

STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Citizens First, Respondent

Case No.: FEC 11-223  
F.O. No.: FOFEC 12-014A  
Report: 2011 SF2

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**FINAL ORDER**

**THIS CAUSE** came on to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting held on February 21, 2012.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Commission is charged with enforcing Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the campaign financing law.
2. The Respondent's campaign treasurer's report was not filed with the filing officer on May 20, 2011, the designated due date.
3. The filing officer fined the Respondent \$1,500.00 for the late filing of the report. The Respondent timely appealed, claiming unusual circumstances. Respondent claimed that the ECO was unaware of the additional requirement to file a signed hard copy of the report with the filing officer and that the report had been timely filed electronically.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

4. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this case, pursuant to Section 106.04, 106.07, or 106.29, Florida Statutes.
5. The Respondent's claim of unusual circumstances, as defined in Rule 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code, justifies Respondent's failure to timely file the report.


**ORDER**

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission finds that the Respondent's unusual circumstances justify Respondent's failure to file the report on the

designated due date. Therefore, it is

**ORDERED** that the assessed fine is waived in full.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on February 23, 2012.



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Tim Holladay, Chairman  
Florida Elections Commission

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