

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Martin Collins**

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**Case No.: FEC 16-603**

**TO:** Martin Collins  
1445 Marsh Creek Lane  
Orlando, FL 32828-2828

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **March 13, 2018 at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **Augustus B. Turnbull Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola Street, Room 103, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.**

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.

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If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Ann Malphurs at (850) 922-4539 or by mail at 107 West Gaines Street, The Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at least 5 days before the hearing.

**See further instructions on the reverse side.**

*Amy McKeever Toman*  
Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
February 26, 2018

Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,  
Petitioner,**

**Case No.: FEC 16-603**

v.

**Martin Collins,  
Respondent.**

**ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

**THIS MATTER** was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 28, 2017, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On September 1, 2017, 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, 2016, Respondent violated Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to file his 2016 Termination Report reflecting the disposition of all remaining campaign funds.

**Count 2:**

On or about September 22, 2016, Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when Respondent deliberately failed to include information on his 2016 Termination Report required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when he failed to file a 2016 Termination Report.

The Commission also finds there is no probable cause to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on November 28, 2017.



M. Scott Thomas, Chairman  
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:  
Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel  
Martin Collins, Respondent  
Division of Elections, Complainant

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING**

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

Second, you may request an informal hearing held before the Commission, if you do not dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to make written or oral arguments to the Commission concerning the legal issues related to the violation(s) and the potential fine. At the request of Respondent, the Commission will consider and determine willfulness at an informal hearing. Otherwise, live witness testimony is unnecessary.

Third, you may request a formal hearing held before an administrative law judge in the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), if you dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the



Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to present evidence relevant to the violation(s) listed in this order, to cross-examine opposing witnesses, to impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence presented against you.

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

To request a hearing, please send a written request to the Commission Clerk, Donna Ann Malphurs. The address of the Commission Clerk is 107 W. Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050. The telephone number is (850) 922-4539. The Clerk will provide you with a copy of Chapter 28-106, *Florida Administrative Code*, and other applicable rules upon request. No mediation is available.

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A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **November 28, 2017 at 10:00 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **412 Knott Building, Pat Thomas Committee Room, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.**

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November 13, 2017

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION**

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the complaint in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Sections 106.141(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes**, and **no 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 July 11, 2017, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation.

1. On October 21, 2016, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Division of Elections ("Division") alleging that Martin Collins ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent was a candidate for State Representative, District 49, in the 2016 election. He did not qualify. Respondent's Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form was filed with the Division on May 18, 2016. Respondent appointed himself as his own campaign treasurer and designated SunTrust Bank as his campaign depository. (ROI Exhibit 1)<sup>1</sup>

3. On May 25, 2017, the Executive Director sent Respondent notification that Commission staff would investigate the following sections of law:

**Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:** As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, may have 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 2016 termination reporting period.

**Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes:** As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, failed to timely file his 2016 Termination Report reflecting the disposition of all remaining campaign funds.

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

**Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:** As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in his 2016 Termination Report, as required by Chapter 106.

4. By letter dated May 20, 2016, Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, notified Respondent that his name had been placed on the 2016 active candidate list. The letter advised Respondent that all candidates who file reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system ("EFS") and provided Respondent with a user identification number and initial password to access the EFS. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)<sup>2</sup>

5. Ms. Bronson's May 20, 2016 letter further advised Respondent that all the Division's publications and reporting forms were available on the Division's website and directed Respondent to print a copy of the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* ("Handbook") and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates* as well as other documents. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 3)

6. The qualifying period for House of Representative candidates was from June 20-24, 2016. Respondent's 2016 Termination Report ("TR") covering the period of June 25, 2016, through September 22, 2016, that was required to reflect the disposition of all remaining funds in Respondent's campaign account was due on September 22, 2016. However, Respondent failed to timely file a 2016 TR or notification that no reportable activity occurred. (ROI Exhibit 6, page 2; Attachment A; Attachment B; and Attachment C)

7. On September 23, 2016, the Division sent Respondent notification that he had not filed his 2016 TR or notice that no reportable activity occurred, whichever was applicable. (ROI Exhibit 3)

8. On October 3, 2016, the Division sent a letter to Respondent marked "Final Notice." The notification stated that the Division had not yet received Respondent's 2016 TR or notice that no reportable activity occurred, whichever was applicable. The Division's October 3, 2016 letter was confirmed delivered on October 5, 2016. (ROI Exhibit 4)

9. Investigator Smith subpoenaed copies of Respondent's campaign account records from SunTrust Bank. Respondent's bank account records show that on July 1, 2016, Respondent's campaign account balance was \$1.16. On July 29, 2016, Respondent's bank initiated a \$1.16 closing debit to bring the balance in Respondent's account to \$0. (ROI Exhibit 5, pages 2 and 3)<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Ms. Bronson is now known as Kristi Willis.

<sup>3</sup> SunTrust's Closing Withdrawal Ticket indicates that the \$1.16 was given to Respondent. (ROI Exhibit 5, page 3)

10. Because Respondent had reportable financial activity during the termination reporting period, Respondent was not required to file a notice of no reportable activity with the filing officer. However, Respondent was required to file a 2016 TR. As of August 23, 2017, Respondent has failed to file a 2016 TR. (Attachment C)<sup>4</sup>

11. During a June 21, 2017 telephone conversation with Investigator Smith, Respondent stated that he thought he filed a report to finalize everything for the campaign. Respondent also stated that he thought he recalled some earlier "paperwork issues" and maybe the Division's EFS system rejected his 2016 TR. Respondent also told Investigator Smith that he could not say for sure that he printed and read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, or the Handbook. (Attachment D, Phone Log Entry 1)

12. On June 21, 2017, Respondent spoke with Malcolm Chellman at the Division. Mr. Chellman sent Respondent a form to complete and return so Respondent could log onto the EFS and file his 2016 TR. (ROI Exhibit 7)

13. Based on the information above, it appears Respondent was not required to file a notice of no reportable activity for the 2016 termination reporting period, may have failed to timely file his 2016 TR, and may have deliberately failed to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106 by failing to file a 2016 TR.

14. "Probable Cause" is defined as a 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. 1<sup>st</sup> DCA 1995).

15. The above facts show Respondent was a candidate for State Representative, District 49, in the 2016 election. He did not qualify. Respondent's 2016 TR was due on September 22, 2016.

16. The above facts also show that on July 1, 2016, the balance in Respondent's campaign account was \$1.16 and on July 29, 2016, Respondent's bank initiated \$1.16 closing debit that brought the balance in Respondent's account to \$0. Respondent was required to report the \$1.16 debit on his 2016 TR. However, despite receiving two written notifications and talking with someone at the Division about filing his 2016 TR, as of August 23, 2017, Respondent's 2016 TR remains outstanding.

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<sup>4</sup> Respondent successfully filed two campaign reports prior to the due date for the report at issue in this case. (Attachment C)

17. The above facts further show that Respondent stated he thought he filed a report to finalize everything for the campaign and that Respondent thought he recalled some earlier "paperwork issues" which may have caused the Division's EFS to reject his 2016 TR. Respondent also stated that he could not say for sure that he printed and read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, or the Handbook.

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

**Count 1:**

On or about September 22, 2016, Respondent violated Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed to file his 2016 Termination Report reflecting the disposition of all remaining campaign funds.

**Count 2:**

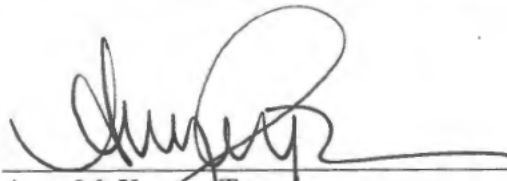
On or about September 22, 2016, Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when Respondent failed include information on his 2016 Termination Report required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when he failed to file his 2016 Termination Report.

I further recommend the Commission find no probable cause to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes.

Respectfully submitted on ~~August~~<sup>September</sup> 1, 2017.

  
Eric M. Lipman  
General Counsel

I have reviewed this Staff Recommendation on the ~~1st~~<sup>September</sup> day of ~~August~~ 2017.

  
Amy McKeever Tomah  
Executive Director

# 2016 State Qualifying Handbook

Florida Department of State  
Division of Elections  
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250  
850.245.6240



**FLORIDA**  
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ATTACHMENT A  
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## Chapter 6: State Senator and State Representative

### Qualifications

1. Elector and resident of the district upon taking office.
2. Must be at least twenty-one years of age.
3. Must be a resident of the state for at least two years prior to election.

*(Art. III, § 15, Fla. Const.)*

### Qualifying Dates

Noon, June 20 – Noon, June 24, 2016

Notwithstanding the qualifying dates stated above, the qualifying office may accept and hold qualifying papers submitted not earlier than 14 days prior to the beginning of the qualifying period, to be processed and filed during the qualifying period.

*(Section 99.061, Fla. Stat.)*

### Required Qualifying Documents

The following items must be received by the Division no later than noon, June 24, 2016:

1. Form DS-DE 9, Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository. (If the original DS-DE 9 was previously filed with the Division, a copy is not required to be filed during the qualifying period.)

2. Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24, Candidate Oath;

No Party Affiliation Candidates: Form DS-DE 24B, Candidate Oath; or

Write-in Candidates: Form DS-DE 24A, Candidate Oath.

3. Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests for the year 2015 (and any other forms applicable as identified on Form 6). A public officer who has filed the full and public disclosure or statement of financial interests for the year 2015 with the Commission on Ethics prior to qualifying for office may file a copy of that disclosure at the time of qualifying.

### Candidates Paying the Qualifying Fee

In addition to the above referenced items, all candidates, except a person certified to qualify by the petition method or seeking to qualify as a write-in candidate, must pay the qualifying fee below, as applicable:

- Party Affiliation Candidates: **\$1,781.82** (6% of annual salary as of July 1, 2015);
- No Party Affiliation Candidates: **\$1,187.88** (4% of annual salary as of July 1, 2015)

# Calendar of Reporting Dates

for 2016 Candidates registered with the Division of Elections

<u>Cover Period</u>	<u>Report Code</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
12/01/15 - 12/31/15	2015 M12	01/11/16
01/01/16 - 01/31/16	2016 M1	02/10/16
02/01/16 - 02/29/16	2016 M2	03/10/16
03/01/16 - 03/31/16	2016 M3	04/11/16
04/01/16 - 04/30/16	2016 M4	05/10/16
05/01/16 - 05/31/16	2016 M5	06/10/16

06/01/16 - 06/24/16	2016 P1	07/01/16
06/25/16 - 07/08/16	2016 P2	07/15/16
07/09/16 - 07/22/16	2016 P3	07/29/16
07/23/16 - 07/29/16	2016 P4	08/05/16
07/30/16 - 08/05/16	2016 P5	08/12/16
08/06/16 - 08/12/16	2016 P6	08/19/16
08/13/16 - 08/25/16	2016 P7	08/26/16

08/26/16 - 09/02/16	2016 G1	09/09/16
09/03/16 - 09/16/16	2016 G2	09/23/16
09/17/16 - 09/30/16	2016 G3	10/07/16
10/01/16 - 10/07/16	2016 G4	10/14/16
10/08/16 - 10/14/16	2016 G5	10/21/16
10/15/16 - 10/21/16	2016 G6	10/28/16
10/22/16 - 11/03/16	2016 G7	11/04/16

### Termination Reports

<u>Cover Period</u>	<u>Report Code</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
After May Qualifying	TR	08/04/16
After June Qualifying	TR	09/22/16
Primary Election	TR	11/28/16
General Election	TR	02/06/17

ATTACHMENT B



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### Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

#### Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

**Candidate Name: Martin Collins**

Name **collins**

**Account: 66370**

Election

Acct **66370**

Type

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
9/22/2016	TR		FEC	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/1/2016	P1	8/30/2016						
6/10/2016	M5	6/10/2016						

# ATTACHMENT C

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**PHONE LOG**  
**Case No.: FEC 16-603**

**Respondent:** Martin Collins

**Complainant:** Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** 06/21/17 @ 1:46 p.m.

**Name:** Respondent

**Phone #:** 407-733-4611

**Summary:** I called Respondent for the purpose of asking him about the referral from the Division whereby he did not file a termination report.

Respondent said that he thought he filed a report to “finalize” everything for the campaign. I brought it to his attention that according to records from the Division, he filed two earlier reports but had not filed his termination report. I provided him with the Division’s telephone number should he want to call and speak with the Division concerning the outstanding termination report.

Respondent reported that he did not qualify and that his campaign ended early. He added that he thought he recalled having some “paperwork issues” with the Division earlier on suggesting that maybe “their system kicked it back.”

I brought it to his attention that he would have received an acknowledgment letter from the Division advising him that his name had been added to the 2016 active candidate list and within the letter, it was suggested that he print and read a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and the Candidate Handbook. When asked, Respondent said that he could not say for sure that he printed and read either publication as he has had a lot going on in his personal life since. He added that things have turned a little to the “hopeless side” over the past several months. Respondent further added that he had run for a county commission seat several years ago and he found it much easier to navigate and file his paperwork with the county office more so than with the state office.

Respondent added that he did not have any “legitimate funds” and that he loaned his campaign some money. When asked, Respondent said that he did open an account with the bank but he was unable to recall how the account was titled. When asked, Respondent said that he did not have a “good” address and that the address on file was basically “as good as it gets.”

**Memo to File?** No

**Entered by:** KS

2. **Date and time:**

**Name:**

**Phone #:**

**Summary:**

**Memo to File?** No

**Entered by:**

ATTACHMENT D

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
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**Complainant:** Division of Elections

Pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, on October 21, 2016, the Florida Elections Commission received information from the Division of Elections alleging that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. The Division's referral was mandated pursuant to Section 106.07(8)(d), Florida Statutes. Commission staff, therefore, investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

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;

Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate to dispose of funds remaining in his campaign account within 90 days after he withdrew, became unopposed, was eliminated, or elected and to file a report reflecting the disposition of all remaining funds; and

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, prohibiting a person or organization from falsely reporting or deliberately failing to report information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

**I. Preliminary Information:**

1. Respondent, Martin Collins, was a 2016 candidate for State Representative, District 49. Subsequently, he did not qualify.
2. Complainant is the Division of Elections (Division).
3. Respondent's filing officer was Kristi Reid-Bronson<sup>1</sup>, Chief, Bureau of Election Records.
4. On May 18, 2016, Respondent's Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository form (DS-DE 9) was filed with the Division. Respondent

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<sup>1</sup> At the time, known as Kristi Reid Bronson. Now known as Kristi R. Willis.

appointed himself to serve as campaign treasurer for his campaign. To review the DS-DE 9 form, refer to Exhibit 1.

5. On May 20, 2016, Ms. Bronson sent Respondent a letter acknowledging his name had been placed on the 2016 active candidate list. The letter advised Respondent that all candidates filing reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system (EFS), and provided Respondent with his user identification number and initial password allowing him access to the EFS.

6. The letter also advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, and the Calendar of Reporting Dates. The letter further advised Respondent that it was his responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. To review a copy of the acknowledgment letter, refer to Exhibit 2.

7. On September 23, 2016, the Division sent Respondent a letter informing him that he had not filed his termination report or notification that no reportable activity occurred. The letter was mailed to Respondent at the address provided on his DS-DE 9 form. To review the letter September 23, 2016 letter, refer to Exhibit 3.

8. On October 3, 2016, the Division sent Respondent a letter marked "Final Notice" informing him that his termination report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred had not been filed. The final notice was delivered to Respondent at the address provided on his DS-DE 9 form. To review the October 3, 2016 letter and the delivery confirmation, refer to Exhibit 4.

9. On October 21, 2016, the Commission received a referral from the Division alleging that Respondent failed to report campaign activity during his 2016 Termination-Reporting period, or in the alternative, failed to notify the filing officer that no report would be filed. The allegations will be addressed in the paragraphs that follow.

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

10. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to notify the filing officer, in writing, that no report would be filed for the 2016 Termination-Reporting period.

11. Respondent was a 2016 candidate for State Representative, District 49; he did not qualify. Based on records from the Division, it appears that a termination report would cover June 25 – September 22, 2016.

12. I subpoenaed and reviewed Respondent's campaign account records. Review of Respondent's bank records reflect that the account had a balance of \$1.16 on June 30, 2016. Bank records reflect that \$1.16 remained in the campaign account until a "Closing Debit" was made to the account, closing the account with a zero balance on July 29, 2016. To review bank records, refer to Exhibit 5.

13. Based upon the bank records from Respondent's campaign depository, it appears that Respondent was required to file a termination report to reflect financial activity. According to the Respondent's filing history, Respondent had only two other reporting periods prior to the 2016 Termination-Reporting period. Respondent filed timely a campaign report for the reporting period covering May 19 – May 31, 2016 and he filed timely a notification-of-no-activity for the reporting period covering June 1 – June 24, 2016<sup>2</sup>. To review Respondent's filing history, refer to Exhibit 6.

14. Respondent did not provide a response to the referral.

15. No record was found to indicate that Respondent has previously violated this section of the election laws.

### **III. Alleged Violation of Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes:**

16. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws when he failed to timely file a 2016 Termination Report reflecting the disposition of all remaining campaign funds.

17. As previously noted, Respondent's campaign account was closed on July 29, 2016 to reflect a zero balance; Respondent's termination report was due September 22, 2016.

18. According to the Division, as of July 11, 2017, Respondent has started on the termination report but he has not filed it.

19. No record was found to indicate that Respondent has previously violated this section of the election laws.

### **IV. Alleged Violation of Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:**

20. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to report campaign activity during the 2016 Termination-Reporting period.

21. To review the circumstances regarding Respondent's campaign activity, please refer to paragraphs 12 and 13 of this report.

22. No record was found to indicate that Respondent has previously violated this section of the election laws.

### **V. FEC History:**

23. Respondent has had no prior history with the Florida Elections Commission.

### **Conclusion:**

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<sup>2</sup> Bank records secured from the subpoena reflect that Respondent should have reported a \$40 cash withdrawal made on June 21, 2016, during the 2016 P1 reporting period.



24. In a telephone interview on June 21, 2017, Respondent said that he thought he had “finalized” everything for his campaign. Respondent acknowledged that his campaign “ended early” and that he thought he recalled having some “paperwork issues” with the Division early on in his campaign.

25. The Division’s history notes reflect that Respondent called to inquire about filing his termination report; Respondent’s contact with the Division transpired on June 21, 2017, the date of the final interview. To review the Division’s history notes, refer to Exhibit 7.

26. As per paragraph 18, Respondent has started his termination report but as of July 11, 2017, he has not filed it. The report was due September 22, 2016.

27. As part of the telephone interview, Respondent said that he could not recall for certain whether or not he read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and/or the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. During the telephone interview, Respondent reported that he had been a county commission candidate several years ago and that he found it much easier to navigate and file his paperwork with the county office<sup>3</sup>. A review of records from the Orange County Supervisor of Elections office indicates that Respondent filed campaign reports for four reporting periods relative to his 2006 campaign. Respondent was required to file a termination report; however, there appears to be no record of the termination report having ever been filed. To review records from the supervisor of elections office, refer to Exhibit 8.

28. Respondent executed a Statement of Candidate form indicating that he had been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes; the form is dated as having been signed May 10, 2016. To review the Statement of Candidate, refer to Exhibit 9.

Respectfully submitted on July 11, 2017.



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Keith Smith  
Investigation Specialist

<sup>3</sup> Respondent was a 2006 candidate for the Orange County Commission.



**Current address of Respondent**

Martin Collins  
1445 Marsh Creek Lane  
Orlando, Florida 32828-2828

**Current address of Complainant**

Division of Elections  
500 South Bronough Street – Room 316  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

**Name and Address of Filing Officer:**

Kristi R. Willis, Chief  
Bureau of Elections Records  
500 South Bronough Street - Room 316  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Copy furnished to: David Flagg, Investigations Manager

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Martin Collins -- FEC 16-603**

<b>LIST OF EXHIBITS</b>	
<b>Exhibits #s</b>	<b>Description of Exhibits</b>
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 9
Exhibit 2	Division's acknowledgement ltr
Exhibit 3	Division's 09/23/16 ltr to R
Exhibit 4	Final Notice/Delivery confirmation
Exhibit 5	Bank records
Exhibit 6	Respondent's filing history
Exhibit 7	Division's history notes
Exhibit 8	Records from OCSOE office re: R's 2006 campaign
Exhibit 9	Statement of Candidate

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

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

RECEIVED  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
2016 MAY 18 AM 10:11

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

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)

Martin Collins

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

1445 Marsh Creek Ln  
Orlando FL 32828

4. Telephone

(407) 733-4611

5. E-mail address

vote.martin.collins@gmail.com

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

FL House Dist 49

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     Republican Party candidate.

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

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Martin Collins

11. Mailing Address

1445 Marsh Creek Ln

12. Telephone

( )

13. City

Orlando

14. County

Orange

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

32828

17. E-mail address

vote.martin.collins@gmail.com

18. I have designated the following bank as my  Primary Depository     Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

Suntrust

20. Address

1751 N Alafaya Tr

21. City

Orlando

22. County

Orange

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code


32826

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

5-10-16

26. Signature of Candidate

X 

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

I, Martin Collins, do hereby accept the appointment

(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:

Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer.

5-10-16

X 



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**RICK SCOTT**  
Governor

**KEN DETZNER**  
Secretary of State

May 20, 2016

Martin Collins  
1445 Marsh Creek Lane  
Orlando, Florida 32828

Dear Representative Collins:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Representative, which was placed on file in our office on May 18, 2016. Your name has been placed on the 2016 active candidate list.

### Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **June 10, 2016**. The report will cover the period of May 1-31, 2016 (M5). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

### Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. You, your campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting these passwords from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using these credentials, unless the Division is notified that your credentials have been compromised.

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

**Identification Number:** 66370

EXHIBIT 2 (1 of 3)  
Division of Elections

R.A. Gray Building, Suite 316 • 500 South Bronough Street • Tallahassee, Florida 32399  
850.245.6240 • 850.245.6260 (Fax) [dos.myflorida.com/elections/](https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/)

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ELECTIONS

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May 20, 2016  
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### Pin Numbers

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

Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that password is forgotten or lost. When you enter the campaign account screen, there will be a drop down box where you pick a question (such as *What is your mother's maiden name?*) and supply an answer. All passwords and answers to questions are stored as encrypted data and cannot be viewed by Division staff and given out over the phone. Please notify the Division if your credentials have been compromised.

### Timely Filing

All reports filed must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

### Electronic Receipts

The person submitting the report on the EFS will be issued an electronic receipt indicating and verifying the report was filed. Each campaign treasurer's report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath by the candidate and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

EXHIBIT 2 (2 of 3)

Martin Collins  
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**Instructions and Assistance**

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

**All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <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 Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/ljr

Enclosures

EXHIBIT 2 (3 of 3)



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

September 23, 2016

Martin Collins  
1445 Marsh Creek lane  
Orlando, FL 32828-2828

CAN 66370

Dear Mr. Collins:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your termination report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was September 22, 2016.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as \$50 per day until you file your report. The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period. Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines. We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission.
- If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

EXHIBIT

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

**Final Notice**  
**Delivery Confirmation:**

USPS TRACKING # **9114 9014 9645 0630 6774 37**  
& CUSTOMER RECEIPT For Tracking or Inquiries go to USPS.com  
or call 1-800-222-1811.

October 3, 2016

Martin Collins  
1445 Marsh Creek lane  
Orlando, FL 32828-2828

CAN 66370

Dear Mr. Collins:

A recent review of the Division's records show that the Division has not yet received your termination report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable.

The Division has previously notified you of the unfiled report or notification. Please file your report or notification. If the report or notification is not filed within 7 days of receipt of this letter, the Division will refer this matter to the Florida Elections Commission, which may impose civil penalties of up to \$1000 per violation, apart from that automatic fine provisions of s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) that are applicable only to campaign finance reports.

As we stated in the prior notices, even if you now file the report or notification, the untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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Text Updates

DATE & TIME	STATUS OF ITEM	LOCATION	Email Updates:
October 5, 2016 , 3:50 pm	Delivered, In/At Mailbox	ORLANDO, FL 32828	

Your item was delivered in or at the mailbox at 3:50 pm on October 5, 2016 in ORLANDO, FL 32828.

October 5, 2016 , 10:21 am	Out for Delivery	ORLANDO, FL 32828	
October 5, 2016 , 2:21 am	Arrived at Post Office	ORLANDO, FL 32828	
October 4, 2016 , 11:14 am	Arrived at USPS Facility	ORLANDO, FL 32824	
October 4, 2016 , 3:18 am	Departed USPS Facility	TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301	
October 3, 2016 , 7:55 pm	Arrived at USPS Facility	TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301	

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STATEMENT

PHILLIP MARTIN COLLINS  
CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT  
MARTIN COLLINS FOR STATE HOUSE DISTRICT  
1445 MARSH CREEK LN  
ORLANDO FL 32828

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ACCOUNT SUMMARY

ACCOUNT TYPE                      ACCOUNT NUMBER                      STATEMENT PERIOD                      TAXPAYER ID  
PRIMARY BUSINESS CHECKING                      [REDACTED]                      06/01/2016 - 06/30/2016                      315-98-2144

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$41.16	AVERAGE BALANCE	\$27.82
DEPOSITS/CREDITS	\$ .00	AVERAGE COLLECTED BALANCE	\$27.82
CHECKS	\$ .00	NUMBER OF DAYS IN STATEMENT PERIOD	30
WITHDRAWALS/DEBITS	\$40.00		
ENDING BALANCE	\$1.16		

DATE PAID	AMOUNT	SERIAL #	WITHDRAWALS/DEBITS DESCRIPTION	TR DATE	SR BATCH
06/21	40.00		ATM CASH WITHDRAWAL ALAFAYA-50 #1	06/21 FL M137FL119	82

WITHDRAWALS/DEBITS: 1

BALANCE ACTIVITY HISTORY

DATE	BALANCE	COLLECTED BALANCE	DATE	BALANCE	COLLECTED BALANCE
06/01	41.16	41.16	06/21	1.16	1.16

SUNTRUST BANK  
PO BOX 305183  
NASHVILLE TN 37230-5183

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07/31/2016

ACCOUNT  
STATEMENT

PHILLIP MARTIN COLLINS  
CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT  
MARTIN COLLINS FOR STATE HOUSE DISTRICT  
1445 MARSH CREEK LN  
ORLANDO FL 32828

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ACCOUNT SUMMARY  
ACCOUNT TYPE                      ACCOUNT NUMBER                      STATEMENT PERIOD                      TAXPAYER ID  
PRIMARY BUSINESS CHECKING                      [REDACTED]                      07/01/2016 - 07/31/2016                      315-90-2144  
\*\*\*CLOSED\*\*\*

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DESCRIPTION                      AMOUNT                      DESCRIPTION                      AMOUNT  
BEGINNING BALANCE                      \$1.16                      AVERAGE BALANCE                      \$1.04  
DEPOSITS/CREDITS                      \$0.00                      AVERAGE COLLECTED BALANCE                      \$1.04  
CHECKS                      \$0.00                      NUMBER OF DAYS IN STATEMENT PERIOD                      31  
WITHDRAWALS/DEBITS                      \$1.16  
ENDING BALANCE                      \$0.00

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DATE PAID                      AMOUNT                      SERIAL #                      WITHDRAWALS/DEBITS DESCRIPTION                      SR                      BATCH  
07/29                      1.16                                           CLOSING DEBIT                      20                      74289658

WITHDRAWALS/DEBITS: 1

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BALANCE ACTIVITY HISTORY  
DATE                      BALANCE                      COLLECTED DATE                      BALANCE                      COLLECTED BALANCE  
07/01                      1.16                      1.16                      07/29                      .00                      .00

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EXHIBIT 5 (203)


Check Image Print

Date: 06/29/2017

Time: 15:26:52

Report ID: HVCIP

Capture Date	Sequence Number	Aux OnUs	P/C	Amount	Posting Date	Posting Account
07/29/2016	74289658		0	\$1.16	07/29/2016	[REDACTED]

 *JFEB 6/29*  
*68*

**Closing Withdrawal Ticket**  
**Non-Negotiable**  
**Payable to Named Depositor**

Date: 07/29/2016  
Account Name: PHILLIP MARTIN COLLINS CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT MARTIN COLLINS FOR STATE HOUSE DISTRICT  
Address: 1445 MARSH CREEK LN City, State, Zip: ORLANDO, FL 32828-0000  
Identification: FL DL C452673723880  
Disposition of Funds: Cash to client  
Amount: One AND 16/100 Dollars

Signature: *[Signature]*

All items are accepted subject to your SunTrust Bank's Regulations.  
Account Number: 1000199426601 Deposit Amount: \$ 1.16

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

EXHIBIT 5 (303)



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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Candidate Name: Martin Collins

Name:

Account: 66370

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
9/22/2016	TR		FEC	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/1/2016	P1	8/30/2016						
6/10/2016	M5	6/10/2016						

EXHIBIT 6 (102)



**Florida Department of State  
Division of Elections**

**2016 General Election  
Martin Collins (REP)  
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			
<input type="radio"/>	05/19/2016 - 05/31/2016	0.00	100.00	0.00	58.84	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	06/01/2016 - 06/24/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<b>All Dates (Totals)</b>	0.00	100.00	0.00	58.84	0.00	0.00

Note: <sup>(E)</sup> indicates that report was filed electronically

**X** Indicates that detail has not been released

**W** Indicates that a waiver was filed and **L** Indicates that a loan report was filed

Select Detail Type

Contributions ▼

Select Sort Order

Date(Ascending) ▼

Select Output Type

Display On Screen ▼

Submit Query Now

[Query the Campaign Finance Data Base](#)

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EXHIBIT 6 (202)

**HISTORY NOTES**  
Martin Collins - 66370

<b>Unique ID</b>	<b>Date Recorded</b>	<b>Last Edited Date</b>	<b>Originally Recorded By</b>
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54523

6/21/2017 2:34:00 PM

mchellman

Re Can/T called, confirmed not TR filed. He was going to try to log onto the system/recover PWD when he got to a computer, and I sent him a CRForm and advised how to fill it out and send it in. I told him I would note that he was beginning the process required to file the outstanding TR.

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EXHIBIT

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**CANDIDATE:** Martin Collins  
**OFFICE:** County Commission, District 4

Beginning with the Oct. 10, 2005 reports, online reports are also in spreadsheet format.  
 Information contained within the reports has been generated by and is the sole responsibility of the reporting entity.

Due Date	Period Covered	Cover	Contributions	Expenditures
July 10, 2006	April 1- June 30, 2006	PDF (waiver)		
August 4, 2006	July 1- July 28, 2006	PDF	xls	xls
August 18, 2006	July 29- August 11, 2006	PDF (waiver)		
September 1, 2006	August 12- August 31, 2006	PDF	None	xls

EXHIBIT 8 (1 of 9)



BILL COWLES  
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS  
ORANGE COUNTY, FL

2006 JUL 10 P 3: 19

# WAIVER OF REPORT

(Section 106.07(7), F.S.)

(PLEASE TYPE)

OFFICE USE ONLY

Collins, Martin

Candidate's Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)  
OR Political Committee, CCE or Party Name

Identification Number (Assigned by Division  
of Elections)

2227 Barr Circle

Address (Number and Street)

County Commission Dist. 4

Office Sought (Include District, Circuit or  
Group Number)

Orlando FL 32807  
City State Zip Code

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candidate | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee of Continuous Existence | <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if address has changed since last report.                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Political Committee  | <input type="checkbox"/> Party Executive Committee         | <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if PC or CCE has DISBANDED and will no longer file reports. |

### TYPE OF REPORT (Check Appropriate Box)

QUARTERLY REPORTS

- January
- April
- July
- October

PRIMARY ELECTION

- 32nd day prior
- 18th day prior
- 4th day prior

GENERAL ELECTION

- 46th day prior
- 32nd day prior
- 18th day prior
- 4th day prior

- TERMINATION REPORT
- SPECIAL ELECTION

### NOTIFICATION OF NO ACTIVITY IN CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD OF

April through June

X

[Signature]

Signature

7-10-06

Date

### SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR:

- Candidates**  
Candidate, Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer (s. 106.07(5), F.S.)
- Political Committees**  
Chairman, Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer (s. 106.07(5), F.S.)
- Committees of Continuous Existence**  
Treasurer (s. 106.04(4)(c), F.S.)
- Party Executive Committees**  
Treasurer or Chairman (s. 106.29(2), F.S.)

In any reporting period when there has been no activity in the account (no funds expended or received) the filing of the required report is waived. However, the filing officer must be notified in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed.

EXHIBIT

8 (2009)

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

(1) Martin Collins  
Name  
(2) 2227 Barr Cir  
Address (number and street)  
Orlando FL 32807  
City, State, Zip Code

OFFICE USE ONLY

CHECK IF ADDRESS HAS CHANGED

(3) ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Check appropriate box(es):  
 Candidate (office sought): County Commission Dist. 4

- Political Committee
- Committee of Continuous Existence
- Party Executive Committee
- Electioneering Communication

- CHECK IF PC HAS DISBANDED
- CHECK IF CCE HAS DISBANDED
- CHECK IF NO OTHER ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION REPORTS WILL BE FILED

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BILL COWLES  
SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS  
DEPT. OF STATE, COUNTY 1411

**(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS**

Cover Period: From 7/1/06 To 7/31/06 Report Type \_\_\_\_\_

- Original     Amendment     Special Election Report     Independent Expenditure Report

**(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT**

Cash & Checks    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Loans    \$ 2950

Total Monetary    \$ 2950

In-Kind    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT**

Monetary Expenditures    \$ 2698.41

Transfers to Office Account    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Monetary    \$ 2698.41

**(8) Other Distributions**  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date**  
\$ 2950

**(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date**  
\$ 2698.41

**(11) CERTIFICATION**

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete.

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete.

(Type name) Martin Collins

(Type name) Martin Collins

- Individual (only for electioneering commun.)     Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer

- Candidate     Chairperson (only for PC, PTY & electioneering commun. organization)

[Signature]  
Signature

[Signature]  
Signature

EXHIBIT 8

(309)

Martin Collins  
County Commission District 4  
07/01/06 to 07/31/06  
**Contributions**

Date	Name	Address	Contributor Type	Occupation	Contribution Type	In-kind Description	Amdmt	Amnt
7/21/2006	Martin Collins	2227 Barr Circle	I	gov - financial	LOA			2950

EXHIBIT 8  
(409)

Martin Collins  
County Commission District 4  
7-01-06 to 7-31-06

**Expenditures**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Expenditure Type</b>	<b>Amdmt</b>	<b>Amnt</b>
24-Jul	Supervisor of elections	119 West Kaley St Orl 32807	Qualification Fee	MON		2698.41

EXHIBIT

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(509)

# WAIVER OF REPORT

(Section 106.07(7), F.S.)

(PLEASE TYPE)

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Collins, Martin

Candidate's Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)  
OR Political Committee, CCE or Party Name

Identification Number (Assigned by Division  
of Elections)

2227 Barr Cir.

Address (Number and Street)

County Commission Dist 4

Office Sought (Include District, Circuit or  
Group Number)

Orlando FL 32807  
City State Zip Code

Candidate

Committee of Continuous  
Existence

Check box if address has changed since last  
report.

Political Committee

Party Executive Committee

Check here if PC or CCE has DISBANDED  
and will no longer file reports.

### TYPE OF REPORT (Check Appropriate Box)

QUARTERLY REPORTS

- January
- April
- July
- October

PRIMARY ELECTION

- 32nd day prior
- 18th day prior
- 4th day prior

GENERAL ELECTION

- 46th day prior
- 32nd day prior
- 18th day prior
- 4th day prior

TERMINATION REPORT

SPECIAL ELECTION

### NOTIFICATION OF NO ACTIVITY IN CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD OF

7-29-06 through 8-11-06

X

*Martin Collins*

Signature

8-21-06

Date

### SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR:

**Candidates**

Candidate, Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer (s. 106.07(5), F.S.)

**Political Committees**

Chairman, Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer (s. 106.07(5), F.S.)

**Committees of Continuous Existence**

Treasurer (s. 106.04(4)(c), F.S.)

**Party Executive Committees**

Treasurer or Chairman (s. 106.29(2), F.S.)

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EXHIBIT 8 (609)

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

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OFFICE USE ONLY

(1) Martin Collins

Name

(2) 2227 Barr Cir

Address (number and street)

Orlando FL 32807

City, State, Zip Code

CHECK IF ADDRESS HAS CHANGED

(3) ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

(4) Check appropriate box(es): orange  
 Candidate (office sought): County Commission Dist 4

Political Committee

CHECK IF PC HAS DISBANDED

Committee of Continuous Existence

CHECK IF CCE HAS DISBANDED

Party Executive Committee

Electioneering Communication

CHECK IF NO OTHER ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION REPORTS WILL BE FILED

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 8 1 18 1 06 To 8 31 106 Report Type \_\_\_\_\_

Original  Amendment  Special Election Report  Independent Expenditure Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks \$ 0

Loans \$ 0

Total Monetary \$ 0

In-Kind \$ 0

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures \$ 58<sup>71</sup>

Transfers to Office Account \$ 0

Total Monetary \$ 58<sup>71</sup>

(8) Other Distributions \$ 0

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date  
\$ 2950<sup>00</sup>

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date  
\$ 2757<sup>12</sup>

(11) CERTIFICATION

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I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete.

(Type name) Martin Collins

(Type name) Martin Collins

Individual (only for electioneering commun.)  Treasurer  Deputy Treasurer

Candidate  Chairperson (only for PC, PTY & electioneering commun. organization)

[Signature]

[Signature]

Signature

Signature

EXHIBIT 8

**Candidate Name** Martin Collins  
**Office Sought** County Commission District 4  
**Period Covered** 8-12-06 to 8-31-06  
**Contributions**

Date	Name	Address	Contributor Type	Occupation	Contribution Type	In-kind Description	Amendment	Amount
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no new activity

EXHIBIT

8  
(829)

Candidate Name Martin Collins  
Office Sought County Commission District 4  
Period Covered 8-12-06 to 8-31-06  
Expenditures

Date	Name	Address	Purpose	Expenditure Type	Amendment	Amount
30-Aug	Office Depot	989 N Semoran Ori 32807	flyers and signage	MON		58.71

EXHIBIT

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(909)



**STATEMENT OF  
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

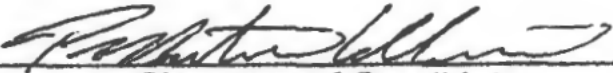
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FLORIDA  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

I, Martin Collins

candidate for the office of Florida House Dist 49

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

X   
Signature of Candidate

5-10-16  
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 9



## FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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

[www.fec.state.fl.us](http://www.fec.state.fl.us); [fec@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:fec@myfloridalegal.com)

May 25, 2017

Martin Collins  
1445 Marsh Creek Lane  
Orlando, FL 32828-2828

**RE: Case No.: FEC 16-603; Respondent: Martin Collins**

Dear Mr. Collins:

On October 21, 2016, 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:

**Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:** As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, may have 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 2016 termination reporting period.

**Section 106.141(1), Florida Statutes:** As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, failed to timely file his 2016 Termination Report reflecting the disposition of all remaining campaign funds.

**Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:** As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2016 candidate for State Representative, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in his 2016 Termination Report, as required by Chapter 106.

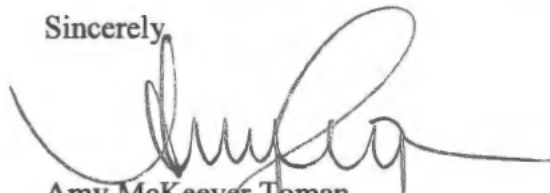
When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to you at the above address. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will make a written recommendation (Staff Recommendation or SR) to the Commission as to whether there is

probable cause to charge respondent with violating Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You will have an opportunity to respond to both the ROI and the SR. The Commission will then hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violations occurred and, if so, the amount of the fine to be imposed. You and the complainant will receive notice at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you **notify us of a new address**. Also, please remember that complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, are **confidential** until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause.

For additional information, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Commission's website ([www.fec.state.fl.us](http://www.fec.state.fl.us)). If you have additional questions, please contact **Keith Smith**, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,



Amy McKeever Toman  
Executive Director

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**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
FEC NOTICE FORM**

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To FEC from Division of Elections

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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**Name:** Martin Collins  
**Account Number:** 66370  
**Treasurer:** Martin Collins

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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, Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, F.S., has occurred based upon the candidate's alleged failure to file a report after notice as required by section 106.07(8)(d), Florida Statutes, or failure to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report was to be filed as required by Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes.

The following report or notice is outstanding after notification:

2016 TR

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**Sent By:** Kristi Reid Bronson  
**Date:** October 20, 2016



ejr

## AFFIDAVIT

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

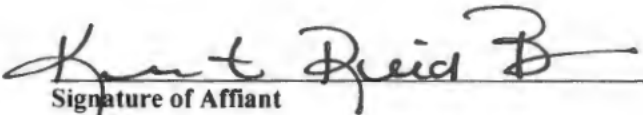
**County of Leon**

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

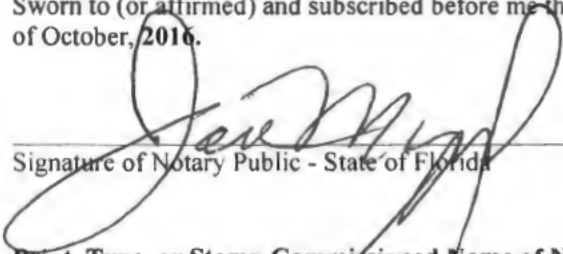
1. I am the Chief of the Bureau of Election Records of the Division of Elections (Division). In that capacity, I oversee the Division's duties related to the filing of campaign finance reports.
2. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
3. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
4. Martin Collins (66370) was a 2016 candidate for the office of State Representative.
5. On May 18, 2016, Mr. Collins filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division. He appointed himself as treasurer. (See attached documents and acknowledgment letter.)
6. The 2016 TR campaign treasurer's report was due on September 22, 2016. On September 23, 2016, the Division mailed Mr. Collins notification that the 2016 TR treasurer's report had not been filed. (See attached letter.)
7. On October 3, 2016, the Division mailed Mr. Collins final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2016 TR treasurer's report had not been filed. (See attached letter with delivery confirmation.)
8. Mr. Collins did not notify the Division of Elections prior to or on the prescribed reporting date for the 2016 TR report that no report was to be filed.

9. As of October 20, 2016, Mr. Collins has not filed the 2016 TR report.

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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

**Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public**

Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_



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

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

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2016 MAY 18 AM 10:11

FLORIDA  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

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)

Martin Collins

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

1445 Marsh Creek Ln  
Orlando FL 32828

4. Telephone

(407) 733-4611

5. E-mail address

VoteMartinCollins@gmail.com

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

FL House Dist 49

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     Republican Party candidate.

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

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Martin Collins

11. Mailing Address

1445 Marsh Creek Ln

12. Telephone

( )

13. City

Orlando

14. County

Orange

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

32828

17. E-mail address

VoteMartinCollins@gmail.com

18. I have designated the following bank as my  Primary Depository     Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

SunTrust

20. Address

1751 N Alafaya Tr

21. City

Orlando

22. County

Orange

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code


32826

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

5-10-16

26. Signature of Candidate

X 

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

I, Martin Collins, do hereby accept the appointment  
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:  Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer.

5-10-16

X 



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

**RICK SCOTT**  
Governor

**KEN DETZNER**  
Secretary of State

May 20, 2016

Martin Collins  
1445 Marsh Creek Lane  
Orlando, Florida 32828

Dear Representative Collins:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Representative, which was placed on file in our office on May 18, 2016. Your name has been placed on the 2016 active candidate list.

### Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **June 10, 2016**. The report will cover the period of May 1-31, 2016 (M5). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

### Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. You, your campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting these passwords from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using these credentials, unless the Division is notified that your credentials have been compromised.

**EFS Website Address:** <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>  
**Identification Number:** 66370

#### *Division of Elections*

R.A. Gray Building, Suite 316 • 500 South Bronough Street • Tallahassee, Florida 32399  
850.245.6240 • 850.245.6260 (Fax) [dos.myflorida.com/elections/](https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/)





Martin Collins  
May 20, 2016  
Page Two

### **Pin Numbers**

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

Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that password is forgotten or lost. When you enter the campaign account screen, there will be a drop down box where you pick a question (such as *What is your mother's maiden name?*) and supply an answer. All passwords and answers to questions are stored as encrypted data and cannot be viewed by Division staff and given out over the phone. Please notify the Division if your credentials have been compromised.

### **Timely Filing**

All reports filed must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

### **Electronic Receipts**

The person submitting the report on the EFS will be issued an electronic receipt indicating and verifying the report was filed. Each campaign treasurer's report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath by the candidate and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

Martin Collins  
May 20, 2016  
Page Three

**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 Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/ljr

Enclosures



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

September 23, 2016

Martin Collins  
1445 Marsh Creek lane  
Orlando, FL 32828-2828

CAN 66370

Dear Mr. Collins:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your termination report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was September 22, 2016.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as \$50 per day until you file your report. The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period. Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines. We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission.
- If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Ken Detzner**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

**Final Notice**  
**Delivery Confirmation:**

USPS TRACKING # **9114 9014 9645 0630 6774 37**  
& CUSTOMER RECEIPT For Tracking or Inquiries go to USPS.com  
or call 1-800-222-1811.

October 3, 2016

Martin Collins  
1445 Marsh Creek lane  
Orlando, FL 32828-2828

CAN 66370

Dear Mr. Collins:

A recent review of the Division's records show that the Division has not yet received your termination report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable.

The Division has previously notified you of the unfiled report or notification. Please file your report or notification. If the report or notification is not filed within 7 days of receipt of this letter, the Division will refer this matter to the Florida Elections Commission, which may impose civil penalties of up to \$1000 per violation, apart from that automatic fine provisions of s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) that are applicable only to campaign finance reports.

As we stated in the prior notices, even if you now file the report or notification, the untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records



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October 5, 2016 , 2:21 am	Arrived at Post Office	ORLANDO, FL 32828
October 4, 2016 , 11:14 am	Arrived at USPS Facility	ORLANDO, FL 32824
October 4, 2016 , 3:18 am	Departed USPS Facility	TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301
October 3, 2016 , 7:55 pm	Arrived at USPS Facility	TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301

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