#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

#### In Re: Residents for Quality of Life

**TO:** Dan Gilbert, Chair 150 Alton Road, Suite 703

Miami Beach, FL 33139

#### Case No.: FEC 20-472

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 20-472

Residents for Quality of Life, 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 3, 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 August 28, 2020, Residents for Quality of Life 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 G1 Report.

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Order of Probable Cause FEC Case # 20-472

#### Count 2:

On or about September 4, 2020, Residents for Quality of Life 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 G1A 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 Residents for Quality of Life, 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 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: Residents for Quality of Life

TO: Dan Gilbert Arroyo, Chair 150 Alton Road, Suite 703 Miami Beach, FL 33139 Case No.: FEC 20-472

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

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission January 9, 2023 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

#### In Re: Residents for Quality of Life

Case No.: FEC 20-472

TO: Residents for Quality of Life Dan Gilbert Arroyo, Chair 150 Alton Road, Suite 703 Miami Beach, FL 33139

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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In Re: Residents for Quality of Life

Case No.: FEC 20-472

#### **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 6, 2022, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On October 14, 2020, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections ("Division"), alleging that Residents for Quality of Life ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent was a political committee registered with the Division. Respondent's registration was canceled on January 15, 2021, for failing to maintain a registered office and agent. (ROI Exhibit 1)<sup>1</sup>

3. By letter dated November 2, 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 formerly 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 G1 • 2020 G1A

4. By letter dated August 20, 2019, 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 4, 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 4, page 1) The letter further advised Respondent that all the Division's publications

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

and 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 4, 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 5, 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 6, 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 7, page 1)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2020 G1	8/15/20 - 8/21/20	8/28/20	10/23/20	56
2020 G1A	8/22/20 - 8/28/20	9/4/20	10/23/20	49

9. Oscar Aguilar, treasurer for Respondent, did not respond to the investigation. During a prior matter, Mr. Aguilar stated that he experienced a death in the family in April 2020 and was taking care of the chairperson, who was experiencing health issues. Mr. Aguilar stated that he had been handling all the paperwork for the committee despite the difficulties. Mr. Aguilar stated that he last heard from the Division when he received a Final Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration; therefore, he believed he was unable to update the reports. (ROI Exhibit 8, page 1)

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 was a political committee registered with the Division prior to its cancelation. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no reports would be filed for the 2020 G1 and 2020 G1A 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 August 28, 2020, Residents for Quality of Life 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 G1 Report.

#### Count 2:

On or about September 4, 2020, Residents for Quality of Life 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 G1A Report.

Respectfully submitted on October 3, 2022.

Mattie T. Clay Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this <u>319</u> day of October 2022.

Stephanie J. Cunningham General Counsel

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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

#### Case Number: FEC 20-472

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:** Residents for Quality of Life **Respondent's Atty:** N/A

Division of Elections (Division) Referral Filed: October 14, 2020

Respondent Type: Political Committee

#### I. Preliminary Information:

1. Respondent was a political committee formerly registered with the Division. To review the Final Order canceling Respondent's registration, refer to Exhibit 1.

2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on August 19, 2019. Jose A. Riesco was appointed as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 6, refer to Exhibit  $2^{1}$ 

3. A Statement of Organization (DS-DE 5) for the political committee was filed with the Division on August 19, 2019. To review the Statement of Organization, refer to Exhibit 3.

4. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on the DS-DE 5 on August 20, 2019, advising the committee 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 4.

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 5.

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 6.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Another form was subsequently filed designating a new depository and/or appointing a new treasurer.

#### **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 7.

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2020 G1	08/15/2020 - 08/21/2020	08/28/2020	10/23/2020	56
2020 G1A	08/22/2020 - 08/28/2020	09/04/2020	10/23/2020	49

9. Respondent did not respond to the referral.

10. I attempted to contact Respondent's Treasurer, Oscar Aguilar, 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 my telephone calls have not been returned. However, in a prior matter involving the same Respondent, Mr. Aguilar stated that, though he had been handling all the paperwork, it was very difficult due to a death in the family in April 2020 and health issues of the Chairperson. Mr. Aguilar stated that the last he heard was that the Division sent a Final Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration of Respondent, so he believed that he was no longer able to update reports. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 8.

Charles Mallaco

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:

Date: September 6, 2022

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Residents for Quality of Life -- FEC 20-472

LIST OF EXHIBITS			
Exhibits #s Description of Exhibits			
Exhibit 1	Final Order of Revocation		
Exhibit 2	DS-DE 6s		
Exhibit 3	DS-DE 5		
Exhibit 4	Acknowledgement Letter		
Exhibit 5	PC Handbook		
Exhibit 6	PC EFS Guide		
Exhibit 7	Filing History		
Exhibit 8	Phone Log		

#### STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FEB 12 2021

AGENCY CLERK DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS,

Petitioner,

v.

**RESIDENTS FOR QUALITY OF LIFE (74490),** 

Respondent.

Final Order No. DOS 21-1 DE

#### FINAL ORDER

The Florida Department of State, Division of Elections (the "Division"), pursuant to Section 106.03(7), Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code, promulgated thereunder, hereby enters its Final Order canceling the registration of Residents for Quality of Life ("Respondent") as a political committee in the State of Florida. The Division, being fully advised as to the premises, finds and orders as follows:

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Rule 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code, establishes procedures for the Division to cancel the registration of a political committee for, among other reasons, when "the committee or organization fails to maintain a registered office and a registered agent as required by Section 106.022, F.S."

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent is a registered political committee with the Division of Elections. Respondent's registration number is 74490.

2. On November 4, 2020, the Division mailed an Initial Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration (attached and incorporated by reference) to the most recent address on file for both Respondent's chairperson and Respondent's registered agent. The notice stated that Respondent does not have a valid registered agent office on file with the Division of Elections.

3. On November 17, 2020, the Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration mailed to Respondent's registered agent was returned as undeliverable. (Attached and incorporated by reference.)

4. Respondent's registered agent's most recent address on file has not changed since the Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration was mailed on November 4, 2020.

5. On December 4, 2020, the Division mailed Respondent's chairperson a Final Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration (attached and incorporated by reference). The notice informed Respondent of the right to a hearing and advised that if a request for hearing was not made within 30 days of the date of the notice, the right to a hearing would be waived and final action taken by the Division.

6. The Final Notice of Intent Cancel Registration was not returned as being undeliverable and Respondent did not respond or otherwise timely request a hearing.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Based upon the foregoing and a complete review of the record, it is ORDERED that Respondent's registration as a political committee with the Florida Department of State, Division of Elections, is hereby CANCELED.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, this 15 day of Jacuary, 2021.

Maria 1. Matthews, Director

Division of Elections

#### **NOTICE OF RIGHTS**

This Order constitutes final agency action. Judicial review may be sought pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by filing a notice of appeal in the First District Court of Appeal, and a copy with the clerk of the Department of State. Such notice must be filed within 30 calendar days of the date indicated in the Certificate of Service.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of the foregoing Final Order was hand-delivered to the Agency Clerk, Department of State, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250 and that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order was mailed on this  $\underline{12}$  day of  $\underline{12}$ , 2021, by certified U.S. mail to Oscar Christian Aguilar, Registered Agent, Residents for Quality of Life, 1760 Northwest 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 704, Miami, Florida 33125.

Ashley E. Davis Deputy General Counsel Florida Department of State Florida Bar No. 48032 500 S. Bronough Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

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November 4, 2020

Dan Gilbert Arroyo, Chairperson Residents for Quality of Life (74490) 150 Alton Road, Suite 703 Miami Beach, Florida 33139

#### **RE: INITIAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL REGISTRATION**

Dear Mr. Arroyo:

This Initial Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration of your political committee is based on the following pursuant to Section 106.03(7), Florida Statutes, and Rule 18-2.021, Florida Administrative Code:

## • The committee does not have a valid registered office or registered agent on file with the Division of Elections.

If you object to this cancellation, you have 30 days from the date of this notice to provide documentation showing why the committee's registration should not be canceled. Alternatively, you may choose to voluntarily terminate your committee's registration before the end of the 30 days.

All further notices regarding cancellation of this committee's registration will be sent only to the registered agent's most recent address on file.

If you have any questions, please call (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

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Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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November 4, 2020

Oscar Christian Aguilar, Registered Agent Residents for Quality of Life (74490) 1760 Northwest 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 704 Miami, Florida 33125

#### **RE: INITIAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL REGISTRATION**

Dear Mr. Aguilar:

This Initial Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration of your political committee is based on the following pursuant to Section 106.03(7), Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code:

## • The committee does not have a valid registered office or registered agent on file with the Division of Elections.

If you object to this cancellation, you have 30 days from the date of this notice to provide documentation showing why the committee's registration should not be canceled. Alternatively, you may choose to voluntarily terminate your committee's registration before the end of the 30 days.

All further notices regarding cancellation of this committee's registration will be sent only to the registered agent's most recent address on file.

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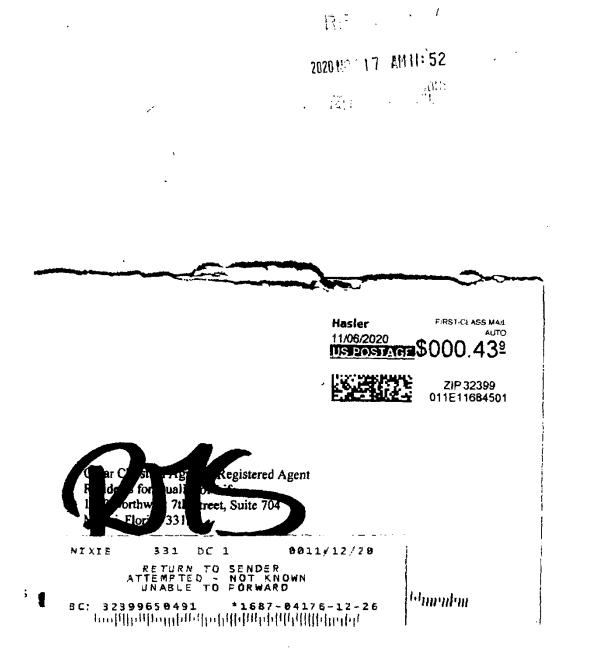


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RON DESANTIS Governor LAUREL M. LEE Secretary of State

November 4, 2020

Oscar Christian Aguilar, Registered Agent Residents for Quality of Life (74490) 1760 Northwest 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 704 Miami, Florida 33125

#### **RE: INITIAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL REGISTRATION**

Dear Mr. Aguilar:

This Initial Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration of your political committee is based on the following pursuant to Section 106.03(7), Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code:

### • The committee does not have a valid registered office or registered agent on file with the Division of Elections.

If you object to this cancellation, you have 30 days from the date of this notice to provide documentation showing why the committee's registration should not be canceled. Alternatively, you may choose to voluntarily terminate your committee's registration before the end of the 30 days.

All further notices regarding cancellation of this committee's registration will be sent only to the registered agent's most recent address on file.

If you have any questions, please call (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely, era W. 1/10

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RON DESANTIS Governor LAUREL M. LEE Secretary of State

December 4, 2020

Dan Gilbert Arroyo, Chairperson Residents for Quality of Life (74490) 150 Alton Road, Suite 703 Miami Beach, Florida 33139

#### **RE: FINAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL REGISTRATION**

Dear Mr. Arroyo:

On November 4, 2020, the Division sent you an Initial Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration (Initial Notice) for the following reason based on Section 106.03(7), Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code:

The committee does not have a valid registered office or registered agent on file with the Division
of Elections.

You did not provide a response within the 30 days of the Initial Notice to show why the registration should not be canceled or to voluntarily terminate registration.

This letter constitutes Final Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration (Final Notice). If you object to the cancellation, you have 30 days from the date of the Final Notice to request a hearing.

The request for hearing must be filed with the Division of Elections, Bureau of Election Records (use the address listed below.) The request for a hearing will be forwarded to the Florida Elections Commission (FEC). The FEC will conduct a hearing based on your request and any supporting documentation. If you want to appear personally in the hearing, you must ask to appear in the request for the hearing. If you fail to request a hearing, you waive your right to a hearing and a final order will be issued canceling the committee's registration.

You may still opt to terminate your committee's registration within 30 days of the Final Notice. You are still obligated for any fines or fees imposed automatically by law or by the FEC.

If you have any questions, please call (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

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Initial Filing for: 🖌 Primary Treasurer 🔄 Deputy Treasurer			OFFICE USE ONLY			
Re-filing to Change: Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer	Primary/Second	ny Depository				
1. Committee		2. Telephone				
Residents for Quality of Life		(305)445-	0777			
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer 4. Email (optional)	)	5. Telephone (c	optional)			
Jose A. Riesco jose@riescoand	icompany.com	(305)445-	0777			
6. Mailing Address 2600 South Douglas Road, Suite 900, Coral Gable	es, FL 33134					
7. Street Address Same as above	a nada a se a					
8. The following bank has been designated as the I Prin	nary Depository	Seconda	ry Depository			
9. Name of Bank Regions Bank	10. Street Addres: 3516 Main Hi					
11. City	12. Sta	te	13. Zip Code			
Miami	FI	-	33133			
14. Signature of Chairman	15. Name of Chai Dan Gilbert A		e)			
Campaign Treasurer's Ac	ceptance of A	ppointment				
I, Jose A. Riesco		, do hereb	y accept the appointment as			
	Peridents for Quality of Life					
	(Committe	e)				
UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE EACTS STATED ARE TRUE.						
09/12/2019 ×						
DS-DE 6 (Rev. 4/19)	signature of Camp	ign Treasurer or I	Deputy Treasurer			

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN	RECEIVED				
DEPOSITORY FOR POLITICAL COMMITTEES (Sections 106.011(2) and 106.021(1), F.S.)	2020 JUN 29 AM 9: 16				
	TALLAHASSEE, FL				
CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:					
Initial Filing for Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer	OFFICE USE ONLY				
Re-filing to Change: 🔀 Primary Treasurer 🗌 Deputy Treasurer	Primary/Secondary Depository				
1. Committee	2. Telephone				
Residents For Quality of	life. (786) 474-7830				
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer 4. Email (optional)					
Oscar Christian Aguilar.	( )				
6. Mailing Address					
1760 NW 7th Street S	vit # 704 Miami F1 33125				
7. Street Address					
8. The following bank has been designated as the	ary Depository Secondary Depository				
9. Name of Bank	10. Street Address				
Regions Bank	3516 Main Highway				
11. City	12. State 13. Zip Code				
Miami	<i><b>F</b>!</i> 33/33				
14. Signature of Chairman	15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type)				
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Campaign Treasurer's Acc	ceptance of Appointment				
1. Oscar Christian, Agu	, do hereby accept the appointment as				
treasurer or deputy treasurer for <u>Residents</u>	For Quality of life.				
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.					
06/22/20 X					
Date	Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer				

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OF POLITIC	OF ORGANIZATION CAL COMMITTEE	RECEIVED DEPARTMENT COTATE 2019 AUG 19 AM 9:28 UTVISION OF ELECTIONS	
1. Full Name of Committee		Telephone	
Residents for Quality of L	ife		305-445-0777
Mailing Address (include cit 2600 South Douglas Roa Coral Gables, FL 33134	d, Suite 900		
Street Address (include city, Same as above	state and zip code)		
2. Affiliated or Connected Or committees)	rganizations (includes other committe	es of continuous ex	istence and political
Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization	Mailing Addres	Mailing Address	
N/A			
3. Area, Scope and Jurisdict Statewide political committee to su any other activities not prohibited b	pport or oppose candidates for statewide, mult	ti-county, legislative, cou	nty and municipal offices and
4. Nature of Organization or Political and public policy	Organization's Special Interest (e.g., r related issues	nedical, legal, educa	ation, etc.)
	and Position, the Custodian of Book		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Full Name Jose A. Riesco	Mailing Address Riesco & Company, LLC 2600 South Douglas Road, Suite Coral Gables, FL 33134	Treasure	nittee Title or Position
Jeannine R. Miranda	Riesco & Company, LLC 2600 South Douglas Road, Suite Coral Gables, FL 33134	900 Deputy T	reasurer

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6 List by Name Address a	nd Position, Other Principal	Officers Including Officers	and Nembers of the			
Finance Committee, If A	ny (include chairman's name	)	and members of the			
Full Name	Mailing Add	ress Co	mmittee Title or Position			
Dan Gilbert Arroyo	150 Alton Road, Suite	703 Cha	airperson			
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7. List by Name, Address.	Office Sought and Party Affili	ation Each Candidate or Otl	her Individual that this			
	g (if none, please indicate)					
Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party			
To be determined						
8. List Any Issues this Con	mittee is Supporting: T- +					
	í Tob	e determined e determined				
List Any Issues this Con	mittee is Opposing:					
9. If this Committee is Sup	porting the Entire Ticket of a	Party, Give Name of Party				
N/A						
10. In the Event of Dissolut	ion, What Disposition will be	Made of Residual Funds?	······································			
	er Florida law for disposal					
	eposit Boxes, or Other Depos	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
Name of Bank or Depo	sitory & Account Number	Mailing	Address			
Regions Bank		3516 Main Highway Coral Gables, FL 33	133			
			100			
12. List all Reports Require	ed to be Filed by this Commit	tee with Federal Officials an	d the Names, Addresses			
and Positions of Such	Officials, If Any	<b>r</b>	······			
Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of Official	Mailing Address			
Form 8871 Form 1120 POL	Upon information	Internal Revenue	Ogden, Utah 84201			
Form 990 - 91 may be	March 15, annually	Service				
required	May 15, annually					
STATE OF Florida		Miami-Dade	COUNTY			
	, Dan Gilbert Arroyo , certify that the information in this Statement of					
Organization is complete, true and correct.						
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Signature of Cl	hairman of Political Committee		Date			
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**RON DESANTIS** Governor LAUREL M. LEE Secretary of State

August 20, 2019

Dan Gilbert Arroyo, Chairperson Residents for Quality of Life 150 Alton Road, Suite 703 Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Dear Mr. Arroyo:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Residents for Quality of Life**, which were placed on file in our office on August 19, 2019. 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 **September 10, 2019**. The report will cover the period of August 1-31, 2019 (2019 M8). 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: 74490

#### **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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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, for the reports or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the 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,

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Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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#### Enclosures

pc: Jose A. Riesco, Treasurer Jeannine R. Miranda, Deputy Treasurer

# Political Committee Handbook





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Unless the electronic filing requirements of Section 106.0705, 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 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 <u>Electronic Filing System (EFS)</u> are due no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date. *(See <u>Chapter 11, Electronic Filing of Campaign Reports.)</u> (Sections <u>106.07</u>, <u>106.0705</u>, and <u>106.141</u>, F.S.)* 

#### **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 period covered by the late report.

(Section 106.07(8), F.S.)

#### **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. The political committee shall notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date. The next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed.

(Section <u>106.07</u>, F.S.)

A notice of no activity filed with the Division must be filed electronically using the Division's <u>electronic filing system</u>.

(Section <u>106.0705</u>, F.S.)

#### **Special Election Reports**

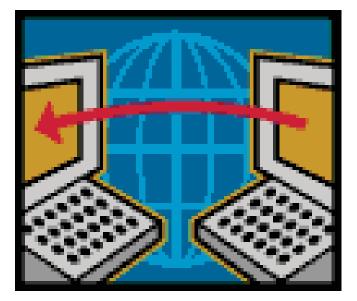
When a special election is called to fill a vacancy in office, all political committees making contributions or expenditures to influence the results of the special election shall file campaign treasurers' reports with the filing officer on the dates set by the Department of State pursuant to Section 100.111, F.S.

When an election is called for an issue to appear on the ballot at a time when no candidates are scheduled to appear on the ballot, all political committees making contributions or expenditures in support of or in opposition to such issue shall file reports on the 18th and 4th days prior to such election.

Committees are to include on the special election campaign treasurer's reports only

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 th	riginal 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 a reporting year and then the report type. The beginning and ending coverage dates and the are 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						
Spec	Special Election Report Waiver						
Uploading a Campaign Finance Report 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 Election		~		
Report Type:	F2 2010		~		
Coverage Period:	7/17/2010	7/30/2010		Due Date:	08/06/2010
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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 Due: 8/20/2010					

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	8/7/2010-8/19/2010	Due	: 8/20/2010
Review Status:	Reviewed		<b>&gt;</b> (e)	Original O Amended
Campaign Treasurer:	James Bond		<b>•</b>	Waiver
	PIN for specified Treasure	r:		
	Select Cancel: Cancel	File Report		

**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

#### Florida Election System Reports

	residents for quality of			ame:					
ection:			Acco	ount: 74490					
	~	Date Due	Туре	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
Acct:	74490	2/10/2021	M1		NEN	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		1/11/2021	M12		NEN	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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		10/30/2020	G6		NEN	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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		8/21/2020		10/23/2020		63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
		8/14/2020	P7	10/23/2020		70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
		8/7/2020	P6	10/23/2020		77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
		7/31/2020	P5	8/4/2020	CLO	4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
		7/24/2020	P4	8/4/2020	CLO	11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
		7/17/2020	P3	7/31/2020	CLO	14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.0
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#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG Case No.: FEC 20-472

**Respondent:** Residents for Quality of Life **Complainant:** Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** 06/25/2021; 03:30 p.m. **Name:** Oscar Christian Aguilar - Treasurer

**Phone #**: (786) 474-7830

**Summary:** Spoke with Treasurer. I explained that I am with the FEC and was calling about FEC 20-377 and FEC 20-599. Treasurer stated that on April 27, 2020, his partner and the son of Dan Gilbert Arroyo (91), Chairperson for Residents for Quality of Life died of Covid. Mr. Aguilar stated that Mr. Arroyo and his wife have significant health issues and he is taking care of them. Mr. Aguilar stated he has been handling all the paperwork, but it has been very difficult with all that is going on. He stated that the last he heard was the Division sent him a Final Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration and he believes he is unable to update any reports. He would like to be able to get all of this behind him. **Entered by:** CM

2. **Date and time:** 02/14/2022; 12:55 p.m.

Name: Oscar Christian Aguilar - Treasurer Phone #: (786) 474-7830

**Summary:** Called Treasurer at phone number on DSDE 6. The phone number has been used previously to contact the Treasure successfully. Phone went immediately to an automated phone message, which said to leave number for (786) 474-7830. I left message identifying who I was and was calling in reference to FEC 20-472. I asked Treasurer to please call me back at his earliest convenience at (850) 922-4539. Unable to locate an email address to follow-up with. **Entered by:** CM

- 3. Date and time: 02/15/2022; 01:12 p.m. Name: Oscar Christian Aguilar - Treasurer Phone #: (786) 474-7830
  Summary: 2<sup>rd</sup> attempt - Called Treasurer. Phone went immediately to an automated phone message, which said to leave number for (786) 474-7830. I left message identifying who I was and was calling in reference to FEC 20-472. I asked Treasurer to please call me back at his earliest convenience at (850) 922-4539. Entered by: CM
- 4. **Date and time:** 02/16/2022; 01:48 p.m.

Name: Oscar Christian Aguilar - Treasurer Phone #: (786) 474-7830

**Summary:** 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt - Called Treasurer. Phone went immediately to an automated phone message, which said to leave number for (786) 474-7830. I left message identifying who I was and was calling in reference to FEC 20-472. I asked Treasurer to please call me back at his earliest convenience at (850) 922-4539.

Entered by: CM

- 5. Date and time: Name: Phone #: Summary: Entered by:
- 6. Date and time: Name: Phone #: Summary: Entered by:

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

- Please explain reason why you failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed on those dates because you had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the **2020 G1 and 2020 G1A** reporting periods.
- 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 Handbook*? 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?



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November 2, 2021

Mr. Dan Gilbert Arroyo Residents for Quality of Life 150 Alton Road, Suite 703 Miami Beach, FL 33139

#### RE: Case No.: FEC 20-472; Respondent: Residents for Quality of Life

Dear Mr. Arroyo:

On October 14, 2020, 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 formerly 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 G1 • 2020 G1A

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 \$100</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 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 at (850) 922-4539, Mattie Clay@myfloridalegal.com</u>, or at the address listed above, to accept this minor violation consent order.

Mr. Dan Gilbert Arroyo November 2, 2021 Page 2 FEC 20-472

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, Im Vaccaro

Tim Vaccaro Executive Director

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### DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

To FEC from Division of Elections

Residents for Quality of Life
74490
Dan Gilbert Arroyo
Oscar Christian Aguilar
Oscar Christian Aguilar

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 the failure to file a report after notice or failure to file a notification to 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.

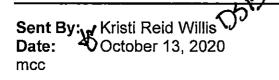
The following reports are outstanding after notification:

2020 G1

2020 G1A

- Residents for Quality of Life (74490) is a political committee registered with the Division of Elections. On August 19, 2019, the committee filed the DSDE 5 and DSDE 6 with the Division indicating that Dan Gilbert Arroyo was the chairperson.
- The 2020 G1 campaign treasurer's report was due on August 28, 2020. On August 31, 2020, the Division mailed Residents for Quality of Life notification that the 2020 G1 campaign treasurer's report had not been filed.
- On September 28, 2020, the Division mailed Residents for Quality of Life final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2020 G1 report had not been filed. (See attached letter and delivery confirmation.)

- The 2020 G1A campaign treasurer's report was due on September 4, 2020. On September 8, 2020, the Division mailed Residents for Quality of Life notification that the 2020 G1A campaign treasurer's report had not been filed.
- On September 21, 2020, the Division mailed Residents for Quality of Life notification that the 2020 G1A campaign treasurer's report had not been filed.
- On September 28, 2020, the Division mailed Residents for Quality of Life final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2020 G1A report had not been filed. (See attached letter and delivery confirmation.)
- The committee did not notify the Division of Elections prior to or on the prescribed reporting dates for the 2020 G1 and 2020 G1A reports that no reports were to be filed.
- As of October 13, 2020, Residents for Quality of Life has not filed the 2020 G1 and 2020 G1A reports.





FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

**Final Notice Delivery Confirmation:** 

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September 28, 2020

Dan Gilbert Arroyo, Chairperson Residents for Quality of Life 150 Alton Road Suite 703 Miami Beach, FL 33139-3139

PAC 74490

Dear Mr. Arroyo:

A recent review of the Division's records show that the Division has not yet received the belowreferenced campaign treasurer's report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable, during the following cover period:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Cover Period</u>
2020	G1	8/15/20 - 8/21/20

The Division has previously notified you of the unfiled report or notification. Please file your report or notification. If the report is not filed within 7 days of receipt of this letter, the Division will refer this matter to the Florida Elections Commission, which may impose civil penalties of up to \$1000 per violation, apart from that automatic fine provisions of s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) that are applicable only to campaign finance reports.

As we stated in the prior notices, even if you now file the report or notification, the untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Key Willis

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Oscar Christian Aguilar, Treasurer

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2020	GIA	8/22/20 - 8/28/20

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