

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC**

**Case No.: FEC 20-453**

**TO: Mark Herron, Esquire**  
Messer Caparello, P.A.  
PO Box 15579  
Tallahassee, FL 32317

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

**NOTICE OF VIRTUAL HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **May 25, 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 640938187** or via **teleconference by dialing (866) 901-6455** and entering the **meeting access code 278040912**, 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Tim Vaccaro*  
Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
May 10, 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# Florida Elections Commission

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## Commission Meeting May 25, 2021 at 8:30AM via GoToWebinar and OpenVoice

In order to participate in the public portion of the May 25, 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](http://www.gotowebinar.com).
  2. Select "Join" in the upper right corner of the website.
  3. Enter the 9-digit Webinar ID: 640938187 and your email address.
  4. Register your name and email address.
  5. You will automatically join the meeting as an attendee. Attendees are muted and can choose to utilize their webcam.
  
- B. OpenVoice - Teleconference
  1. Call 1-866-901-6455
  2. Enter Access Code 278-040-912
  3. You will automatically join the meeting as an **Attendee**. Attendees are muted.

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

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**CASE REPORT**  
**Case Number: FEC 20-453**

**NAME:** FIREFIGHTERS OF PASCO FIREPAC

**DATE APPEAL RECEIVED:** 10/04/2020

**DATE REPORT DUE:** 07/10/2020 (2020 P2A)

**DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT:** 09/04/2020

**NUMBER OF DAYS LATE:** 56

**AMOUNT OF FINE:** \$2,988.76

**FINE BASED ON:**    ( ) NUMBER OF DAYS    (X) 25% OF RECEIPTS    ( ) 25% OF EXPENDITURES

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$11,955.04

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$0

**DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION:** 08/25/2020 (Fine Ltr)

CANDIDATE [ ]	STATE [X]
PC [X]	DISTRICT [ ]
CCE [ ]	COUNTY [ ]
POLITICAL PARTY [ ]	CITY [ ]
ECO [ ]	

**SUMMARY:** Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC is a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair is Robert Fuerst, and its treasurer is John Falls. Mark Herron, Esq. is representing the committee in this matter.

The PC is appealing the fine and requests a hearing before the Commission. According to Mark Herron, Esquire, the committee experienced a "series of missteps and delays in opening and gaining control of the bank account for the political committee during the COVID crisis." He states that all monies collected by the PC were not received until August of 2020. He notes that the treasurer amended the "no activity filings" to reflect the actual time funds were received by the PC.

- The 2020 P2A Original Report covers the period from 06/27/20-07/03/20; it was due on 07/10/20.
- The 2020 P2A Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created and filed on 07/09/20.<sup>1</sup>
- Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC reported receiving 1 contribution while making zero expenditures.
- FEC staff was advised, "The committee filed a notice of no activity (waiver) on 07/09/20. A waiver is not a report. On 09/04/20, the committee filed a report showing \$11,955.04 of activity. The fine is based on 25% of the activity."
- The Division of Elections does not have any notes that pertain to Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC's 2020 P2A report.

**PRIOR CASES:** None.

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<sup>1</sup>The filing discussed in this bullet refers to the waiver that reflected zero activity.

**Before the State of Florida  
Florida Elections Commission**

**IN RE: FIREFIGHTERS OF PASCO FIREPAC  
Appeal of Fines for Late-Filed Campaign Treasurer's Reports**

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Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC, a political committee registered with State of Florida, Division of Elections, appeals the automatic fine imposed by the Division of Elections in connection with late-filed campaign treasurer's reports. This appeal addresses the fine of \$2,988.76 imposed in connection the 2020 P2A campaign treasurer's report covering the period from June 27, 2020 – July 3, 2020, which was due on July 10, 2020. Exhibit 1.<sup>1</sup>

With respect to this appeal, Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC requests a hearing before the Florida Elections Commission ("FEC").

**Standard for Consideration of Appeal**

Section 106.07(8)(c), Florida Statutes, authorizes a political committee to appeal or dispute a fine imposed by the Division of Elections, based upon,

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<sup>1</sup> It is the understanding of the committee that the September 9, 2020 notice of automatic fine supersedes the notice of August 25, 2020 imposing an identical fine in connection the 2020 P1A campaign treasurer's report covering the period from June 13, 2020 – June 19, 2020 which was due on June 26, 2020. Exhibit 2. If not, this appeal should be construed to include that notice of automatic fine as well.

but not limited to, unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date. The political committee may request and shall be entitled to a hearing before the FEC, which shall have the authority to waive the fine in whole or in part. The Florida Elections Commission must consider the mitigating and aggravating circumstances contained in Section 106.265(2), Florida Statutes, when determining the amount of a fine, if any, to be waived.

The FEC, by rule, has defined “unusual circumstances” to mean uncommon, rare or sudden events over which the actor has no control and which directly result in the failure to act according to the filing requirements. Unusual circumstances must occur within a time period that would clearly prevent the person legally responsible for filing the report from doing so in a timely manner.

Rule 2B-1.0055(1), Florida Administrative Code. The Rule provides a number of examples of unusual circumstances, but “unusual circumstances” are not limited to those examples.

When determining the amount of a fine, if any, to be waived, the FEC must consider among other mitigating and aggravating circumstances, the following:

- (a) The gravity of the act or omission;
- (b) Any previous history of similar acts or omissions;

(c) The appropriateness of such penalty to the financial resources of the person, political committee, affiliated party committee, electioneering communications organization, or political party; and

(d) Whether the person, political committee, affiliated party committee, electioneering communications organization, or political party has shown good faith in attempting to comply with the provisions of this chapter or chapter 104.

Section 106.265(2), Florida Statutes.

### **Activities of the Committee**

Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC was formed in February of 2020. It is affiliated with Pasco County Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 4420. Contributions to the political committee are collected by Pasco County Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 4420. A bank account for the political committee at the time the political committee was formed.

Because of series of missteps and delays in opening and gaining control of the bank account for the political committee during the COVID crisis, monies collected by Pasco County Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 4420 for the benefit of the political committee were not received by the political committee until August of 2020. It was at that point in time that the treasurer amended the waive reports (“no activity” filings) to reflect the actual time when funds were received by the political committee.

**Conclusion**

Based on the foregoing, the undersigned respectfully requests that the FEC take up this appeal, grant a hearing a hearing as requested, and waive the assessed fine, in whole or in part, based on the standards set out in Section 106.07(8)(c), and Section 106.265(2), Florida Statutes.

Respectfully submitted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020, by:

                  /s/Mark Herron                    
Mark Herron  
Florida Bar No.: 0199737  
MESSER CAPARELLO, P.A.  
Post Office Box 15579  
Tallahassee, FL 32317  
Email: mherron@lawfla.com  
Telephone: (850) 222-0720  
Facsimile: (850) 224-4359

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this appeal and request for hearing was filed by email with the Agency Clerk, Florida Elections Commission, Room 224, The Collins Building, 107 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050, by hand delivery on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

                  /s/Mark Herron





FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Laurel M. Lee**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Final Notice  
Delivery Confirmation:

USPS TRACKING # **9114 9023 0722 4981 4696 14**  
& CUSTOMER RECEIPT  
For Tracking or inquiries go to USPS.com  
or call 1-800-222-1811.

October 12, 2020

Robert Fuerst, Chairperson  
Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC  
Post Office Box 220  
San Antonio, FL 33576-3576

PAC 74986

Dear Mr. Fuerst:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on July 10, 2020, was filed on September 4, 2020. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$2,988.76.

**You have 20 days from the receipt of this notice to either:**

1. Pay the fine to the Florida Division of Elections (For a candidate only, a fine is not an allowable campaign expenditure and must be paid from personal funds) at:

*Florida Division of Elections  
R.A. Gray Building, Room. 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-025011*

2. Appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission (See Rules 2B-1.005 and 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code) at:

*Florida Elections Commission  
107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150*

If you appeal, please send a copy also to the Florida Division of Elections so that you will not receive further notices from the Division about this matter.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Laurel M. Lee**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

September 9, 2020

Robert Fuerst, Chairperson  
Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC  
Post Office Box 220  
San Antonio, FL 33576-3576

PAC 74986

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Reid Willis".

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Laurel M. Lee**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

August 25, 2020

Robert Fuerst, Chairperson  
Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC  
Post Office Box 220  
San Antonio, FL 33576-3576

PAC 74986

Dear Mr. Fuerst:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on June 26, 2020, was filed on August 12, 2020. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$2,988.76.

**You have 20 days from the receipt of this notice to either:**

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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

(1) Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC (2) 74986  
 Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) Post Office Box 220 San Antonio FL 33576  
 Address (number and street) City State Zip Code

Check box if address has changed since last report

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

Candidate (office sought):  
 Political Committee  Check If PC has DISBANDED  
 Committee of Continuous Existence  Check If CCE has DISBANDED  
 Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 06/27/2020 To 07/03/2020 Report Type: P2A

Original  Amendment  Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$11,955.04
Loans	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$11,955.04
In-Kind	\$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$0.00
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$0.00

(8) Other Distributions

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

Name of  Treasurer  Deputy Treasurer

X  
Signature

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

Name of  Candidate  Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X  
Signature

**CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS**

Name: Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC

Report: 2020 P2A

Period: 06/27/2020 to 07/03/2020

**\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\***

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
		Type	In-Kind Description	Amend
1 06/30/2020	PASCO COUNTY PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS 21735 YMCA CAMP RD LAND-O-LAKES, FL 34639	O	FIREFIGHTERS	\$11,955.04
		CHE		ADD

ID:

**CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES**

Name: Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC

Report: 2020 P2A

Period: 06/27/2020 to 07/03/2020

**\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\***

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend

ID:

**CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED FUND TRANSFERS**

Name: Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC

Report: 2020 P2A

Period: 06/27/2020 to 07/03/2020

**\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\***

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Nature of Account	Amount Amend

ID:

### CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED DISTRIBUTIONS

Name: Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC

Report: 2020 P2A

Period: 06/27/2020 to 07/03/2020

**\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\***

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Recipient	Purpose	Amount
		Type	Related Expenditure	Amend



# Queued Items for 2020-P2A

Account: 74986

## Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC

Rpt Seq: 8

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	74986	7/9/2020 11:58:12 AM	7/9/2020 11:58:12 AM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	74986	7/9/2020 11:59:04 AM	7/9/2020 11:59:04 AM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	74986	9/4/2020 3:45:52 PM	9/4/2020 3:45:52 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	74986	9/4/2020 3:48:53 PM	9/4/2020 3:48:53 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	74986	9/4/2020 3:49:17 PM	9/4/2020 3:49:17 PM



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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

**Committee Name:** Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC

Name:

**Account:** 74986

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
4/12/2021	M3	4/2/2021						
3/10/2021	M2	3/7/2021						
2/10/2021	M1	2/6/2021						
1/11/2021	M12	1/9/2021						
12/10/2020	M11	12/3/2020						
11/10/2020	M10	11/4/2020						
10/30/2020	G6	10/30/2020						
10/29/2020	D6	10/29/2020						
10/28/2020	D5	10/28/2020						
10/27/2020	D4	10/27/2020						
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10/9/2020	G4	10/5/2020						
10/2/2020	G3A	10/1/2020						
9/25/2020	G3	9/25/2020						
9/18/2020	G2A	9/17/2020						
9/11/2020	G2	9/11/2020						
9/4/2020	G1A	8/28/2020						
8/28/2020	G1	8/21/2020						
8/21/2020	P7A	8/20/2020						
8/14/2020	P7	8/13/2020						
8/7/2020	P6	8/5/2020						
7/31/2020	P5	7/25/2020						
7/24/2020	P4	7/21/2020						
7/17/2020	P3	7/13/2020						
7/10/2020	P2A	7/9/2020	APP	0	\$2,988.76		\$2,988.76	\$0.00
7/3/2020	P2	7/1/2020						
6/26/2020	P1A	6/24/2020						
6/19/2020	P1	6/16/2020						
6/10/2020	M5	6/4/2020						
5/11/2020	M4	5/7/2020						
4/10/2020	M3	4/3/2020						
3/10/2020	M2	3/6/2020						



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

**RON DESANTIS**  
Governor

**LAUREL M. LEE**  
Secretary of State

February 12, 2020

Robert Fuerst, Chairperson  
Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC  
Post Office Box 220  
San Antonio, Florida 33576

Dear Mr. Fuerst:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC**, which were placed on file in our office on February 11, 2020. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

### **Campaign Treasurer's Reports**

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **March 10, 2020**. The report will cover the period of February 1-29, 2020 (2020 M2). All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

### **EFS Access**

Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. Enclosed are the committee's confidential, filing credentials.

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

**Identification Number:** 74986

### **Timely Filing**

All reports 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

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Robert Fuerst, Chairperson  
February 12, 2020  
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due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date is subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three 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 the 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 chairperson 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 <https://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: Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, *Political Committee 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/zjs

Enclosures

pc: John Falls, Treasurer

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

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

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Original Appointment of Treasurer       Reappointment of Treasurer       Deputy Treasurer

1. Committee or Organization Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC		2. Telephone (813 ) 714-6462	
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer John Falls		4. Email (optional) jfalls@embarqmail.com	
5. Telephone (optional) (813 ) 714-6462			
6. Mailing Address P. O. Box 220 San Antonio, FL 33576			
7. Street Address 21735 YMCA Camp rd. Land-O-Lakes, FL 34639			
8. The following bank has been designated as the <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Depository			
9. Name of Bank First National Bank of Pasco		10. Street Address 13315 U. S. Hwy 301	
11. City Dade City		12. State FL	13. Zip Code 33525
14. Signature of Chairman 		15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type) Robert Fuerst	

**Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment**

I, John D Falls, do hereby accept the appointment as  
(Please Print or Type)  
treasurer or deputy treasurer for Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC  
(Committee or Organization)

**UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S  
ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED ARE TRUE.**

2-11-2020  
Date

  
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

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## STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

(PLEASE TYPE)

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### 1. Full Name of Committee

Firefighters of Pasco FIREPAC

Telephone

813-714-6462

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)

P O Box 220 San Antonio, FL 33576

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)  
21735 YMCA Camp rd. Land-O-Lakes, FL 34639

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

Name of Affiliated or  
Connected Organization

Mailing Address

Relationship

Pasco County Professional  
Firefighters IAFF Local 4420

P.O. Box 1939 Land-O-Lakes, FL 34639

### 3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee

Candidates and Issues in statewide, legislative, multi-county, county and municipal elections.

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

Government, Fire and Public Safety

### 5. Identify by Name, Address and Position, the Custodian of Books and Accounts (include treasurer's name)

Full Name

Mailing Address

Committee Title or Position

John Falls

P.O. Box 220 San Antonio, FL 33576

Treasurer

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

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
Robert Fuerst	P O Box 220 San Antonio, Fl 33567	Chairman

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

Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party
T.B.D.			

**8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting:** T.B.D.

**List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing:** T.B.D.

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

N/A

**10. In the Event of Dissolution, What Disposition will be Made of Residual Funds?**

Returned to Pasco County Professional Firefighters Local 4420

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

Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address
First National Bank of Pasco	13315 U.S. Hwy 301 Dade City, Fl 33525

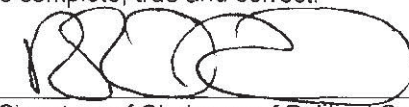
**12. List all Reports Required to be Filed by this Committee with Federal Officials and the Names, Addresses and Positions of Such Officials, If Any**

Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of Official	Mailing Address
Form 8871 Form 1120POL Form 990, as may be required	Within 24 hours March 15, annually May 15, annually	Internal Revenue Service	Ogden, UT 84201

STATE OF Florida Pasco COUNTY

I, Robert Fuerst, certify that the information in this Statement of

Organization is complete, true and correct.

**X**   
Signature of Chairman of Political Committee

2-11-2020  
Date