# STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

# In Re: Robert Lee Lynch

TO: Robert Lee Lynch 2060 Northwest 48th Terrace, #207 Lauderhill, FL 33313 Case No.: FEC 15-499

Division of Elections 500 S 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, November 16, 2016 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

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.

# <u>Amy McKeever Toman</u>

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission November 1, 2016 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.

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# STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

# Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

v.

Case No.: FEC 15-499

Robert Lee Lynch, Respondent.

# ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its

regularly scheduled meeting on August 17, 2016, in Tallahassee, Florida.

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 violation(s):

### Count 1:

On or about August 10, 2015, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2015 M7 Report.

# Count 2:

On or about November 10, 2015, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2015 M10 Report.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on August 17, 2016.

M. Scott Thomas, Chairman Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel Robert Lee Lynch, 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)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 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 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 30 days of the date this Order of 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 W. 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: Robert Lee Lynch

Case No.: FEC 15-499

# 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 February 26, 2016, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On December 2, 2015, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections, alleging that Robert Lee Lynch ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes

2. Respondent is a candidate for the office of State Representative, District 95, in the 2016 election cycle. (ROI Exhibit 1)<sup>1</sup>

3. Complainant alleged that Respondent failed to notify his filing officer in writing that no reports would be filed on the applicable reporting date for the following reports: 2015 M7 and the 2015 M10 Reports.

4. By letter dated February 11, 2016, 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 failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the reporting periods:

- 2015 M7
- 2015 M10

5. Respondent filed his State of Florida Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form ("DS-DE 9"), on June 29, 2015, and appointed himself as campaign treasurer. (ROI Exhibit 1)

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

6 By letter dated June 30, 2015, the Division acknowledged receipt of Respondent's DS-DE 9 form, and indicated that Respondent's name had been placed on the 2016 active candidate list The letter also provided Respondent with his initial password and sign-on credentials for the electronic filing system (EFS). (ROI Exhibit 2)

7 Ms. Bronson's letter also informed Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on its website. The letter instructed Respondent to print a copy of Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. Id.

8. The Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook explains the requirement of filing a waiver-of-report when the candidate has no financial activity to disclose (ROI Exhibit 3, pages 4 and 6)

9. The Candidate EFS User's Guide explains the process of filing a waiver-of-report using the electronic filing system (EFS) Listed on page 13 are specific instructions about checking the box next to "waiver" when there is no financial activity to disclose (ROI Exhibit 4, pages 4-6)

# Alleged Violation: Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes

10 In pertinent part, Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, state:

[A]ny candidate or political committee not reporting by virtue of this subsection on dates prescribed elsewhere in this chapter shall notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date. (emphasis added)

11. The table below reflects Respondent's untimely written notifications to the Division:

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2015 M7	7/1/15 - 7/31/15	8/10/15	8/12/15	2
2015 M10	10/1/15 - 10/31/15	11/10/15	11/17/15	7

12. Respondent provided a sworn statement to Commission staff dated February 18, 2016. Respondent indicated that this was not an intentional act, and that he was having trouble managing the reporting site for the 2015 M7 Report. "Once I figured it out by calling to request assistance from the Commission, I immediately filed it two days later on July 12, 2015." "For my 2015 M10 Report, since there was no campaign activity, I made this mistake of thinking that I had time, when in actuality I didn't. I simply allowed time to slip away before realizing that I had not completed the report." (ROI Exhibit 6)

13 Despite having access to read and review Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, and the *EFS Guide Book*, Respondent failed to timely notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the 2015 M7 and the 2015 M10 Reports (ROI Exhibit 5)

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14 "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. 1<sup>st</sup> DCA 1995).

15. The facts set forth above show that Respondent is a candidate for the office of State Representative, District 95, in the 2016 Florida election cycle. Respondent appointed himself as treasurer for his campaign. During his campaign, Respondent failed to timely notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no report would be filed for the 2015 M7 and the 2015 M10 Reports

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

### <u>Count 1:</u>

On or about August 10, 2015, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2015 M7 Report.

### Count 2:

On or about November 10, 2015, Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2015 M10 Report.

Respectfully submitted on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Jaakan A. Williams Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 746 day of March 2016. Amy McKeever Toman Executive Director

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# FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

# Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer

# Case Number FEC 15-499

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

# Respondent: Robert Lee Lynch

Complainant: Division of Elections

**Respondent Type:** 

🔀 Candidate

Political Committee

# I Preliminary Information:

1 An appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) was filed on June 29, 2015 (Ex. 1)

2. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on Respondent's DS-DE 9 on June 30, 2015 advising Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, and the Calendar of Reporting Dates (Ex. 2)

3 The acknowledgement letter also states, "An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports" and provides the telephone number for the Division's EFS Help Desk.

4. The Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, discusses filing a waiver when there is no activity to disclose on page 47 (Ex 3)

5 Pages 12, 13, 44, and 45 of the *Candidate EFS User's Guide* discuss how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, page 13 instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose (Ex 4)

6 In a telephone interview on April 2, 2015, Kristi Reid-Bronson clarified that once the waiver box is chosen and a new report is opened as shown on Page 12, the only available option on the report summary screen will be "Go To File Report" as shown on Page 13 Choosing "Go To File Report" will take the user directly to the screens where the candidate/treasurer PINS are entered as shown on Pages 44 and 45

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

7. Respondent's filing history reflects the untimely filed notifications summarized below. (Ex 5)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2015 M7	7/1/15 - 7/31/15	8/10/15	8/12/15	2
2015 M10	10/1/15 - 10/31/15	11/10/15	11/17/15	7

8. Respondent provided a written response to the referral dated February 18, 2016, in which he stated "First, I would like to say that this was not an intentional act. For the 2015 M7 Report, I was having a challenge managing the reporting site. Once I figured it out by calling to request assistance from the Commission, I immediately filed it two days later on July 12, 2015<sup>1</sup> I did not realize that, in addition to filing late, that I had to notify the Commission For that I apologize. For my 2015 M10 Report, since there was no campaign activity, I made the mistake of thinking that I had time, when in actuality I didn't. I simply allowed time to slip away before realizing that I had not completed the report. This is a mistake that I will never make again. As you can see, by my later filings, I have been filing some of them earlier. Please know that none of this was intentional and I would like to ask that you give me every consideration before making your final determination. Again, I apologize for my mistake. Though untimely, I did in fact file the reports". (Ex. 6)

9 A review of the Division of Elections records reflects that a waiver was timely filed for the 2015 M6 reporting period on July 10, 2015. This was the first report that was due after Respondent became an active candidate on June 29, 2015 This reporting period also preceded the 2015 M7 reporting period in which Respondent attested that he experienced challenges while "managing the reporting site" (Ex 5)

10. Respondent submitted an affidavit dated February 18, 2016 in which he stated the reasons for the untimely notices for the 2015 M7 and M10 reporting periods. The waiver for the 2015 M7 reporting period was untimely filed due to Respondent "having a problem with filing instructions & learning how to use the reporting site I did finally call the Elections Commission, but the report was already late<sup>2</sup> I filed it on July 12, 2015<sup>3</sup> There was no activity on the campaign for this period" Respondent also verified that the waiver for the 2015 M10 reporting period was untimely filed Respondent stated, "since there was no activity on the campaign, I made the mistake of thinking I had time, when in actuality I didn't In essence, I forgot A mistake that will never happen again. I now grasp the seriousness of making sure I follow instructions to the letter" (Ex. 7)

### III. FEC History:

11. Respondent has had a prior case before the Commission. FEC 09-148; Default Final Order in the amount of \$650 00 for a late filed report for his 2008 campaign<sup>4</sup>.

### Conclusion:

12. Respondent stated in his affidavit that he did read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and/or the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. Respondent signed his Statement of Candidate form on June 29, 2015. (Ex. 8)

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The waiver for the 2015 M7 reporting period was filed on August 12, 2015

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Respondent was referring to making contact with the Division of Elections He incorrectly implied that he made contact with the Florida Elections Commission

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The waiver for the 2015 M7 reporting period was filed on August 12, 2015

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> I have reviewed records from the FEC and the DOE. These records reflect that Respondent has not paid this \$650.00 fine

# FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Robert L. Lynch -- FEC 15-499

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT Of STATE

RICK SCOTT Governor KEN DETZNER Secretary of State

June 30, 2015

Robert Lee Lynch 2060 Northwest 48<sup>th</sup> Terrace #207 Lauderhill, Florida 33313

Dear Representative Lynch:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Representative, which was placed on file in our office on June 29, 2015 Your name has been placed on the 2016 active candidate list

# Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on July 10, 2015. The report will cover the period of June 1-30, 2015 (M6) All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS)

# Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. You, your campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting these passwords from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using these credentials, unless the Division is notified that your credentials have been compromised.

EFS Website Address: https://efs.dos state fl us Identification Number: 64788



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# Pin Numbers

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update personal information. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your confidential pin numbers.

Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that password is forgotten or lost. When you enter the campaign account screen, there will be a drop down box where you pick a question (such as *What is your mother's maiden name?*) and supply an answer. All passwords and answers to questions are stored as encrypted data and cannot be viewed by Division staff and given out over the phone. Please notify the Division if your credentials have been compromised.

### Timely Filing

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

Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 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 reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the 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 candidate and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106 07(5), Florida Statutes

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### 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>http://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: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information

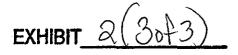
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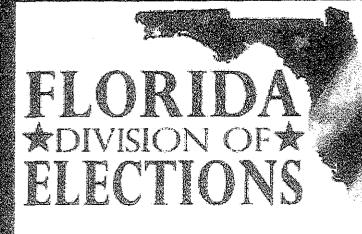
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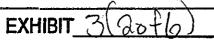


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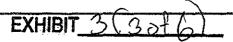
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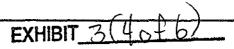


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day designated is deemed timely filed. A report received by the filing officer within 5 days after the designated due date that was delivered by the U.S. Postal Service is deemed timely filed unless it has a postmark indicating the report was mailed 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 Electronic Filing System (EFS) are due no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date

> (Sections 106.07, 106.0705 and 106.141, F.S.)

### Penalty for Late Filing

Any candidate 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 immediately preceding the primary and general election, 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. For a candidate's termination report, the fine shall be \$50 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. All fines must be paid from the candidate's personal funds not campaign funds

(Section 106 07(2) and (8), F.S.)

### Waiver of Report

In any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds or made any expenditures, the filing of the required report for that period is waived; however, the candidate must indicate there is no activity by filing a waiver of report on the prescribed due date. (Waivers filed with the Division must be filed using the EFS.) The next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed.

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

### Incomplete Reports

If a campaign treasurer files a report that is deemed incomplete, it shall be accepted on a conditional basis. The campaign treasurer will be notified by the filing officer as to why the report is incomplete. The campaign treasurer must file an addendum to the incomplete report within seven days of notification. The addendum must include all necessary information to complete the report.

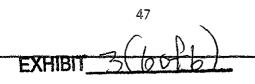
(Section 106.07(2), F.S.)

#### Reporting Total Sums

Each campaign treasurer's report required by Chapter 106, F.S., shall contain the total sums of all loans, in-kind contributions, and other receipts by or for such candidate, and total sums of all expenditures made by such candidate during the reporting period. The

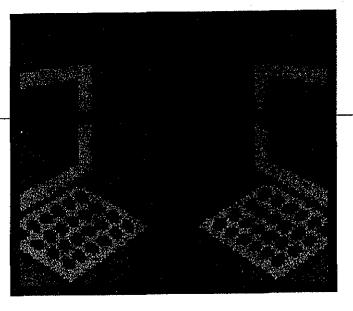
reporting forms shall be designed to elicit separate totals for in-kind contributions, loans, and other receipts

(Section 106.07, F.S.)



Department of State Division of Elections

# Candidate EFS User's Guide



Florida Department of State Division of Elections R.A. Gray Building, Room 316 500 S Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

EFS HELP LINE: 850-245-6280

January 2011

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Click arrow next to **Report Type** and select the report type that corresponds to the appropriate cover period and due date

The Cover Period dates will automatically fill in based on the Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates. The end date can be changed for candidate termination reports.

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

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

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

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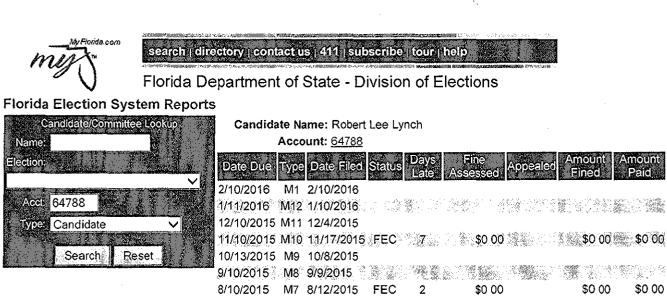
If there is more than one treasurer, click on the drop down and select the treasurer that is filing the report.

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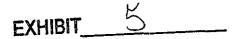
**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If changes need to be made <u>after</u> a candidate enters his PIN, the treasurer must <u>undo</u> the candidate's PIN validation before the system will allow changes. See page 48 for instructions.

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February 18, 2016

Mr. Cedric Oliver Florida Elections Commission 107 W Gaines Street Suite 224 Collins Building Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050

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RE: Case No.: FEC 15-499; Respondent Robert Lee Lynch

Dear Mr. Oliver:

I am in receipt of your letter concerning my not notifying the Elections Commission of failing to file my report for the 2015 M7 and 2015 M10 time frames.

First, I would like to say that this was not an intentional act For the 2015 M7 Report, I was having a challenge managing the reporting site. Once I figured it out by calling to request assistance from the Commission, I immediately filed it two days later on July 12, 2015. I did not realize that, in addition to filing late, that I had to notify the Commission. For that I apologize

For my 2015 M10 Report, since there was no campaign activity, I made the mistake of thinking that I had time, when in actuality I didn't I simply allowed time to slip away before realizing that I had not completed the report. This is a mistake that I will never make again. As you can see, by my later filings, I have been filing some of them earlier. Please know that none of this was intentional and I would like to ask that you give me every consideration before making your final determination.

Again, I apologize for my mistake. Though untimely, I did in fact file the reports.

Sincerely,

Eyn

Robert L. Lynch

State of Flori County of BROWA 201 On this 18 day of Fe

before me personally appeared *Zoberf L. Lynch* 

to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free ext and deed SEAL (signed)

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Cynthia Alexander Notary Public - State of Flerida Commission #EE 153165 Expires 03/16/2016

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# AFFIDAVIT OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION Case Number: FEC 15-499

# STATE OF FLORIDA County of Broward

Robert Lee Lynch, being duly sworn, says:

1. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge.

2.	I am	of legal	age an	nd competent to	testify to	the	matters	stated	herein	Lam	currently
employ	ed by	MARI	I GK	nd competent to ASCASINO		is	TRAN	Spo <u>e</u>	TATION	DR	Wer

3 Did you receive the acknowledgement letter containing your Electronic Filing System (EFS) PIN and password, and instructing you to print Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, and the Calendar of Reporting Dates from the Division of Elections' website?

Yes l No

4. Did you read and/or print Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, per the instructions in the acknowledgement letter?

Yes 🗌 No

5 Did you read and/or print the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, per the instructions in the acknowledgement letter?

🛛 Yes 🔲 No

6 Did you print the Calendar of Reporting Dates, per the instructions in the acknowledgement letter?

Yes 🗌 No

7. Did you read and/or print the EFS Guide Book?

Yes No

8. Did you read and/or print any other campaign related materials?

Yes 🗌 No

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9. If yes, please list the items below with a brief description of the information you received from these documents:

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10 Please explain the reason(s) you failed to notify your filing officer on the prescribed due dates that there was no campaign finance activity to disclose; therefore, no report would be filed for the reporting periods listed below (use additional paper if necessary):

2015 M7 2015 M10 SINCE THERE WAS NO ACTIVITY IN ON THIS REDORT - 2015 M E MISTAKE NEE, ICTIONS. ONTHE CAMPAIAN THIS PERIOD.

I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 18 day of

2016

Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida Prine, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

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Personally Known \_\_\_\_\_ or Produced Identification \_\_\_\_

Type of Identification Produced: Florida Drivers License

Case Investigator: CKO

**Cynthia Alexander** 

Notary Public - State of Florida Commission #EE 153169 Expires 03/16/2016

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STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE (Section 106.023, F.S.) (Please print or type)	OFFICE USE ONLY
<sup>I,</sup> Robert Lee Lynch	· ,
candidate for the office of State R	epresentative, District 95
have been provided access to read an	d understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.	
X Kula (ymm Signature of Candidate	06-23-15 Date
Each candidate must file a statement with the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Design failure to file this form is a first degree misde Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to Statutes).	nation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful meanor and a civil violation of the Campaign
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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224 Collins Building Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050 Telephone: (850) 922-4539 Fax: (850) 921-0783

February 11, 2016

Robert Lee Lynch 2060 Northwest 48<sup>th</sup> Terrace, #207 Lauderhill, FL 33313

# RE: Case No.: FEC 15-499; Respondent: Robert Lee Lynch

Dear Mr Lynch:

On December 2, 2015, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that you 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 violations:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent 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:

- 2015 M7
- 2015 M10

You may respond to the allegations above by filing a notarized statement providing any information regarding the facts and circumstances surrounding the allegations. Your response will be included as an attachment to the investigator's report.

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation will be mailed to you at the above address You may file a response to the report within 14 days from the date the report is mailed to you Based on the results of the investigation, legal staff will make a written recommendation to the Commission on whether there is probable cause to believe you have violated Chapter 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. A copy of the Staff Recommendation will be mailed to you and you may file a response within 14 days from the date the recommendation is mailed to you. Your timely filed response(s) will be considered by the Commission when determining probable cause.

The Commission will then hold a hearing to determine whether there is probable cause to believe you have violated Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes You and the complainant will receive a notice of hearing at least 14 days before the hearing. The notice of hearing will indicate the location, date, and time of your hearing You will have the opportunity to make a brief oral statement to the Commission, but you will not be permitted to testify or call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence

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At any time before a probable cause finding, you may notify us in writing that you want to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a settlement via consent agreement.

The Report of Investigation, Staff Recommendation, and Notice of Hearing will be mailed to the above address as this letter. Therefore, if your address changes, you must notify this office of your new address. Otherwise, you may not receive these important documents. <u>Failure to receive the documents will not delay the probable cause hearing</u>.

Under section 106.25, Florida Statutes, complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 and 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 However, it does apply to you unless you waive confidentiality in writing. The confidentiality provision does not preclude you from seeking legal counsel. However, if 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

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Cedric Oliver, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,

Amy McKeever Toman Executive Director

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# DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

2015 DEC -2 P 3 16

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To FEC from Division of Elections

Candidate: Robert Lee Lynch

Account Number: 64788

Treasurer: Robert Lee Lynch

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 file notifications to the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date under s. 106.07(7).

2015 M7

2015 M10

Sent By: Kristi Reid Bronson Date: November 20, 2015

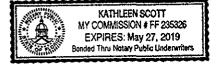
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# STATE OF FLORIDA County of Leon

# Kristi Reid Bronson, being duly sworn, says:

- 1 I am the Chief of the Bureau of Election Records of the Division of Elections (Division) In that capacity, I oversee the Division's duties related to the filing of campaign finance reports. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian
- 2. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
- 3. Robert Lee Lynch (64788) is a 2016 candidate for the office of State Representative. On June 29, 2015, Mr Lynch filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division designating himself as treasurer (See attached documents and acknowledgment letter)
- 4. The 2015 M7 campaign treasurer's report was due on August 10, 2015. Robert Lee Lynch filed this report on August 12, 2015. (See attached letter and file receipt).
- 5. The 2015 M10 campaign treasurer's report was due on November 10, 2015. Robert Lee Lynch filed this report on November 17, 2015. (See attached letter and file receipt)

I hereby swear or affirm that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Signature of Affiant Sworn to (br affirmed) and subscribed before me this 20th day of November. of Nøtary Public -State of Florida Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

Personally Known

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AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN	
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Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Treasurer/Deputy Depository Office	F
2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last) 3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, code)	zip
Robert Lee Lynch 2060 NW 48th Terrace #207	
4. Telephone 5. E-mail address Lauderhill, FL 33313	
(954) 254-8024 rll0222@aol.com	
6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number) 7. If a candidate for a <u>nonpartisan</u> office, chec	<b>k</b> i
State Representative, District 95       applicable:         My intent is to run as a Write-In cand	ida
8 If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a	
Write-In No Party Affiliation X Democratic Party candidate	
9. I have appointed the following person to act as my 🔀 Campaign Treasurer 🔲 Deputy Treasurer	
10 Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer	
Robert Lee Lynch	
11 Mailing Address 12. Telephone	
2060 NW 48th Terrace #207 (954) 254-8024	
13. City14. County15. State16 Zip Code17. E-mail addressLauderhillBrowardFL33313rll0222@aol.com	
18 I have designated the following bank as my Primary Depository Secondary Depository	
19. Name of Bank       20. Address         Branch Banking and Trust Company (BB&T)       1771 NW 40th Avenue	
21. City     22. County     23. State     24. Zip Code	
Lauderhill Broward FL 33313	
UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURE DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.	R
25 Date 26. Signature of Candidate	<del></del>
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27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)	
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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT Of STATE

RICK SCOTT Governor KEN DETZNER Secretary of State

June 30, 2015

Robert Lee Lynch 2060 Northwest 48<sup>th</sup> Terrace #207 Lauderhill, Florida 33313

Dear Representative Lynch:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Representative, which was placed on file in our office on June 29, 2015 Your name has been placed on the 2016 active candidate list

# **Campaign Treasurer's Reports**

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on July 10, 2015 The report will cover the period of June 1-30, 2015 (M6) All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

# **Credentials and Sign-ons**

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. You, your campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting these passwords from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using these credentials, unless the Division is notified that your credentials have been compromised.

EFS Website Address: https://efs.dos.state.fl.us Identification Number: 64788



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# Pin Numbers

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update personal information. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your confidential pin numbers.

Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that password is forgotten or lost When you enter the campaign account screen, there will be a drop down box where you pick a question (such as *What is your mother's maiden name?*) and supply an answer. All passwords and answers to questions are stored as encrypted data and cannot be viewed by Division staff and given out over the phone. Please notify the Division if your credentials have been compromised.

# **<u>Timely Filing</u>**

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

Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 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 reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late 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 candidate and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

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# 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>http://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: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information

Sincerely,

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Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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Enclosures

Florida Division of Elections 7<sup>-1</sup> ectronic Filing System

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# Treasurer Report Status

ID: 64788 Name: Robert Lee	e Lynch
Report: 2015 - M7 - 2 Election: 2016 General Election	Print Date: 11/20/2015 9:21:51 AM
Covers: 7/1/2015-7/31/2015 Due: 8/10/2015	Amended 🗹 Waiver
Filed: 8/12/2015 5:05:21 PM	File Status: Filed Report
Reviewed: 8/12/2015	Review Status: Reviewed
	Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found
File Method: Web Filed	Number of Detail Records
Entry Method: Web Data Entry	Contributions: 0
	Expenditures: 0
Pending Queued Items: 0	Fund Transfers: 0
	Distributions: 0
To Print Report: Right Click	Mouse and Select 'Print'

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11/20/2015



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

August 18, 2015

Robert Lee Lynch 2060 Northwest 48th Terrace #207 Lauderhill, FL 33313

CAN 64788

Dear Mr. Lynch:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of August 10, 2015, was not filed until August 12, 2015. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat, or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation

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

Sincerely,

Krist Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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Treasurer Report Status

D: 64788 Name: Robert Lee	e Lynch
Report: 2015 - M10 - 5 Election: 2016 General Election	Print Date: 11/20/2015 9:22:09 AM
Covers: 10/1/2015-10/31/2015 Due: 11/10/2015	Amended Vaiver
Filed: 11/17/2015 8:07:06 AM	File Status: Filed Report
eviewed: 11/17/2015	Review Status: Reviewed
	Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found
File Method: Web Filed	Number of Detail Records
ntry Method: Web Data Entry	Contributions: 0
	Expenditures: 0
Pending Queued Items: 0	Fund Transfers: 0
	Distributions: 0

11/20/2015



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

November 19, 2015

Robert Lee Lynch 2060 Northwest 48th Terrace #207 Lauderhill, FL 33313

CAN 64788

Dear Mr. Lynch:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of November 10, 2015, was not filed until November 17, 2015. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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