate/chaiperson PIN.

Step 2: Select the 'Report Approved' button.

Report: 2010 - F3 - 25 Coverage Period: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010 Due: 8/20/2010

Review Status: Needs Review Original Amended

Major

PIN for Candidate/Chaiperson: **Report Approved**

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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.

Campaign Treasurer:

The treasurer enters his or her PIN and then clicks

Report: 2010-11-25 Coverage Period: 3/7/2010-3/19/2010 Date: 01/24/2010

Review Status: (All Fields Required)

Campaign Treasurer:

PIN for specified Treasurer:

To Edit Report Again Select Cancel:

IMPORTANT NOTE: If changes need to be made after a candidate enters his PIN, the treasurer must undo the candidate's PIN validation before the system will allow changes. See page 48 for instructions.

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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Name:

Candidate Name: Ryan Ramsey

Account: 70005

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
9/20/2018	TR	2/4/2019	DFS	137	\$489.84		\$489.84	\$0.00
6/29/2018	P1	6/29/2018						
6/11/2018	M5	6/12/2018	FEC	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
5/10/2018	M4	5/10/2018						
4/10/2018	M3	4/9/2018						
3/12/2018	M2	3/12/2018						
2/12/2018	M1	2/12/2018						
1/10/2018	M12	1/11/2018	FEC	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
12/11/2017	M11	12/10/2017						
11/13/2017	M10	11/13/2017						
10/10/2017	M9	10/11/2017	FEC	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/22/2017	M8	10/11/2017	FEC	19	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00

EXHIBIT 5 (1 of 2)



**Florida Department of State
Division of Elections**

**2018 General Election
Ryan Ramsey (LPF)
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.

	Filing Period	Contributions			Expend	Other	Transfers
		Monetary	Loans	InKind			
W	08/03/2017 - 08/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/01/2017 - 09/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/01/2017 - 10/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/01/2017 - 11/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/01/2017 - 12/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2018 - 01/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/01/2018 - 02/28/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/01/2018 - 03/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2018 - 04/30/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/01/2018 - 05/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	06/01/2018 - 06/22/2018	2,210.00	0.00	0.00	162.63	0.00	0.00
○	06/23/2018 - 09/20/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,967.37	0.00	0.00
●	All Dates (Totals)	2,210.00	0.00	0.00	2,130.00	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 I Indicates that a loan report was filed

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**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

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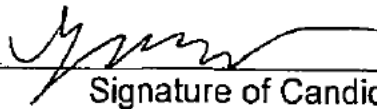
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
SECRETARY OF STATE

1. RYAN RAMSEY

candidate for the office of FLORIDA HOUSE DISTRICT 19;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of

Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X 
Signature of Candidate

7/27/2017
Date

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

EXHIBIT 6

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
PHONE LOG
Case No.: FEC 19-333**

Respondent: Ryan Ramsey

Complainant: Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** 10/16/19 @ 1:40 p.m.

Name: Respondent

Phone #: 904-813-9092

Summary: I called and spoke with Respondent for the purpose of asking him about the status of a questionnaire-affidavit that was mailed to him in mid-September and due in our office on 10/09/18. Respondent said that his wife had just recently left him, and he went out of town for about two weeks and just recently returned. He said that the affidavit is probable in a stack of mail that he hasn't gone through yet. I explained to him that the affidavit was to obtain information from him as to the allegations that he violated Section 106.07(7), as alleged in the referral from the Division. I explained to him that the allegation is that he did not timely file notification of no activity for three different reporting periods. Respondent said that his wife helped him with the campaign and reporting but he acknowledged that he was responsible. I also explained to him that at any time prior to the case being presented for probable cause determination, he could agree to a consent order and pay a fine and forgo having to complete the affidavit and a hearing. Respondent said that he would just rather pay a fine and be done with it all if he could. He did say that he is headed to bankruptcy court tomorrow, but he believes he would be in a position to just pay a fine. I informed him that I would pass along his case file to our office attorney would reach-out to him via e-mail. He provided his e-mail address as, brewerracc@gmail.com.

Memo to File? No

Entered by: KS

2. **Date and time:** 12/16/19 @ 10:55 a.m.

Name: Respondent

Phone #: 904-813-9092

Summary: I tried calling Respondent for the purpose of reviewing the case with him. After the second ring, it appeared that someone answered the phone but said nothing then hung up.

Memo to File? No

Entered by: KS

3. **Date and time:** 12/16/19 @ 2:21 p.m.

Name: Respondent

Phone #: 904-813-9092

Summary: I tried calling Respondent again. Same as above (entry #2)

Memo to File? No

Entered by: KS

4. **Date and time:** 12/17/19 @ 9:08 a.m.

EXHIBIT 7 (1 & 2)

Name: Respondent

Phone #: 904-813-9092

Summary: Tried calling Respondent again. Same as entries 2 and 3.

Memo to File? No

Entered by: KS

5. **Date and time:**

Name:

Phone #:

Summary:

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

6. **Date and time:**

Name:

Phone #:

Summary:

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

7. **Date and time:**

Name:

Phone #:

Summary:

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

8. **Date and time:**

Name:

Phone #:

Summary:

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

9. **Date and time:**

Name:

Phone #:

Summary:

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

10. **Date and time:**

Name:

Phone #:

Summary:

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

EXHIBIT

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July 16, 2019

Ryan Ramsey
Post Office Box 906
Lawtey, FL 32058

RE: Case No.: FEC 19-333; Respondent: Ryan Ramsey

Dear Mr. Ramsey:

On June 3, 2019, 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 violation(s):

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, 2018 candidate for State Representative, District 19, 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 following reporting periods:

- 2017 M8
- 2017 M9
- 2017 M12
- 2018 M5

However, prior to an investigation, you have the option to **resolve your case now by** signing a minor violation consent order and **paying a fine of \$200**, per Rule 2B-1.003, Florida Administrative Code, **rather than the potential \$1,000 per violation** provided for in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes.

If you sign the consent order, **you would not be required to admit or deny the allegation(s)** in the complaint, but you would be required to immediately correct the violation, if feasible.

The signed consent order would then be considered by the Commission at its next available meeting, and would constitute final action by the Commission once it is accepted and approved by the Commission.

Ryan Ramsey
July 16, 2019
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Please contact Stephanie Cunningham at 850-922-4539, or at the address listed above, to accept this minor violation consent order offer.

If you choose not to resolve the case by consent order, an investigation will be conducted, and then the Commission will hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violation(s) occurred and, if so, the amount of the fine to be imposed upon you. For more information, please see our FAQs available at <http://www.fec.state.fl.us>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Vaccaro", written in a cursive style.

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

To FEC from Division of Elections

Candidate: Ryan Ramsey

Account Number: 70005

Previous Treasurer: Brandi Hicks

Current Treasurer: Ryan Ramsey

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).

2017 M8

2017 M9

2017 M12


2018 M5

- Ryan Ramsey (70005) was a 2018 candidate for the office of State Representative.
- On August 3, 2017, Mr. Ramsey filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division designating Brandi Hicks as treasurer.
- On May 14, 2018, Mr. Ramsey filed a new Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division designating himself as treasurer.
- The 2017 M8 campaign treasurer's report was due on September 22, 2017. Ms. Hicks failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Ms. Hicks filed a notification of no activity on October 11, 2017. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2017 M9 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 10, 2017. Ms. Hicks failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Ms. Hicks filed a notification of no activity on October 11, 2017. (See attached file receipt and letter.)

- The 2017 M12 campaign treasurer's report was due on January 10, 2018. Ms. Hicks failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Ms. Hicks filed a notification of no activity on January 11, 2018. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2018 M5 campaign treasurer's report was due on June 11, 2018. Mr. Ramsey failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Ramsey filed a notification of no activity on June 12, 2018. (See attached file receipt.)

Sent By: Kristi Reid Willis *KRW*
Date: May 22, 2019

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 Treasurer Report Status

ID: 70005	Name: Ryan Ramsey
Report: 2017 - M8 - 1	Print Date: 5/21/2019 3:17:14 PM
Election: 2018 General Election	
Covers: 8/3/2017-8/31/2017	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waiver
Due: 9/22/2017	
Filed: 10/11/2017 10:29:42 PM	File Status: Filed Report
Reviewed: 10/11/2017	Review Status: Reviewed
	Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found
File Method: Web Filed	<u>Number of Detail Records</u>
Entry Method: Web Data Entry	Contributions: 0
	Expenditures: 0
Pending Queued Items: 0	Fund Transfers: 0
	Distributions: 0
To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'	



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

October 17, 2017

Brandi Hicks, Treasurer
Post Office Box 906
Lawtey, FL 32058-2058

CAN 70005

Dear Ms. Hicks:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of September 22, 2017, was not filed until October 11, 2017. 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 Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Ryan Russell Ramsey
Candidate for State Representative, District 19

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: 70005	Name: Ryan Ramsey
Report: 2017 - M9 - 2	Print Date: 5/21/2019 3:20:13 PM
Election: 2018 General Election	
Covers: 9/1/2017-9/30/2017	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waiver
Due: 10/10/2017	
Filed: 10/11/2017 10:29:02 PM	File Status: Filed Report
Reviewed: 10/11/2017	Review Status: Reviewed
	Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found
File Method: Web Filed	<u>Number of Detail Records</u>
Entry Method: Web Data Entry	Contributions: 0
	Expenditures: 0
Pending Queued Items: 0	Fund Transfers: 0
	Distributions: 0
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Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

October 18, 2017

Brandi Hicks, Treasurer
Post Office Box 906
Lawtey, FL 32058-2058

CAN 70005

Dear Ms. Hicks:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of October 10, 2017, was not filed until October 11, 2017. 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.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Ryan Russell Ramsey
Candidate for State Representative, District 19

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: 70005	Name: Ryan Ramsey
Report: 2017 - M12 - 5	Print Date: 5/21/2019 3:24:24 PM
Election: 2018 General Election	
Covers: 12/1/2017-12/31/2017	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waiver
Due: 1/10/2018	
Filed: 1/11/2018 3:49:22 PM	File Status: Filed Report
Reviewed: 1/11/2018	Review Status: Reviewed
	Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found
File Method: Web Filed	<u>Number of Detail Records</u>
Entry Method: Web Data Entry	Contributions: 0
	Expenditures: 0
	Fund Transfers: 0
Pending Queued Items: 0	Distributions: 0
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Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

January 22, 2018

Brandi Hicks, Treasurer
Post Office Box 906
Lawtey, FL 32058-2058

CAN 70005

Dear Ms. Hicks:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of January 10, 2018, was not filed until January 11, 2018. 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.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Ryan Russell Ramsey
Candidate for State Representative, District 19

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: 70005	Name: Ryan Ramsey
Report: 2018 - M5 - 10	Print Date: 5/21/2019 3:25:23 PM
Election: 2018 General Election	
Covers: 5/1/2018-5/31/2018	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waiver
Due: 6/11/2018	
Filed: 6/12/2018 2:03:12 PM	File Status: Filed Report
Reviewed: 6/12/2018	Review Status: Reviewed
	Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found
File Method: Web Filed	<u>Number of Detail Records</u>
Entry Method: Web Data Entry	Contributions: 0
	Expenditures: 0
Pending Queued Items: 0	Fund Transfers: 0
	Distributions: 0
To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'	