#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

#### In Re: Better Future For Our Children

TO: LaVencia Alls, Chair 11360 SW 23rd Street Miami, FL 33170

#### Case No.: FEC 21-089

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

#### NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **May 17, 2023 at 8:30**, *or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard*, at the following location: Via Webinar Registration URL: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/571953185404345941

Audio participation: 1-877-309-2074

Attendee – muted: 966-952-589

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission May 2, 2023 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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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.

#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

v.

Case No.: FEC 21-089

Better Future For Our Children, Respondent.

#### **ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

**THIS MATTER** was heard by the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 24, 2023, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On October 4, 2022, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff's Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violations:

#### Count 1:

On or about October 23, 2020, Better Future For Our Children violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2020 G5 Report.

#### Count 2:

On or about October 24, 2020, Better Future For Our Children violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2020 D1 Report.

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#### Count 3:

On or about October 25, 2020, Better Future For Our Children violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2020 D2 Report.

#### Count 4:

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#### Count 5:

On or about October 27, 2020, Better Future For Our Children violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2020 D4 Report.

#### Count 6:

On or about October 28, 2020, Better Future For Our Children violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2020 D5 Report.

#### Count 7:

On or about October 29, 2020, Better Future For Our Children violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2020 D6 Report.

#### Count 8:

On or about October 30, 2020, Better Future For Our Children violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2020 G6 Report.

#### Count 9:

On or about November 10, 2020, Better Future For Our Children violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify

the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2020 M10 Report.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on January 24, 2023.

Tim Vaccaro, J.D., Executive Director For Nicholas Primrose, Chairman Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Mattie T. Clay, Assistant General Counsel Better Future For Our Children, Respondent Division of Elections, Complainant

#### **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING**

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

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

Third, you may request a <u>formal hearing</u> held before an administrative law judge in the Division of Administrative Hearings ("DOAH"), if you dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have thirty (30) days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to present evidence relevant to the violation(s) listed in this order, to cross-examine opposing witnesses, to impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence presented against you.

If you do not elect to resolve the case by consent order or request a formal hearing at the DOAH or an informal hearing before the Commission within thirty (30) days of the date this Order of

Order of Probable Cause FEC Case # 21-089 Probable Cause is filed with the Commission, the case will be sent to the Commission for a formal or informal hearing, depending on whether the facts are in dispute. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order.

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

## STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Better Future For Our Children

TO: LaVencia Alls, Chair 25931 S. Dixie Highway, Unit 611 Homestead, FL 33032-5567 Case No.: FEC 21-089

Division of Elections 500 S. Bronough Street, Room 316 Tallahassee, FL 32399-6596

#### NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **January 24, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.**, *or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard*, at the following location: Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86542842462?pwd=VjdKeGRjcFAvZko2Y1pTZmo1cU5pdz09

Meeting ID: 865 4284 2462 Passcode: 5UuWmT

**AUDIO PARTICIPATION:** 1-301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 865 4284 2462

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Tim Vaccaro

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TO: Better Future For Our Children LaVencia Alls, Chair 25931 S. Dixie Highway, Unit 611 Homestead, FL 33032-5567

Division of Elections 500 S. Bronough Street, Room 316 Tallahassee, FL 32399-6596

## NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

You are hereby notified that **the previously scheduled hearing for December 14, 2022**, **is cancelled**. It is anticipated that your case will be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting, which will be scheduled for a date to be determined in either January 2023 or February 2023.

A Notice of Hearing will be mailed to you approximately 14 days prior to the new hearing date.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission December 13, 2022

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#### NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

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Case No.: FEC 21-089

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION**

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the referral in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7)**, **Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on September 12, 2022, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On February 5, 2021, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections ("Division"), alleging that Better Future For Our Children ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. (ROI Exhibit 2)<sup>1</sup>

3. By letter dated July 7, 2021, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provision:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

۲	2020 G5	۲	2020 D3	۲	2020 D6
	2020 D1	•	2020 D4	•	2020 G6
•	2020 D2	•	2020 D5	٠	2020 M10

4. By letter dated October 19, 2020, Donna S. Brown for Kristi Reid Willis, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received its Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees forms. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1)

5. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all committees filing reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system ("EFS"), and provided Respondent with a user identification number and initial password to grant access to the EFS. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1) The letter further advised Respondent that all the Division's publications and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as "ROI."

reporting forms were available on its website and directed Respondent to print out the *Calendar* of *Reporting Dates* as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 2)

6. Pursuant to Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, in any reporting period during which a political committee has not received funds, made any contributions, or expended any reportable funds, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. However, the political committee is required to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.

7. The *Political Committee Handbook* references the statutory requirement regarding written notification and directs political committees to notify the Division by way of the Division's electronic filing system. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 2) The *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* shows the process through which to notify the Division. The user's guide instructs political committees to select the relevant reporting period and place a checkmark in a box titled "Waiver" to indicate the lack of reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibit 5, pages 2 & 3)

8. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods, as set forth in the table below. (ROI Exhibit 6, page 1)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2020 G5	10/10/20 - 10/16/20	10/23/20	12/2/20	40
2020 D1	10/17/20 - 10/23/20	10/24/20	12/2/20	39
2020 D2	10/24/2020	10/25/20	12/2/20	38
2020 D3	10/25/2020	10/26/20	12/2/20	37
2020 D4	10/26/2020	10/27/20	12/2/20	36
2020 D5	10/27/2020	10/28/20	12/2/20	35
2020 D6	10/28/2020	10/29/20	12/2/20	34
2020 G6	10/17/20 - 10/29/20	10/30/20	12/2/20	33
2020 M10	10/30/20 - 10/31/20	11/10/20	12/2/20	22

9. LaVencia Alls, chairperson for Respondent, did not respond to the investigation. (ROI Exhibit 7)

10. "Probable Cause" is defined as reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. *Schmitt v. State*, 590 So. 2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reasonable man to reach the conclusion that an

offense has been committed. *Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles v. Favino*, 667 So. 2d 305, 309 (Fla. 1st DCA 1995).

11. The facts set forth above show that Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the 2020 G5, 2020 D1, 2020 D2, 2020 D3, 2020 D4, 2020 D5, 2020 D6, 2020 G6, and 2020 M10 reporting periods.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find probable cause to charge Respondent with violating the following:

#### Count 1:

On or about October 23, 2020, Better Future For Our Children violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2020 G5 Report.

#### Count 2:

On or about October 24, 2020, Better Future For Our Children violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2020 D1 Report.

#### Count 3:

On or about October 25, 2020, Better Future For Our Children violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2020 D2 Report.

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Respectfully submitted on October  $\underline{4}$ , 2022.

Mattie T. Clay Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 4th day of October 2022.

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Stephanie J. Cunningham General Counsel

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

#### **Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer**

#### Case Number: FEC 21-089

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate or political committee that did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to timely notify the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed.

**Respondent:** Better Future For Our Children **Respondent's Atty:** N/A

**Division of Elections (Division) Referral Filed:** February 5, 2021

**Respondent Type:** Political Committee

#### I. Preliminary Information:

1. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division.

2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on October 1, 2020. LaVencia Alls was appointed as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 6, refer to Exhibit  $1.^{1}$ 

3. A Statement of Organization (DS-DE 5) for the political committee was filed with the Division on October 16, 2020. The DS-DE 5 noted that Ms. Alls was also Respondent's Chairperson; Division records indicate Ms. Alls is still Chairperson as of the date of this report. To review the Statement of Organization, refer to Exhibit 2.

4. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on the DS-DE 6 on October 19, 2020, advising Respondent that all political committees filing reports with the Division are required to file by means of the Division's electronic filing system (EFS). Respondent was provided with a user identification number and initial password allowing access to the EFS.

5. The acknowledgement letter also advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the Political Committee Handbook, and the Calendar of Reporting Dates. The letter further advised that it was Respondent's responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. To review the acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 3.

6. The *Political Committee Handbook* discusses filing a waiver when there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant page of the *Handbook*, refer to Exhibit 4.

7. The *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* discusses how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, the *Handbook* instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant pages from the *EFS User's Guide*, refer to Exhibit 5.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Another form was subsequently filed appointing a new treasurer, but it was not filed until after the events at issue.

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

8. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by not timely notifying the filing officer, in writing, that no reports would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making expenditures during the following reporting periods. To review Respondent's filing history reflecting the untimely filed notifications summarized below, refer to Exhibit 6.

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2020 G5	10/10 - 10/16/2020	10/23/2020	12/2/2020	40
2020 D1	10/17 - 10/23/2020	10/24/2020	12/2/2020	39
2020 D2	10/24/2020	10/25/2020	12/2/2020	38
2020 D3	10/25/2020	10/26/2020	12/2/2020	37
2020 D4	10/26/2020	10/27/2020	12/2/2020	36
2020 D5	10/27/2020	10/28/2020	12/2/2020	35
2020 D6	10/28/2020	10/29/2020	12/2/2020	34
2020 G6	10/17 - 10/29/2020	10/30/2020	12/2/2020	33
2020 M10	10/30 - 10/31/20	11/10/2020	12/2/2020	22
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9. Respondent did not respond to the referral.

10. I attempted to contact Respondent's Chairperson on three occasions for the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the referral. As of the date of this report, neither my telephone calls nor email have been returned. Therefore, I am unable to ascertain whether she has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and/or the *Political Committee Handbook*. To review the phone log and email, refer to Exhibit 7.

Date: September 12, 2022

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:

## FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Better Future for Our Children -- FEC 21-089

LIST OF EXHIBITS				
Exhibits #s Description of Exhibits				
Exhibit 1	Appointment of Political Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees (DS-DE 6)			
Exhibit 2	Statement of Organization (DS-DE 5)			
Exhibit 3	Acknowledgement Letter			
Exhibit 4	Political Committee Handbook			
Exhibit 5	Electronic Filing System			
Exhibit 6	Filing History			
Exhibit 7	Phone Log and Email			

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURE AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR POLITICAL COMMITTEES (Sections 106.011(2) and 106.021(1), F.S.)	2	2020 OC:	CEIVED N.N. 1VED III III AM 9:59	
CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:				
Initial Filing for:  Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer			OFFICE USE ONLY	
Re-filing to Change: Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer	Primary/Secon	dary Depository		
1. Committee		2. Telephone		
Better Future For Our Children		(786) <sup>728-5</sup>	900	
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer 4. Email (optional ms.alls0903@g		5. Telephone ( ( <b>305</b> ) <sup>720-1</sup>		
6. Mailing Address				
25931 S. Dixie Hwy. Unit 611 Homestead , Fl. 33032				
7. Street Address				
35250 SW 177 Ct. Unit 16 Homestead, Fl. 33034	<u></u>			
8. The following bank has been designated as the	nary Depository	Seconda	ry Depository	
9. Name of Bank	10. Street Addre	SS		
BB&T	3055 NE 8TH S	TREET		
11. City	12. S	tate	13. Zip Code	
HOMESTEAD	Flor	da	33033	
14. Signature of Chairman	15. Name of Ch	airman (Print or Typ	e)	
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Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment				
LaVencia Alls		, do here!	by accept the appointment as	
(Please Print or Type) Better Future For O				
treasurer or deputy treasurer for Detter Fullure FOI Of	(Commit	tee)		
UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED ARE TRUE.				
09/11/2020 x	for c	Ule		
Date	Signature of Cam	paign Treasurer or	Deputy Treasurer	

DS-DE 6 (Rev. 4/19)

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR POLITICAL COMMITTEES (Sections 106.011(2) and 106.021(1), F.S.)	2	RECEIVED 2021 AUG -4 AM 9:21 DIVISION OF ELECTIONS TALLAHASSEE.FL				
CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:			OFFICE USE ONLY			
Re-filing to Change: 🗹 Primary Treasurer 🗌 Deputy Treasurer	Primary/Se	condary Depository				
1. Committee Better Future For Our Children		2. Telephone (786) <sup>728-5</sup>	5900			
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer 4. Email (optional) Ricardo Junquera rickyjunquera@		5. Telephone (c (617) 599-7				
6. Mailing Address 698 NE 1st Ave., Apt. 1406, Miami, FL 33132						
7. Street Address 698 NE 1st Ave., Apt. 1406, Miami, FL 33132						
8. The following bank has been designated as the Prin	ary Deposito	ory 🗌 Seconda	ry Depository			
9. Name of Bank Suntrust	10. Street Ad 3055 NE 8					
11. City Homestead	12 F	2. State L	13. Zip Code 33033			
14. Signature of Chairman	15. Name of LaVencia	Chairman (Print or Typ Alls	e)			
Campaign Treasurer's Acc	Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment					
, do hereby accept the appointment as						
(Please Print or Type) treasurer or deputy treasurer for Better Future For Our Children						
(Committee)						
UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED ARE TRUE.						
	Signature of Ø	ampaign Heasure or	Deputy Treasurer			

DS-DE 6 (Rev. 4/19)

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(PLE	ASE TYPE)	2020 OCT 16	AH 10: 21
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1. Full Name of Committee			Telephone
Better Future For Our Children			(786)728-5900
Mailing Address (include city	, state and zip code)		
25931 S. Dixie Hwy. Unit 611 Ho	omestead , Fl. 33032		
Street Address (include city,	state and zip code)		
35250 SW 177 Ct. Homestead, Fl.	33034		
2. Affiliated or Connected Or committees)	ganizations (includes other committe	es of continuous exi	stence and political
Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization	Mailing Addres	s	Relationship
N/A			
3. Area, Scope and Jurisdicti	on of the Committee		
Legislative Candidate			
4. Nature of Organization or of Political	Drganization's Special Interest (e.g., i	medical, legal, educa	tion, etc.)
	and Position, the Custodian of Book		
Full Name LaVencia Alls	Mailing Address 25931 S. Dixie Hwy. Unit 611 Homestead ,	Mailing Address Comr	
	2000 FO. DIALE HWY. OHIL OT FHOMESLEAD	Fl. 33032 Treasurer	

6. List by Name, Address and Position, Other Principal Officers, Including Officers and Members of the Finance Committee, If Any (include chairman's name)					
Full Name	Mailing Add	ress	Committee Title or Position		
LaVencia Alls	25931 S. Dixie Hwy. Unit 611 H	lomestead , Fl. 33032	Chair Pe	erson	
7. List by Name, Address Committee is Supporti	Office Sought and Party Affili ng (if none, please indicate)	ation Each Candidat	e or Oth	er Individual that this	
Full Name	Mailing Address	Office	Sought	Party	
Kevin Dykemia Chambliss	35250 SW 177 Ct. Homestead, Fl. 33034	House District 117		Democrat	
8. List Any Issues this Co	mmittee is Supporting: None				
List Any Issues this Co					
9. If this Committee is Su	porting the Entire Ticket of a	Party, Give Name of	Party		
None			1.00		
10. In the Event of Dissolu	ition, What Disposition will be	Made of Residual Fu	inds?		
Donate to 501C3					
11. List all Banks, Safety	Deposit Boxes, or Other Depos	itories Used for Con	nmittee	Funds	
Name of Bank or Dep	ository & Account Number		Mailing /	Address	
BB&T		3055 NE 8TH STREET HOMESTEAD, FL 33033			
12. List all Reports Requir and Positions of Such	ed to be Filed by this Commit Officials, If Any	ee with Federal Offic	cials and	the Names, Addresses	
Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of	Official	Mailing Address	
None					
STATE OF Florida		Miami-	Dade	COUNTY	
LaVencia Alls		, certify that the inf	ormation	in this Statement of	
Organization is complete, true and correct.					
X - CO		09/11/2020			
	Chairman of Political Committee			Date	



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT Of STATE

RON DESANTIS

Governor

LAUREL M. LEE Secretary of State

October 19, 2020

LaVencia Alls, Chairperson Better Future For Our Children 25931 South Dixie Highway, Unit 611 Homestead, Florida 33032

Dear Ms. Alls:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Better Future For Our Children**, which were placed on file in our office on October 16, 2020. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

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

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **October 23, 2020**. The report will cover the period of October 10-16, 2020 (2020 G5). All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

#### EFS Access

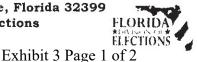
Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. Enclosed are the committee's confidential, filing credentials.

EFS Website Address: https://efs.dos.state.fl.us Identification Number: 79006

#### **Timely Filing**

All reports must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the

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LaVencia Alls, Chairperson October 19, 2020 Page Two

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

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

#### **Electronic Receipts**

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

#### **Instructions and Assistance**

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

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <u>https://dos.myflorida.com/elections</u>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, *Political Committee Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely, Doma S. Bon

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

KRW/dlh

Enclosures

# Political Committee Handbook

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Exhibit 4 Page 1 of 2

Any political committee required to file reports with a filing officer other than the Division must file reports on the 60<sup>th</sup> day immediately preceding the primary election and bi-weekly on each Friday thereafter through and including the 4<sup>th</sup> day immediately preceding the general election, with additional reports due on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> days before the primary election and the general election.

Unless the electronic filing requirements of Section <u>106.0705</u>, Florida Statutes, apply, reports shall be filed no later than 5 p.m. of the day designated. A report postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight of the day designated is deemed timely filed. A report received by the filing officer within five days after the designated due date that was delivered by the U.S. Postal Service is deemed timely filed unless it has a postmark indicating the report was mailed after the designated due date. A certificate of mailing obtained from and dated by the U.S. Postal Service at the time of mailing or a receipt from an established courier company, which bears a date on or before the date on which the report is due, is proof of mailing in a timely manner.

Reports filed with the Division through the <u>Electronic Filing System</u> (<u>EFS</u>) are due no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date.

(Sections <u>106.07</u>, <u>106.0705</u>, and <u>106.141</u>, Fla. Stat.; Chapter 11: Electronic Filing of Campaign Reports)

## Penalty for Late Filing

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

(Section <u>106.07(8)</u>, Fla. Stat.)

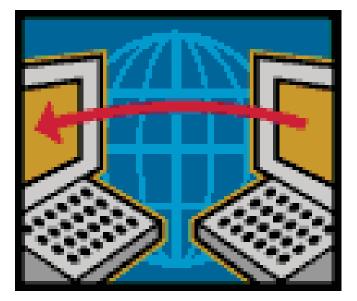
## Notice of No Activity

When there has been no reportable activity in the campaign account during a reporting period (no funds expended or received) the filing of the report is waived. However, the political committee **must notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date**. (A notice of no activity filed with the Division must be filed electronically using the <u>EFS</u>.) The next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed.

(Sections <u>106.07(7)</u> and <u>106.0705</u>, Fla. Stat.)

Department of State Division of Elections

## Political Committee EFS User's Guide



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EFS HELP LINE: 850-245-6280

January 2011

Rule 1S-2.017, F.A.C.

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## **Create a New Report by Data Entry**

and then

Filings

From the Welcome screen, click

Open New Report

Electronic Filing System - Welcome Home Help Campaign Account Sign Out Filings Filed Reports Welcom tem (EFS) provided by the Florida Department of State, Division of Reports Pending Submission Election Open New Report Recent Reports Reports irectly from forms provided by this system. Alternatively, campaign finance reports created from external systems according to the electronic file specifications may be uploaded. All reports created through the online system will be reviewed for completeness and any omissions or errors will be described. Errors may be corrected through the electronic filing system or reports created from external files may be amended and uploaded for further processing.

the 'Filed Reports' listing and Coverage Periods Campaign finance reports ite declared by first selecting the	iginal report. To submit an amendment to a previously filed report, first select the report from then choose the 'Amend Report' option from the 'Edit' menu item. mize financial activity occurring during a specific reporting period. The reporting period is reporting year and then the report type. The beginning and ending coverage dates and the re automatically associated with the <i>Reporting Year</i> and <i>Report Type</i> .				
Election Cycle:	2010 General Election				
Report Type:	F2 2010				
Coverage Period:	7/17/2010 7/30/2010 Due Date: 08/06/2010				
Uploading a Campaig	Special Election Report Waiver				
A Campaign Finance report file meeting the department's specifications may be uploaded at the time a report is opened. Use the Browse button to locate and select the report text or zip file to be uploaded. You may upload the report file in a compressed zip. The zip file must contain only one report file.					
Browse					
Open Report					

Click arrow next to **Election Cycle**. Scroll to the cycle associated with the report you are entering.

Click arrow next to **Report Type** select report type corresponding to the correct cover period and due date.

The Cover Period dates will automatically fill in based on the Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates.

The **Due Date** will automatically fill in based on the **Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates**.

If this report is for a special election, click the box next to **Special Election Report**. (If no special elections are scheduled this option will not be available.)

## \*\*\*\*\***NOTE**\*\*\*\*\*

If this report is a waiver of report (no activity), click the 🛄 box next to Waiver.

Election Cycle:	2010 General 8	Election	~		
Report Type:	F2 2010		~		
Coverage Period:	7/17/2010	7/30/2010		Due Date:	08/06/2010
🗔 specia	al Election Report		Waive	er 🔶	_

Click Open Report at the bottom of the screen. A **Report Detail** screen (view only) will appear. This screen will not indicate any activity until individual detail data is entered, saved and a review is performed.

Repo	rt: 2010 - G4 - 27 201	0 General Election		Covers: 10/16	5/2010-10/28/2010	Due: 10/29/2010
	Amendment Waiv	/er Comp	olete Status: Inco	omplete Detail Records		
File	Date:	Re	view Status: Not	Reviewed		
Sta	utus: Data Entry	l	ast Review:			
# of	Transactions: 0	Review	Recalculate	Go To File Report	Append File Del	ete Report Save
	Contributions	Total Amount		Expenditures	Total Amount	
	Cash and Checks:	0.00		Monetary:	0.00	
	Loans:	0.00	*	Transfers to Off Acct:	0.00	
	Total Monetary:	0.00		Total Monetary:	0.00	
	In-Kind:	0.00		Other Distributions:	0.00	
м	Review lessages					
	Created: 10/	26/2010 11:41:25 AM	By: 50552	Revised:	10/26/2010 11:41:25	AM By: 50552

## File the Report

If the **Review Status** is <u>Updated Detail – Needs Review</u> the report has not been reviewed since the last update. (See page 39 for instructions on how to submit the report to the system for review.)

	Report: 2010 - F3 - 26         2010 General Election         Covers: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010         Due: 8/20/2010				
	Amendment Waiver Complete Status: Complete Detail Records				
If the status of the	File Date: Review Status: Reviewed				
report is <u>Complete</u>	Status: Data Entry Last Review: 8/19/2010 3:56:42 PM				
<u>Detail Records</u> , you	# of Transactions: 1 Review Recalculate Go To File Report Append File Delete Report Save				
are ready to file the	Contributions Total Amount Expenditures Total Amount				
report.	Cash and Checks: 0.00 Monetary: 51.00				
	Loans: 0.00 Transfers to Off Acct: 0.00				
	Total Monetary:         0.00         Total Monetary:         51.00           In-Kind:         0.00         Other Distributions:         0.00				
	Review Messages				
	Created: 8/19/2010 2:01:35 PM By: 50552 Revised: 8/19/2010 3:56:42 PM By: 50552				
Click on Go To File Report . The chairperson enters his or her PIN, and then selects Report Approved NOTE: A PIN is the same as your signature attesting to the validity of the report. Step 1: Enter the candidate/chairperson PIN. Step 2: Select the 'Report Approved' button.					
Report: 2010 - F3 - 26 Review Status	Coverage Period: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010 Reviewed  Coriginal Amended  Waiver  PIN for Candidate/Chairperson:  Report Approved				

If there is more than one treasurer, click on the drop down and select the treasurer that is filing the report.

Campaign Treasurer: James Bond
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The treasurer enters his **PIN** and then clicks

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Report: 2010 - F3 - 26	Coverage Period:	8/7/2010-8/19/2010	Due	: 8/20/2010
Review Status:	Reviewed		<b>&gt;</b> (0)	Original O Amended
Campaign Treasurer:	James Bond		<b>v</b>	Waiver
	PIN for specified Treasure	er:		
To Edit Report Again S	Select Cancel: Cancel	File Report	ר∙ך	

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If changes need to be made <u>after</u> a chairperson PIN is entered, the treasurer must <u>undo</u> the chairperson PIN validation before the system will allow changes. See page 49 for instructions.

#### Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Account: 79006

Committee Name: Better Future For Our Children

#### Florida Election System Reports

Florida.com

Ca	ndidate/Committee Lookup
Name:	Better fu
Election:	
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Acct:	79006
Type:	Committee 🗸
	Search Reset

Account. 79000	_				
Date Due Type Date Filed S	tatus Day Late		Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
9/16/2022 G2 9/12/2022					
9/9/2022 G1A 9/9/2022					
9/2/2022 G1 8/30/2022					
8/26/2022 P7A 8/25/2022					
8/19/2022 P7 8/19/2022					
8/12/2022 P6 8/9/2022					
8/5/2022 P5 8/3/2022					
7/29/2022 P4 7/27/2022					
7/22/2022 P3 7/18/2022					
7/15/2022 P2A 7/13/2022					
7/8/2022 P2 7/6/2022					
7/1/2022 P1A 7/1/2022					
6/24/2022 P1 6/22/2022					
6/10/2022 M5 6/6/2022 5/10/2022 M4 5/4/2022					
4/11/2022 M3 4/5/2022					
3/10/2022 M2 3/3/2022					
2/10/2022 M1 2/10/2022					
1/10/2022 M12 1/7/2022					
12/10/2021 M11 12/10/2021					
	SNT 1	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$0.00
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	EC 1	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$0.00
8/10/2021 M7 8/9/2021				•••••	
	CLO 15	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/10/2021 M5 6/12/2021 0	CLO 2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
5/10/2021 M4 5/2/2021					
4/12/2021 M3 5/2/2021 0	CLO 20	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
3/10/2021 M2 5/2/2021 0	CLO 53	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
2/10/2021 M1 3/9/2021 0	CLO 27	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
1/11/2021 M12 3/9/2021 0	CLO 57	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
12/10/2020 M11 12/2/2020					
	EC 22	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
	EC 33	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
	-EC 34	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
	EC 35			\$0.00	\$0.00
	EC 36			\$0.00	\$0.00
	EC 37			\$0.00	\$0.00
	FEC 38			\$0.00	\$0.00
	EC 39	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/23/2020 G5 12/2/2020 F	EC 40	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG Case No.: FEC 21-089

#### **Respondent: Better Future for Our Children**

#### **Complainant: Division of Elections**

- Date and time: December 2, 2021 @ 9:00 am Name: Lavencia Alls – Treasurer at time of Referral and Registered Agent Phone #: 786-728-5900 Summary: I called the number used to previously contact Respondent. Call was unsuccessful, message box was full. The other number, (305-720-1339) found on the DS-DE 6, is connected to Kevin Chambliss and not Respondent. Entered by: Brian Ayres
- Date and time: December 3, 2021 @ 11:27 am Name: Lavencia Alls- Treasurer at time of Referral and Registered Agent Phone #: 786-728-5900 Summary: Call was unsuccessful. The phone number has a full voicemail inbox. Entered by: Brian Ayres
- 3. Date and time: Name: Phone #: Summary: Entered by:

#### **RESPONDENT INTERVIEW MEMO – Call details at #[LOG NUMBER]**

*Type and ask your case specific question(s) first, then ask the remaining questions.* 

- Why were the reports for better Future for Our Children reports filed late? (21-089)
- Why was the M12 report not filed on its due date of January 11, 21? (21-182)
- Have you ever run for public office? If so, please name each office you ran for and state what year each election occurred.
- Have you ever been appointed to act as a campaign treasurer for a candidate? If so, please name each such candidate, the office each ran for, and state what year each election occurred.
- Have you ever held the office of chairperson, treasurer, or other similar position for a political committee or electioneering communications organization? If so, please name each committee, state the office you held for each, and state when you held each office.
- Have you ever prepared or signed a campaign treasurer's report? If so, please state the name of the candidate or committee whose report you prepared or signed.
- What action have you taken to determine your responsibilities under Florida's election laws?

- Do you possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- Do you possess a copy of the [*Candidate and Campaign Treasurer* OR *Political Committee* OR *Electioneering Communications Organization*] *Handbook*? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- *If a section of Chapter 104 is listed in the LS letter, ask:* Do you possess a copy of Chapter 104, Florida Statutes? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- Did you receive any other materials from your filing officer? If so, please describe them.
- Do you have anything else to add for the Commission's consideration regarding the charges specified in the letter of legal sufficiency in this case?

#### **Brian Ayres**

From:	Brian Ayres
Sent:	Thursday, December 2, 2021 9:06 AM
То:	ms.alls0903@gmail.com
Subject:	Florida Elections Commission - December 2, 2021

Good morning Ms. Alls,

I am looking to speak with you regarding your time as treasurer for Better Future for our Children. Please let me know what the best number for you is, and when the best time to call may be.

Thank you,

**Brian Ayres** Investigation Specialist Florida Elections Commission 107 W Gaines St., #224 (850) 404-5616 Brian.Ayres@myfloridalegal.com



## **Florida Elections Commission**

107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6596 Telephone: (850) 922-4539 · Facsimile: (850) 921-0783 FEC@myfloridalegal.com · www.fec.state.fl.us



July 7, 2021

LaVencia Alls Better Future For Our Children 25931 S Dixie Hwy, Unit 611 Homestead, FL 33032-5567

#### RE: Case No.: FEC 21-089; Respondent: Better Future For Our Children

Dear Ms. Alls:

On February 5, 2021, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging your committee violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violation(s):

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

•	2020 G5	•	2020 D5
•	2020 D1	•	2020 D6
	2020 D2	•	2020 G6

2020 M10

- 2020 D3
- 2020 D4

However, prior to an investigation, you have the option to <u>resolve your case now by</u> signing a minor violation consent order and <u>paying a fine of \$450</u>, per Rule 2B-1.003, Florida Administrative Code, <u>rather than the potential \$1,000 per violation</u> provided for in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes.

If you sign the consent order, you would not be required to admit or deny the allegation(s) in the complaint, but you would be required to immediately correct the violation, if feasible.

The signed consent order would then be considered by the Commission at its next available meeting and would constitute final action by the Commission once it is accepted and approved by

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the Commission. You and the Complainant will receive notice at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

<u>Please contact Mattie Clay by phone at (850) 922-4539, by email at</u> <u>Mattie.Clay@myfloridalegal.com</u>, or at the address listed above, to accept this minor violation consent order.

If you choose not to resolve this case by consent order, an investigation will be conducted, the Commission will hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violation(s) occurred and, if so, the amount of fine to be imposed upon your committee.

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

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

Sincerely,

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Tim Vaccaro Executive Director

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## DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

To FEC from Division of Elections

Name:	Better Future For Our Children
Account Number:	79006
Chairperson:	LaVencia Alls
Treasurer:	LaVencia Alls
Registered Agent:	LaVencia Alls

The Division of Elections hereby provides this notice to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to sections 106.07(8)(d), 106.22(7), and 106.25(2), Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, has occurred based upon repeated late filings or failure to notify the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date as required by section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, for the following reports:

2020 G5	2020 D1	2020 D2
2020 D3	2020 D4	2020 D5
2020 D6	2020 G6	2020 M10

- Better Future For Our Children (79006) is a political committee registered with the Division of Elections. On October 16, 2020, the committee filed the DSDE 5 and DSDE 6 with the Division indicating that LaVencia Alls was the chairperson and treasurer for the committee.
- The 2020 G5 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 23, 2020. Better Future For Our Children failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On December 2, 2020, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt.)
- The 2020 D1 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 24, 2020. Better Future For Our Children failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On December 2, 2020, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt.)

- The 2020 D2 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 25, 2020. Better Future For Our Children failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On December 2, 2020, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt.)
- The 2020 D3 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 26, 2020. Better Future For Our Children failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On December 2, 2020, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt.)
- The 2020 D4 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 27, 2020. Better Future For Our Children failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On December 2, 2020, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt.)
- The 2020 D5 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 28, 2020. Better Future For Our Children failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On December 2, 2020, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt.)
- The 2020 D6 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 29, 2020. Better Future For Our Children failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On December 2, 2020, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt.)
- The 2020 G6 campaign treasurer's report was due on October 30, 2020. Better Future For Our Children failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On December 2, 2020, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt.)
- The 2020 M10 campaign treasurer's report was due on November 10, 2020. Better Future For Our Children failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On December 2, 2020, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt.)

Sent By: Kristi Reid Willis Date: February 4, 2021

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: 79006 Name: Better Ful	ture For Our Children
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