

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Citizens for Economic Freedom

Case No.: FEC 17-256

TO: Citizens for Economic Freedom
Robert C. Scheneck, Chair
801 South Broad Street
Brooksville, FL 34601

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **November 28, 2017 at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **412 Knott Building, Pat Thomas Committee Room, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

See further instructions on the reverse side.

Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
November 13, 2017

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
CASE REPORT
Case Number: **FEC-17-256**

NAME: **CITIZENS FOR ECONOMIC FREEDOM**

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 07/25/17

DATE REPORT DUE: 06/12/17 (2017 SP1)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 06/16/17

DATE FILING OFFICER RECEIVED REPORT: 06/16/17

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 4

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$250

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$0

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$1,000

DATE FIRST NOTIFICATION WAS MAILED: 06/15/17

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

SUMMARY: Citizens for Economic Freedom is a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair is Robert C. Schenck and its treasurer is Randall Woodruff. The PC filed its Statement of Organization on 10/23/13.

The PC is appealing the fine claiming that the treasurer thought he had filed the report and did not discover he had not filed the report until he received the notification from the Division of Elections. I attempted to contact the treasurer by telephone for additional details; however, he did not return my calls.

History notes show that Respondent's treasurer, Mr. Woodruff, called the Division on 06/15/17 and spoke with Mr. M. Chellman. Mr. Woodruff informed Mr. Chellman that the person who usually files the reports is on extended sick leave. Mr. Chellman advised Mr. Woodruff that the report was "pending" and needed to be filed. Mr. Woodruff said that he would not be able to file the report even though he knew the fine would increase. Mr. Chellman offered his help in filing the report.

- The 2017 SP1 Report covers the period from 05/08/17 through 06/08/17.
- The 2017 SP1 Queued Transaction Report shows that the report was created on 06/01/17 at 3:06 p.m.
- The report was reviewed four times before it was filed on 06/16/17; twice on 06/01/17 and twice on 06/16/17.

PRIOR CASES: Respondent has no prior cases.

CORRECTION OF FINE: N/A

CITIZENS FOR ECONOMIC FREEDOM

5471 SPRING HILL DR

SPRING HILL, FL 34606

July 24, 2017

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
107 WEST GAINES STREET, STE 224
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-0150

Re: PAC 61144

Florida Elections Commissions,

Please consider my appeal for the Special Report-SP1 for State Senate District 40. The information in the report was inputted & an attempt was made to file the report prior to the due date. My treasurer, Randall Woodruff, thought that he had completed the filing process until he was made aware by the Division of Elections that the report was not filed. He completed the filing process on that date.

Thank you,



Rob Schenck, Chairman

Cc: Division of Elections- Kristi Reid Bronson

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CITIZENS FOR ECONOMIC FREEDOM

5471 SPRING HILL DR

SPRING HILL, FL 34606

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STATE OF FLORIDA
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

July 5, 2017

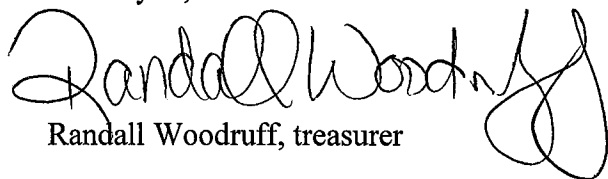
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Thank you,


Randall Woodruff, treasurer

Cc: Division of Elections- Kristi Reid Bronson



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Ken Detzner
Secretary of State
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 20, 2017

Randall Woodruff, Treasurer
Citizens for Economic Freedom
5471 Spring Hill Drive
Spring Hill, FL 34606

PAC 61144

Dear Mr. Woodruff:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on June 12, 2017, was filed on June 16, 2017. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$250.00.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Robert C Schenck, Chairperson



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 15, 2017

Randall Woodruff, Treasurer
Citizens for Economic Freedom
5471 Spring Hill Drive
Spring Hill, FL 34606

PAC 61144

Special Election Report
Senate 40

Dear Mr. Woodruff:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was June 12, 2017.

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

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report:
 - * \$50 for the first 3 days late
 - * \$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late
 - * If the required report immediately precedes a primary and general election, the automatic fine is \$500 for each late day.

The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period. Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines. We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission.

- If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

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

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Robert C Schenck, Chairperson

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

(1) Citizens for Economic Freedom (2) 61144
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 801 South Broad Street Brooksville FL 34601-0000
Address (number and street) City State Zip Code
 Check box if address has changed since last report

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

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 05/08/2017 To 06/08/2017 Report Type: SP1
 Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

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

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$1,000.00
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$1,000.00

(8) Other Distributions

Certification

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

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

Name of Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X
Signature

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

Name of Candidate Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X
Signature

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Name: Citizens for Economic Freedom

Report: 2017 SP1

Period: 05/08/2017 to 06/08/2017

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

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
		Type	In-Kind Description	Amend

Name: Citizens for Economic Freedom

Report: 2017 SP1

Period: 05/08/2017 to 06/08/2017

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Type	Purpose	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip			Amend
1	JOSE FELIX DIAZ CAMPAIGN, (Office: STS 040) 8567 CORAL WAY, UNIT 374 MIAMI, FL 33155	CAN	CONTRIBUTION	\$1,000.00
05/16/2017				

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Name: Citizens for Economic Freedom

Report: 2017 SP1

Period: 05/08/2017 to 06/08/2017

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

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

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED FUNDS TRANSFERS

Name: Citizens for Economic Freedom

Report: 2017 SP1

Period: 05/08/2017 to 06/08/2017

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

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

Queued Items for 2017-SP1

Account: 61144

Citizens for Economic Freedom

Rpt Seq: 86

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	61144	6/1/2017 3:06:06 PM	6/1/2017 3:06:06 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	61144	6/1/2017 3:07:28 PM	6/1/2017 3:07:28 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	61144	6/1/2017 3:07:57 PM	6/1/2017 3:07:57 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	61144	6/16/2017 8:16:02 AM	6/16/2017 8:16:02 AM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	61144	6/16/2017 8:17:05 AM	6/16/2017 8:17:05 AM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	61144	6/16/2017 8:17:53 AM	6/16/2017 8:17:53 AM



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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Name:

Committee Name: Citizens for Economic Freedom

Account: 61144

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
7/10/2017	M6	7/6/2017						
6/12/2017	M5	6/1/2017						
6/12/2017	SP1	6/16/2017	APP	4	\$250.00		\$250.00	\$0.00
5/10/2017	M4	5/7/2017						
4/10/2017	M3	4/3/2017						
3/11/2017	M2	3/1/2017						
2/10/2017	M1	2/9/2017						
1/10/2017	M12	1/5/2017						
12/12/2016	M11	12/10/2016						
11/4/2016	D6	11/3/2016						
11/4/2016	G7	11/3/2016						
11/2/2016	D5	11/1/2016						
11/1/2016	D4	11/1/2016						
10/31/2016	D3	10/31/2016						
10/30/2016	D2	10/30/2016						
10/29/2016	D1	10/29/2016						
10/28/2016	G6	10/24/2016						
10/21/2016	G5	10/15/2016						
10/14/2016	G4	10/12/2016						
10/7/2016	G3	10/6/2016						
9/30/2016	G2A	9/29/2016						
9/23/2016	G2	9/21/2016						
9/16/2016	G1A	9/15/2016						
9/9/2016	G1	9/8/2016						
9/2/2016	P7A	9/1/2016						
8/26/2016	P7	8/26/2016						
8/19/2016	P6	8/19/2016						
8/12/2016	P5	8/12/2016						
8/5/2016	P4	8/4/2016						
7/29/2016	P3	7/23/2016						
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7/1/2016	P1	6/27/2016						
6/10/2016	M5	6/6/2016						
5/10/2016	M4	5/10/2016						
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2/10/2015	M1	2/6/2015						
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10/30/2014	D6	10/30/2014						
10/29/2014	D5	10/29/2014						
10/28/2014	D4	10/28/2014						
10/27/2014	D3	10/27/2014						
10/26/2014	D2	10/26/2014						
10/25/2014	D1	10/26/2014	CLO	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
10/24/2014	G6	10/23/2014						
10/17/2014	G5	10/15/2014						
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10/3/2014	G3	9/30/2014						
9/26/2014	G2A	9/24/2014						
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8/22/2014	P7	8/22/2014						
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7/18/2014	P2A	7/16/2014						
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2/10/2014	M1	2/10/2014						
1/10/2014	M12	1/10/2014						
12/10/2013	M11	12/4/2013						
11/12/2013	M10	11/8/2013						

HISTORY NOTES
Citizens for Economic Freedom - 61144

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
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6/15/2017 3:41:00 PM

mcchellman

Re: FF special election STS 40 SP1 report, called T and left detailed voicemail 11:10 A, 2:30 P, and finally reached him 3:30 pm. (No email address for PC.) T said person whol normal does this is out on extended SL and a new perspon is having to do it. I advised that the SP1 was sitting in pending, unfiled. He said he would not be able to file the report today after I strongly urged him to do so. He knew the fine would increase. I told him to call back if he or his assistant needed help. Afterwards, I faxed the T the FF letter and the STS 40 committee memo.

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
PHONE LOG
Case No.: FEC 17-256

Respondent: Citizens for Economic Freedom

Complainant: <name>

1. **Date and time:** August 8, 2017 @ 3:16 p.m.
Name: Randall Woodruff, treasurer
Phone #: 352-596-2883
Summary: I called Mr. Woodruff to speak with him about his Automatic Fine case. He was not in; I left a message.
Memo to File? No
Entered by: MBW

2. **Date and time:** August 10, 2017 @ 12:03 p.m.
Name: Randall Woodruff
Phone #: 352-596-2883
Summary: I called Mr. Woodruff to speak with him about his Automatic Fine case. He was not in; I left a message.
Memo to File? No
Entered by: MBW

3. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Memo to File? No
Entered by:

4. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Memo to File? No
Entered by:

5. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Memo to File? No
Entered by:

6. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #: