STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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TO: Fred Reilly, Esquire

Reilly International Law Firm, P.A. Post Office Box 2039 Haines City, FL 33845 Jennifer S. Blohm, Esquire Meyer, Brooks, Blohm & Hearn, P.A. 131 North Gadsden Street Tallahassee, FL 32301

NOTICE OF HEARING (OTHER MOTIONS: REVIEW PETITION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **December 1, 2020 at 8:30 AM**, *or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard*, at the following location: **Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Room 110-S, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.** Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

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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.

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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.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission November 9, 2019 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

This **Motion or Petition for Attorney's Fees** will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.265(6), Florida Statutes, and Chapter 28 and Commission Rule 2B-1.0045, Florida Administrative Code. The Commission will determine whether the petition contains sufficient facts to support a claim for costs and attorney's fees and, if so, the Commission will order a hearing involving disputed issues of material fact (formal hearing) before the Commission, a Commissioner or Commissioners designated by the Commission, or the Division of Administrative Hearings.

If the Commission determines that there are not sufficient facts to support a claim, the motion or petition will be denied or dismissed.

STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Rob Robinson Case No.: FEC 19-518

TO: Fred Reilly, Esquire

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING (OTHER MOTIONS: REVIEW PETITION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS)

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

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission March 12, 2020

STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Rob Robinson Case No.: FEC 19-518

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NOTICE OF HEARING (OTHER MOTIONS: REVIEW PETITION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, March 24, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: House Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Room 28-H, Tallahassee, Florida 32399. Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

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3 Attachments



Response to Amended Motion for Attorney's Fees-FEC 19-514.pdf



Response to Amended Motion for Attorney's Fees-FEC 19-515 and 19-518.pdf



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Donna,

I have attached Mr. Lepley's and Ms. Bradley's responses to the amended motions for attorney's fees. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Jennifer

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February 28, 2020

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Chair and Members
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Re:

Complainant's Response to Respondent's Motion for Attorney's Fees – FEC 19-515 and FEC 19-518; Respondent Rob Robinson

Dear Commissioners:

This firm represents the Complainant, John Lepley, in the above-referenced matter. On September 9, 2019, Mr. Lepley submitted a complaint against the Respondent, Rob Robinson, who was a candidate for Davenport Mayor. Mr. Lepley was a candidate for a Davenport commission seat. On October 4, 2019, the complaint was dismissed as legally insufficient. The Respondent filed a motion for attorney's fees on December 1, 2019.

The motion for fees was filed pursuant to section 106.265(6), Florida Statutes, which authorizes an award of fees if the respondent can prove that the complaint was filed "with knowledge that the complaint contains one or more false allegations or with reckless disregard for whether the complaint contains false allegations of fact <u>material</u> to a violation of this chapter or chapter 104." (emphasis added). Rule 2B-1.0045, Florida Administrative Code, governs the award of attorney's fees. The rule requires the petition for attorney's fees to "state with particularity the facts and grounds that prove entitlement to costs and attorney's fees." At a

¹ Mr. Lepley is not sure why there are two FEC case numbers (FEC 19-515 and FEC 19-518) for this complaint. He only filed one complaint against the Respondent Robinson. He believes that the FEC decided a statement in the complaint was a request to expedite and that the FEC gave the complaint a new case number when it expedited the complaint. Mr. Lepley was not aware of this until he received an additional dismissal under the new case number on October 29, 2019.

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hearing, the Florida Elections Commission shall determine the sufficiency of the petition and if the Commission finds the petition insufficient, it will dismiss the petition.

For the reasons stated below, Mr. Lepley contends that the Respondent's motion fails to meet the requirements of the statute and rule and should be dismissed as insufficient. The majority of the Respondent's motion is a recitation of the terms of the statute. There is only one paragraph that attempts to provide the particularity required by the rule. The Respondent alleges that in Count 1, Mr. Lepley alleged that the Respondent posted on Facebook that Mr. Lepley was arrested for a road rage incident and that the statement by the Respondent was false and a violation of chapter 104. The Respondent contends that this statement was false since there is evidence that Mr. Lepley was charged with misdemeanor battery.

The Respondent's motion does not provide a legally sufficient basis under rule 2B-1.0045 or section 106.265(6). Because the attorney's fee provision under the Code of Ethics is nearly identical to section 106.265(6), cases interpreting the ethics provision are used in interpreting section 106.265(6). See Yates v. Shure, FEC 16-362, DOAH 17-1593F, FO 17-358W (FEC Dec. 15, 2017). In Brown v. State, 969 So. 2d 553, 560 (Fla. 1st DCA 2007), the court set forth the elements required to prove an entitlement to attorney's fees: "(1) the complaint was made with a malicious intent to injure the official's reputation; (2) the person filing the complaint knew that the statements made about the official were false or made the statements about the official with reckless disregard for the truth; and (3) the statements were The Respondent has not met any of these elements. Other than a conclusory material." statement that Mr. Lepley made the complaint with malicious intent to injure Respondent's reputation, he does not state with particularity the facts and grounds supporting the conclusion. This is because there was no malicious intent on Mr. Lepley's part. Mr. Lepley did not publicize the filing of the complaint, but kept it confidential and did not use it as an advantage in the election. He brought the complaint in good faith based on inaccuracies he felt existed in the Respondent's campaign advertising.

Secondly, the Respondent has failed to allege or show that Mr. Lepley's factual statement that he was not arrested was false. Instead, the Respondent alleges that Mr. Lepley was charged with misdemeanor battery. Being charged is different than being arrested. Mr. Lepley was not arrested and Respondent has not denied this fact or shown that it was false. Therefore, the Respondent's motion is legally insufficient since it fails to allege that Mr. Lepley's factual statement in the complaint was false. See Hadeed v. State, 208 So. 3d 782 (Fla. 1st DCA 2016)(affirming the Commission on Ethics' denial of fees because the complaint did not contain false allegations of fact material to a violation of the Code).

The complaint was dismissed because the Respondent was not Mr. Lepley's opponent and therefore, any malicious or false statement by him would not violate section 104.271, Florida Statutes. This is a legal conclusion. Mr. Lepley is not a lawyer and although he has run for office, he is not an expert in election law. He reviewed the candidate handbook and Florida

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Statutes before filing the complaint and would have spoken to FEC staff if that was possible. He did not file the complaint to obtain an advantage over the Respondent or to publicize the complaint and injure the Respondent's reputation. He filed it because he was concerned about what he saw as false representations in the Respondent's advertising and which he believed were violative of the Election Code. He believed that the complaint process specifically existed for this purpose.

A grant of attorney's fees is reserved for those cases where the complainant provides false factual allegations that are material to a violation of Chapter 104 or Chapter 106. See Yates; Hadeed. It is not for cases such as this one where the complainant submits truthful factual allegations, but misinterprets the law. Such a holding would chill speech and preclude lay citizens from utilizing the complaint process. Accordingly, Mr. Lepley respectfully requests that the FEC dismiss the motion for attorney's fees filed against him by the Respondent.

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer S. Blohm

Mr. Tim Vaccaro, Executive Director (via email)

Ms. Donna Malphurs, Agency Clerk (via email)

Donna Malphurs

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Subject:

FEC Cases 19-514, 19-515, 19-516, 19-518 and 19-519

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Lynch AmendedMotionLepley03042020.pdf; Robinson AmendedMotionLepley 19 515 03042020.pdf; Robinson AmendedMotionBradley 19 516 03042020.pdf; Robinson AmendedMotionLepley 19 518 03042020.pdf; Robinson AmendedMotionBradley 19

519 03042020.pdf

Re: FEC Cases 19-514, 19-515, 19-516, 19-518 and 19-519

Hi Donna,

Attached to this email please find the Amended Motion for Attorney's Fees in relation to FEC Cases 19-514, 19-515, 19-516, 19-518 and 19-519.

I respectfully request that these Amended Motions be included in the Agenda packet for the next Commission meeting.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thanks.

Very truly yours,

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

COMPLAINANT:

JOHN LEPLEY

RESPONDENT:

H.B. "ROB" ROBINSON

CASE NO.

FEC 19-518

AMENDED MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES

COMES NOW, the Respondent, H. B. "ROB" ROBINSON, by and through his undersigned attorney, files this Amended Motion for Attorney's Fees pursuant to Section 106.265(6), Florida Statutes, against the Complainant, John Lepley, and states as follows:

Preliminary Matters

- A. The Complainant, John Lepley shall be referred to as "Lepley" in this Response.
- B. The Respondent, H. B. "Rob" Robinson shall be referred to as "Robinson" in this Response.
- C. The Florida Elections Commission Complaint No. 19-518 filed by Lepley against Robinson (dated September 9, 2019) shall be referred to as the "Complaint" in this Response.
 - D. Robinson filed a Response to the Complaint on September 29, 2019.
- E. The Florida Elections Commission determined that (all counts in) Complaint No. 19-518 were "Legally Insufficient" and the case has been closed.

Legal Basis for Amended Motion

The Respondent, H. B. "Rob" Robinson, respectfully requests a finding against John Lepley pursuant to Section 106.265 (6), Florida Statutes, and that John Lepley shall be liable for costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the defense of the person complained against, and states as follows:

A. Section 106.265 (6), Florida Statutes, states as follows:

In any case in which the commission determines that a person has filed a complaint against another person with a malicious intent to injure the reputation of the person complained against by filing the complaint with knowledge that the complaint contains one or more false allegations or with reckless disregard for whether the complaint contains false allegations of fact material to a violation of this chapter or chapter 104, the complainant shall be liable for costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the defense of the person complained against, including the costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in proving entitlement to and the amount of costs and fees. If the complainant fails to pay such costs and fees voluntarily within 30 days following such finding by the commission, the commission shall forward such information to the Department of Legal Affairs, which shall bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover the amount of such costs and fees awarded by the commission.

B. Contrary to the assertion made by Complainant's counsel, Section 106.265(6) does not limit claims for attorney's fees and costs to only those cases involving malicious or false statements <u>by one candidate against an opposing candidate</u>. Section 106.265(6) expressly authorizes a claim for attorney's fees and costs "<u>In any case</u> in which the commission determines that <u>a person has filed a complaint against another person</u>..." (Emphasis added).

C. The Respondent's Amended Motion provides a legally sufficient basis under Section 106.265(6), Florida Statutes, and Rule 2B-1.0045, F.A.C. The elements required (by Brown v. State, 969 So. 2d 553, 560 (Fla. 1st DCA 2007)) to prove an entitlement to attorney's fees are:

- (1) The complaint was made with a malicious intent to injure the official's reputation:
- (2) the person filing the complaint knew that the statements made about the official were false or made the statements about the official with reckless disregard for the truth; and
- (3) the statements were material.

Factual Basis for Amended Motion

D. Malicious Intent to Injure the Official's Reputation.

In the Complainant's Response to Respondent's Motion for Attorney's Fees, Complainant's counsel states:

"...there was no malicious intent on Mr. Lepley's part. Mr. Lepley did not publicize the filing of the complaint, but kept it confidential and did not use its as an advantage in the election. He brought the complaint in good faith based on inaccuracies he felt existed in the Respondent's campaign advertising."

Lepley's Complaint was filed on or about September 9, 2019. The City of Davenport's municipal election was held on April 2, 2019. The Complaint was obviously not used by Lepley for an advantage in the April 2, 2019 municipal election, but the timing of the Complaint is crucial to determining whether there was a malicious intent to injure Robinson's reputation.

In the Complaint, Lepley asserted that Robinson violated provisions of Chapter 104 and 106, Lepley expressly referred to third degree felony penalties that would result in a person being "disqualified to hold office," and Lepley specifically stated: "Florida Statutes penalize these

violations with hefty fines and removal from office." Coincidentally, Robinson was sworn in as

President of the Ridge League of Cities in early September 2019 and Robinson would be

obligated to relinquish this position if he was subsequently disqualified to hold office.

Lepley's stated desire for "hefty fines and removal from office" is clear evidence of Lepley's malicious intent to injure the reputation of Robinson.

E. Statements were false or made with reckless disregard for the truth.

The Complaint filed by Lepley was clearly intended to injure the reputation of Robinson.

Lepley's Complaint included the following statements:

- i. Count 1 of the Complaint Allegation that Rob Robinson posted false and malicious comments about me on his facebook. In the Complaint *Lepley* stated both (i) "I was arrested for a road rage incident" and "John Lepley, charged with a felony misdemeanor of assault and battery." Since there is unequivocal evidence that Lepley was *in fact charged* with misdemeanor battery (even if the charges were subsequently reduced), the allegation by Lepley that Robinson made a false or malicious charge about him as a candidate *is false or made with reckless disregard* for whether the Complaint contains false allegations of fact material to a violation of this chapter or chapter 104.
- ii. Robinson made a truthful statement about Lepley. Lepley filed the Complaint based, in part, on the allegation that Robinson's truthful statement was false or malicious. Since Lepley knew that Robinson's truthful statement about him was factually accurate, Lepley's allegation was false or made with reckless disregard for the truth.

F. Statements were material.

Lepley's statements in the Complaint that Robinson's truthful statement was false or made with reckless disregard for the truth is material to the issues raised by the Complaint.

Conclusion

Robinson retained legal counsel to defend his sterling reputation in the community against the allegations of Lepley's Complaint. Section 106.265(6) expressly authorizes a claim for attorney's fees and costs in any case in which the commission determines that a person has filed a complaint against another person with knowledge that the complaint contains one or more false allegations or with reckless disregard for whether the complaint contains false allegations of fact material to a violation of chapter 106 or chapter 104. This Amended Motion presents a prima facie basis for such relief based on Section 106.265(6).

WHEREFORE, H.B. "Rob" Robinson respectfully requests that the Commission make a finding against John Lepley pursuant to Section 106.265(6), Florida Statutes, and that John Lepley shall be liable for costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the defense of Robinson.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of March, 2020.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this Amended Motion for Attorney's Fees was sent to the Florida Elections Commission via email (fec@myfloridalegal.com) and Jennifer Blohm, Esquire via email (jblohm@meyerbrooks.com) this 4th day of March, 2019.

<u>Fred Reilly</u> Fred Reilly, Esquire

Donna Malphurs

From:

Donna Malphurs

Sent:

Monday, March 2, 2020 1:11 PM

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Fred Reilly

Subject:

RE: FEC 19-514; 19-515; 19-516; 19-518 and 19-519

Please submit your responses no later than Wednesday. Thanks.

Thanks,

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RE: FEC 19-514; 19-515; 19-516; 19-518 and 19-519

Hi Donna,

Since these documents were provided to me after 5:00 P.M. on Friday, February 28, 2020, am I able to provide Amended Petitions for Attorney's Fees on Monday, March 2, 2020 which would be included in the Agenda package for the Committee members? Please let me know. Thanks.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Mr. Reilly,

The Florida Elections Commission received responses from attorney Jennifer S. Blohm to your petitions for fees and costs in the above noted cases. Attached is a copy of her responses for your review. A copy was also mailed to you today.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Danna Ann Malphurs

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February 28, 2020

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RE: Case No.: FEC 19-518; Respondent: Rob Robinson

Dear Mr. Reilly:

The Florida Elections Commission received a notice of appearance from Jennifer S. Blohm and her response to your Petition for Attorney's Fees and Costs in this case. A copy of Ms. Blohm's notice and response is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please contact the Florida Elections Commission at fec@myfloridalegal.com.

Sincerely,

Donna Ann Malphurs

Agency Clerk

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Enclosure: Notice of Appearance and Response to Petition for Fees cc: Jennifer S. Blohm, Attorney for Complainant (w/out encl.)

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Jennifer S. Blohm

Mr. Tim Vaccaro, Executive Director (via email)

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Timothy Vaccaro; Donna Malphurs

Subject:

Responses to Motions for Attorney's Fees Case Numbers - FEC 19-514 and FEC

19-515/FEC 19-518

Attachments:

Response to Motion for Attorney's Fees-FEC 19-514.pdf; Response to Motion for

Attorney's Fees-FEC 19-515 and 19-518.pdf

Dear Mr. Vaccaro and Ms. Malphurs,

I have attached the complainant's, John Lepley, responses to the Respondent's Motions for Attorney's Fees in the above-referenced cases. The motions are scheduled for the March 24-25 meeting of the Commission. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely, Jennifer

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February 28, 2020

VIA HAND DELIVERY AND E-MAIL - fec@myfloridalegal.com

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Re:

Complainant's Response to Respondent's Motion for Attorney's Fees – FEC 19-

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December 3, 2019

CERTIFIED MAIL # 92148969009997901631253565

John Lepley PO Box 2791 Davenport, FL 33836

RE: Case No.: FEC 19-518; Respondent: Rob Robinson

Dear Mr. Lepley:

The Florida Elections Commission received a Petition for Attorney's Fees and Costs in this case. Pursuant to Rule 2B-1.0045, Florida Administrative Code, a copy of the Petition is enclosed for your review.

At its next regularly scheduled meeting, currently set for March 24-25, 2020, in Tallahassee, Florida, the Commission will review the Petition and determine whether it states "a prima facie case for costs and attorney's fees." A notice of hearing will be provided at the appropriate time.

If you have any questions concerning the Petition, please contact the Florida Elections Commission at fec@myfloridalegal.com.

Sincerely,

Donna Ann Malphurs

Agency Clerk

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Enclosure: Petition for Attorney's Fees and Costs

cc: Fred Reilly, Attorney for Respondent



Lepley v. Robinson (FEC No. 19-518) - Motion for Attorney's FeesFred Reilly to: Florida Elections Commission 12/01/2019 09:20 PM

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1 Attachment



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Re: Lepley v. Robinson (FEC No. 19-518) - Motion for Attorney's Fees

ATTN: Donna Malphurs

Hi Donna,

Attached please find the Motion for Attorney's Fees in regards to the above-captioned case.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thanks.

Very truly yours,

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

COMPLAINANT:

JOHN LEPLEY

RESPONDENT:

H.B. "ROB" ROBINSON

CASE NO.

FEC 19-518

MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES

COMES NOW, the Respondent, H. B. "ROB" ROBINSON, by and through his undersigned attorney, files this Motion for Attorney's Fees pursuant to Section 106.265(6), Florida Statutes, against the Complainant, John Lepley, and states as follows:

Preliminary Matters

- A. The Complainant, John Lepley shall be referred to as "Lepley" in this Response.
- B. The Respondent, H. B. "Rob" Robinson shall be referred to as "Robinson" in this Response.
- C. The Florida Elections Commission Complaint No. 19-518 filed by Lepley against Robinson (dated September 9, 2019) shall be referred to as the "Complaint" in this Response.
 - D. Robinson filed a Response to the Complaint on September 29, 2019.
- E. The Florida Elections Commission determined that (all counts in) Complaint No. 19-518 were "Legally Insufficient" and the case has been closed.

Basis for Motion

The Respondent, H. B. "Rob" Robinson, respectfully requests a finding against John Lepley pursuant to Section 106.265 (6), Florida Statutes, and that John Lepley shall be liable for costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the defense of the person complained against, and states as follows:

A. Section 106.265 (6), Florida Statutes, states as follows:

In any case in which the commission determines that a person has filed a complaint against another person with a malicious intent to injure the reputation of the person complained against by filing the complaint with knowledge that the complaint contains one or more false allegations or with reckless disregard for whether the complaint contains false allegations of fact material to a violation of this chapter or chapter 104, the complainant shall be liable for costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the defense of the person complained against, including the costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in proving entitlement to and the amount of costs and fees. If the complainant fails to pay such costs and fees voluntarily within 30 days following such finding by the commission, the commission shall forward such information to the Department of Legal Affairs, which shall bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover the amount of such costs and fees awarded by the commission.

- B. Robinson respectfully requests that the Commission make a finding that:
- i. Lepley filed the Complaint against Robinson with a malicious intent to injure Robinson's reputation by filing the Complaint with knowledge that the Complaint contains one or more false allegations or with reckless disregard for whether the Complaint contains false allegations of fact material to a violation of this chapter or chapter 104, and
- ii. Lepley shall be liable for costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the defense of the person complained against, including the costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in proving entitlement to and the amount of costs and fees.

C. The Complaint filed by Lepley was clearly intended to injure the reputation of Robinson. Lepley's Complaint included the following statements:

i. Count 1 of the Complaint – Allegation that "Rob Robinson posted false and malicious comments about me on his facebook: i.e. ... I was arrested for a road rage incident...." Since there is unequivocal evidence that Lepley was in fact charged with misdemeanor battery, this allegation by Lepley is false or made with reckless disregard for whether the Complaint contains false allegations of fact material to a violation of this chapter or chapter 104.

ii. "Mr. Robinson will run for re-election at the beginning of 2020. The election is held the first Tuesday in April 2020. Resolution of this affidavit of complaint is urgent and crucial so that the citizens are not forced into either a special election of the commission appointing their own mayor."

WHEREFORE, H.B. "Rob" Robinson respectfully requests that the Commission make a finding against John Lepley pursuant to Section 106.265 (6), Florida Statutes, and that John Lepley shall be liable for costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the defense of Robinson.

Respectfully submitted this 1st day of December, 2019.

Fred Reilly

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this Motion for Attorney's Fees was sent to the Florida Elections Commission via email (fec@myfloridalegal.com) this 1st day of December, 2019.

<u>Fred Reilly</u> Fred Reilly, Esquire



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November 26, 2019

Fred Reilly Reilly International Law Firm, P.A. PO Box 2039 Haines City, FL 33845

RE: Case No.: 19-518; Respondent: Rob Robinson

Dear Mr. Reilly:

On October 29, 2019, the Florida Elections Commission notified John Lepley that the complaint he filed on September 12, 2019 was legally insufficient. Since the Commission did not receive any additional information that corrected the stated grounds of legal insufficiency, this case is now closed.

In your email dated October 4, 2019, you requested an award of attorney's fees and costs pursuant to Rule 2B-1.0045, Florida Administrative Code. However, in order to claim costs and attorney's fees, under this rule, you are required to file your petition for attorney's fees and costs with the Commission Clerk no later than 30 days following disposition of the complaint. Please feel free to file your petition by the close of business on December 26, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact us at <u>fec@myfloridalegal.com</u> or at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Donna Ann Malphurs

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October 29, 2019

John Lepley P.O. Box 2791 Davenport, FL 33836

RE: Case No.: FEC 19-518; Respondent: Rob Robinson

Dear Mr. Lepley:

The Florida Elections Commission has received your complaint alleging violation of Florida's election laws.

Complainant alleged that Respondent committed multiple violations of Chapters 104 and 106, F.S., as set forth below.

Complainant's narrative included an emboldened, underlined header stating, "FS 104.0615 Voter Intimidation or suppression prohibited"; however, no specific facts were alleged to support violation of that section.

Complainant also alleged that Respondent failed to include disclaimers on two mailers and failed to report expenditures associated with them. Respondent stated they were anonymous communications and denied that he paid for, authorized, approved, or had any connection to the literature. The first mailer appears to be an electioneering communication. Though it speaks favorably about the current administration and invites the reader to ask questions concerning the City to the Mayor (Respondent), the City Commission, or the City Manager, it does not have any content that would attribute it to Respondent.

The second mailer (front/back, English/Spanish) again supports the "incumbents" and asks the reader to "vote more progress less embarrassment," but it does not name a specific candidate nor contain content that would attribute it to Respondent. Section 106.25(2), F.S., provides that sworn complaints must be based upon personal information or information other than hearsay. Complainant has failed to provide personal information or information other than hearsay attributing the mailers to Respondent.

Complainant alleged that Respondent failed to report expenditures associated with a joint political advertisement. He attached Respondent's campaign treasurer's reports. In response to the complaint, Respondent noted that his 2019 M3 report disclosed two expenditures to Staples on March 16, 2019 and March 23, 2019, for the cost of paper, ink, and envelopes. The total expenditures reported were \$402.11. While the expenditures do not specifically state that they

John Lepley October 29, 2019 Page 2 FEC 19-518

were related to the cost of that mailer, they do state that they were for the cost of items needed for printing and distributing such a mailer.

For these reasons, I find the complaint to be Legally Insufficient.

If you have additional information to correct the stated ground(s) of insufficiency, please submit it within 14 days of the date of this letter. If no additional information is received correcting the stated grounds of insufficiency, this case will be closed. Enclosed is the form for submitting additional information. Should you submit an additional statement containing facts, your statement must contain your notarized signature. Any additional facts submitted to the Commission must be based on either personal information or information other than hearsay.

If you have any questions concerning the complaint, please contact us at fec@myfloridalegal.com.

Sincerely,

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Additional Complaint Information Form 2 cc: Fred Reilly, Attorney for Respondent w/out Enclosure

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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ADDITIONAL COMPLAINT INFORMATION

Case Number: FEC 19-518

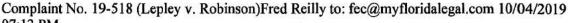
Pursuant to Rule 2B-1.0025, Florida Administrative Code, if you have additional information to correct the ground(s) of legal insufficiency stated in the attached letter, please explain in a concise narrative statement. Attach the statement and any relevant documentation to this form:

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF		·					
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Any person who files a complaint while <u>knowing</u> that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes.

FEC Form 2 (5/17) Rules 2B-1.0025 & 2B-1.009, F.A.C.





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Cc: "Linda Robinson"

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2 Attachments





Robinson Response 19 518.pdf Robinson Exhibits A B C 19 518.pdf

FEC Complaint No. 19-518 (Lepley v. Robinson)

ATTN: Donna Malphurs

Hi Donna,

Attached please find the following in regards to the above-captioned FEC case:

A. H.B. "Rob" Robinson's Response to Complaint.

B. Exhibits A, B and C.

I had previously submitted the Notice of Appearance.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thanks in advance.

Very truly yours,

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COMPLAINANT:

JOHN LEPLEY

RESPONDENT:

H.B. "ROB" ROBINSON

CASE NO.

FEC 19-518

RESPONSE TO FEC COMPLAINT FILED BY JOHN LEPLEY

COMES NOW, the Respondent, H. B. "Rob" Robinson, by and through his undersigned attorney, files this Response to the Florida Elections Commission Complaint by the Complainant, John Lepley, and states as follows:

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- D. The Complaint was served on Robinson by certified mail received on September 16, 2019.

Responses to Specific Allegations Set Forth in the Complaint

1. ALLEGATION OF VOTER INTIMIDATION/SUPPRESSION VIOLATION.

Alleged Violation: Section 104.271, Florida Statutes.

Factual Allegation: "FS 104.271 False or Malicious charges against, or false statements about candidate: On 3/31/2019 Rob Robinson posted false and malicious comments about me on his facebook: i.e. "he said I will lie to get elected, I stole handicapped placards, I was arrested for a road rage incident, I sent viciousness emails about him and personal attacks against him." These statements are false and malicious lies. Attachment A. Link: (link address)."

Response:

A. Robinson's statement about Lepley being "arrested for a road rage incident" was factually accurate and thus did not constitute false or malicious charges in violation of Section 104.271, Florida Statutes.

B. The Polk Records Online for Case No. 2007MM00121701XXWH (State of Florida v. John George Lepley) and The Ledger article "Official Found Guilty In Road Rage Incident" confirm that Lepley was "arrested for a road rage incident" (See copies of these documents attached hereto as Exhibit A).

C. The Bay News 9 article titled "Former Davenport Mayor's husband explains why she took plea deal" clearly implicates Lepley in the incident involving handicapped placards. The article is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

D. In one of Robinson's Facebook messages cited by Lepley, Robinson stated: "While it should not come as a surprise to me, I am astonished and offended at the viciousness of their lies and personal attacks against me, Commissioner Bobby Lynch, and Commissioner Tom Fellows." In the same Facebook message, Robinson stated: "Florida Statute 104.271 states, "A candidate may not, with actual malice, make any false statement about an opposing candidate."

2. ALLEGATION OF FALSE OR MALICIOUS CHARGES AGAINST OPPOSING CANDIDATE VIOLATION.

Alleged Violation: Section 104.271, Florida Statutes

Factual Allegation: "FS 104.271 False or Malicious charges against, or false statements about, candidate: Rob Robinson mailed a flyer "Legacy: Something that is a part of you that remains" to everyone in Davenport with the following false and malicious statements Attachment B."

A. "John Lepley charged with a felony misdemeanor of assault and battery." (Additional narrative omitted).

B. "John Lepley did not initiate the Fourth of July celebration." (Additional narrative omitted).

C. "John Lepley never brokered a deal with a primary developer." (Additional narrative omitted).

D. "5,000 lien on our homes for sewer as the amount was never established." (Additional narrative omitted).

Response:

A. Alleged False or Malicious Charge: "John Lepley charged with a felony misdemeanor of assault and battery." (Additional narrative omitted).

Response:

i. Robinson's statement that Lepley had been "charged with a felony misdemeanor of assault and battery" was awkwardly expressed and partially true, and thus did not constitute false or malicious charges in violation of Section 104.271, Florida Statutes.

- ii. Violation of Section 784.011 (Assault) is a second degree misdemeanor.
- iii. Violation of Section 784.03 (Battery; Felony Battery) is either a first degree misdemeanor (Battery) or a third degree felony (Felony Battery).
- iv. There is no criminal offense under Florida law for "assault and battery." As noted above, Assault, Battery, and Felony Battery are separate and distinct criminal offenses.
- B. "John Lepley did not initiate the Fourth of July celebration." (Additional narrative omitted).

Response:

- i. Robinson's statement that Lepley "did not initiate the Fourth of July celebration" was factually accurate and thus did not constitute false or malicious charges in violation of Section 104.271, Florida Statutes.
- ii. The "question of whether the evidence supports a finding of actual malice is a question of law." Sharkey v. Florida Elections Commission, 90 So. 3d 937 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2012).
- iii. Lepley's allegation does not provide clear and convincing evidence that Robinson's statement violates the standard stated in Sharkey:

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Id.

D. "5,000 lien on our homes for sewer as the amount was never established." (Additional narrative omitted).

Response:

- i. Robinson's statement that "neither (Bradley or Lepley) stopped a \$5,000 lien on our homes for sewer as the amount was never established" was factually accurate and thus did not constitute false or malicious charges in violation of Section 104.271, Florida Statutes.
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Id.

3. ALLEGATION OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING VIOLATION.

Alleged Violation: Section 106.143, Florida Statutes.

Factual Allegation: "Literature does not reference "paid for by" statement nor are these expenses listed in his campaign finance reports. Mr. Robinson failed to report the printing and postage expenses for two large post cards (6" x11") in his campaign finance reports as an in-kind contribution or as an expense for the following 2 post cards:

i. "A Message to the Residents of Davenport"

Attachment R

ii. The Question is – are you going to be misled again Attachment S"

Response

A. Robinson did not violate Section 106.143 and Lepley's factual allegation does not establish probable cause for such violation.

B. Section 106.143 sets forth standards for political advertisements paid for by a candidate, political advertisements made as in-kind contributions, political advertisements by political parties or organizations, and prohibitions related to political advertisements.

C. The "standard of proof in a case seeking fines under chapter 106 is clear and convincing evidence." Diaz de la Portilla v. Florida Elections Commission, 857 So. 3d 913, 917 (Fla. 3rd DCA 2003).

D. "There is no vicarious liability under chapter 106." <u>Diaz de la Portilla v. Florida</u> Elections Commission, 857 So. 3d 913, 917 (Fla. 3rd DCA 2003).

E. The two items of campaign literature (Attachment R and Attachment S to the Complaint) do not state any name (and specifically <u>do not</u> state that these items were sent by, paid for by, or authorized by Robinson) and therefore were anonymous communications (the "Anonymous Literature").

F. Robinson did not pay for, authorize, approve, or have any connection whatsoever to the Anonymous Literature. The individual(s) who prepared the Anonymous Literature may have violated Section 106.143, but Robinson has no vicarious liability for the actions of such individual(s).

4. ALLEGATION OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING VIOLATION.

Alleged Violation: Section 106, Florida Statutes.

Factual Allegation: "FS 106 A photo posted on Rob Robinson's face book of Linda Robinson (Treasurer), Bob Lynch (Seat 3 Candidate), Denise Lynch (Treasurer) at Rob Robinson's house preparing a letter "Legacy: Something that is a part of you that remains"; which does state is paid for by both Rob Robinson and Bob Lynch; but is not referenced on his finance report as paying for 50% of these "shared" expenses for printing, envelopes and postage for this document. Photo of both campaigns together preparing "The Legacy" mailings at Robinson's house – Attachment T."

Response:

A. Robinson did not violate Chapter 106 and Lepley's factual allegation does not establish probable cause for such violation.

B. The "standard of proof in a case seeking fines under chapter 106 is clear and convincing evidence." <u>Diaz de la Portilla v. Florida Elections Commission</u>, 857 So. 3d 913, 917 (Fla. 3rd DCA 2003).

C. "There is no vicarious liability under chapter 106." <u>Diaz de la Portilla v. Florida</u>
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D. Contrary to Lepley's allegation, Robinson did affirmatively disclose his campaign expenditures (including the campaign expenditures to Staples for the Robinson's fifty percent (50%) share of "The Legacy" printing, envelopes and postage expenses) in the duly filed Campaign Report dated March 29, 2019, in compliance with Section 106.07(4), Florida Statutes. The Campaign Report dated March 29, 2019, and the corresponding Staples invoice are attached hereto as Exhibit C.

WHEREFORE, H.B. "Rob" Robinson respectfully requests that the Commission make the determination that none of the four (4) counts of the Complaint filed by John Lepley are legally sufficient to establish probable cause and therefore this case should be closed.

A Finding Against Lepley pursuant to Section 106.265 (6), Florida Statutes

The Respondent, H. B. "Rob" Robinson, respectfully requests that that the Commission make a finding against John Lepley pursuant to Section 106.265 (6), Florida Statutes, and that

John Lepley shall be liable for costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the defense of the person complained against, and states as follows:

A. Section 106.265 (6), Florida Statutes, states as follows:

In any case in which the commission determines that a person has filed a complaint against another person with a malicious intent to injure the reputation of the person complained against by filing the complaint with knowledge that the complaint contains one or more false allegations or with reckless disregard for whether the complaint contains false allegations of fact material to a violation of this chapter or chapter 104, the complainant shall be liable for costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the defense of the person complained against, including the costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in proving entitlement to and the amount of costs and fees. If the complainant fails to pay such costs and fees voluntarily within 30 days following such finding by the commission, the commission shall forward such information to the Department of Legal Affairs, which shall bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover the amount of such costs and fees awarded by the commission.

- B. Robinson respectfully requests that the Commission make a finding that:
- i. Lepley filed the Complaint against Robinson with a malicious intent to injure Robinson's reputation by filing the Complaint with knowledge that the Complaint contains one or more false allegations or with reckless disregard for whether the Complaint contains false allegations of fact material to a violation of this chapter or chapter 104, and
- ii. Lepley shall be liable for costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the defense of the person complained against, including the costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in proving entitlement to and the amount of costs and fees.
- C. The Complaint filed by Lepley was clearly intended to injure the reputation of Robinson. Lepley's Complaint included the following statements:
- i. Count 1 of the Complaint Allegation that "Rob Robinson posted false and malicious comments about me on his facebook: i.e. ... I was arrested for a road rage incident...." Since

there is unequivocal evidence that Lepley was in fact charged with misdemeanor battery, this allegation by Lepley is false or made with reckless disregard for whether the Complaint contains false allegations of fact material to a violation of this chapter or chapter 104.

ii. "Mr. Robinson will run for re-election at the beginning of 2020. The election is held the first Tuesday in April 2020. Resolution of this affidavit of complaint is urgent and crucial so that the citizens are not forced into either a special election of the commission appointing their own mayor."

WHEREFORE, H.B. "Rob" Robinson respectfully requests that the Commission make a finding against John Lepley pursuant to Section 106.265 (6), Florida Statutes, and that John Lepley shall be liable for costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the defense of Robinson.

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Respectfully submitted this 30th day of September, 2019.

H. B. "Rob" Robinson, Respondent

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this Response to FEC Complaint filed by John Lepley was sent to the Florida Elections Commission via email (fec@myfloridalegal.com) this 30% day of September. 2019.

Fred Reilly, Esquire

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

COMPLAINANT:

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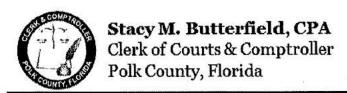
CASE NO.

FEC 19-518

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Official Found Guilty In Road Rage Incident

By JASON GEARY / THE LEDGER

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BARTOW | A jury found a Davenport city councilman guilty Thursday of reaching into a Jeep and grabbing a 19-year-old man by the throat during a road rage incident last year.

Jurors spent about 40 minutes deliberating before finding John Lepley guilty of battery and assault, both misdemeanors.

Polk County Judge Timothy Coon sentenced Lepley to a year of probation and 100 hours of community service. He must also write a letter of apology to the motorist, Brent Burns, and complete an anger management class.

Coon withheld adjudication, a formal finding of guilt, after considering Lepley's leadership position in the city and his lack of a criminal record.

Burns testified that he was driving home from work Oct. 17, 2007, when a black Crown Victoria sped up behind him.

Because he was going a little over the speed limit, Burns said, he thought it might be a police officer. However, the driver began to drive erratically, tailgating him and trying to get him to pull over.

Burns said he was suspicious that it wasn't a police officer and went to the police station.

After driving into the police station parking lot, Burns said, Lepley came over shouting, "Who do you think you are?" and "Do you know who I am?"

Burns said Lepley grabbed his throat. "He had just got a hold of me when I yelled," Burns said.

A few police officers came over to help break up the encounter. Some testified that Burns appeared scared, while Lepley appeared angry.

Photographs taken of Burns' neck showed some redness.

Lepley's lawyer, John Ligouri, suggested the marks could possibly be sunburn. He said Burns was a friend of a neighbor who has had ongoing disputes with Lepley.

Burns said he called this friend during the chase for advice and drove to the police station for help. He denied knowing that it was Lepley who was following him.

Assistant State Attorney Ricardo Alvarez asked Burns to provide details about how the pursuit, which lasted more than 20 minutes, took place.

"Did you somehow hitch your vehicle to his and just dragged it to the police station?" Alvarez asked.

"No sir," Burns said.

"So nobody forced him to follow you, is that correct?" Alvarez asked.

"That's correct," Burns answered.

Lepley took the witness stand to defend himself. He testified that he and his wife were the victims in the case.

He accused Burns of braking abruptly and driving dangerously. Lepley said when he attempted to pass that Burns sped up and almost forced him into oncoming traffic.

At one point, Lepley said, he turned on his car's hazard lights and put his arm out the window to wave the Jeep to pull over.

"I wanted to know what was going on," he said. "At that point, as far as I was concerned, someone was trying to kill me and my wife."

The Jeep's driver did not comply.

Both Lepley and his wife testified that they weren't able to use a cellular phone to call for help during the pursuit because there wasn't any cellular reception in that area. Instead, they said they followed at a safe distance to not lose sight of the Jeep and were planning to call once reception improved.

Under cross-examination, John Lepley would not agree that he was angry but used words like "cranky" and "a little hot."

He denied trying to choke Burns but insisted that he was trying to grab the wheel because he thought Burns was preparing to drive away.

"I was going to make a citizen's arrest," Lepley said.

He said when he reached for the wheel that Burns attempted to lie down in the seat.

"I guess to get away from me because he probably thought that I was going to do something," Lepley said. "He should have after the stunt he pulled."

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

COMPLAINANT:

JOHN LEPLEY

RESPONDENT:

H.B. "ROB" ROBINSON

CASE NO.

FEC 19-518

EXHIBIT B
BAY NEWS 9 ARTICLE

Former Davenport mayor's husband explains why she took plea deal

By Bay News 9 | Polk County PUBLISHED December 16, 2017 @5:42 PM

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The husband of the former Davenport mayor, forced to resign after taking a plea deal, called the entire situation "overblown" and "very political."

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"If you wanted to get her out of office, it worked," said John Lepley, Teresa Darlene Bradley's husband.

He said his wife was not available for an interview.

Bradley was mayor for five years, before she resigned Friday. Her resignation came a little more than a week after she was arrested and accused of using the disabled parking placard of a dead person to park in reserved parking spots in front of City Hall.

Undercover deputies with the Polk County Sheriff's Office said they caught her on camera, after the department received an anonymous tip.

In her resignation letter, Bradley said it was time to move on.

"The last five years of, just like you, 14 hour days working for a living- then another 3 or 4 hours each day and lots of weekends being the mayor you deserve- takes a huge toll after a while. It's time for a little quiet time with my family," she wrote.

Lepley said his wife was heartbroken and it was tough for her to resign.

belittling it, not that she or me are sitting here saying. We shouldn't have done that."

"We're sorry we've embarrassed our city. She's really broken about how she's embarrassed our city," he added.

Lepley admitted it was his idea for his wife to use the disabled parking placards in cases of emergency. He said they obtained them when a mechanic found them in a used car they had bought.

"Was it right? No. It was wrong but in our mind, the sign right there said it's a \$250 fine. I'm willing to pay \$250 to save my wife's life if it's necessary," Lepley said.

When asked if they had realized how serious of a crime it was, Lepley said, "We thought it was a \$250 fine. That's what is says. Did we realize that using somebody's else's was? No."

Lepley said his wife was carjacked, kidnapped and beaten back in 2012, and was afraid of leaving city hall alone to walk to her car at night.

"To her and to me, for us to go up here and create a parking spot because I'm mayor, that would be the epitome of arrogance. All she wanted was someone to walk her to her car," Lepley said.

He claims her police escort wasn't always there.

District Attorney Brian Haas said taking the matter into her own hands and breaking the law wasn't the right idea.

"It certainly wasn't good for her as mayor to do that but to her credit she took responsibility for it. She entered a quick resolution. I think that was the honorable thing to do by resigning," Haas said.

she could endure a trial on this case.

Some residents were sad to see her go.

"She made a mistake. She's done more for this town than anybody ever has," said Joey Park, her neighbor. "We now have stuff for Halloween for the kids, Fourth of July fireworks, she worked on the baseball field."

Others around town said she did the right thing by resigning.

"You need to lead by example when you're a mayor. For you going out doing that, you kind of need to resign," said Brian Park.

According to Haas, Bradley pleaded no contest to unlawful use of a handicap placard. The two felony charges she faced were dismissed. Along with her resignation, she received six months probation and had to pay \$420.50 in court fines.

Davenport commissioners will likely discuss what's next in terms of filling her position during the city's next meeting, which is set for Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

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EXHIBIT C
CAMPAIGN REPORT

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03/23/19	Staples 3500 Posner Blvd. Davenport, FL 33837	Paper Toner Cartridges Envelopes	CAN		\$359.33
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03 /26 /19 5	Postmaster 1 South Boulevard East Davenport, FL 33837	Postage	CAN		\$74.25
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1 Attachment



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ATTN: Molly Donovan

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COMES NOW the undersigned law firm, Reilly International Law Firm, P.A., and files this Notice of Appearance on behalf of the Respondent, H. B. "ROB" ROBINSON, in the above-styled cause as his attorney of record.

Pursuant to Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516(b)(1), the undersigned law firm hereby designates the following primary email address:

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All papers and pleadings filed in this action should be served on the undersigned at the email address set forth above.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 2nd day of October, 2019, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was furnished to the Florida Elections Commission (fec@myfloridalegal.com).

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September 13, 2019

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Bob Robinson P.O. Box 1257 Davenport, FL 33836

RE: Case No.: FEC 19-518; Respondent: Rob Robinson

Dear Mr. Robinson:

On September 12, 2019, the Florida Elections Commission received the enclosed complaint alleging violation of Florida's election laws involving, Section 104.271(2), Florida Statutes. A copy of the complaint in FEC 19-515 is being mailed to your attention.

Upon review of the complaint, it has been determined that the complaint includes allegations pertaining to additional sections of law. Pursuant to Rule 2B-1.0041, Florida Administrative Code, the complaint has been separated into two complaints, the original complaint contains allegations made under Section 104.271(2), Florida Statutes (FEC 19-515), and the second (FEC 19-518) contains all other allegations made by the complaint.

Section 106.25(2), Florida Statutes, states:

The respondent shall have 14 days after receipt of the complaint to file an initial response, and the executive director may not determine the legal sufficiency of the complaint during that time period.

If you choose to file a response to complaint (FEC 19-518), please send it to my attention at the address listed above. To ensure that we receive your response in a timely manner, you may also respond via e-mail to my attention at fec@myfloridalegal.com. You will be notified by letter whether the complaint is determined to be legally sufficient.

Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you notify us of a new address.

Pursuant to section 106.25, Florida Statutes, complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, are <u>confidential</u> until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause. The confidentiality provision does not apply to the person filing the complaint. As the Respondent, you may waive confidentiality in writing.

Rob Robinson September 13, 2019 Page 2 FEC 19-518

The confidentiality provision does not preclude you from seeking legal counsel. However, should you retain counsel, your attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Commission before any member of the Commission staff can discuss this case with him or her.

For additional information, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Commission's website.

Sincerely,

Molly Donovan

Molly Donovan Complaint Coordinator

Enclosure: Complaint w/attachments

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COMPLAINT

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

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1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:
Name: John Lepley: Work Phone: ()
Address: P & Box 2791 Home Phone: (407) 923-7
City: Davenport County: Polk State: FL Zip Code: 33836
2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:
If you intend to name more than one individual or entity, please file multiple complaints. A person can be an individual, political committee, political party, electioneering communication organization, club, corporation, partnership, company, association, or other type of organization.
Name of individual or entity: Rob Robinson
Address: P.O. Box 1257 Phone: (863) 421-22
City: Dovenport County: Polk State: FL Zip Code: 33836
If individual is a candidate, list the office or position sought:
Have you filed this complaint with the State Attorney's Office? (check one) Yes X No
Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.271(2), F.S.? (check one) Yes No
Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.2715, F.S.? (check one) Yes No
3. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):
Please attach a <u>concise</u> narrative statement in which you list the provisions of the Florida Election Code that you believe the person named above may have violated. The Commission has jurisdiction only to investigate provisions of Chapter 104 and Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. <u>Please include the following items as part of your attached statement:</u>
 The facts and actions that you believe support the violations you allege; The names/telephone numbers of persons whom you believe may be witnesses to the facts; A copy or picture of any political advertisement(s) you mention in your statement; A copy of each document you mention in your statement; An explanation of why you believe information you reference from websites is relevant; and Any other evidence supporting your allegations.

SEE REVERSE SIDE OF DOCUMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any person who files a complaint while <u>knowing</u> that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes.

FEC Form 1 (5/17) Rules 2B-1.0025 & 2B-1.009, F.A.C.

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I swear or affirm that the	above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
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8	Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oaths or Notary Public
3	Brenda LaLama NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA Comm# GG289944 Expires 5/4/2023
	(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public) Personally Known Or Produced Identification

5. IMPROPERLY COMPLETED COMPLAINT FORMS MAY BE RETURNED:

- You MUST submit this completed complaint form in order to file a complaint.
- You MUST complete ALL FOUR of the above sections of this form. DO NOT leave any blanks.

Type of Identification Produced License

- You MUST submit the ORIGINAL complaint form. Copied/faxed/emailed forms are returned.
- Each complaint can only be filed against ONE PERSON or ENTITY. If you wish to file against
 multiple parties, you MUST submit a complaint form for each party you wish to file against.
- DO NOT submit multiple complaint forms with one set of attachments applying to multiple complaints. You MUST attach copies of attachments to each complaint to which they apply.
- MAKE SURE the alleged violation(s) of Chapters 104 or 106 occurred within the last 2 years.
- MAKE SURE your complaint is sworn and there is no defect to the notarization in Section 4.

FEC Form 1 (5/17) Rules 2B-1.0025 & 2B-1.009, F.A.C.

FEC Complaint Attachments

Complainant:

John Lepley, Candidate for Seat 3 Commission Davenport

P. O. Box 2791, Davenport, FL 33836 (407) 923-7447

Respondent:

Rob Robinson, Candidate for Davenport Mayor

P. O. Box 1257, Davenport, FL 33836 (863) 421-2250

City of Davenport Election (3/1 – 4/2/2019)

The following is a list of Florida Statues 104 and 106 violations by Rob Robinson, Candidate for Mayor of Davenport:

FS 104.0615 Voter Intimidation or suppression prohibited

1. FS 104.271 False or Malicious charges against, or false statements about candidate: On 3/31/2019 Rob Robinson posted false and malicious comments about me on his facebook; i.e. "he said I will lie to get elected, I stole handicap placards, I was arrested for a road rage incident, I sent viciousness emails about him and personal attacks against him." These statements are false and malicious lies. (Attachment A).

Link: www.facebook.com/HB-Rob-Robinson-Davenport-Mayor-1051414444933457

- 2. FS 104.271 False or Malicious charges against, or false statements about, candidate: Rob Robinson mailed a flyer "Legacy: Something that is a part of you that remains" to everyone in Davenport with the following false and malicious statements (Attachment B).
 - i. <u>FS 104.271</u>: John Lepley, charged with a felony misdemeanor of assault and battery" In 2008, when I was a Davenport Commissioner, I was ran off the road and I followed the driver to the Davenport Police Department. When I questioned the driver in front of a Davenport Police Officer Sgt. Nancy Lane as to why he did that, he started to drive away and I put my hand on his steering wheel. Sgt. Nancy Lane <u>testified</u> I never touch the driver. The charged was a "misdemeanor", not a felony, with adjudication withheld. <u>have never been arrested</u>. I have no record of conviction. I continued to serve out my term as a commissioner along with Commissioners Robinson and Lynch. One cannot serve as a commissioner if a convicted felon per our Charter. This was a malicious, intentional, false portrayal of me by Mr. Robinson. A copy of the final judgement for the misdemeanor is Attachment C.

Complainant: Lepley Respondent: Robinson

Mr. Robinson supervised my community service and even attested to my community service in court as going above and beyond by establishing the first ever car show for the City of Davenport, along with the inaugural daylong city WinterFest and Electric Christmas Parade, now in its 10th year. He is fully aware that he lied about this incident.

- ii. FS 104.271 John Lepley did not initiate the Fourth of July celebration." As a member of the Davenport Concerned Citizens, Darlene Bradley and I assisted Bob Avery, Chairman for DCC to obtain sponsors/speakers/readers to coordinate the first ever Fourth of July celebration in Davenport in 2015 with the reading of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. This can be verified with Bob Avery, 307 E. Maple Street, Davenport, FL (863) 852-7545.
- iii. FS 104.271: "John Lepley never brokered a deal with a primary developer"

 On 6-3-17, Rennie Heath requested a meeting to apologize for threatening me at a city commission meeting. Kelly Callihan, City Manager, organized the meeting. At this meeting was Rennie Heath (Developer), City Manager, Kelly Callihan, Darlene Bradley, Mayor of Davenport, and former Florida Senator J D Alexander. At this meeting, Mr. Heath offered a commitment to give the City of Davenport a donation of \$1,000 for every house he sells in Davenport for the proposed Community Center. Attachment D is the signed commitment from Mr. Heath. City Commission minutes dated 2/5/18 confirms Mr. Heath's announcement to keep his promise to donate \$1,000/home that he sells for our community center (Attachment E). Rob Robinson was present at this commission meeting; yet he claims I did not have any involvement in his campaign literature.
- iv. FS 104.271: "5,000 lien on our homes for sewer as the amount was never established". Commission Meeting Minutes dated 7/30/2012 recorded city attorney Kirk Warren stating a lien would be placed on each home/property for the cost of the sewer. City of Davenport Letter dated 10/29/2007 confirms the amount citizens to pay for sewer hookup will be \$5,000: \$3,500 for impact fees and \$1,500 for assistance for septic tanks. Both statements are on Attachment F.
- 3. FS 106.143 Literature does not reference "paid for by" statement nor are these expenses listed in his campaign finance reports. Mr. Robinson failed to report the printing and postage expenses for two large post cards (6" x11") in his campaign finance reports as an in-kind contribution or as an expense for the following 2 post cards mailed to voters:

i. "A Message to the Residents of Davenport"

(Attachment G)

ii. The Question is – are you going to be misled again?

Complainant: Lepley Respondent: Robinson

4. FS 106 A photo posted on face book of Linda Robinson, Bob Lynch, Denise Lynch at Rob Robinson's house preparing a letter "Legacy: Something that is a part of you that remains"; which does state is paid for by both Rob Robinson and Bob Lynch; but is not referenced on his finance reports as paying for 50% of these "shared" expenses for printing, envelopes and postage for this document. Photo of both campaigns preparing mailings at Robinson's house - Attachment I. Attachment J are Mr. Robinson's financial campaign reports.

Mr. Robinson has over 53 years municipal government experience, a former police chief, an interim city manager, commissioner for many years and serves on the Board for Ridge League of Cities. He is fully aware of the violations he committed willfully, intentionally and with malice. His campaign fiver is **Attachment K**.

I believe his false and vicious statements and personal attacks sent via emails, flyers, post cards, letters, tv interviews, personal visits to citizens, and face book posts altered the outcome of my campaign for Seat 3 as well as tarnished my reputation and defamation of my character. He willfully intentionally violated FS 104 and 106.

(3) Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. <u>775.082</u> or s. <u>775.083</u>, and from and after conviction shall be disqualified to hold office.

Florida Statutes penalize these violations with hefty fines and removal from office. The election rules and penalties were provided to every candidate. Every candidate must acknowledge, sign and return Form DS-DE 84 (05/11) as confirmation he/she read Chapter 106 and return the form to the city clerk.

My campaign flyer is Attachment I which outlines the projects I've done for the City of Davenport and to make citizens aware of Amendment 1 on the ballot. I did not advertise false or malicious statements against any candidate. I walked door to door talking to citizens about Amendment 1 on the ballot. The people of Davenport had not even heard about Ordinance 881/Amendment 1. They had no clue this was on the ballot and very upset that the commissioners would even consider taking the right to vote for their mayor away from them.

I did not mail letters, postcards, flyers or post on social media about any candidate. Mr. Robinson claims my facts are lies and half-truths; yet I have verified all my facts with City of Davenport minutes and correspondence as outlined in the attachments.

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Complainant: Lepley Respondent: Robinson

Mr. Robinson will run for re-election at the beginning of 2020. The election is held the first Tuesday in April 2020. Resolution of this affidavit of complaint is urgent and crucial so that the citizens are not forced into either a special election or the commission appointing their own mayor.

The Florida Elections Commission was formed to guard against these malicious and willful attacks on candidates, especially those that know better. I ask for your swift action on this complaint.

Thank you.

John Lepley

FEC Complaints: FS 104 & 106

Submitted 9/10/2019

Complainant: John Lepley,

Candidate for Seat 3 Commission

April 2, 2019 * Davenport Election

Respondent:

Rob Robinson,

Candidate for Davenport Mayor

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HB Rob Robinson

March 31 ·

Below is a Re-Post of a Note that I placed on my "Mayor" Facebook page earlier today:

A LETTER FROM YOUR MAYOR H. B. "ROB" ROBINSON (Please Share) Well, Folks, here it is! With 2 days to election day, Bradley-Lepley have now sent, via email, the long awaited "re-cycled" personal attacks and lies that is Bradley-Lepley's trademark of previous campaigns against rival candidates. While it should not come as a surprise to me, I am astonished and offended at the victousness of their lies and personal attacks against me, Commissioner Bobby Lynch, and Commissioner Tom Fellows.

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Rob Robinson
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Rob Robinson Davenport Mayor

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LEGACY. Something that is a part of you that remains (Webster condensed)

You have certainly heard many different stories this election cycle. This election is your opportunity to send a strong message as we re-elect current Mayor Rob Robinson and Commissioner Bobby Lynch. John Lepley and ex-Mayor Teresa Darlene Bradley-Lepley are both members and/or founders of "Davenport Concerned Citizens" the group that lied to you about the sewer system in 2013, both are candidates, both have criminal backgrounds. She was charged with two felonies and a misdemeanor; he with a felony misdemeanor of assault and battery: Two members of the same household on the Commission = opportunity to violate the Sunshine Law (the real definition of INSANITY.). Contrary to their brochures, neither of them initiated the Fourth of July celebration; neither brokered a deal with a primary developer; neither saved the city \$38 million on a new sewer plant; and in 2013 neither stopped a \$5,000 lien on our homes for sewer as the amount was never established.

Mayor Robinson and Commissioner Lynch have never been arrested or charged with a crime. Here are a few of the things they HAVE done.

Mayor HB "Rob" Robinson	Commissioner Bobby Lynch
Current Vice President Ridge League of Cities	Oversight of second well plant
Championed the new fire station on West Side	Assisted in removal/replacement of city sidewalks
Pursued accreditation of Police Department	Approval of hiring new City Manager
Coordinate Toys for Tots	Approved renovations to City Hall
Participates in Mayors/City Mgrs, Coalition	Continual oversight of budget and millage
Negotiate with School Board for schools	Review and assist with grant for city water lines

The Bradley/Lepley camp thrive on spreading fear, chaos and confusion. Don't let that happen. Need honest answers? Call the City Manager, City Clerk, or other Commission members.

No individual can take credit for the accomplishments in our city. They are the result of the combined efforts of the entire Commission working with city staff. We have great projects ahead of us including a new community center. The need for strong leadership that can be trusted as we move forward is essential.

The legacy we leave is the quality of our lives The differences in candidates is clear....

VOTE TO RE-ELECT MAYOR H. B. "ROB" ROBINSON AND

COMMISSIONER BOBBY-LYNCH.

Paid political advertisement paid for and approved by HB Rob Robinson Candidate for Mayor

And Bobby Lynch Candidate for City Commission Seat 3



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APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion made by Commissioner Summerlin and seconded by Commissioner Fellows to approve the order of business.

With no further discussion, Mayor HB Robinson called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Darhlene Zeanwick of 4 West Lemon Street and also the Chair for the Recreation Advisory Committee, reported the resignation of Robert Avery. Mrs. Zeanwick requested the appointment of Pastor Jeremy Clark to be placed on the next Agenda so that the Committee would be complete in time for the March 14th Open Forum.

Rennie-Heath reminded the Commission that several months ago he had made a, commitment to their previous Mayor in trying to be a good neighbor and a good developer.

As a result, the builder would pay an additional \$1,000 per house as a park improvement fee.

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury with Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC) announced the next Community Workshop for February 27th 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Wayne Benner of 312 E. Bay Street asked the possibility of a bus stop in town and getting natural gas on east side of town.

The Mayor asked that the City Manager look into this.

Brenda Dolan of 2289 Grantham Avenue and also representing the Davenport Historical Society asked for assistance in storing their items during the renovations.

Discussion ensued with Commissioner Fellows voicing that he felt that the City should step up and help cover these costs and Commissioner Summerlin questioning the insurance coverage cost based on value and what value had they placed on the historical items. He also questioned if the unit would be big enough. Mrs. Dolan responded that the monthly insurance fee would be \$166,58 and the unit size would be big enough.

Commissioner Lynch agreed that they should step up and help the Davenport Historical Society.

The City Manager advised that he would place this on the next agenda upon confirmation of costs.

Commissioner Gonzales asked if they had taken into consideration a company for transporting the items. Mrs. Dolan responded that a family was donating the transportation of the items this week.

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City of Davenport Commission Minutes of July 30, 2012

Mr. Robinson recollected discussion on placing liens on property and the ability to serve charge. The Attorney advised that he did recommend the ability to serve charge.

Mr. Warren further added that as far as liens, the City could put a lien on the home or property.



CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

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January 31, 2008

TO:

Mayor and City Council

Amy E. Arrington, City Manager

FROM: Raquel Castillo, City Clerk SUBJ:

Research of Minutes

As instructed at the last meeting, I have researched the minutes relating to the WWTP in relation to Council's concerns and inquiries and found the following information.

There were several meetings where the sewer project was discussed, but these meetings in particular related to the hookup fees/costs.

January 22, 2007 - Regular Meeting

At this meeting the Scope of Services for Phase III of the Wastewater Treatment Plant was presented to Council for approval.

At the meeting Mr. Lepley voiced his concern that before the City paid anymore money that the issue of hookup costs should be resolved. Council's consensus was the need to approve the scope of services and talk about hookup fees at a later time.

October 29, 2007 - Workshop

Robert mentioned the following in his presentation on the WWTP.

Incentive to citizen (offset of cost to connect)

33,500 impact fee waiver

500 Assistance for septic tank

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A MESSAGE TO THE RESIDENTS OF DAVENPORT

It's election time again and the fearmongers and naysayers are hard at work. Don't be misled by the half-truths, innuendos, and flat-out lies that are being spread all over town.

You were misled a few years ago regarding the sewer. Now it's becoming increasingly clear that we will have to address this issue again. Before, we had a grant to pay for it; now it will be at the residents' expense.

You are being told that the current commission is trying to take your right to vote for mayor away. This is simply not true. Amendment 1 gives you, the voter, the choice.

The constant criticism of the current administration by a disgruntled few is unwarranted and untrue. The details above are just a few examples, but you get the picture. In short, beware of messengers that walk all over town spreading lies and half-truths who then use the handicap parking space at City Hall.

If you have questions concerning our great guy, please reach out to Mayor Robinson, our City Commission or City Manager Kelly Callihan to have your questions accurately and appropriately answered.

GOD BLESS DAVENPORT

Davenport is one of the fastest growing cities in Florida. It needs strong and proven leadership.

Here are a few examples of what the current administration has accomplished:

- 1) Fully-accredited Police Department, one of only a handful statewide, making for a safer community
 - First-class Fire Department with an ISO rating of 2, resulting in lower insurance rates for the residents
- An aggressive plan for repair and replacement of sidewalks and repairing of streets for all of Davenport
 - 4) Department of Public Works that has been awarded the funding (\$10,000,000) to replace our water lines
- 5) Parks and Recreation Department that puts on some of the best events in Polk County
- 6) A fiscally-responsible staff that has provided a balanced budget and a healthy reserve balance without raising taxes
 - 7) Full-time Professional Planning Department to help Davenport manage our tremendous growth and potential

Davenport has come a long way and the future is bright. Working together and in the spirit of cooperation has proven to be a better way. Let's not go back to the divisive and confrontational politics of our past.

Your choice is clear.

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By now you have heard all the pros & cons about the upcoming election.

The question is — are you going to be misled again?



The challengers offer you lies, half-truths, innuendos, conflict and controversy.



The incumbents give you honesty, integrity, proven leadership and results.



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La pregunta es ¿vas a ser engañado de nuevo?

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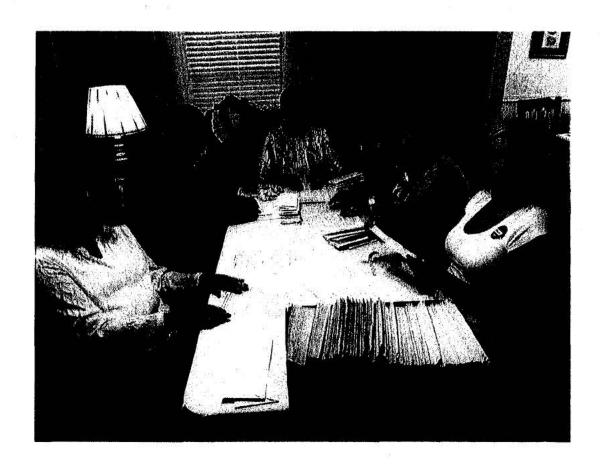
Sus opciones son claras



Both campaigns (Robinson and Lynch) assembling, stuffing, mailing their flyer "A legacy a part of you that remains", a malicious flyer with false statements that was paid for by both parties; but not mentioned on either campaign's financial reports.

In attendance: From Left Linda Robinson, Treasurer for Robinson Campaign, Robert "Bob" Lynch, Candidate Seat 3 Commissioner, on far right is Denise Lynch, Treasurer for Lynch Campaign.

Posted on Robinson's Facebook: www.facebook.com/HB-Rob-Robinson-Davenport-Mayor-105141444933457



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01 / 28 / 19	H. B. "Rob" Robinson	S	Candidate	Check			\$500.00
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<u>02 / 04 / 19</u> 1	George Letterman 312 Cypress St. East Davenport, FL 33837	1	Retired	CHE			\$500.00
02 / 08 / 19	Warren Wicknight _ 59 B Moore Road Haines City, FL 33844	1	Citrus Industry	CHE			\$200:00
02 / 08 / 19 -	Holly Hill Fruit Products -PO Box 708 Davenport, FL 33836	В	Citrus	CHE			/ \$300.00;
02 / 12 /19	Howard and Fatima Gill PO Box 764 Davenport, FL 33845	1		CHE			\$100.00
02 / 14 / 19	Abelardo Gonzeles 8 Cypress Street East Davenport, FL 33837	1		CHE			\$50.00
02 / 14 /19 6	Linda Robinson	ſ		CHE			\$100.00
02 / 16 / 19	Deborah Burress 118 East Bay Street Davenport, FL 33837	I	Retired	CHE			\$150.00

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02 / 19 / 19	Tom and Sue Fellows PO Box 642 Davenport, FL 33836	•	Owner Trucking Company	CHE			\$500,00
02 / 19 / 19	Lisa Coffey and Donna Fellows Coffey PO Box 3013 Davenport, FL 33836	1	Claims Mgr. Financial Officer	CHE			\$500.00
02 / 19 / 19	Mark and Bonnie Collins 573 Sardinia Circle Davenport, FL 33837	1		CHE			\$50.00
03 / 01 / 19	Wayne T. Fellows, Inc. PO Box 642 Davenport, FL 33836	В		INK	Printing Donation		\$50.00
03 / 01 / 19	Kirk and Barbara Plerson 957 Bridgeford Crossing Boulevard Davenport, FL 33837	1		INK	650 door hanger bags @ 4.5 cents each		\$29.25
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02 /05 / 19	Florida Signs and Graphics LLC 1100 Old Polk City Road Haines City, FL 33844	Deposit for Yard Signs	CAN		\$200.00
02 / 08 / 19	Florida Signs and Graphics LLC 1100 Old Polk City Road Haines City, FL 33844	Balance Due for Yard Signs	CAN		\$254.75
02 /08 / 19	Chillon Signs & Designs 28597 Highway 27 Dundee, FL 33838	Deposit for Yard Signs	CAN	` į	\$278.20
02 /11 / 19	City of Davenport 1 Allapaha Davenport, FL 33837	Reserve a Space Grills Gone Wild	CAN		\$50.00
02 /13 / 19	City of Davenport 1 Allapaha Davenport, FL 33837	Qualifying Fee	CAN		\$48.00
02 /13 / 19 6	Florida Signs and Graphics LLC 1100 Polk City Road Haines City, FL 33844	Magnetic Signs	CAN		\$139.10
02 /14 / 19	Chilton Signs & Designs 28597 Highway 27 Dundee, FL 33838	Refund of Deposit	REF		- \$278.20
02 /15 /19	Sign Depot 1100 West Colonial Drive, Unit 1 Orlando, FL 32804	Yard and Magnetic Signs and Banners	CAN		\$663.92

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02 /19 / 19 9	Wells Fargo Bank, N. A. 305 Davenport Boulevard Davenport, FL 33837	Checks	CAN		\$9.00	
02/25/19 10	Cash Wells Fargo Bank, N. A. 305 Davenport Boulevard Davenport, FL 33837	Petty Cash	PCW		\$100.00	
02 /25 / 19 11	Lowe's 37051 US Highway 27 Haines City, FL 33844	Landscape Timber for sign post	PCS		\$22.69	
03 /01 / 19 12	Synchrony Bank / Amazon PO Box 980013 Orlando, FL 32896-0013	Brochure Paper Printer ink	CAN		\$129.33	
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(5) <u>Date</u> (6)	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	_	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Sequence Number	Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	Турв	ontributor Occupation	Contribution Type	in-kind Description	Amendment	Amount
3 / 02 / 19 1	Harriet Rewis Rust 1830 Pawnee Trail Lakeland, FL 33603	1	Retired	CHE			\$150.00
3 / 04 / 19 2	Cassidy:Holdings:Group 346 E: Central Avenue Winter Haven, FL 33880		Land Develops	CHE	\$2 51		\$1,000.00
3 / 04 / 19	Winter Haven Manage- ment Services LLC -348 E. Central Avenue Winter Haven, FL 33880	В	Land-	CHE			\$1,000.00
3 / 04 / 19	Lakeville Partners LLC 346 E. Central Avenue, Winter Haven, FL 33880	B	Land Develop- ment	CHE			\$1 <u>;00</u> 0;0
3 / 04 / 19 5	Heath Construction & Management LLC 348 E. Central Avenue Winter Haven, FL 33880	В	Land 2 Develop- ment	CHE			\$1,000.0
3 / 04 / 19 6	CAS Holdings LLC 346-E; Central Avenue Winter Haven; FL 33880	в	Land Develop- ment	CHE	8		\$1,000.0

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Date (6) Sequence Number	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	Expanditura Typa	Amendment	Amount
03 / 08 / 19	Sign Depot 1100 West Colonial Dr., Unit 1 Orlando, FL 32804	Vinyl Banner Sign	CAN		\$92.00
03/06/19	Allegra Print and Imaging 4498 S. Vineland Road Orlando, FL 32811	Copy and Mail Campaign Brochure	CAN		\$2,322,38
03 /07 /19 3	Staples 3500 Posner Boulevard Davenport, FL 33837	Paper	PCS		\$32.08
03/12/19	Bank of America VISA PO Box 851001 Dallas, TX 78285-1001	Campaign Buttons Purchased from VictoryStore.com	CAN		\$76,00
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03 / 16 / 19 1	Ed and Nancy McCue 1301 E. Hillsboro Blvd. Apartment 302 Deerfield Bch, FL 33441	t	Retired Law Enforce	CHK ement			\$50.00
03 / 18 / 19	John Webb 242 McLean Point Winter Haven, FL 33884	Ţ	Realtor; Commercial Business Owner	INK	Electronic Advertisement 3/18/19 throug 4/01/19	,	\$500.00
03 / 18 / 19	Kathy Webb 242 McLean Point Winter Haven, FL 338844	1	Business Consultant	INK	Electronic Advertisement 3/18/19 through 4/01/19		\$500.00
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03/16/19	Staples 3500 Posner Blvd. Davenport, FL 33837	Purchase Paper	CAN		\$42.78
03/21/19 2	Supervisor of Elections Winter Haven 70 Florida Citrus Blvd. Winter Haven, Florida 33880	Mail Labels Voter List	CAN		\$40.20
03/23/19	Staples 3500 Posner Blvd. Davenport, FL 33837	Paper Toner Cartridges Envelopes	CAN		\$359.33
03 /26 / 19	Postmaster 1 South Boulevard East Davenport, FL 33837	Postage	CAN		\$759.00
03 /26 /19 5	Postmaster 1 South Boulevard East Davenport, FL 33837	Postage	CAN		\$74.25
03/26/19 6	Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. 305 Davenport Boulevard Davenport, FL 33837	Checks	CAN		\$6.00
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04/26/19	Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. 305 Davenport Blvd. Davenport, Florida 33837	Purchase Checks	CAN		\$18.00
05/07/19 2	George Letterman 312 Cypress Street East Davenpon, Florida 33837	Surplus Funds	DIS		\$165.59
05/07/19 3	Tom and Sue Fellows PO Box 642 Davenport, Florida 33836	Surplus Funds	DIS		\$165.59
.05/07/19 4	Donna Fellows Coffey and PO Box 3013 Davenport, Florida 33836	Surplus Funds	DIS		\$165.59
05/07/19	Warren McKnight 59 B Moore Road Haines City, Florida 33844	Surplus Funds	DIS		\$66.95
05/07/19 6	Holly Hill Fruit Products PO Box 708 Davenport, Florida 33836	Surplus Funds	DIS		\$66.95
05 /07 /19	Harriet R. Rust 1830 Pawnee Trali Lakeland, Florida 33803	Surplus Funds	Dis		\$50.95
05/07/19 8	Deborah Burress 118 East Bay Street Davenport, Florida 33837	Surplus Funds	DIS		\$50.95

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05/07/19	Mark and Bonnie Collins 573 Sardinia Circle Davenport, Florida 33837	Surplus Funds	DIS		\$16.40
05/07/19 10	Abelardo Gonzales 8 Cypress Street East Davenport, Florida 33837	Surplus Funds	DIS		\$16.40
05/07/19 11	Howard and Fatima Gill PO Box 764 Davenport, Florida 33836	Surplus Funds	DIS		\$32.30
05/07/19 12	Edward and Nancy McCue 1301 E. Hillsboro Blvd, #302 Deerfield Beach, Florida 33441-4229	Surplus Funds	DIS		\$16.40
05/07/19 13	Cassidy Holdings Group 346 E. Central Avenue Winter Haven, Florida 33880	Surplus Funds	bis		\$330 .88
05/07/19 14	Winter Haven Management Services 346 E. Central Avenue Winter Haven, Florida 33880	Surplus Funds	DIS		\$330.88
05 /07 /19 15	Lakeville Partners LLC 346 E. Central Avenue Winter Haven, Florida 33880	Surplus Funds	DIS		\$330.88
05/07/19 16	Heath Construction & Management 346 E. Central Avenue Winter Haven, Florida 33880	Surplus Funds	DIS		\$330.88

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05/07/19 17	CAS Holdings LLC 346 E. Central Avenue Winter Haven, Florida 33880	Surplus Funds	DIS		\$330.88
05/07/19 18	Linda Robinson	Surplus Funds	DIS		\$32.00
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A life dedicated to sen Veteran-Police Officer-Public Se

- Voluntary Enlistment-US Army/ Honorable Discharge
- 53 Years municipal government experience. 19 of these years was service to the residents of of Davenport as your chief, city manager, city commissioner/vice mayor, and now your MAYOR
- Current Vice President, Ridge League of Cities
- Member, Florida League of Mayors
- Life Member Polk County Police Chiefs Association, Florida Police Chiefs Association, FBI National Academy Associates

Personal

- Resident of Davenport since May, 1992
- Deacon, First Baptist Church of Davenport
- 4th Generation Floridian
- Bachelor of Science Degree from Florida International University
- Attended FBI National Academy for Law Enforcement.
- Attended Florida League of Cities Institutes for elected officials
- · Married to my wife, Linda, for (soon-to-be) 48 years. We have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

Political advertisement paid for and approved by H.B. "ROB" ROBINSON Candidate for Mayor, PO Box 1257, Davenport, FL 33836

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ROBINSON for Mayor on April 2nd

City of Davenport A Better Future for our City A Better City for Our Future

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"The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in office." President Dwight D. Eisenhower

Vote for integrity Re-Elect H.B. "Rob" Robinson as your Mayor

Above all else. I believe in honest and integrity. I do not make misleading or ambiguous statements and promises. have never been arrested for a misdemeanor or a felony.

am very proud to be your Mayor. My term in office has been very productive.

As your Mayor, the teamwork between the City Commission and City staff has produced outstanding results with moving the City forward to meet current and future needs of our residents.

As your Mayor and former Vice Mayor, my voting record has always been for all citizens of Davenport. My voting record speaks for itself... it is the truth!

As your Mayor, the integrity and good standing of the Mayor's Office within this community has been restored

As your Mayor, I will continue to represent all residents of Davenport and continue to make sure that services are enhanced and inline with our growth.

As your Mayor, I am proud to see that we have a City Commission that is cohesive and works together to foster relationships for the betterment of the City.

As your Mayor, I worked to make Davenport a city to be proud of. I have represented the City at meetings throughout Polk county, the State of Florida and in Tallahassee.

As your Mayor, I participate in a Mayors/City Managers Coalition with other cities along the US 27 corridor to achieve common goals and to provide better services for our residents.

As your Mayor, I will continue to monitor the manner in which your tax dollars are spent.

Achievements as your Mayor working with City Commission and Staff (as a TEAM) include:

Recognizing a need, I championed for a new fire station on the west side of the City; which is currently moving forward.

I was proud to coordinate the Toys for Tots Program in Davenport with the assistance of Davenport Historical Society, First Baptist Church, and City Staff. This program netted 20,000 overall contributions for families throughout Polk County.

Transformation of the overall appearance of the City.

Support and Encourage development of a commercial district.

Increase Police Department to provide better services to our residents.

As a former Police Chief, I recognized the need for and was a strong proponent of State accreditation of our Police Department.

Develop and approve plans for the DK new Community Center.

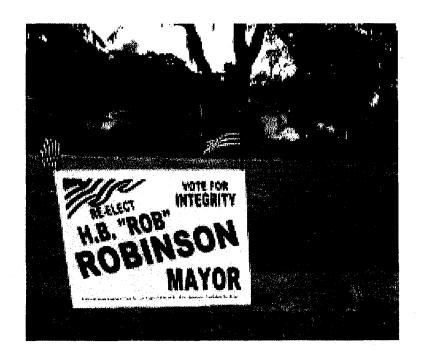
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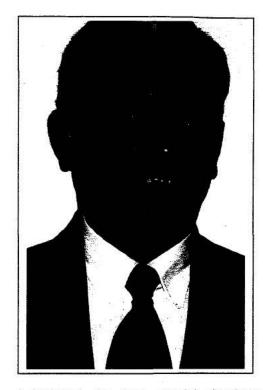
Completion of new construction and renovations to City Hall buildings.

Continue to review policies and benefit programs for City employees.

Expansion and repair of City utilities, such as our water plant, sewer plant, streets, and sidewalks.

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

REVIEW OF COMPLAINT FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY							
Preliminary Information							
Date Received: 09/12/19			Reviewer: Cole		Case #: 19-518	ORIGINAL AMENDED	
Complainant: John Leple			Respondent: Rob Robinson				
			nant was a candidate for election to Davenport City Commission, Seat 3. He was in the election held on 04/02/19.				
		1 7	nt was a candidate for election to the office of Mayor of Davenport. He was elected ation held on 04/02/19.				
Bac	ekground:	This case v Reilly, Esq	This case was split from 19-515, an expedited case. Respondent is represented by Fred Reilly, Esq.				
~~ Violations ~~							
Violations in complaint:		mplaint:	§104.0615, 106.143, 106 (no section specified)				
Violations for CMS:			§106.143(1)(a), 106.19(1)(c)				
COMPLAINT ISSUES							
1. Voter intimidation or suppression prohibited							
2. Respondent failed to include disclaimers on two mailers and failed to report expenditures for them.							
3. Respondent failed to report expenditures related to his 50% share of a joint political advertisement.							
REVIEW OF COMPLAINT ISSUES							
1. Complainant's complaint narrative included an emboldened, underlined header stating, "FS 104.0615 Voter Intimidation or suppression prohibited". However, no specific facts were alleged to support violation of that section.							
	Legally Insufficient						
2.	Complainant alleged that Respondent failed to include proper disclaimers on two mailers and failed to report expenditures associated with them. Respondent stated they were anonymous communications and denied that he paid for, authorized, approved, or had any connection to the literature.						
	The first mailer looks like an electioneering communication. Though it speaks favorably about the current administration and invites the reader to ask questions concerning the City to Respondent (the Mayor), the City Commission, or the City Manager, it does not have any content that would attribute it to Respondent.						
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The second mailer (front/back, English/Spanish) again supports the "incumbents" and asks the reader to "vote more progress less embarrassment," but it does not name a specific candidate nor contain content that would attribute it to Respondent.

Legally Insufficient

3. Complainant alleged Respondent failed to report expenditures associated with a joint political advertisement. He attached Respondent's CTR's. In response to the complaint, Respondent noted that his 2019 M3 report disclosed two expenditures to Staples on 03/16/19 and 03/23/19 for the cost of paper, ink, and envelopes. The total expenditures reported were \$402.11. While the expenditures do not specifically state that they were related to the cost of that mailer, they do state that they were for the cost of items needed for printing and distributing such a mailer.

Complainant attached a "campaign flyer" as attachment K, but he did not specifically allege any particular issues with it.

Legally Insufficient

~~ REVIEWER'S RECOMMENDATION AND COMMENTS ~~

I recommend the complaint is Legally Insufficient for the reasons set forth above.



Re: FEC Complaint No. 19-515 (John Lepley, Complainant and H. B. "Rob"

Robinson, Respondent)

Florida Elections Commission to: Fred Reilly

10/01/2019 04:39 PM

Sent by: Donna Malphurs

Dear Mr. Reilly,

Thank you for notifying us that you represent Mr. Robinson in the matter of FEC 19-515. Future correspondence will be mailed to you.

Sincerely,

Donna Ann Malphurs Agency Clerk

"Fred Reilly"

Re: FEC Complaint No. 19-515 (John Lepley, C...

09/30/2019 08:04:17 PM

From:

"Fred Reilly" <fredreilly@attorney-solicitor.com>

To: Cc:

"fec@myfloridalegal.com" <fec@myfloridalegal.com> "Linda Robinson" < Imrobinson 1949@gmail.com>

Date:

09/30/2019 08:04 PM

Subject:

FEC Complaint No. 19-515 (John Lepley, Complainant and H. B. "Rob" Robinson, Respondent)

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Respondent)

ATTN: Molly Donovan, Complaint Coordinator, Florida Elections Commission

Hi Mrs. Donovan.

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I respectfully request that you provide me with an email confirming receipt of this email.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks in advance.

Very truly yours,

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3 Attachments





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CASE NO.

FEC 19-515

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE AND

DESIGNATION OF EMAIL ADDRESS

COMES NOW the undersigned law firm, Reilly International Law Firm, P.A., and files this Notice of Appearance on behalf of the Respondent, H. B. "ROB" ROBINSON, in the above-styled cause as his attorney of record.

Pursuant to Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.516(b)(1), the undersigned law firm hereby designates the following primary email address:

Primary email:

fredreilly@attorney-solicitor.com

All papers and pleadings filed in this action should be served on the undersigned at the email address set forth above.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 30th day of September, 2019, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was furnished to the Florida Elections Commission (fec@myfloridalegal.com).

REILLY INTERNATIONAL LAW FIRM, P.A.

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RESPONSE TO FEC COMPLAINT FILED BY JOHN LEPLEY

COMES NOW, the Respondent, H. B. "Rob" Robinson, by and through his undersigned attorney, files this Response to the Florida Elections Commission Complaint by the Complainant, John Lepley, and states as follows:

Preliminary Matters

- A. The Complainant, John Lepley shall be referred to as "Lepley" in this Response.
- B. The Respondent, H. B. "Rob" Robinson shall be referred to as "Robinson" in this Response.
- C. The Florida Elections Commission Complaint No. 19-515 filed by Lepley against Robinson (dated September 9, 2019) shall be referred to as the "Complaint" in this Response.
- D. The Complaint was served on Robinson by certified mail received on September 16, 2019.

Responses to Specific Allegations Set Forth in the Complaint

1. ALLEGATION OF VOTER INTIMIDATION/SUPPRESSION VIOLATION.

Alleged Violation: Section 104.271, Florida Statutes.

Factual Allegation: "FS 104.271 False or Malicious charges against, or false statements about candidate: On 3/31/2019 Rob Robinson posted false and malicious comments about me on his facebook: i.e. "he said I will lie to get elected, I stole handicapped placards, I was arrested for a road rage incident, I sent viciousness emails about him and personal attacks against him." These statements are false and malicious lies. Attachment A. Link: (link address)."

Response:

A. Robinson's statement about Lepley being "arrested for a road rage incident" was factually accurate and thus did not constitute false or malicious charges in violation of Section 104.271, Florida Statutes.

B. The Polk Records Online for Case No. 2007MM00121701XXWH (State of Florida v. John George Lepley) and The Ledger article "Official Found Guilty In Road Rage Incident" confirm that Lepley was "arrested for a road rage incident" (See copies of these documents attached hereto as Exhibit A).

C. The Bay News 9 article titled "Former Davenport Mayor's husband explains why she took plea deal" clearly implicates Lepley in the incident involving handicapped placards. The article is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

D. In one of Robinson's Facebook messages cited by Lepley, Robinson stated: "While it should not come as a surprise to me, I am astonished and offended at the viciousness of their lies and personal attacks against me, Commissioner Bobby Lynch, and Commissioner Tom Fellows." In the same Facebook message, Robinson stated: "Florida Statute 104.271 states, "A candidate may not, with actual malice, make any false statement about an opposing candidate."

2. ALLEGATION OF FALSE OR MALICIOUS CHARGES AGAINST OPPOSING CANDIDATE VIOLATION.

Alleged Violation: Section 104.271, Florida Statutes

Factual Allegation: "FS 104.271 False or Malicious charges against, or false statements about, candidate: Rob Robinson mailed a flyer "Legacy: Something that is a part of you that remains" to everyone in Davenport with the following false and malicious statements Attachment B."

A. "John Lepley charged with a felony misdemeanor of assault and battery." (Additional narrative omitted).

B. "John Lepley did not initiate the Fourth of July celebration." (Additional narrative omitted).

C. "John Lepley never brokered a deal with a primary developer." (Additional narrative omitted).

D. "5,000 lien on our homes for sewer as the amount was never established." (Additional narrative omitted).

Response:

A. Alleged False or Malicious Charge: "John Lepley charged with a felony misdemeanor of assault and battery." (Additional narrative omitted).

Response:

i. Robinson's statement that Lepley had been "charged with a felony misdemeanor of assault and battery" was awkwardly expressed and partially true, and thus did not constitute false or malicious charges in violation of Section 104.271, Florida Statutes.





- ii. Violation of Section 784.011 (Assault) is a second degree misdemeanor.
- iii. Violation of Section 784.03 (Battery; Felony Battery) is either a first degree misdemeanor (Battery) or a third degree felony (Felony Battery).
- iv. There is no criminal offense under Florida law for "assault and battery." As noted above, Assault, Battery, and Felony Battery are separate and distinct criminal offenses.
- B. "John Lepley did not initiate the Fourth of July celebration." (Additional narrative omitted).

Response:

- i. Robinson's statement that Lepley "did not initiate the Fourth of July celebration" was factually accurate and thus did not constitute false or malicious charges in violation of Section 104.271, Florida Statutes.
- ii. The "question of whether the evidence supports a finding of actual malice is a question of law." Sharkey v. Florida Elections Commission, 90 So. 3d 937 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2012).
- iii. Lepley's allegation does not provide clear and convincing evidence that Robinson's statement violates the standard stated in <u>Sharkey</u>:

The Supreme Court has explained that "reckless conduct is not measured by whether a reasonably prudent man would have published, or would have investigated before publishing." St. Amant v. Thompson, 390 U.S. 727, 731, 88 S.Ct. 1323, 20 L.Ed.2d 262 (1968). Rather, "[t]here must be sufficient evidence to permit the conclusion that the defendant in fact entertained serious doubts as to the truth of his publication." Id. That said, a defendant would not be able to "automatically insure a favorable verdict by testifying that he published with a belief that the statements were true." Id. at 732. Instead, the finder of fact should resolve the issue of whether the statements were made in good faith by evaluating the source of the allegations and the probability of their correctness. The court explained:

Professions of good faith will be unlikely to prove persuasive, for example, where a story is fabricated by the defendant, is the product of his imagination, or is based wholly on an unverified anonymous telephone call. Nor will they be likely to prevail when the publisher's allegations are so inherently improbable that only a reckless man would have put them in circulation. Likewise, recklessness may be found where there are obvious reasons to doubt the veracity of the informant or the accuracy of his reports.

Id.

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Response:

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- ii. The "question of whether the evidence supports a finding of actual malice is a question of law." Sharkey v. Florida Elections Commission, 90 So. 3d 937 (Fla. 2nd DCA 2012).
- iii. Lepley's allegation does not provide clear and convincing evidence that Robinson's statement violates the standard stated in <u>Sharkey</u>:

The Supreme Court has explained that "reckless conduct is not measured by whether a reasonably prudent man would have published, or would have investigated before publishing." St. Amant v. Thompson, 390 U.S. 727, 731, 88 S.Ct. 1323, 20 L.Ed.2d 262 (1968). Rather, "[t]here must be sufficient evidence to permit the conclusion that the defendant in fact entertained serious doubts as to the truth of his publication." Id. That said, a defendant would not be able to "automatically insure a favorable verdict by testifying that he published with a belief that the statements were true." Id. at 732. Instead, the finder of fact should resolve the issue of whether the statements were made in good faith by evaluating the source of the allegations and the probability of their correctness. The court explained:

Professions of good faith will be unlikely to prove persuasive, for example, where a story is fabricated by the defendant, is the product of his imagination, or is based wholly on an unverified anonymous telephone call. Nor will they be likely





to prevail when the publisher's allegations are so inherently improbable that only a reckless man would have put them in circulation. Likewise, recklessness may be found where there are obvious reasons to doubt the veracity of the informant or the accuracy of his reports.

Id.

D. "5,000 lien on our homes for sewer as the amount was never established." (Additional narrative omitted).

Response:

- i. Robinson's statement that "neither (Bradley or Lepley) stopped a \$5,000 lien on our homes for sewer as the amount was never established" was factually accurate and thus did not constitute false or malicious charges in violation of Section 104.271, Florida Statutes.
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Id.

3. ALLEGATION OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING VIOLATION.

Alleged Violation: Section 106.143, Florida Statutes.

Factual Allegation: "Literature does not reference "paid for by" statement nor are these expenses listed in his campaign finance reports. Mr. Robinson failed to report the printing and postage expenses for two large post cards (6" x11") in his campaign finance reports as an in-kind contribution or as an expense for the following 2 post cards:

i. "A Message to the Residents of Davenport"

Attachment R

ii. The Question is – are you going to be misled again

Attachment S"

Response

A. Robinson did not violate Section 106.143 and Lepley's factual allegation does not establish probable cause for such violation.

B. Section 106.143 sets forth standards for political advertisements paid for by a candidate, political advertisements made as in-kind contributions, political advertisements by political parties or organizations, and prohibitions related to political advertisements.

C. The "standard of proof in a case seeking fines under chapter 106 is clear and convincing evidence." <u>Diaz de la Portilla v. Florida Elections Commission</u>, 857 So. 3d 913, 917 (Fla. 3rd DCA 2003).

D. "There is no vicarious liability under chapter 106." <u>Diaz de la Portilla v. Florida</u> Elections Commission, 857 So. 3d 913, 917 (Fla. 3rd DCA 2003).

E. The two items of campaign literature (Attachment R and Attachment S to the Complaint) do not state any name (and specifically <u>do not</u> state that these items were sent by, paid for by, or authorized by Robinson) and therefore were anonymous communications (the "Anonymous Literature").

F. Robinson did not pay for, authorize, approve, or have any connection whatsoever to the Anonymous Literature. The individual(s) who prepared the Anonymous Literature may have violated Section 106.143, but Robinson has no vicarious liability for the actions of such individual(s).

4. ALLEGATION OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING VIOLATION.

Alleged Violation: Section 106, Florida Statutes.

Factual Allegation: "FS 106 A photo posted on Rob Robinson's face book of Linda Robinson (Treasurer), Bob Lynch (Seat 3 Candidate), Denise Lynch (Treasurer) at Rob Robinson's house preparing a letter "Legacy: Something that is a part of you that remains"; which does state is paid for by both Rob Robinson and Bob Lynch; but is not referenced on his finance report as paying for 50% of these "shared" expenses for printing, envelopes and postage for this document. Photo of both campaigns together preparing "The Legacy" mailings at Robinson's house – Attachment T."

Response:

A. Robinson did not violate Chapter 106 and Lepley's factual allegation does not establish probable cause for such violation.

B. The "standard of proof in a case seeking fines under chapter 106 is clear and convincing evidence." <u>Diaz de la Portilla v. Florida Elections Commission</u>, 857 So. 3d 913, 917 (Fla. 3rd DCA 2003).

C. "There is no vicarious liability under chapter 106." <u>Diaz de la Portilla v. Florida</u>
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D. Contrary to Lepley's allegation, Robinson did affirmatively disclose his campaign expenditures (including the campaign expenditures to Staples for the Robinson's fifty percent (50%) share of "The Legacy" printing, envelopes and postage expenses) in the duly filed Campaign Report dated March 29, 2019, in compliance with Section 106.07(4), Florida Statutes. The Campaign Report dated March 29, 2019, and the corresponding Staples invoice are attached hereto as Exhibit C.

WHEREFORE, H.B. "Rob" Robinson respectfully requests that the Commission make the determination that none of the four (4) counts of the Complaint filed by John Lepley are legally sufficient to establish probable cause and therefore this case should be closed.

A Finding Against Lepley pursuant to Section 106.265 (6), Florida Statutes

The Respondent, H. B. "Rob" Robinson, respectfully requests that that the Commission make a finding against John Lepley pursuant to Section 106.265 (6), Florida Statutes, and that

John Lepley shall be liable for costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the defense of the person complained against, and states as follows:

A. Section 106.265 (6), Florida Statutes, states as follows:

In any case in which the commission determines that a person has filed a complaint against another person with a malicious intent to injure the reputation of the person complained against by filing the complaint with knowledge that the complaint contains one or more false allegations or with reckless disregard for whether the complaint contains false allegations of fact material to a violation of this chapter or chapter 104, the complainant shall be liable for costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the defense of the person complained against, including the costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in proving entitlement to and the amount of costs and fees. If the complainant fails to pay such costs and fees voluntarily within 30 days following such finding by the commission, the commission shall forward such information to the Department of Legal Affairs, which shall bring a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover the amount of such costs and fees awarded by the commission.

- B. Robinson respectfully requests that the Commission make a finding that:
- i. Lepley filed the Complaint against Robinson with a malicious intent to injure

 Robinson's reputation by filing the Complaint with knowledge that the Complaint contains one
 or more false allegations or with reckless disregard for whether the Complaint contains false
 allegations of fact material to a violation of this chapter or chapter 104, and
- ii. Lepley shall be liable for costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the defense of the person complained against, including the costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in proving entitlement to and the amount of costs and fees.
- C. The Complaint filed by Lepley was clearly intended to injure the reputation of Robinson. Lepley's Complaint included the following statements:
- i. Count 1 of the Complaint Allegation that "Rob Robinson posted false and malicious comments about me on his facebook: i.e. ... I was arrested for a road rage incident...." Since

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there is unequivocal evidence that Lepley was in fact charged with misdemeanor battery, this allegation by Lepley is false or made with reckless disregard for whether the Complaint contains false allegations of fact material to a violation of this chapter or chapter 104.

ii. "Mr. Robinson will run for re-election at the beginning of 2020. The election is held the first Tuesday in April 2020. Resolution of this affidavit of complaint is urgent and crucial so that the citizens are not forced into either a special election of the commission appointing their own mayor."

WHEREFORE, H.B. "Rob" Robinson respectfully requests that the Commission make a finding against John Lepley pursuant to Section 106.265 (6), Florida Statutes, and that John Lepley shall be liable for costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in the defense of Robinson.

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Respectfully submitted this 30th day of September, 2019.

H. B. "Rob" Robinson, Respondent

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this Response to FEC Complaint filed by John Lepley was sent to the Florida Elections Commission via email (fec@myfloridalegal.com) this 30th day of September, 2019.

Fred Reilly, Esquire

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

COMPLAINANT:

JOHN LEPLEY

RESPONDENT:

H.B. "ROB" ROBINSON

CASE NO.

FEC 19-515

EXHIBIT A
POLK RECORDS ONLINE AND THE LEDGER ARTICLE







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Official Found Guilty In Road Rage Incident

By JASON GEARY / THE LEDGER

Posted Aug 7, 2008 at 12:01 AM Updated Aug 8, 2008 at 12:10 AM

BARTOW | A jury found a Davenport city councilman guilty Thursday of reaching into a Jeep and grabbing a 19-year-old man by the throat during a road rage incident last year.

Jurors spent about 40 minutes deliberating before finding John Lepley guilty of battery and assault, both misdemeanors.

Polk County Judge Timothy Coon sentenced Lepley to a year of probation and 100 hours of community service. He must also write a letter of apology to the motorist, Brent Burns, and complete an anger management class.

Coon withheld adjudication, a formal finding of guilt, after considering Lepley's leadership position in the city and his lack of a criminal record.

Burns testified that he was driving home from work Oct. 17, 2007, when a black Crown Victoria sped up behind him.

Because he was going a little over the speed limit, Burns said, he thought it might be a police officer. However, the driver began to drive erratically, tailgating him and trying to get him to pull over.

Burns said he was suspicious that it wasn't a police officer and went to the police station.

After driving into the police station parking lot, Burns said, Lepley came over shouting, "Who do you think you are?" and "Do you know who I am?"

Burns said Lepley grabbed his throat. "He had just got a hold of me when I yelled," Burns said.

A few police officers came over to help break up the encounter. Some testified that Burns appeared scared, while Lepley appeared angry.

Photographs taken of Burns' neck showed some redness.

Lepley's lawyer, John Ligouri, suggested the marks could possibly be sunburn. He said Burns was a friend of a neighbor who has had ongoing disputes with Lepley.

Burns said he called this friend during the chase for advice and drove to the police station for help. He denied knowing that it was Lepley who was following him.

Assistant State Attorney Ricardo Alvarez asked Burns to provide details about how the pursuit, which lasted more than 20 minutes, took place.

"Did you somehow hitch your vehicle to his and just dragged it to the police station?" Alvarez asked.

"No sir," Burns said.

"So nobody forced him to follow you, is that correct?" Alvarez asked.

"That's correct," Burns answered.

Lepley took the witness stand to defend himself. He testified that he and his wife were the victims in the case.

He accused Burns of braking abruptly and driving dangerously. Lepley said when he attempted to pass that Burns sped up and almost forced him into oncoming traffic.

At one point, Lepley said, he turned on his car's hazard lights and put his arm out the window to wave the Jeep to pull over.

"I wanted to know what was going on," he said. "At that point, as far as I was concerned, someone was trying to kill me and my wife."

The Jeep's driver did not comply.

Both Lepley and his wife testified that they weren't able to use a cellular phone to call for help during the pursuit because there wasn't any cellular reception in that area. Instead, they said they followed at a safe distance to not lose sight of the Jeep and were planning to call once reception improved.

Under cross-examination, John Lepley would not agree that he was angry but used words like "cranky" and "a little hot."

He denied trying to choke Burns but insisted that he was trying to grab the wheel because he thought Burns was preparing to drive away.

"I was going to make a citizen's arrest," Lepley said.

He said when he reached for the wheel that Burns attempted to lie down in the seat.

"I guess to get away from me because he probably thought that I was going to do something," Lepley said. "He should have after the stunt he pulled."

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JOHN LEPLEY

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EXHIBIT B
BAY NEWS 9 ARTICLE

Former Davenport mayor's husband explains why she took plea deal

By Bay News 9 | Polk County PUBLISHED December 16, 2017 @5:42 PM

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The husband of the former Davenport mayor, forced to resign after taking a plea deal, called the entire situation "overblown" and "very political."

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"If you wanted to get her out of office, it worked," said John Lepley, Teresa Darlene Bradley's husband.

He said his wife was not available for an interview.

Bradley was mayor for five years, before she resigned Friday. Her resignation came a little more than a week after she was arrested and accused of using the disabled parking placard of a dead person to park in reserved parking spots in front of City Hall.

Undercover deputies with the Polk County Sheriff's Office said they caught her on camera, after the department received an anonymous tip.

In her resignation letter, Bradley said it was time to move on.

"The last five years of, just like you, 14 hour days working for a living- then another 3 or 4 hours each day and lots of weekends being the mayor you deserve- takes a huge toll after a while. It's time for a little guiet time with my family," she wrote.

Lepley said his wife was heartbroken and it was tough for her to resign.

belittling it, not that she or me are sitting here saying. We shouldn't have done that."

"We're sorry we've embarrassed our city. She's really broken about how she's embarrassed our city," he added.

Lepley admitted it was his idea for his wife to use the disabled parking placards in cases of emergency. He said they obtained them when a mechanic found them in a used car they had bought.

"Was it right? No. It was wrong but in our mind, the sign right there said it's a \$250 fine. I'm willing to pay \$250 to save my wife's life if it's necessary," Lepley said.

When asked if they had realized how serious of a crime it was, Lepley said, "We thought it was a \$250 fine. That's what is says. Did we realize that using somebody's else's was? No."

Lepley said his wife was carjacked, kidnapped and beaten back in 2012, and was afraid of leaving city hall alone to walk to her car at night.

"To her and to me, for us to go up here and create a parking spot because I'm mayor, that would be the epitome of arrogance. All she wanted was someone to walk her to her car," Lepley said.

He claims her police escort wasn't always there.

District Attorney Brian Haas said taking the matter into her own hands and breaking the law wasn't the right idea.

"It certainly wasn't good for her as mayor to do that but to her credit she took responsibility for it. She entered a quick resolution. I think that was the honorable thing to do by resigning," Haas said.

she could endure a trial on this case.

Some residents were sad to see her go.

"She made a mistake. She's done more for this town than anybody ever has," said Joey Park, her neighbor. "We now have stuff for Halloween for the kids, Fourth of July fireworks, she worked on the baseball field."

Others around town said she did the right thing by resigning.

"You need to lead by example when you're a mayor. For you going out doing that, you kind of need to resign," said Brian Park.

According to Haas, Bradley pleaded no contest to unlawful use of a handicap placard. The two felony charges she faced were dismissed. Along with her resignation, she received six months probation and had to pay \$420.50 in court fines.

Davenport commissioners will likely discuss what's next in terms of filling her position during the city's next meeting, which is set for Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

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