

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: CITIZENS FIRST, RESPONDENT

Case No.: FEC 11-223

NOTICE OF HEARING ON APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE

TO: Dodger Arp, Esq. The Honorable Penelope Townsley
5730 Corporate Way Miami-Dade Co. Supervisor of Elections
#214 2700 NW 87th Avenue
West Palm Beach, FL 33407 Doral, Florida 33172

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on **February 21, 2011**, at **8:30am** or thereafter as the parties can be heard, the Florida Elections Commission will bring on to be heard Respondent's appeal of the fine imposed by the filing officer for Respondent failing to file timely a campaign treasurer's report. The Commission shall meet at: **City Hall, City Commission Chambers, 300 S. Adams Street, Tallahassee, Florida.**

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PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY.

Dated on January 19, 2012.



Rosanna Catalano
Executive Director

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050
(850) 922-4539

December 5, 2011

Dodger Arp, Esq.
5730 Corporate Way, #214
West Palm Beach, Florida 33407

RE: Case No.: FEC 11-223

Dear Mr. Arp:

The Florida Elections Commission at its last regularly scheduled meeting considered the above referenced case and issued the order that is enclosed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosanna Catalano".

Rosanna Catalano
Executive Director

Enclosure: Order

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,

v.

Agency Case No.: FEC 11-223

Citizens First,
Respondent.

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ORDER CONTINUING CASE

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard before the Florida Elections Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting held on in on November 15, 2011, in Tallahassee, Florida.

The Commission reviewed Respondent's Motion for Continuance, heard the arguments of counsel, and carefully reviewed all pleadings and documents submitted.

Therefore, it is

ORDERED that the Respondent's Request to Continue the Hearing filed by Respondent is **Granted**.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on 11-30, 2011.



Tim Holladay, Chair
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:

Joshua B. Moye, Assistant General Counsel
Citizens First, Respondent
Dodger Arp, Respondent's Attorney

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

RE: FEC 11-218, JEAN MONESTIME
FEC 11-223, CITIZENS FIRST
FEC 11-224, FLORIDIANS FOR CONSERVATIVE
VALUES
FEC 11-227, RENIER DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA
FEC 11-210, DARRIN G. ELLIS
FEC 11-212, PRESERVE OUR KEY BISCAYNE
FEC 11-213, REPUBLICAN PARTY OF MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY
FEC 11-214, LYNDA BELL
FEC 11-225, EDDIE LEWIS

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TO: Lester Sola
Supervisor of Elections, Miami-Dade
2700 NW 87th Avenue
Doral, Florida 33172

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Dated on October 13, 2011.



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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

CASE REPORT

Case Number: FEC-11-223

NAME: CITIZENS FIRST

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 6/20/11

DATE HEARD BY FEC: 11/15/11

DATE HEARING REQUEST RECEIVED: 6/20/11

DATE REPORT DUE: 5/20/11 (2011 SF2)

DATE OF POSTMARK: 5/23/11

DATE FILING OFFICER RECEIVED REPORT: 5/23/11

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 3

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$1,500.00

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$359,875.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$250,393.56

DATE FIRST NOTIFICATION WAS RECEIVED: Fine letter dated 5/26/11

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

SUMMARY: Citizens First is a electioneering communications organization (ECO) registered with the State of Florida. The ECO's chair and treasurer is Kathy DolBow. Dodger Arp is an attorney representing the ECO in this appeal.

Mr. Arp is appealing the fine claiming that the ECO was unaware of the additional requirement to file a signed hard copy of the report with the filing officer. Mr. Arp states that as a state-registered ECO, the ECO is only required to file electronic reports. Mr. Arp further states that when the ECO became involved in the local Miami-Dade County special election, it was unaware that a hard copy of the report must also be postmarked by the filing deadline. Mr. Arp added that the report was timely filed electronically on 5/20/11.

On 4/26/11, the Miami-Dade Supervisor of Elections office sent the ECO a letter via certified mail advising them of the reporting requirements. The letter was delivered to the ECO on 4/29/11.

PRIOR CASES: The ECO has had no prior cases before the Commission.

FEC ACTION: FINE DUE: \$ DATE:
TIMELY FILED: YES NO UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES: YES NO
WAIVER: PARTIAL FULL FINE INCORRECTLY CALCULATED: YES NO
UC REASON: INITIALS:

Dodger Arp, Esq
5730 Corporate Way, #214
West Palm Beach, FL 33407
June 13, 2011

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ELECTIONS DIVISION

Florida Election Commission
Room 224, The Collins Building
107 West Gaines Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this correspondence is to appeal the fine imposed by the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections on May 26, 2011, against Citizens First, a Political Committee, in connection with a late filed campaign treasurer's report for the April 23, 2011 through May 19, 2011 reporting period (SF2 2011) as required by Florida Statute 106.07 (1)(d)(2). With respect to this appeal, Ms. Kathy DolBow, Chairperson for Citizens First, requests a hearing before the Florida Elections Commission ("FEC") and respectfully asks the Commission consider the following unusual circumstances surrounding the Committee's failure to file *wholly* by the designated due date:

Under the direction of Ms. DolBow, Citizens First has operated legally and without incident in Florida since 2008. During this time, Citizens First has timely filed each and every one of its required treasurer reports with the Division of Elections electronically as required by Florida Law.

In April of 2011, the Committee decided to become involved in the Miami-Dade Special Election. The Committee then became aware of its legal obligation to file treasurer reports at both the state level and the county level for this special election.

The Committee relies on an accountant who prepares the treasure reports for the Chairperson, and after the Chairperson's approval, handles filing the reports with the appropriate agencies. Up to this point, the accountant had only filed with the Division of Elections, which only requires a timely electronic submission of a treasurer's report.

The cover period for the SF2 campaign treasurer's report was from April 23, 2011 through May 19, 2011, with the report due May 20, 2011. After compiling the report for the Ms. DolBow's approval, the accountant filed the SF2 report through the Miami-Dade electronic filing system **timely** on May 20, 2011 at 11:31 AM. The report was printed and signed by Ms. DolBow later that day.

Unfortunately, the accountant was unaware of Miami-Dade's *additional* requirement that the report be post marked by the filing deadline. Consequentially, after receiving the signed form, he placed the letter in a standard mail box, which was not picked up by a mail carrier until Monday morning, May 23, 2011.

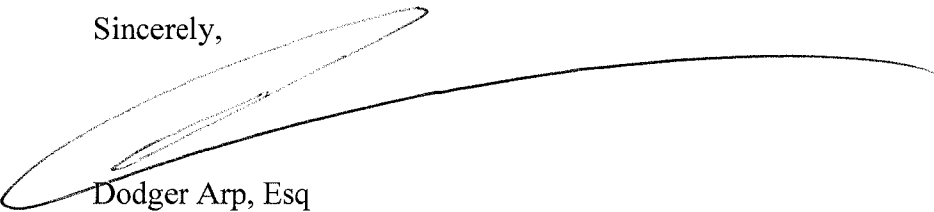
When advised of the error, the Committee immediately contacted the office of Christina White, Director of Governmental Affairs. After speaking with an assistant of Ms. White, she agreed that the additional requirement of sending a hard copy was outdated and that their agency is in the process of removing the outdated requirement of hardcopies and adopting the standard practice of using only electronic report submission now followed by the majority of counties in the state, including the Florida State Division of Elections. Furthermore, the representative of the Miami-Dade Supervisor of election strongly encouraged our committee to file this appeal, as it was obvious this was an honest mistake.

While it is technically correct that the SF2 report was filed late by not having the form postmarked by May 20th, 2011, all contributions and expenditures were reported to the Miami-Dade Supervisor of Elections timely via electronic submission on May 20, 2011, and were available for public inspection in the spirit of Florida Statute Section 106.07.

Consistent with the provisions of Section 106.07 (8)(c), Florida Statutes, Kathy Dolbow respectfully requests that the Commission recognize this unfortunate incident for what it was, an honest mistake, and that the amount of the fine imposed by the Miami-Dade Division of Elections on May 26, 2011 be waived in whole or in part for the reasons set forth above.

I trust that this filing complies with the requirements of Section 106.07(8)(c), Florida Statutes. If this is not the case or if the Commission has any additional questions or concerns regarding this appeal, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Dodger Arp, Esq
Florida bar Number 43212
Cell Phone: 561.702.6649



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May 26, 2011

Ms. Kathy DolBow
Citizens First
6671 W. Indiantown Road, Suite 50-147
Jupiter, FL 33458

Subject: Campaign Treasurer's Report SF2-11
Due Date: 5/20/2011
Period Covered: 4/23/2011 - 5/19/2011

NOTICE OF LATE FILING - FINE DUE - \$1,500.00

Dear Sir or Madam,

The SF2-11 Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with our office for Citizens First was postmarked on 5/23/2011. Since this report was not filed by the appropriate filing date, a fine is being assessed for each late day pursuant to Chapter 106.07 of the Florida Statutes.

Per Florida Statute 106.07(8)(b), for reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500.00 per day for each late day. These fines are not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. Therefore, since the report was 3 days late, the fine is based on 3 days @ \$500.00 = \$1,500.00. Said fine must be paid to our office at 2700 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, FL 33172 within 20 days of receipt of this letter. The check should be made payable to the Board of County Commissioners in the amount of \$1,500.00

Florida Statute 106.07(8)(b) goes on to say that the fine may be appealed or disputed based upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file by the designated due date. A hearing before the Florida Elections Commission may be requested, which shall have the authority to waive the fine in part or whole. Any such request must be submitted in writing and must be received by the Elections Commission within 20 days of your receipt of this notice. To request an appeal, please write to the Florida Elections Commission, 107 West Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050. Our office must also be notified of the intent to bring this matter before the Commission.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 305-499-8403.

Sincerely,

Christina White
Director, Office of Governmental Affairs
Miami-Dade Elections Department

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- **Arrival at Unit, May 28, 2011, 8:28 am, JUPITER, FL 33458**
- **Processed through Sort Facility, May 28, 2011, 3:06 am, WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33416**

Notification Options

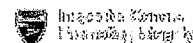
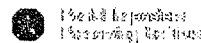
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Sen Ms Kathy Do/Bow
Suite Citizens First
or F Suite 50-147
City 6671 West Indian Town Road
Jupiter, FL 33458

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Florida Department of State

Room 316, R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250
(850)245-6200

Division of Elections

Committee Tracking System

Citizens First

Type: Electioneering Communications Organization

Status: Active

Address: 6671 West Indian Town Road
Suite 50-147
Jupiter, FL 33458

Phone: (850)907-1244

Chairperson: Kathy DolBow

Treasurer: Kathy DolBow

Registered Agent: John French
1531 Live Oak Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Purpose:

Affiliates:



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

(1) Citizens First
Name
(2) 6671 West Indian Town Road
Address (number and street)
Jupiter, FL 33458
City, State, Zip Code

OFFICE USE ONLY
ONLINE SUBMISSION
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Submitted on:
5/20/2011 11:31:23 (eastern)

CHECK IF ADDRESS HAS CHANGED

(3) ID Number: 1006

(4) Check appropriate box(es):
 Candidate (office sought):
 Political Committee
 Committee of Continuous Existence
 Party Executive Committee
 Electioneering Communication

CHECK IF PC HAS DISBANDED
 CHECK IF CCE HAS DISBANDED
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MAY 25 PM 1:00
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 4/23/2011 To 5/19/2011 Report Type: SF2
 Original Amendment Special Election Report Independent Expenditure Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$	<u>325,000.00</u>
Loans	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Total Monetary	\$	<u>325,000.00</u>
In-Kind	\$	<u>34,875.00</u>

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$	<u>250,393.56</u>
Transfers to Office Account	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Total Monetary	\$	<u>250,393.56</u>

(8) Other Distributions
\$ 0.00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date
\$ 325,000.00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date
\$ 250,393.56

(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.

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(Type name) KATHY DOLBOW
 Individual (only for electioneering commun.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

(Type name) KATHY DOLBOW
 Candidate Chairperson (only for PC, PTY & electioneering commun. organization)

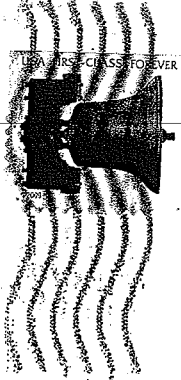
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CITIZENS FIRST

c/o 5730 Corporate Way Suite 214

West Palm Beach, FL 33407-2032



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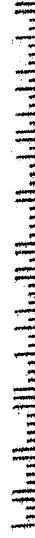
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Miami Dade Supervisor of Elections

2700 NW 87 Avenue

Doral, FL 33172

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TTY: 305-499-8480

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April 26, 2011

Citizens First
Ms. Kathy DolBow
6671 West Indian Town Road, Suite 50-147
Jupiter, FL 33458

Dear Ms. DolBow:

Congratulations on organizing a new electioneering communication organization within Miami-Dade County. Pursuant to Florida Statute 106.07(1), political committees are required to file Campaign Treasurer's Reports as indicated in the attached list of reporting dates.

Please note that you are required to file reports electronically through the Miami-Dade Elections website at http://www.voterfocus.com/ws/mdccand/candidate_pb.php?county=miamidade. To sign-in, please use ID Number "1006" and the default password is "password". As a security measure, please consider updating the password once you have successfully logged in.

Upon electronic submission, these reports must be printed from the Elections website provided above and the originally signed hardcopy must be filed with our office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day designated. However any report postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight of the day designated shall be deemed to have been filed in a timely manner. Any report that is late shall be subject to a fine in line with Florida Statute 106.07(2)(a)(1).

When an election is called for an issue to appear on the ballot, all political committees making contributions or expenditures to influence the results of such election shall file additional Campaign Treasurer's Reports on the 18th and 4th day prior to such election with the filing officer. If you participate in such an election, please contact the Elections Department for the additional reporting dates and the period covered.

The Committee and Campaign Treasurer Handbook may be downloaded from the Florida Division of Elections website at: <http://election.dos.state.fl.us/publications/publications.shtml>.

If you have any questions pertaining to this matter, please call me at 305-499-8403.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Christina White
Director, Office of Governmental Affairs
Miami-Dade Elections Department

Enclosures

Certified No: 7004 0750 0004 2047 9779

2012 Reporting Dates

For political committees, committees of continuous existence, electioneering communication organizations, and independent expenditure organizations that file with the Miami-Dade County Elections Department.

Quarterly:

The 10th day following the end of each calendar quarter from the time the campaign treasurer is appointed, except that, if the 10th day occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. F.S. 106.07(1)

Report	Due Date	From	To
Q4-10	01-10-11	10-29-10	12-31-10
Q1-11	04-10-11	01-01-11	03-31-11
Q2-11	07-10-11	04-01-11	06-30-11
Q3-11	10-11-11	07-01-11	09-30-11
Q4-11	01-10-12	10-01-11	12-31-11
Q1-12	04-10-12	01-01-12	03-31-12

Primary Election:

After Qualifying on the 32nd, 18th, and 4th day preceding the First Primary. F.S. 106.07(1)(a)

Report	Due Date	From	To
F1-12	07-27-12	04-01-12	07-20-12
F2-12	08-10-12	07-21-12	08-03-12
F3-12	08-24-12	08-04-12	08-23-12

General Election:

On the 46th, 32nd, 18th and 4th day preceding the General Election. F.S. 106.07(1)(a)

Report	Due Date	From	To
G1-12	09-21-12	08-24-12	09-14-11
G2-12	10-05-12	09-15-12	09-28-12
G3-12	10-19-12	09-29-12	10-12-12
G4-12	11-02-12	10-13-12	11-01-12

When an election is called for an issue to appear on the ballot, Florida Statute 106.07(1)(d)(2) requires that all political committees making contributions or expenditures to influence the results of such election shall file additional Campaign Treasurer's Reports. The reporting Dates for the May 24, 2011 Miami-Dade County Special Election are as follows:

Report Name	Due Date	From	To
SF1	04/29/2011	04/01/2011	04/22/2011
SF2	05/20/2011	04/23/2011	05/19/2011
SG1	06/10/2011	05/20/2011	06/03/2011
SG2	06/24/2011	06/04/2011	06/23/2011

If you have any questions, please contact our Candidate Services Unit at 305-499-8410.



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Miscellaneous Information

1006 Citizens First

	ConvDate:	EmpName:	Conversation:
6877	6/7/2011	Maria Acosta	Left a message for Ms. DolBow to call or email me to let me know if they will be involved on the 6/28/11 Special Election to provide them with the correct reports on the website
6845	5/16/2011	Maria Acosta	I call Ms. DolBow (treasurer and chairperson) and left a message asking her to call me and explaining to her that due to the HB 1355 there will be no Early Voting on Sunday but the hours for Saturday had being extended to 5:00 pm and that we will have signs on the sites and will be doing media advertising. I also remind him that the next report due is Friday the 20th.
6785	5/5/2011	Yolanda Washingt	Spoke to Mr. Gary Splain at telephone # (561) 289-6279 regarding report SF1-11 due on 04-29-11. Mr. Splain said he did not realize that he had to submit report SF1-11 even if he had nothing to report. I mention to Mr. Splain that he can due a Waiver for that report and mail the hard copies signed to our office. Mr. Splain will be mailing in a Waiver for report SF1-11 ASAP.
6784	5/5/2011	Yolanda Washingt	Left message for Treasurer Kathy Dolbow to remind her of the report SF1-11 due on 04/29/11.



MIAMI-DADE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

2700 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, FL 33172

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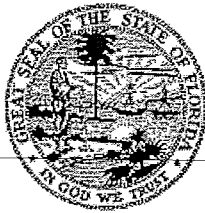
TO: Florida Elections Commission

DATE: Friday, September 30, 2011

FROM: Lester Sola
Supervisor of Election

SUBJECT: History of Reports
Citizens First

<u>Report</u>		<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Rec'd Date</u>	<u>Postmark Date</u>	<u>Hand Delv.</u>	<u>Days Late</u>	<u>Notice Sent</u>	<u>Fine Assessed</u>	<u>Date Sent</u>	<u>Certified No.</u>
SF1-11	Original	4/29/2011	5/9/2011	5/7/2011		8		\$0.00		
SF2-11	Original	5/20/2011	5/25/2011	5/23/2011		3		\$1,500.00		
							Fine Due		5/26/2011	7008 1830 0003 9578 8461
SG1-11	Original	6/10/2011	6/13/2011	6/9/2011				\$0.00		
SG2-11	Original	6/24/2011	6/27/2011	6/24/2011				\$0.00		
QSG2-11	Original	7/11/2011	7/13/2011	7/11/2011				\$0.00		
							Incomplete Information		8/25/2011	7008 1830 0003 9578 8799
QSG2-11	Amendment	7/11/2011	9/2/2011	8/31/2011				\$0.00		



FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224

Collins Building

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050

(850) 922-4539

September 14, 2011

Mr. Dodger Arp, Esq.
5730 Corporate Way, #214
West Palm Beach, FL 33407

RE: Case No.: FEC 11-223; Campaign Treasurer's Report due May 20, 2011

Dear Mr. Arp:

The Florida Elections Commission received your letter appealing the fine assessed against Citizens First for failing to timely file their campaign treasurer's report and requesting a hearing before the Commission. The Commission will hear the case at its next meeting, which is presently scheduled for November 15, & 16, 2011, in Tallahassee. The Commission Clerk will notify you at least 14 days in advance of the meeting of the day and the exact time that the Commission will hear the case.

In reaching its decision, the Commission will consider the documents gathered by Commission staff and any documents you submit for the Commission's consideration before the hearing. Unless good cause is shown, the Commission will not consider at the hearing any written document unless it has been filed with the Commission Clerk at least ten days before the hearing. Rules 2B-1005, 1.0052, and 1.0055, *Florida Administrative Code*, are the Commission's rules on the appeal of automatic fines. The Commission Clerk is located at the address listed above.

The Commission will uphold the fine imposed by the filing officer unless you present credible evidence that the report was timely filed or credible evidence that unusual circumstances caused the report to be filed late.

If you are a county, municipal, or special district candidate or committee and your report was received by the filing officer without a postmark or with an illegible postmark more than five days after the due date or it was delivered to the filing officer by a mail delivery service other than the United States Postal Service, it will not be found timely filed unless you submit a copy of a proof of mailing or at a hearing before the Commission, presents the oral testimony of the person who timely mailed the report.

The proof of mailing submitted shall reflect that it was obtained from the United States Postal Service or other mail delivery service at the time of mailing and shall reflect that the report was mailed before midnight on the due date. A metered postage mark does not constitute a postmark

or a proof of mailing. The testimony presented shall indicate that the report was mailed so that it would have received a postmark or a legible postmark on the report's due date but for the failure of the United States Postal Service to properly mark the report.

If you cannot show that your report was timely filed, the Commission may still grant you relief, but only if you show unusual circumstances. **Unusual circumstances is defined in Rule 1D-1.005(4), Florida Administrative Code, to mean "uncommon, rare, or sudden events over which the actor has no control and which directly result in the failure to act in accordance with the filing requirements."** Unusual circumstances must occur within a time period that would clearly have prevented you from filing the report in a timely manner. Unusual circumstances shall not include the failure of the United States Postal Service or other mail delivery service to postmark an envelope, legibly postmark an envelope, or timely deliver mail. Further, unusual circumstances shall not include the failure of the sender to affix sufficient postage to a report that is being mailed.

Without credible evidence, the Commission will not find unusual circumstances. The following circumstances may constitute unusual circumstances so long as credible evidence is presented that unusual circumstances caused the report to be filed late.

1. **Natural disaster or other emergency that prevented timely filing.** Evidence submitted must include copies of newspaper reports or other documents from an independent and reliable source that shows the nature, date, and location of the natural disaster or emergency.
2. **Death of the candidate or campaign treasurer or an immediate family member of the candidate or campaign treasurer.** Evidence submitted must include a copy of the death certificate, newspaper obituary, or funeral program, or notice.
3. **Serious illness, disability or non-elective surgery of the candidate or campaign treasurer.** Evidence submitted must include a physician's certification on professional letterhead stationery that includes the dates of the illness, disability, or surgery; a statement regarding the period of time that the patient was incapacitated; and a statement that surgery, if any, was not elective. Copies of hospital records reflecting the dates of hospitalization may also show the period of incapacitation.
4. **Serious illness, disability, or non-elective surgery of the immediate family member of the candidate or campaign treasurer.** Evidence submitted must include evidence of the relationship of the candidate or treasurer to the family member, the location of the family member, and the reason the presence of the candidate or campaign treasurer was required. Evidence submitted must also include a physician's certification on professional letterhead stationery that includes the dates of the illness, disability or surgery; a statement regarding the period of time that the patient was incapacitated; a statement that surgery, if any, was not

elective; and a statement that the patient required the care of a family member.

5. **Computer or equipment failure caused by events that could not have been anticipated and that made timely filing of the report impossible.** Power outages or program failure does not constitute unusual circumstances unless it is established that reasonable precautions to assure the safety of the equipment or the ability of the program to perform as anticipated were taken before the events causing failure of the equipment or program. Evidence must include a written statement made under oath in the presence of a notary or other person authorized to administer oaths indicating the cause and the duration of the power outage and the reasonable precautions taken to assure the safety of the equipment or the ability of the program to perform as anticipated.
6. **The abrupt and unexpected loss of the campaign treasurer, over which you had no control.** The loss of the campaign treasurer does not constitute unusual circumstances if the appealing party failed to monitor the campaign treasurer's performance before his or her departure or if the appealing party failed to assure prompt preparation of the report after the treasurer's departure. Evidence must include a written statement made under oath in the presence of a notary or other person authorized to administer oaths explaining the departure of your treasurer and the steps taken to monitor the treasurer's performance before his or her departure.

You may, of course, send any additional evidence that you believe supports your position that your report was timely filed or that the reason you failed to timely file your report was due to unusual circumstances. Rule 2B-1.005(3), Florida Administrative Code, provides that if you send additional documentary evidence, the Commission must receive it no later than 20 days from the date of this letter. Remember that the Commission will not consider any written document unless it has been filed with the Commission Clerk at least ten days before the hearing, unless good cause is shown. If the documentary evidence is timely received, it will be presented to the Commission when it considers your appeal of the assessed fine.

Please let me know if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Tracie Aulet
Investigation Specialist

Enclosure: Rules 2B- 1.005, 1.0052, and 1.0055, Florida Administrative Code.



May 26, 2011

Ms. Kathy DolBow
Citizens First
6671 W. Indiantown Road, Suite 50-147
Jupiter, FL 33458

Subject: Campaign Treasurer's Report SF2-11
Due Date: 5/20/2011
Period Covered: 4/23/2011 - 5/19/2011

NOTICE OF LATE FILING – FINE DUE - \$1,500.00

Dear Sir or Madam,

The SF2-11 Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with our office for Citizens First was postmarked on 5/23/2011. Since this report was not filed by the appropriate filing date, a fine is being assessed for each late day pursuant to Chapter 106.07 of the Florida Statutes.

Per Florida Statute 106.07(8)(b), for reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500.00 per day for each late day. These fines are not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. Therefore, since the report was 3 days late, the fine is based on 3 days @ \$500.00 = \$1,500.00. Said fine must be paid to our office at 2700 NW 87th Avenue, Miami, FL 33172 within 20 days of receipt of this letter. The check should be made payable to the Board of County Commissioners in the amount of \$1,500.00

Florida Statute 106.07(8)(b) goes on to say that the fine may be appealed or disputed based upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file by the designated due date. A hearing before the Florida Elections Commission may be requested, which shall have the authority to waive the fine in part or whole. Any such request must be submitted in writing and must be received by the Elections Commission within 20 days of your receipt of this notice. To request an appeal, please write to the Florida Elections Commission, 107 West Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050. Our office must also be notified of the intent to bring this matter before the Commission.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 305-499-8403.

Sincerely,

Christina White
Director, Office of Governmental Affairs
Miami-Dade Elections Department

Certified No: 7008 1830 0003 9578 8461

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

(1) Citizens First
Name
(2) 6671 West Indian Town Road
Address (number and street)
Jupiter, FL 33458
City, State, Zip Code

OFFICE USE ONLY
ONLINE SUBMISSION
[1029125]
Submitted on:
5/20/2011 11:31:23 (eastern)

CHECK IF ADDRESS HAS CHANGED (3) ID Number: 1006

(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
 Electioneering Communication CHECK IF NO OTHER ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION REPORTS WILL BE FILED

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS
 Cover Period: From 4/23/2011 To 5/19/2011 / Report Type SF2
 Original Amendment Special Election Report Independent Expenditure Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$	<u>325,000.00</u>
Loans	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Total Monetary	\$	<u>325,000.00</u>
In-Kind	\$	<u>34,875.00</u>

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$	<u>250,393.56</u>
Transfers to Office Account	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Total Monetary	\$	<u>250,393.56</u>

(8) Other Distributions
\$ 0.00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date
\$ 325,000.00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date
\$ 250,393.56

(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.
 (Type name) _____
 Individual (only for electioneering commun.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer
X
 Signature _____

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete.
 (Type name) _____
 Candidate Chairperson (only for PC, PTY & electioneering commun. organization)
X
 Signature _____

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Citizens First (2) I.D. Number 1006

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(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
4/25/2011 / /	Karlton, Fredric 1800 Sunset Harbour Miami, FL 33139	I	property owner	CH			\$20,000.00
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4/28/2011 / /	Citizens to Reclaim Miami, Dade County Govt c/o 610 S. Boulevard Tampa, FL 33606	C	cce	CH			\$25,000.00
2							
5/10/2011 / /	Citizens to Reclaim Miami, Dade County Govt c/o 610 S Boulevard Tampa, FL 33606	C	cce	CH			\$150,000.00
3							
5/13/2011 / /	Citizens to Reclaim Miami, Dade County Govt c/o 610 S Boulevard Tampa, FL 33606	C	cce	CH			\$50,000.00
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5/1/2011 / /	Conservative Values, Floridians for 931 Village Blvd. Suite 905-290 West Palm Beach, FL 33409	C	eco	IK	consulting		\$30,000.00
5							
5/1/2011 / /	Conservative Values, Floridians for 931 Village Blvd. Suite 905-290 West Palm Beach, FL 33409	C	eco	IK	production		\$4,875.00
6							
5/17/2011 / /	Citizens to Reclaim Miami, Dade County Govt c/o 610 S Boulevard Tampa, FL 33606	C	cce	CH			\$80,000.00
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/ /							

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Citizens First

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(3) Cover Period / / through / /

(4) Page 1 of 3

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
5/9/2011 //	Public Concepts LLC, 5730 Corporate Way West Palm Beach, FL 33407	printing, teleph one services	MO		\$1,767.06
1					
5/10/2011 //	Balsera Communications, 2020 Ponce de Leon Coral Gables, FL 33134	media time	MO		\$100,000.00
2					
5/11/2011 //	Newlink America LLC, 1111 Brickell Ave Miami, FL 33131	consulting	MO		\$5,000.00
3					
5/11/2011 //	Stephanie Bromfield & Associat, 2001 Biscayne Blvd. Miami, FL 33137	consulting	MO		\$5,000.00
4					
5/11/2011 //	Hugo P. Arza, PA, 1768 SW 15 St Miami, FL 33145	legal	MO		\$4,000.00
5					
5/11/2011 //	G&R Strategies LLC, 9363 Fountainebleau Blvd. Miami, FL 33172	consulting	MO		\$25,000.00
6					
5/13/2011 //	G&R Strategies LLC, 9363 Fountainebleau Blvd. Miami, FL 33172	consulting	MO		\$24,000.00
7					
5/16/2011 //	Rise Strategies Inc., PO Box 566236 Miami, FL 33256	production media	MO		\$5,133.20
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 4/23/2011 through 5/19/2011
 (3) Cover Period _____ through _____ (4) Page 2 of 3

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
5/16/2011 //	Alas Productions Corp., 1001 7 Street Miami Beach, FL 33139	consulting	MO		\$8,000.00
9					
5/16/2011 //	& Logistics LLC, E 2 Strategic Research 1000 Ponce De Leon Blvd Coral Gables, FL 33134	voter analysis	MO		\$3,000.00
10					
5/16/2011 //	The Factor Inc., 501 Brickell Key Dr. Miami, FL 33131	consulting	MO		\$7,500.00
11					
5/16/2011 //	McCray & Associates, 20533 Biscayne Blvd. Aventura, FL 33180	consulting	MO		\$9,000.00
12					
5/17/2011 //	Balsera Communications, 2020 Ponce de Leon Blvd Coral Gables, FL 33134	production media	MO		\$5,750.00
13					
5/17/2011 //	Balsera Communications, 2020 Ponce de Leon Blvd. Coral Gables, FL 33134	media time	MO		\$30,000.00
14					
5/18/2011 //	Public Concepts LLC, 5730 Corporate Way West Palm Beach, FL 33407	printing	MO		\$9,960.00
15					
5/19/2011 //	Rise Strategies Inc, PO Box 566236 Miami, FL 33256	meida production	MO		\$1,283.30
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






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5/19/2011 // /	Creative Ideas Advertising Inc, 3175 W 8 St Miami, FL 33135	media time	MO		\$6,000.00
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FW: Citizens First SF2-11 Appeal
Acosta, Maria (Elections)

to:
Tracie Aulet
09/30/2011 06:21 PM
Cc:
"Lopez, Carolina D. (Elections)", "White, Christina (Elections)"
Show Details

7 Attachments

-  SF2-11.pdf
-  Letter Mail 04-26-2011.pdf
-  Filing Doc. pdf
-  Letter Mail - Fine 05-26-11.pdf
-  MiscInf List-09-30-11.pdf
-  Memo to Comm on Ethics-09-30-11.pdf
-  Report View with Subtotals.pdf

Good afternoon Tracie,

Attached please find the following documents you requested for Citizens First SF2-11 Report. This ECO is register with Division of Elections. Had to file interim reports because they were involved in the Miami-Dade County Special Elections for Mayor and County Commissioners.

- SF2-11 Report – Postmark Date 5/23/11
- Acknowledgement Letter – 4/26/11
- Filing Documents
- Fine Letter –05/26/11
- Miscellaneous Information as of 9-30-11
- Filing History – 9/30/11
- Candidate Report View with Subtotals – 9/30/11

If you need additional information, please let me know.

Maria Acosta
Miami-Dade Elections Department
Office of Governmental Affairs
305-499-8410
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

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5/10/2011 / /	Citizens to Reclaim Miami, Dade County Govt c/o 610 S Boulevard Tampa, FL 33606	C	cce	CH			\$150,000.00
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5/13/2011 / /	Citizens to Reclaim Miami, Dade County Govt c/o 610 S Boulevard Tampa, FL 33606	C	cce	CH			\$50,000.00
4							
5/1/2011 / /	Conservative Values, Floridians for 931 Village Blvd. Suite 905-290 West Palm Beach, FL 33409	C	eco	IK	consulting		\$30,000.00
5							
5/1/2011 / /	Conservative Values, Floridians for 931 Village Blvd. Suite 905-290 West Palm Beach, FL 33409	C	eco	IK	production		\$4,875.00
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5/17/2011 / /	Citizens to Reclaim Miami, Dade County Govt c/o 610 S Boulevard Tampa, FL 33606	C	cce	CH			\$80,000.00
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4/23/2011 through 5/19/2011

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5/9/2011 / / 1	Public Concepts LLC, 5730 Corporate Way West Palm Beach, FL 33407	printing, teleph one services	MO		\$1,767.00
5/10/2011 / / 2	Balsera Communications, 2020 Ponce de Leon Coral Gables, FL 33134	media time	MO		\$100,000.00
5/11/2011 / / 3	Newlink America LLC, 1111 Brickell Ave Miami, FL 33131	consulting	MO		\$5,000.00
5/11/2011 / / 4	Stephanie Bromfield & Associat, 2001 Biscayne Blvd. Miami, FL 33137	consulting	MO		\$5,000.00
5/11/2011 / / 5	Hugo P. Arza, PA, 1768 SW 15 St Miami, FL 33145	legal	MO		\$4,000.00
5/11/2011 / / 6	G&R Strategies LLC, 9363 Fountainebleau Blvd. Miami, FL 33172	consulting	MO		\$25,000.00
5/13/2011 / / 7	G&R Strategies LLC, 9363 Fountainebleau Blvd. Miami, FL 33172	consulting	MO		\$24,000.00
5/16/2011 / / 8	Rise Strategies Inc., PO Box 566236 Miami, FL 33256		MO		\$5,133.20

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5/16/2011 / /	Alas Productions Corp., 1001 7 Street Miami Beach, FL 33139	consulting	MO		\$8,000.00
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5/16/2011 / /	& Logistics LLC, E 2 Strategic Research 1000 Ponce De Leon Blvd. Coral Gables, FL 33134	voter analysis	MO		\$3,000.00
10					
5/16/2011 / /	The Factor Inc., 501 Brickell Key Dr. Miami, FL 33131	consulting	MO		\$7,500.00
11					
5/16/2011 / /	McCray & Associates, 20533 Biscayne Blvd. Aventura, FL 33180	consulting	MO		\$9,000.00
12					
5/17/2011 / /	Balsera Communications, 2020 Ponce de Leon Blvd Coral Gables, FL 33134	production media	MO		\$5,750.00
13					
5/17/2011 / /	Balsera Communications, 2020 Ponce de Leon Blvd. Coral Gables, FL 33134	media time	MO		\$30,000.00
14					
5/18/2011 / /	Public Concepts LLC, 5730 Corporate Way West Palm Beach, FL 33407	printing	MO		\$9,960.00
15					
5/19/2011 / /	Rise Strategies Inc, PO Box 566236 Miami, FL 33256	production	MO		\$1,283.30
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Acosta, Maria (Elections)

From: Gary Splain [gsplain@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2011 2:48 PM
To: Acosta, Maria (Elections)
Subject: Citizens First
Attachments: 20110414142726618.pdf

Dear Supervisor of Elections,

Our ECO may be getting involved in the Mayoral Election and I will need to file Financial Reports. Please set us up in your system so we can obtain the Campaign ID and Password so we can do electronic filing.

Attached is paperwork from the State of Florida evidencing that we are a registered ECO.

The Committee information is:
Citizens First
6671 W. Indiantown Rd. Suite 50-147
Jupiter, FL 33458

FEIN # [REDACTED]

If you need any additional information to process our request I can be reached at this e-mail or by telephone # [REDACTED]

Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

Gary C. Splain



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CHARLIE CRIST
Governor

DAWN K. ROBERTS
Interim Secretary of State

July 29, 2010

Ms. Kathy DolBow, Chairperson
Citizens First
6671 West Indian Town Road, Suite 50-147
Jupiter, Florida 33458

Dear Ms. DolBow:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Application for Certification for **Citizens First**, which was placed on file in our office on July 29, 2010. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Sections 106.011 and 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on the active list as an electioneering communication organization.

Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and the organization's user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains the organization's initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on.

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

Identification Number: [REDACTED]

Pin Numbers

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update personal information. Each treasurer's report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath by the treasurer and such person is subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your confidential pin numbers. The treasurer is responsible for protecting these credentials from disclosure and is responsible for all filings using these credentials unless the Division is notified that your credentials have been compromised.

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(9) The Department of State may prescribe by rule the requirements for filing campaign treasurers' reports as set forth in this chapter.

History.—s. 7, ch. 73-128; ss. 5, 15, 17, ch. 74-200; ss. 1, 2, ch. 75-8; s. 2, ch. 75-139; s. 1, ch. 77-174; s. 46, ch. 77-175; s. 23, ch. 79-164; ss. 7, 8, ch. 79-365; s. 4, ch. 79-378; s. 58, ch. 79-400; s. 52, ch. 81-259; s. 27, ch. 81-304; s. 2, ch. 82-143; s. 11, ch. 83-251; s. 37, ch. 84-302; s. 6, ch. 85-226; s. 1, ch. 86-134; s. 13, ch. 87-224; s. 9, ch. 89-256; s. 31, ch. 90-315; s. 2, ch. 90-338; s. 18, ch. 90-502; s. 7, ch. 91-107; s. 2, ch. 95-140; s. 640, ch. 95-147; s. 15, ch. 95-280; s. 7, ch. 97-13; s. 6, ch. 2001-75; s. 29, ch. 2002-17; s. 2, ch. 2002-197; s. 8, ch. 2003-1; ss. 17, 18, ch. 2004-252; s. 24, ch. 2005-286; ss. 5, 10, ch. 2006-300; s. 29, ch. 2008-95.

Note.—The trust fund expired, effective November 4, 1996, by operation of s. 19(f), Art. III of the State Constitution.

106.0701 Solicitation of contributions on behalf of s. 527 or s. 501(c)(4) organizations; reporting requirements; civil penalty; exemption.—

(1) The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, members of the Cabinet, state legislators, or candidates for such offices who directly or indirectly solicit, cause to be solicited, or accept any contribution on behalf of an organization that is exempt from taxation under s. 527 or s. 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, which such individuals, in whole or in part, establish, maintain, or control, shall file a statement with the division within 5 days after commencing such activity on behalf of the organization. The statement shall contain the following information:

(a) The name of the person acting on behalf of the organization.

(b) The name and type of the organization.

(c) A description of the relationship between the person and the organization.

(2) Failure to timely file the statement shall subject the person to a civil penalty of \$50 per day for each late day, payable from the personal funds of the violator.

(3) Upon filing a statement with the division, an individual subject to the requirements of subsection (1) shall promptly create a public website that contains a mission statement and the names of persons associated with the organization. The address of the website shall be reported to the division within 5 business days after the website is created.

(4) All contributions received shall be disclosed on the website within 5 business days after deposit, together with the name, address, and occupation of the donor. All expenditures by the organization shall be individually disclosed on the website within 5 business days after being made.

(5) The filing requirements of subsection (1) do not apply to an individual acting on behalf of his or her own campaign or a political party of which the individual is a member.

History.—s. 6, ch. 2006-300.

106.0703 Electioneering communications organizations; reporting requirements; certification and filing; penalties.—

(1)(a) Each electioneering communications organization shall file regular reports of all contributions received and all expenditures made by or on behalf of the organization. Reports shall be filed on the 10th day following the end of each calendar quarter from the time the organization is registered. However, if the 10th day following the end of a calendar quarter occurs on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the report shall be

filed on the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Quarterly reports shall include all contributions received and expenditures made during the calendar quarter that have not otherwise been reported pursuant to this section.

(b) Following the last day of candidates qualifying for office, the reports shall be filed on the 32nd, 18th, and 4th days immediately preceding the primary election and on the 46th, 32nd, 18th, and 4th days immediately preceding the general election.

(c) When a special election is called to fill a vacancy in office, all electioneering communications organizations making contributions or expenditures to influence the results of the special election shall file reports with the filing officer on the dates set by the Department of State pursuant to s. 100.111.

(d) In addition, an electioneering communications organization that is registered with the Department of State and that makes a contribution or expenditure to influence the results of a county or municipal election that is not being held at the same time as a state or federal election must file reports with the county or municipal filing officer on the same dates as county or municipal candidates or committees for that election. The electioneering communications organization must also include the expenditure in the next report filed with the Division of Elections pursuant to this section following the county or municipal election.

(e) The filing officer shall make available to each electioneering communications organization a schedule designating the beginning and end of reporting periods as well as the corresponding designated due dates.

(2)(a) Except as provided in s. 106.0705, the reports required of an electioneering communications organization shall be filed with the filing officer not later than 5 p.m. of the day designated. However, any report postmarked by the United States Postal Service no later than midnight of the day designated shall be deemed to have been filed in a timely manner. Any report received by the filing officer within 5 days after the designated due date that was delivered by the United States Postal Service shall be deemed timely filed unless it has a postmark that indicates that the report was mailed after the designated due date. A certificate of mailing obtained from and dated by the United States Postal Service at the time of mailing, or a receipt from an established courier company, which bears a date on or before the date on which the report is due, shall be proof of mailing in a timely manner. Reports shall contain information of all previously unreported contributions received and expenditures made as of the preceding Friday, except that the report filed on the Friday immediately preceding the election shall contain information of all previously unreported contributions received and expenditures made as of the day preceding the designated due date. All such reports shall be open to public inspection.

(b)1. Any report that is deemed to be incomplete by the officer with whom the electioneering communications organization files shall be accepted on a conditional basis. The treasurer of the electioneering communications organization shall be notified, by certified mail or other common carrier that can establish proof of

Report Summary

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DUE DATE	REP TYPE	DATE RECEIVED	POSTMARK DATE	HAND DEL	DATES AMENDED LATE REPORT	CASH	LOANS	TOTAL CONTR.	IN-KIND EXPENDITURES	APPE- FINE	AMOUNT PAID	FEC	CASE NO
4/29/2011	SF1-11	5/9/2011	5/7/2011		8	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
	Original					Subtotals		\$0.00	\$0.00				
5/20/2011	SF2-11	5/25/2011	5/23/2011		3	\$325,000.00	\$0.00	\$325,000.00	\$34,875.00	\$250,393.56	\$1,500.00	Y	
	Original					Subtotals		\$325,000.00	\$250,393.56				
6/10/2011	SG1-11	6/13/2011	6/9/2011		-1	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,050.00	\$0.00		
	Original					Subtotals		\$335,000.00	\$262,443.56				
6/24/2011	SG2-11	6/27/2011	6/24/2011		0	\$95,000.00	\$0.00	\$95,000.00	\$0.00	\$97,868.00	\$0.00		
	Original					Subtotals		\$430,000.00	\$360,311.56				
7/11/2011	QSG2-1	7/13/2011	7/11/2011		0	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,025.00	\$0.00		
	Original					Subtotals		\$470,000.00	\$395,336.56				
7/11/2011	QSG2-1	9/2/2011	8/31/2011			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
	Amendment					Subtotals		\$470,000.00	\$395,336.56				
						\$470,000.00	\$0.00	\$470,000.00	\$34,875.00	\$395,336.56	\$1,500.00		