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In Re: Bobbie H. Grace	Case No.: FEC 14-401
	F.O. No.: FOFEC 15-139 W

## **CONSENT FINAL ORDER**

Respondent, Bobbie H. Grace, and the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) agree that this Consent Order resolves all of the issues between the parties in this case. The parties jointly stipulate to the following facts, conclusions of law, and order:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On October 27, 2014, a complaint was filed with the Commission alleging that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
- 2. Respondent expressed a desire to enter into negotiations directed toward reaching a consent agreement.
  - 3. Respondent and the staff stipulate to the following facts:
    - a. Respondent is a current member of Dania Beach City Commission.
    - b. Respondent filed her 2014 M3 Report on April 7, 2014 and certified the report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.
    - c. Respondent listed "Bus. Owner" as the occupation for five separate contributors that made campaign donations in excess of \$100 to Respondent's campaign, but failed to list the specific occupation for each contributor.
    - d. Respondent filed her 2014 M4 Report on May 8, 2014, and certified the report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.
    - e. Respondent listed "Bus. Owner" as the occupation for one contributor that

- made a campaign donation in excess of \$100 to Respondent's campaign, but Respondent failed to list the specific occupation of the contributor.
- f. Respondent filed her 2014 M8 Report on September 10, 2014 and certified the report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.
- g. Respondent listed "Bus. Owner" as the occupation for one contributor that made a campaign donation in excess of \$100 to Respondent's campaign, but Respondent failed to list the specific occupation of the contributor.
- h. Respondent filed her 2014 G4 Report on Oct 8, 2014, and certified the report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.
- i. Respondent listed "Bus. Owner" as the occupation for one contributor that made a campaign donation in excess of \$100 to Respondent's campaign, but Respondent failed to list the specific occupation of the contributor.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 4. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this cause, pursuant to Section 106.26, Florida Statutes.
- 5. Section 106.25(4)(i)3., Florida Statutes, allows the Commission to approve a consent agreement with a Respondent prior to the Commission finding probable cause that a violation of the election laws occurred. The consent agreement has the same force and effect as a consent agreement reached after the Commission finds probable cause.

### ORDER

- 6. The Respondent and the staff of the Commission have entered into this Consent Order voluntarily and upon advice of counsel.
- 7. The parties shall each bear its own attorney's fees and costs that are in any way associated with this case.
  - 8. The Commission will consider the Consent Order at its next available meeting.
- 9. The Respondent voluntarily waives the right to any further proceedings under Chapters 104, 106, and 120, Florida Statutes, and the right to appeal the Consent Order.
  - 10. This Consent Order is enforceable under Sections 106.265 and 120.69, Florida

Statutes. Respondent expressly waives any venue privileges and agrees that if enforcement of

this Consent Order is necessary, venue shall be in Leon County, Florida, and Respondent shall be

responsible for all fees and costs associated with enforcement.

11. If the Commission does not receive the signed Consent Order by the close of

business on March 31, 2015, the staff withdraws this offer of settlement and will proceed with

the case.

12. Payment of the civil penalty by cashier's check, money order, and good for at

least 120 days, or attorney trust account check is a condition precedent to the Commission's

consideration of the Consent Order.

**PENALTY** 

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission

finds that the Respondent has violated the following provision of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes,

and imposes the following fine:

A. Respondent has violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, on 4

occasions when she certified that her 2014 M3, 2014 M4, 2014 M8, and 2014 G4 Reports

was true, correct, and complete when they were not. Respondent is fined \$225.00 for the

violations.

Therefore it is

ORDERED that the Respondent shall remit to the Commission a civil penalty in the

amount of \$225.00, inclusive of fees and costs. The civil penalty shall be paid by cashier's

check, money order, good for at least 120 days, or attorney trust account check. The civil penalty

should be made payable to the Florida Elections Commission and sent to 107 West Gaines

Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-1050.

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Respondent hereby agrees and con	nsents to the terms of this Order on
March 20, 2015.	
	Bobbie H. Grace 110 NW 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Dania Beach, FL 33004
Commission staff hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Consent Order on	
	Jaakan A. Williams Assistant General Counsel Florida Elections Commission 107 West Gaines Street Collins Building, Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050
on May 2 <del>0-21</del> , 2015 in Tallahassee, Florida.	nission at its regularly scheduled meeting held rman da Elections Commission
Copies furnished to: Jaakan A. Williams, Assistant General Counsel Bobbie H. Grace, Respondent Robert Adams, Complainant	

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DATE MARCH 20, 2015

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