

STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: **Karen L. Hamilton**

Case No.: **FEC 14-477**

**TO:** Thaddeus L. Hamilton, Esquire                      Mark Herron, Esquire                      Division of Elections  
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Plantation, FL 33318                                      Tallahassee, FL 32317                              Tallahassee, FL 32399

**NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on **May 18, 2016, at 9:00 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **Senate Office Building, Room 110-S, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399.**

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*Amy McKeever Toman*  
Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
May 3, 2016

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

FEC Case No. 14-477

In re: Karen Hamilton, Respondent.

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NOTICE OF APPEARANCE AS ADDITIONAL ATTORNEY

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The undersigned is appearing as additional attorney for **Karen Hamilton**, in connection with the above-referenced complaint. Please serve copies of all pleadings, motions, correspondence, or other papers relating to this matter on the undersigned at the address set forth below.

Respectfully submitted on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016, by:

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing notice of appearance was forwarded by electronic mail to the Agency Clerk, Florida Elections Commission, Room 224, The Collins Building, 107 West Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,  
Petitioner,**

**Case No.: FEC 14-477**

v.

**Karen Hamilton,  
Respondent.**

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**ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

**THIS MATTER** was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 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):

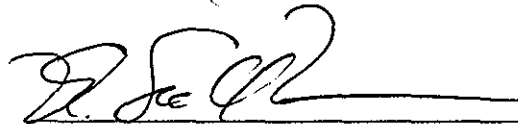
**Count 1:**

On or about August 23, 2014, Karen Hamilton violated Section 106 07(2)(b)1 , Florida Statutes, when she failed to timely file an addendum to the campaign's 2013 M10 Report within seven days after receiving notice from the Department of State, Division of Elections, that the report required amendment.

**Count 2:**

On or about August 23, 2014, Karen Hamilton violated Section 106 07(2)(b)1 , Florida Statutes, when she failed to timely file an addendum to the campaign's 2013 M11 Report within seven days after receiving notice from the Department of State, Division of Elections, that the report required amendment.

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



M. Scott Thomas, Chairman  
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:  
Stephanie J. Cunningham, Assistant General Counsel  
Thaddeus L. Hamilton, Attorney for 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 consent order 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 informal hearing held before the Commission, if you do not 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 formal hearing 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.

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Karen L. Hamilton**

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**Case No.: FEC 14-477**

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

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **February 17, 2016 at 10:00 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola Street, Room #108, Tallahassee, Florida 32306.**

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**Amy McKeever Toman**  
Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
February 2, 2016

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Karen Hamilton /

Case No.: FEC 14-477

**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(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on November 2, 2015, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On December 5, 2014, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections ("Division"), alleging that Karen Hamilton ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes

2. Respondent was the treasurer for Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton, a 2014 candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture. Mr. Hamilton's Statement of Candidate form ("DS-DE 84") was filed on February 20, 2013. (ROI Exhibit 12, page 8)<sup>1</sup>

3. By letter dated September 18, 2015, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provision:

**Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes:** Respondent was the treasurer for Thaddeus Hamilton, a 2014 candidate for the office of Commissioner of Agricultural and Consumer Services. Respondent failed to timely make necessary amendments to the campaign's 2013 M10 and M11 reports, as alleged in the complaint.

4. On February 20, 2013, Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton filed his Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form ("DS-DE 9") appointing Respondent as treasurer for his campaign. (ROI Exhibit 1) On February 24, 2014, Mr. Hamilton filed a second DS-DE 9 appointing himself as deputy treasurer of his campaign. (ROI Exhibit 12, page 9)

5. By letter dated February 21, 2013, Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton a letter acknowledging that the Division had received his DS-DE 9 and that his name was placed on the 2014 active candidate list. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 1) A copy of the acknowledgment letter was sent to Respondent. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 3)

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



6. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all candidates 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 of the Division's publications and reporting forms were available on its website and directed Respondent to print out the *2013 Calendar of Reporting Dates* as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 3)

7. The campaign's 2013 M10 and M11 reports were filed on November 12, 2013, and December 10, 2013, respectively; however, the reports were incomplete. (ROI Exhibits 13 & 14)

8. The Division sent five letters notifying Respondent that the campaign's reports were incomplete and that Respondent was required to amend the reports within 7 days of receipt of the notification. An Error Report showing why each report was incomplete was attached to each notification (petty cash inconsistencies; incorrect expenditure types). (ROI Exhibits 5-8, & 10) The final notification was confirmed delivered. (ROI Exhibit 11) As of November 2, 2015, Respondent had not filed the required amendments to the campaign's reports. (ROI Exhibit 9; ROI Exhibit 16, page 1)

9. Respondent stated that she was unable to perform her duties as campaign treasurer because of her medical condition. She stated that as a result of an automobile accident in 2012, she suffered spinal cord and neurological injuries, and underwent knee replacement surgery. She also stated that the reports were prepared by the deputy campaign treasurer, Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton. (ROI Exhibit 18, page 2; ROI Exhibit 19, page 3)

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 the treasurer for Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton, a 2014 candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture. The campaign's 2013 M10 and M11 reports were filed on November 12, 2013, and December 10, 2013, respectively; however, the reports were incomplete. The Division sent five letters notifying Respondent that the campaign's reports were incomplete and that Respondent was required to amend the reports within 7 days of receipt of the notification. The final letter was confirmed delivered. Respondent failed to timely file the required amendments to the campaign's reports within 7 days of receiving notification from the Division that the reports were incomplete and required amendment. As of November 2, 2015, Respondent had not filed the required amendments.

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

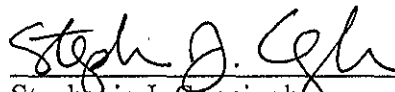
**Count 1:**

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**Count 2:**

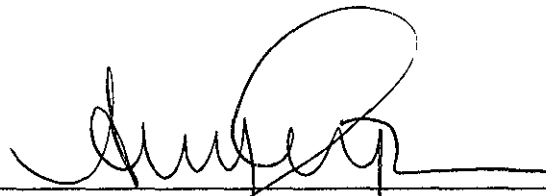
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Respectfully submitted on January 6, 2016.



Stephanie J. Cunningham  
Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 6th day of January 2016.



Amy McKeever Toman  
Executive Director

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Case No.: FEC 14-477**

**Respondent:** Karen L. Hamilton  
**Counsel for Respondent:** Thaddeus L. Hamilton  
**Complainant:** Division of Elections  
**Counsel for Complainant:** None

Pursuant to Section 106 25, Florida Statutes, on December 5, 2014, the Florida Elections Commission received information from the Division of Elections ("DOE") that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. The DOE's referral was mandated pursuant to Section 106.07(8)(d), Florida Statutes. Commission staff, therefore, investigated whether Respondent violated the following statute:

Section 106.07(2)(b)1, Florida Statutes, failure of the treasurer of a candidate to file an addendum to an incomplete report after receiving notice from the filing officer.

**I. Preliminary Information:**

1. Respondent was the campaign treasurer for her husband, Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton, a candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture in the 2014 elections. On February 19, 2013, Respondent accepted appointment as campaign treasurer for her husband's 2014 campaign. On February 20, 2013, Form DS-DE 9 was filed with the DOE. To review Form DS-DE 9, refer to Exhibit 1.
2. Respondent also served as her husband's campaign treasurer during the 2010 elections.
3. Respondent is represented by attorney Thaddeus L. Hamilton of the Law Office of Thaddeus Hamilton, P A., in Plantation, Florida. (Note attorney Hamilton is not candidate Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton.)
4. Complainant is the Division of Elections.

**II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes:**

5. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the elections laws by not filing *timely* amendments to the 2013 M10 and M11 Reports after receiving notice that the reports were incomplete. (Note when an amendment is made to a report filed on the DOE's electronic filing system ("EFS"), the report displays both the original and amended information on the same report rather than creating separate original and amended reports.) To review the 2013 M10 and M11 Reports, refer to Exhibits 2 and 3, respectively.
6. On February 21, 2013, Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Mr. Hamilton a letter acknowledging that his name had been placed on the 2014 active candidate list. Respondent was sent a copy of the letter as his campaign treasurer. To review Ms. Bronson's acknowledgment letter, refer to Exhibit 4.

7. The letter advised Mr. Hamilton that all candidates filing reports with the DOE are required to use the EFS, and provided Mr. Hamilton with his user identification number and initial password allowing him access to the EFS. The letter advised that the candidate, campaign treasurer and deputy treasurers were responsible for protecting this password from disclosure and responsible for all filings using these credentials, unless the Division is notified that the credentials have been compromised. Respondent was sent a copy of the letter as Mr. Hamilton's campaign treasurer. To review Ms. Bronson's acknowledgment letter, refer to Exhibit 4.

8. The letter also advised the reader that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on its website, including Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, and the Calendar of Reporting Dates. The letter further advised the reader that it was his responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. To view a copy of the acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 4.

9. The following table discusses the timeline of events regarding when Respondent was notified that the 2013 M10 and M11 Reports were incomplete and when she filed the amendments. To view copies of the notices, and other relevant documents, refer to Exhibits 5 through 14

TABLE 1: TIME LINE OF EVENTS		
Date	Event	Comment
11/18/13	The DOE mailed Respondent notice that the 2013 M10 Report was incomplete. Error report identified issues with several contributions and expenditures (Ex 5)	Amendment due 7 days after receipt of notice
11/24/13	The 2013 M10 Report was amended as requested	Amendment completed 6 days after notice
12/18/13	The DOE mailed Respondent notice that the 2013 M11 Report was incomplete. Error report identified issues with several contributions and expenditures. (Ex 6)	Amendment due 7 days after receipt of notice
12/24/13	The 2013 M11 Report was amended as requested.	Amendment completed 6 days after notice
07/17/14	The DOE mailed Respondent notice <sup>1</sup> that the 2013 M10 and M11 Reports were incomplete and provided copies of the error reports identifying the following issues: 2013 M10 Report, "Petty Cash" error; 2013 M11 Report, contribution sequence # 6, "Petty Cash over limits" error; and expenditure sequence # 7, "Incorrect Expenditure Type". (Ex 7)	Amendment due 7 days after receipt of notice; error report completed on 07/16/14 re: amendments to the 2013 M10 and M11

<sup>1</sup> Note the letter and error reports identified additional CTRs that were of concern to the DOE; however, for this referral, it appears the 2013 M10 and M11 Reports are the only reports under our review.

		Reports and new issues. (Ex 7)
07/31/14	The DOE mailed Respondent <b>Second Notice</b> that the 2013 M10 and M11 Reports were incomplete and provided copies of the error reports <sup>2</sup> identifying same issues as notice dated 07/17/14. (Ex. 8)	See Audit Notes from the DOE. (Ex. 8 and 9)
08/12/14	The DOE mailed Respondent <b>FINAL NOTICE</b> that the 2013 M10 and M11 Reports were incomplete and provided copies of the error reports identifying same issues as notice dated 07/17/14. (Ex. 10)	Delivery confirmed on 08/16/14. (Ex 11)
12/04/14	The 2013 M10 and M11 Reports remained incomplete for issues as notice dated 07/17/14. (Ex. 12)	See Audit Notes from the DOE. (Ex. 9)
12/05/14	The DOE made referral to the Commission stating that Respondent, in her capacity as treasurer, had not filed addendums to the 2013 M10 and M11 Reports. (Ex. 12)	
02/02/15	Final 2013 M11 Report Amendment filed. (Ex. 3)	Queued Transaction Report for 2013 M11 Report. (Ex. 14)
08/27/15	Final 2013 M10 Report Amendment filed. (Ex. 2)	2013 M10 Queued Transaction Report for 2013 M10 Report. (Ex 13)

10. On October 1, 2015, I sent an email to Ms Bronson to query whether the 2013 M10 and M11 Reports were in compliance with the requested changes as identified in her letters dated November 18, 2013, and December 18, 2013. Ms Bronson acknowledged that the amended reports were in compliance with the requested changes. To review the emails, refer to Exhibit 15.

11. I sent an email to Ms. Bronson on November 2, 2015, to query whether the 2013 M10 and M11 Reports were in compliance with the requested changes as identified in her letter dated July 17, 2014. Ms. Bronson acknowledged that the reports were not in compliance with the requested changes. To review the emails refer to Exhibit 16.

12. Based on the timeline of events discussed in Table 1 and Ms Bronson's email dated November 2, 2015, it appears Respondent did not *timely* amend the 2013 M10 and M11 Reports after receiving notice on July 17, 2014 that the reports were incomplete

13. Respondent submitted an initial written response dated August 10, 2015 to the referral and apologized for any misunderstanding, delay or lack of communication in regard to previous correspondence. Respondent declared that she had reviewed all the correspondence and

<sup>2</sup> Note the 2013 M11 Report was amended on 07/31/14; Petty Cash issues occurred with expenditure sequence numbers 7, 11 and 12

attachments and found that all reports have been corrected, amended, and filed with the DOE. (Note earlier correspondence to Respondent from Commission staff regarding notice of the complaint was returned "UNCLAIMED") To review Respondent's letter, refer to Exhibit 17.

14. Dated October 22, 2015, Respondent submitted a response via counsel and explained that she was unable to fully perform her duties as campaign treasurer due to undergoing a total knee replacement and suffering from neurological injuries sustained from an automobile accident in 2012. To review her sworn response, refer to Exhibit 18.

15. Respondent continued, and said the campaign treasurer reports were prepared by the designated deputy campaign treasurer.<sup>3</sup> She affirmed that she "did not intentionally or deliberately attempt to circumvent reporting campaign contributions." To review her sworn response, refer to Exhibit 18.

16. On October 5 and 13, 2015, I emailed an affidavit of background information for Respondent regarding her duties and responsibilities as campaign treasurer and issues related to the 2013 M10 and M11 Reports; however, it has not been completed or returned at the time of this report.

17. I found no record of previous complaints to indicate that Respondent has violated this section of Florida's election laws.

### **III. FEC History:**

18. Respondent has no history of additional complaints filed against her with the Commission at the time of this complaint.

### **Conclusion:**


19. On November 2, 2015, I phoned Attorney Hamilton, reviewed my report and gave him an opportunity to respond to the information gathered during the course of the investigation concerning the allegations made in the referral against his client. He explained that his mother, Respondent, had a spinal cord injury and knee replacement surgery and was unable to perform her duties as campaign treasurer. There was no malicious intent or willfulness to circumvent the requirements; however, she was not medically able to file the amendments. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 19, entry number 11.

20. Respondent did not sign or file a Statement of Candidate as she was not a candidate. However, on February 19, 2013, Respondent accepted appointment as campaign treasurer for her husband's 2014 campaign. On February 20, 2013, Form DS-DE 9 was filed with the DOE. (Note Candidate/Mr. Hamilton filed Form DS-DE 9 on February 24, 2014, with the DOE, accepting appointment as deputy treasurer.) To review Respondent's Form DS-DE 9, refer to Exhibit 1. To review Mr. Hamilton's Form DS-DE 9, refer to Exhibit 12, page 7.

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<sup>3</sup> Based upon a review of the DOE's History Notes, it appears Mr. Hamilton, candidate and deputy campaign treasurer, has been amending the CTRs. To review the History Notes, refer to Exhibit 12, pages 5 through 7.

Respectfully submitted on November 2, 2015.

  
Helen Hinson  
Investigation Specialist

**Current address of Respondent**

Ms. Karen L. Hamilton  
9352 NW 46 Court  
Sunrise, Florida 33351

**Current address of Complainant**

Division of Elections  
500 South Bronough Street, Room 316  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

**Current Address of Respondent's Atty.:**

Mr. Thaddeus L. Hamilton  
Law Offices of Thaddeus Hamilton, P.A.  
4330 W. Broward Blvd., Ste. J  
Plantation, Florida 33317

**Name and Address of Filing Officer:**

Ms. Kristi Reid-Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records  
500 South Bronough Street, Room 316  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Copy furnished to:

Mr. David B. Flagg, Investigations Manager

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Karen L. Hamilton -- FEC 14-477**

LIST OF EXHIBITS	
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Exhibit 6	The Division of Elections letter with error report dated December 18, 2013 notifying Respondent that the 2013 M11 Report was incomplete
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Exhibit 9	The Division of Elections' Audit Notes
Exhibit 10	The Division of Elections letter dated August 12, 2014 notifying Respondent that the 2013 M10 and M11 Reports were incomplete and marked, " <b>FINAL NOTICE</b> "
Exhibit 11	USPS delivery confirmation
Exhibit 12	Relevant pages of the Division of Elections' referral and updated History Notes
Exhibit 13	Respondent's Queued Transaction Report for the 2013 M10 Report
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Exhibit 15	Email to and from Kristi Reid Bronson dated October 1, 2015



Exhibit 16	Email to and from Kristi Reid Bronson dated November 2, 2015
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Exhibit 18	Respondent's response dated October 22, 2015
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**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER  
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN  
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**  
(Section 106 021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.

RECEIVED  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
2013 FEB 20 AM 10:17  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

OFFICE USE ONLY

**1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):**

Initial Filing of Form      Re-filing to Change:  Treasurer/Deputy     Depository     Office     Party

2 Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

THADDEUS "THAD" HAMILTON

3 Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

9352 NW 46 CT  
SUNRISE, FL 33307

4 Telephone

(954) 7547-9115

5 E-mail address

thad.hoppa@bellsouth.net

6 Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate

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     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

KAREN L. HAMILTON

11 Mailing Address

9352 NW 46 Ct.

12 Telephone

( )

13 City

SUNRISE

14 County

BROWARD

15 State

FL

16 Zip Code

33351

17. E-mail address

thad.hoppa@bellsouth.net

18 I have designated the following bank as my  Primary Depository     Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

Wells Fargo Bank

20 Address

1790 N Pine Island Rd

21 City

Plantation

22. County

Broward

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

33322

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date

2/19/2013

26. Signature of Candidate

*Thaddeus Hamilton*

27 Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, KAREN L. HAMILTON, do hereby accept the appointment  
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:  Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer

2/19/2013 Date    *Karen L. Hamilton* Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

EXHIBIT 1

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

(1) Thaddeus Thad Hamilton (2) 60304  
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 9352 Northwest 46 Court Sunrise FL 33351  
Address (number and street) City State Zip Code  
 Check box if address has changed since last report

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

- Candidate (office sought):  
 Political Committee  Check If PC has DISBANDED  
 Committee of Continuous Existence  Check If CCE has DISBANDED  
 Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 10/01/2013 To 10/31/2013 Report Type: M10  
 Original  Amendment  Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$790 00
Loans	\$0 00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$790 00
In-Kind	\$575 26

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$2,144 47
Transfers to Office Account	\$0 00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$2,144 47

(8) Other Distributions

Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss 839 13 F S )

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true correct and complete

Name of  Treasurer  Deputy Treasurer

X  
Signature

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of  Candidate  Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X  
Signature

Name: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Report: 2013 M10

Period: 10/01/2013

to 10/31/2013

\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\*

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip)	Contributor Type	Occupation In-Kind Description	Amount	Amend
1	THOMAS BARBARA 7921 SOUTHGATE BLVD. D8 NORTH LAUDERDALE FL 33068	I CHE	RETIRED	\$60 00	
10/31/2013					
2	DICKEY CONSULTING SERVICES INC 1033 NW 6TH ST. SUITE 206 FT LAUDERDALE FL 33311	B INK	CONSULTING SERVICE OFFICE SPACE	\$150 00	UPD
10/01/2013					
* 2	DICKEY CONSULTING SERVICES INC 1033 NW 6TH ST. SUITE 206 FT LAUDERDALE FL 33311	B INK	OFFICE SPACE	\$150 00	History 11/24/13
10/01/2013					
3	TRICHILO SAM 10924 NW 41 DR. CORAL SPRINGS FL 33065	I CHE	RETIRED	\$30 00	
10/23/2013					
4	RAMONAL TOLLEY PA 400 SE 9TH ST FT LAUDERDALE FL 33316	B CHE		\$100 00	UPD
10/14/2013					
* 4	RAMONAL TOLLEY PA 400 SE 9TH ST FT LAUDERDALE FL 33316	B CHE		\$100 00	History 11/24/13
5	SHEN YU INC 9240 W COMMERCIAL BLVD SUNRISE FL 33351	B CHE	RESTAURANT	\$200 00	UPD
10/01/2013					
* 5	SHEN YU INC 9240 W COMMERCIAL BLVD SUNRISE FL 33351	B CHE		\$200 00	History 11/24/13
10/01/2013					
6	EDWIN H HAMILTON M D PA PO BOX 2044 POMPANO BEACH FL 33061	B CHE		\$100 00	
10/05/2013					
7	FERGUSON, PEARL 7405 NW 112TH TER. PARKLAND FL 33076	I CHE	RETIRED	\$300 00	
10/05/2013					
8	HAMILTON, T 9352 NW 46TH CT SUNRISE FL 33351	I LOA	RETIRED	\$425 20	DEL
10/20/2013					
9	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT SUNRISE FL 33351	S INK	RETIRED MOTEL ROOMS FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$425 20	ADD
10/20/2013					

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Name: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Report: 2013 M10

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Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1		X		\$0 00 DEL
2 10/08/2013	H HENRY'S SINGS PO BOX 14281 FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33302	MON	SIGN FOR CAMPAIGN	\$140 00
3 10/02/2013	THE HBCU SHUTTLE 8475 SE 94TH ST SUITE 215 E MIAMI, FL 33156	MON	BUS FOR CAMPAIGN	\$300 00
4 10/25/2013	RACETRAC 1875 MCCOY ROAD BELLE ISLE, FL 32089	MON	GAS	\$54 24
5 10/27/2013	COURTYARD MARRIOTT 8501 PALM PARKWAY LAKE BUENA VISTA, FL 32836	MON	MOTEL ROOM	\$243 86
6 10/07/2013	PALM BEACH COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY 8401 LAKE WORTH ROAD SUITE 132 LAKE WORTH, FL 33467	MON	ADV IN PROGRAM	\$550 00
7 10/20/2013	FAIRFIELD INN BY MARRIOTT 3219 NORTH MONROE ST TALLASHASSEE, FL 32303	MON	M	\$425 26 DEL
8 10/03/2013	SAM CLUB WEST SUNRISE BLVD SUNRISE, FL 33351	MON	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$71 25
9 10/02/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE, FL 33351	PCW	PETTY CASH	\$200 00
10 10/02/2013	ALLEN RICHARD 121 NE 6TH ST FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33334	MON	CAMPAIGN MEETING	\$100 00 UPD
* 10 10/02/2013	ALLEN RICHARD , FL	MON	CAMPAIGN MEETING	\$100 00 History 11/24/13
11 10/02/2013	LEWIS PAMULA PO BOX 5304 FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33310	MON	ADEV MATERIALS	\$50 00
12 10/24/2013	STAPLES 7500 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD LAUDERHILL, FL 33319	MON	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$73 10
13 10/13/2013	COSTCO 1800 W SAMPLE RD. POMPANO BEACH, FL 33064	MON	CAMPAIGN MEETING SUPPLIES	\$63 50
14 10/07/2013	FAMU 515 ORR DRIVE TALLASHASSEE, FL 32307	MON	ADVER PARAIDE	\$150 00 UPD
* 14 10/07/2013	FAMU TALLASHASSEE, FL	MON	ADVER PARAIDE	\$150 00 History 11/24/13
15 10/13/2013	PUBLIX 9300 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD SUNRISE, FL 33351	MON	REFRESHMENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$98 00
16 10/20/2013	WILCOHESS 4510 744 E STATE RD 44 WILDWOOD, FL 34785	PCS	GAS	\$11 00
17 10/24/2013	CIRCLE K 1177 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD SUNRISE, FL 33351	PCS	GAS	\$32 00
18 10/20/2013	WILCOHESS 4510 744 E STATE RD 44 WILDWOOD, FL 34785	PCS	GAS	\$11 00
19 10/18/2013	PILOT 7300 W. OKEECHOBEE RD FT. PIERCE, FL 34945	PCS	GAS	\$2 00
20 10/18/2013	MURPHY USA 5671 2659 WUS HWY 90 LAKE CITY, FL 32055	PCS	GAS	\$2 00

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Prepared on: 10/1/15 12:17:2

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Name: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Report: 2013 M10

Period: 10/01/2013 to 10/31/2013

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21 10/19/2013	MURPHY USA 6697 3501 APALACHEE PKWY TALLASHASSEE, FL 32310	MON	GAS	\$20.00
22 10/17/2013	OAKLAND PARK BP 2091 W. OAKLAND PARK BLVD OAKLAND PARK, FL 33317	PCS	GAS	\$32.00
23 10/24/2013	TEXACO 1900 N SR 7 LAUDERDALE LAKES, FL 33311	PCS	GAS	\$30.00
24		X		\$0.00 DEL
25 10/18/2013	MURPHY USA 5671 2659 WUS HWY 90 LAKE CITY, FL 32055	PCS	GAS	\$23.10
26 10/20/2013	FLORIDA TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE PLAZA 004200 LANTANA, FL 33260	PCS	TURNPIKE TOLL	\$15.40
27 10/13/2013	FLORIDA TURNPIKE PLAZA ALLEYE , FL	PCS	FLORIDA TURNPIKE	\$3.00
28 10/18/2013	FLORIDA TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE PLAZA 004120 , FL	PCS	FLORIDA TURNPIKE	\$6.40
29 10/27/2013	MURPHY USA 6825 230 W ATLANTIC BLVD POMPANO BEACH, FL 33333	PCS	GAS	\$10.00
30		X		\$0.00 DEL
31 10/29/2013	MURPHY USA 6825 230 W ATLANTIC BLVD POMPANO BEACH, FL 33322	PCS	GAS	\$20.00
32 10/25/2013	CIRCLE K 7550 2209 N PARK RD PLANT CITY, FL 33563	PCS	GAS	\$35.00
33 10/25/2013	OAKLAND PARK BP 2091 W. OAKLAND PARK BLVD OAKLAND PARK, FL 33317	PCS	GAS	\$25.00
34 10/15/2013	7-ELEVEN 7901 W COMM. TAMARAC, FL 33351	PCS	GAS	\$57.00 ADD
35 10/15/2013	TEXACO 1900 N SR 7 LAUDERDALE LAKES, FL 33311	PCS	GAS	\$15.00 ADD
36 10/13/2013	CIRCLE K 6410 SR 64 BRADENTON, FL 34208	PCS	GAS	\$22.00 ADD
37 10/10/2013	FEDEX 3396 N. UNIVERSITY DR SUNRISE, FL 33351	PCS	MAIL FEDEX	\$32.00 ADD
38 10/26/2013	DISNEY'S YACHT CLUB DISNEY WORLD RESORT LAKE BUENA VISTA, FL 32830	PCS	PARKING	\$11.00 ADD
39 10/11/2013	BIG LOTS 725 N UNIVERSITY DR. CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33071	PCS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$11.00 ADD
40 10/11/2013	CHEVRON 3095 WEST COMMERCIAL BLVD FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33311	PCS	GAS	\$4.00 ADD
41 10/10/2013	COSTCO 1890 S UNIVERSITY DR DAVIE, FL 33324	MON	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$3.00 UPD
* 41 10/10/2013	COSTCO 1890 S UNIVERSITY DR DAVIE, FL 33324	X	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$3.00 ADD History 03

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

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Name: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Report: 2013 M10

Period: 10/01/2013 to 10/31/2013

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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

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 Committee of Continuous Existence  Check If CCE has DISBANDED  
 Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 11/01/2013 To 11/30/2013 Report Type: M11  
 Original  Amendment  Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$1 830 00
Loans	\$1,000 00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$2 830 00
In-Kind	\$330 00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$2,107 20
Transfers to Office Account	\$0 00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$2,107 20

(8) Other Distributions

Certification

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I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of  Treasurer  Deputy Treasurer

X  
Signature

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of  Candidate  Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X  
Signature



Name: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Report: 2013 M11

Period: 11/01/2013

to 11/30/2013

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Date				Amend	
1	DICKEY CONSULTING SERVICES INC 1033 NW 6TH ST. SUITE 206 FT LAUDERDALE FL 33311	B INK	CONSULTING SERVICE OFFICE SPACE	\$330.00	
11/01/2013					
2	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$1,000.00	
11/26/2013					
3	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$105.90	DEL
11/11/2013					
4	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$75.12	DEL
11/05/2013					
5	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$42.67	DEL
11/13/2013					
6	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$15.50	DEL
11/02/2013					
7	CLINICAL CARE NETWORK 4765 W 8TH AVE 3RD FLOOR HIALEAH FL 33012	B CHE	MEDICAL	\$1,000.00	
11/05/2013					
8	HAMMOND, WILLIAM 3200 N OCEAN BLVD APT. 603 FT LAUDERDALE FL 33308	I CHE	RETIRED	\$50.00	
11/06/2013					
9	HEMME, DESSA 19101 SW 97TH AVE CUTLER BAY FL 33157	I CHE	RETIRED	\$10.00	
11/19/2013					
10	COOPER WALTER 4846 NW 53 CIRCLE COCONUT CREEK FL 33023	I CHE	RETIRED	\$50.00	
11/20/2013					
11	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE FL 33351	S CHE	RETIRED	\$700.00	
11/20/2013					
12	WEST PALM BEACH DEMO CLUB 1603 S DIXIE HIGHWAY WEST PALM BEACH FL 33401	B CAS		\$20.00	
11/06/2013					
13	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$56.90	DEL
11/30/2013					
14	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$15.10	DEL
11/25/2013					
* 14	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$15.00	History 12/24/13
15	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$47.00	DEL
11/27/2013					
16	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$11.00	DEL
11/29/2013					
17	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$20.00	DEL
11/28/2013					
18	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$1.00	DEL
11/28/2013					
* 18	HAMILTON THADDEUS SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$1.00	History 12/24/13
11/28/2013					

Name: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Report: 2013 M11

Period: 11/01/2013 to 11/30/2013

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19 11/14/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$16 25 DEL
20 11/14/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$37 80 DEL
21 11/14/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$23 70 DEL
22 11/06/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$19 99 DEL
23 11/20/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT SUNRISE FL 33351	S MO	RETIRED	\$8 00 DEL
24 11/23/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$50 03 DEL
25 11/19/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT SUNRISE FL 33351	S LOA	RETIRED	\$39 03 DEL

EXHIBIT 3 (3 of 7)

Name: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Report: 2013 M11

Period: 11/01/2013 to 11/30/2013

\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\*

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip)	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 11/06/2013	SUNSHINE BP 6600 W ATLANTIC BLVD MARGATE, FL 33063	MON	GAS	\$25 00
2 11/06/2013	7-ELEVEN 9390 W COMMERCIAL BLVD SUNRISE, FL 33351	MON	GAS	\$28 05
3 11/07/2013	7-ELEVEN 3800 N ANDREW AVE OAKLAND PARK, FL 33317	MON	GAS	\$25 01 DEL
4 11/11/2013	OFFICE DEPOT 7902 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD LAUDERHILL, FL 33321	MON	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$105 97 DEL
5 11/04/2013	BOB EVANS 4115 14TH ST W BRADENTON, FL 34205	MON	FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$67 01 DEL
6 11/25/2013	CORAL SPRINGS HONDA 9400 W ATLANTIC BLVD. CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33071	PCS	RENTAL CAR	\$199 38 UPD
6 11/25/2013	CORAL SPRINGS HONDA 9400 W ATLANTIC BLVD. CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33071	PCS	RENTAL CAR	\$199 38 UPD History 07/31/14
6 11/25/2013	BROWN EDRENA	PCS	REIMBURSEMENT FOR RENTAL CAR	\$199 38 History 03/03/14
7 11/06/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE, FL 33351	PCS	PETTY CASH	\$250 00 UPD
7 11/06/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT SUNRISE, FL 33351	MON	PETTY CASH	\$250 00 History 07/31/14
8 11/05/2013	STAPLES 7500 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD LAUDERHILL, FL 33319	MON	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$75 12
9 11/23/2013	FAIRFIELD INN AND SUITES MARRIOTT 4307 STERLING COMMERCE DR PLANT CITY, FL 33566	MON	MOTEL ROOMS FOR CAMPAIGN	\$367 36
10 11/04/2013	RACETRAC 1730 US 41 NORTH PALMETTO, FL 34221	MON	GAS	\$38 35
11 11/09/2013	AMERIKA SUNRISE 6481 W SUNRISE BLVD PLANTATION, FL 33313	PCS	PETTY CASH GAS	\$20 00 UPD
11 11/09/2013	AMERIKA SUNRISE 6481 W SUNRISE BLVD PLANTATION, FL 33313	MON	PETTY CASH GAS	\$20 00 History 07/31/14
12 11/03/2013	PUBLIX 9300 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD SUNRISE, FL 33351	PCS	REFRESHMENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS PETTY CASH	\$5 49 UPD
12 11/03/2013	PUBLIX 9300 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD SUNRISE, FL 33351	MON	REFRESHMENTS FOR VOLUNTEERS PETTY CASH	\$5 49 History 07/31/14
13 11/13/2013	HESS ANDREWS AVE. OAKLAND PARK, FL 33309	MON	GAS	\$42 67 DEL
14 11/12/2013	7-ELEVEN 7901 W COMM. TAMARAC, FL 33351	PCS	GAS	\$48 07 UPD
14 11/12/2013	7-ELEVEN 7901 W COMM. TAMARAC, FL 33351	MON	PETTY CASH GAS	\$48 07 UPD History 03/07/14
14 11/12/2013	7-ELEVEN 7901 W COMM. TAMARAC, FL 33351	MON	PETTY CASH GAS	\$48 07 History 03/03/14
15 11/02/2013	SAM CLUB W SUNRISE BLVD SUNRISE, FL 33351	MON	SUPPLIES	\$15 57 DEL

Name: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Report: 2013 M11

Period: 11/01/2013 to 11/30/2013

## \*\* Records in Filed Report \*\*

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* 15 11/02/2013	SAM CLUB W SUNRISE BLVD SUNRISE, FL 33351	X	SUPPLIES	\$15 50 History 12/24/13
16 11/01/2013	OFFICE DEPOT 3935 N FEDERAL HWY OAKLAND PARK, FL 33308	MON	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$39 88 DEL
17 11/02/2013	SHELL 7901 W BROWARD PLANTATION, FL 33324	MON	GAS	\$25 01 DEL
18 11/01/2013	OFFICE DEPOT 3935 N FEDERAL HWY OAKLAND PARK, FL 33308	MON	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$39 88
19 11/02/2013	SHELL 7902 W. BROWARD PLANTATION, FL 33334	MON	GAS	\$25 01 DEL
20 11/01/2013	STAPLES 7500 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD LAUDERHILL, FL 33319	MON	SUPPLIES	\$4 24 DEL
21 11/19/2013	CIRCLE K 1177 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33317	MON	GAS	\$30 02 DEL
22 11/20/2013	OFFICE MAX 7902 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD LAUDERHILL, FL 33351	MON	SUPPLIES	\$79 48 DEL
23 11/20/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT SUNRISE, FL 33351	PCW	PETTY CASH	\$250 00
24 11/30/2013	OAKLAND PARK BP 2091 W. OAKLAND PARK BLVD OAKLAND PARK, FL 33351	MON	GAS	\$56 95 DEL
25 11/13/2013	LEAD PUBLIC RELATIONS 5246 SW 8TH ST L CORAL GABLES, FL	MON	CONTINUED WORK AND SERVICES	\$700 00
26 11/25/2013	OAKLAND PARK BP 2091 W. OAKLAND PARK BLVD OAKLAND PARK, FL 33351	MON	GAS	\$15 03 DEL
27 11/27/2013	OAKLAND PARK BP 2091 W. OAKLAND PARK BLVD OAKLAND PARK, FL 33351	MON	GAS	\$47 01 DEL
28 11/29/2013	FEDEX 300 N FEDERAL HWY FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33301	MON	MAIL FEDEX	\$11 02 DEL
* 28 11/29/2013	FEDEX 300 N FEDERAL HWY FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33301	X	MAIL FEDEX	\$11 02 History 12/24/13
29 11/28/2013	SHELL 3320 E HILLSBOROUGH AVE TAMPA, FL 33610	MON	GAS	\$20 00 DEL
30 11/28/2013	MCDONALD'S 1110 HWY 60 E LAKES WALES, FL 33853	MON	FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$10 35 DEL
* 30 11/28/2013	MCDONALD'S 1110 HWY 60 E LAKES WALES, FL 33853	X	FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$10 35 History 12/24/13
31 11/14/2013	STEAK 'N SHAKE 6737 DARTER CT. FT. PIERCE, FL 34945	PCS	FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$16 21 DEL
* 31 12/14/2013	STEAK 'N SHAKE	PCS	FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$16 21 History 12/24/13
32 11/14/2013	CIRCLE K 6941 SUNDLAKE RD ORLANDO, FL 32819	MON	GAS	\$37 8 DEL
33 11/14/2013	POPEYES 6725 W SAND LAKE RD ORLANDO, FL 32819	MON	FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$23 7 DEL

Name: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Report: 2013 M11

Period: 11/01/2013 to 11/30/2013

\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\*

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
* 33 11/14/2013	POPEYES	X		\$23 70 History 12/24/13
34 11/06/2013	COSTCO 1800 W SAMPLE RD. POMPANO BEACH, FL 33064	MON	SUPPLIES	\$19 99 DEL.
35 11/20/2013	PUBLIX 9300 W. COMMERCIAL BLVD SUNRISE, FL 33351	MON	FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$8 00 DEL.
36 11/23/2013	SHELL 4750 DONALD ROSS RD PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL 33410	MON	GAS	\$50 03 DEL.
37		X		\$0 00 DEL.
38 11/19/2013	, FL	MON	GAS	\$39 03 DEL.
39 11/11/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT SUNRISE, FL 33351	RMB	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$105 97 ADD
40 11/05/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT SUNRISE, FL 33351	RMB	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$75 12 ADD
41 11/13/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE, FL 33351	RMB	GAS	\$42 67 ADD
42 11/02/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE, FL 33351	RMB	FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$15 50 ADD
43 11/30/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE, FL 33351	RMB	GAS	\$56 95 ADD
44 11/25/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT SUNRISE, FL 33351	RMB	GAS	\$15 03 ADD
45 11/27/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT SUNRISE, FL 33352	RMB	GAS	\$47 01 ADD
46 11/29/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT SUNRISE, FL 33351	RMB	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$11 02 ADD
47 11/28/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT SUNRISE, FL 33351	RMB	GAS	\$20 00 ADD
48 11/28/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT SUNRISE, FL 33351	RMB	FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$10 35 ADD
49 11/14/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT SUNRISE, FL 33351	RMB	FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$16 25 ADD
50 11/14/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE, FL 33351	RMB	GAS	\$37 80 ADD
51 11/14/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT SUNRISE, FL 33351	RMB	FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$23 70 ADD
52 11/06/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE, FL 33351	RMB	SUPPLIES	\$19 99 ADD
53 11/20/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE, FL 33351	RMB	FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$8 00 ADD
54 11/23/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS 9352 NW 46TH CT. SUNRISE, FL 33351	RMB	GAS	\$50 00 ADD

Name: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Report: 2013 M11

Period: 11/01/2013 to 11/30/2013

\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\*

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix First, Middle)	Type	Purpose	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip			Amend
55	HAMILTON THADDEUS	RMB	GAS	\$28 05
11/06/2013	9352 NW 46TH CT SUNRISE, FL 33351			ADD

EXHIBIT 3 (7 of 7)



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**RICK SCOTT**  
Governor

**KEN DETZNER**  
Secretary of State

February 21, 2013

The Honorable Thaddeus Hamilton  
9352 Northwest 46 Court  
Sunrise, Florida 33357

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of Commissioner of Agriculture, which was placed on file in our office on February 20, 2013. Your name has been placed on the 2014 active candidate list.

### Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **April 10, 2013**. The report will cover the period of January 1 - March 31, 2013. 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 this password from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using these credentials, unless the Division is notified that your credentials have been compromised.

EFS Web site Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>  
Identification Number: 60304

**EXHIBIT 4 (1 of 3)**

#### Division of Elections

R.A. Gray Bldg., Rm. 316 • 500 S Bronough St. • Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250  
Telephone: (850) 245-6240 • Facsimile: (850) 245-6259 [elections.myflorida.com](http://elections.myflorida.com)



The Honorable Thadddeus Hamilton  
February 21, 2013  
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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 confidential pin numbers for you. By copy of this letter, a confidential pin number to access the Division of Election's EFS was sent to your treasurer.

Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event this 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 not later than midnight 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 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.

EXHIBIT 4(2 of 3)



The Honorable Thaddeus Hamilton  
February 21, 2013  
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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' web site at <http://elections.myflorida.com>. 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, *2012 Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, *2013 Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/ljr

Enclosures

pc: Ms Karen Hamilton, Treasurer

EXHIBIT 4(3 of 3)



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

November 18, 2013

Karen L. Hamilton, Treasurer for  
Candidate Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton  
9352 Northwest 46 Court  
Sunrise, FL 33351-0000

Re: CAN 60304

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

The Division of Elections has determined that the following report is incomplete for the reasons noted in the attached error report:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cover Period</u>
2013	M10	10/1/13 - 10/31/13

Pursuant to Section 106.07(2), Florida Statutes, you have 7 days from receipt of this notice to file an amended report to correct errors or provide missing information. If the information has been reported accurately, provide a written explanation to the Division addressing the issue noted in the error report. Please be advised that failure to supply this information within the time allowed may constitute a violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes

If you need assistance in filing an amendment, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson  
Chief, Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

cc: Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton, Candidate

EXHIBIT 5 (1 of 3)

Error Report

Candidate: Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2013 M10 (4) Covering Period: 10/1/13 - 10/31/13

Account: 60304

Contributions

Contributor

Contribution

Seq	Date	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Type	Occupation	Type	Amount	InKind	Descrip	Amend
5	10/01/13	SHEN YU INC	9240 W COMMERCIAL BLVD	SUNRISE FL 33351	B		CHE	\$200.00			
*Occupation/Business Required When Contribution Is Greater Than \$100											
4		RAMONAL TOLLEY PA	400 SE 9TH ST	FT LAUDERDALE FL 33316	B		CHE	\$100.00			
*The Transaction Date Is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period											
2	10/01/13	DR:KEY CONSULTING SERVICES INC	1033 NW 6TH ST SUITE 206	FT LAUDERDALE FL 33311	B		INK	\$150.00		OFFICE SPACE	
*Occupation/Business Required When Contribution Is Greater Than \$100											

Expenditures

Seq	Date	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Type	Expenditure Purpose	Amount	Amend
1					X		\$0.00	
*The Transaction Date Is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period								
*Invalid Expenditure Type								
*Amount is Zero								
*No Value Provided For Last Name Field								
*No Address Was Provided								
*No City Was Provided In The Address								
*No State Was Provided In The Address								
*Missing Expenditure Purpose								
10	10/02/13	ALLEN RICHARD		FL	MON	CAMPAIGN MEETING	\$100.00	
*No Address Was Provided								
*No City Was Provided In The Address								
14	10/07/13	FAMU		TALLASHASSEE FL	MON	ADVER PARADE	\$150.00	
*No Address Was Provided								
24					X		\$0.00	

EXHIBIT 5 (2 of 3)

Error Report

Candidate: Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2013 M10 (4) Covering Period: 10/1/13 - 10/31/13

Account: 60304

g	Date	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Type	Expenditure Purpose	Amount	Amend
		*The Transaction Date is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period						
		*Invalid Expenditure Type						
		*Amount is Zero						
		*No Value Provided For Last Name Field						
		*No Address Was Provided						
		*No City Was Provided In The Address						
		*No State Was Provided In The Address						
		*Missing Expenditure Purpose						
					X		\$0 00	
		*The Transaction Date is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period						
		*Invalid Expenditure Type						
		*Amount is Zero						
		*No Value Provided For Last Name Field						
		*No Address Was Provided						
		*No City Was Provided In The Address						
		*No State Was Provided In The Address						
		*Missing Expenditure Purpose						

EXHIBIT 5 (3 of 3)

Fund Transfers

Other Distributions



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

December 18, 2013

Karen L. Hamilton, Treasurer for  
Candidate Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton  
9352 Northwest 46 Court  
Sunrise, FL 33351-0000

Re: CAN 60304

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

The Division of Elections has determined that the following report is incomplete for the reasons noted in the attached error report:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cover Period</u>
2013	M11	11/1/13 - 11/30/13

Pursuant to Section 106 07(2), Florida Statutes, you have 7 days from receipt of this notice to file an amended report to correct errors or provide missing information. If the information has been reported accurately, provide a written explanation to the Division addressing the issue noted in the error report. Please be advised that failure to supply this information within the time allowed may constitute a violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

If you need assistance in filing an amendment, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson  
Chief, Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

cc: Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton, Candidate

**EXHIBIT 6 (1 of 3)**

Error Report

Candidate: Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2013 M11 (5) Covering Period: 11/1/13 - 11/30/13

Account: 60304

**Contributions**

		<u>Contributor</u>				<u>Contribution</u>					
<u>Seq</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City/State/Zip</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>InKind</u>	<u>Descrip</u>	<u>Amend</u>
14		HAMILTON THADDEUS	9352 NW 46TH CT	SUNRISE FL 3-3351	S	RETIRED	LOA	\$15.03			
*The Transaction Date Is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period											
18	11/28/13	HAMILTON THADDEUS		SUNRISE FL 3-3351	S	RETIRED	LOA	\$10.35			
*No Address Was Provided											

**Expenditures**

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City/State/Zip</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Expenditure Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amend</u>
15	11/02/13	SAM CLUB	W SUNRISE BLVD	SUNRISE, FL 3-3351	X	SUPPLIES	\$15.50	
*Invalid Expenditure Type								
28	11/29/13	FEDEX	300 N FEDERAL HWY	FT LAUDERDALE, FL 3-3301	X	MAIL FEDEX	\$11.02	
*Invalid Expenditure Type								
30	11/28/13	MCDONALD'S	1110 HWY 60 E	LAKES WALES, FL 3-3853	X	FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$10.35	
*Invalid Expenditure Type								
31	12/14/13	STEAK 'N SHAKE			PCS	FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$16.25	
*The Transaction Date Is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period								
33	11/14/13	POPEYES			X		\$23.70	
*Invalid Expenditure Type								
*No Address Was Provided								
*No City Was Provided In The Address								
*No State Was Provided In The Address								
*Missing Expenditure Purpose								
37					X		\$0.00	

EXHIBIT 6 (2 of 3)

Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Error Report

Candidate: Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2013 M11 (5) Covering Period: 11/1/13 - 11/30/13

Account: 60304

Seq	Date	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Type	Expenditure Purpose	Amount	Amend
		*The Transaction Date Is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period						
		*Invalid Expenditure Type						
		*Amount is Zero						
		*No Value Provided For Last Name Field						
		*No Address Was Provided						
		*No City Was Provided In The Address						
		*No State Was Provided In The Address						
		*Missing Expenditure Purpose						
38	11/19/13			FL	MON	GAS	\$39.03	
		*No Value Provided For Last Name Field						
		*No Address Was Provided						
		*No City Was Provided In The Address						

Fund Transfers

Other Distributions

EXHIBIT 6(3 of 3)



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 17, 2014

Karen L. Hamilton, Treasurer for  
Candidate Thaddeus Thad Hamilton  
9352 Northwest 46 Court  
Sunrise, FL 33351-0000

Re: CAN 60304

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

The Division of Elections has determined that the following report is incomplete for the reasons noted in the attached error report:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cover Period</u>
2013	M10	10/1/13 - 10/31/13
2013	M11	11/1/13 - 11/30/13
2014	P1	6/1/14 - 6/20/14
2014	P1A	6/21/14 - 6/27/14

Pursuant to Section 106.07(2), Florida Statutes, you have 7 days from receipt of this notice to file an amended report to correct errors or provide missing information. If the information has been reported accurately, provide a written explanation to the Division addressing the issue noted in the error report. Please be advised that failure to supply this information within the time allowed may constitute a violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

If you need assistance in filing an amendment, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson  
Chief, Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

EXHIBIT 7 (1 of 3)

cc: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton, Candidate



Compliance Report

Candidate: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2013 M10 (4) Covering Period: 10/1/13 - 10/31/13

Account: 60304

Overall

Statute	FAC	Description
106.07		Petty Cash

Contributions

Expenditures

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Other Distributions

Report: 2013 M11 (5) Covering Period: 11/1/13 - 11/30/13

Account: 60304

Overall

Contributions

Expenditures

Statute	FAC	Description	Seq	Date	Name	City	Type	Amount
106.12		Petty Cash over limits	6	11/25/2013	CORAL SPRINGS HONDA		PCS	\$199.38
106.07		Incorrect Expenditure Type	7	11/6/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS		MON	\$250.00
106.07		Incorrect Expenditure Type	11	11/9/2013	AMERIKA SUNRISE		MON	\$20.00
106.07		Incorrect Expenditure Type	12	11/3/2013	FUBLIX		MON	\$5.49

Fund Transfers

Other Distributions

Report: 2014 P1 (12) Covering Period: 6/1/14 - 6/20/14

Account: 60304

Overall

Contributions

Expenditures

Statute	FAC	Description	Seq	Date	Name	City	Type	Amount
106.07		Reimbursement without corresponding Other Distribution	8	6/6/2014	BROWN MASERIA		MON	\$700.00

Fund Transfers

Other Distributions

Compliance Report

Candidate: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2014 P1A (13) Covering Period: 6/21/14 - 6/27/14

Account: 60304

Overall

Contributions

Expenditures

			Expenditure					
<u>Statute</u>	<u>FAC</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Seq</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
106 07		Reimbursement without corresponding Other Distribution	2	6/27/2014	BROWN MESSERI		MON	\$125.00

Fund Transfers

Other Distributions



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Second Notice

July 31, 2014

Karen L Hamilton, Treasurer for  
Candidate Thaddeus Thad Hamilton  
9352 Northwest 46 Court  
Sunrise, FL 33351-0000

Re: CAN 60304

Dear Ms Hamilton:

On July 17, 2014, you were advised that one or more of your campaign treasurer's reports were incomplete and that you had 7 days to provide the requested information.

The Division's electronic filing system indicates that the required information has not been provided. Pursuant to Section 106.22, Florida Statutes, the Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of the failure to provide information required by Chapter 106. Accordingly, if the information requested in our prior notice is not received within 7 days of receipt of this letter, we will refer this matter to the Commission. A second copy of the error report is attached for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

cc: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton, Candidate

EXHIBIT 8 (1 of 3)

Florida Department of State - Division of Elections  
Compliance Report

Candidate: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2013 M10 (4) Covering Period: 10/1/13 - 10/31/13

Account: 60304

pad

Statute	FAC	Description
06.07		Petty Cash

Contributions

Expenditures

Transfers

Distributions

Report: 2013 M11 (5) Covering Period: 11/1/13 - 11/30/13

Account: 60304

pad

Contributions

Expenditures

Statute	FAC	Description	Seq	Date	Name	City	Type	Amount
06.12		Petty Cash over limits	6	11/25/201	CORAL SPRINGS HONDA		PCS	\$199.38
06.07		Incorrect Expenditure Type	7	11/6/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS		MON	\$250.00
06.07		incorrect Expenditure Type	11	11/9/2013	AMERIKA SUNRISE		MON	\$20.00
06.07		Incorrect Expenditure Type	12	11/3/2013	PUBLIX		MON	\$5.49

Transfers

Distributions

Report: 2014 P1 (12) Covering Period: 6/1/14 - 6/20/14

Account: 60304

pad

Contributions

Expenditures

Statute	FAC	Description	Seq	Date	Name	City	Type	Amount
06.07		Reimbursement without corresponding Other Distribution	8	6/6/2014	BROWN MASERIA		MON	\$700.00

Transfers

EXHIBIT 8 (2 of 3)

Compliance Report

Candidate: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2014 P1A (13) Covering Period: 6/21/14 - 6/27/14

Account: 60304

Ball

Distributions

Expenditures

Expenditure

<u>Statute</u>	<u>FAC</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Seq</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
06.07		Reimbursement without corresponding Other Distribution	2	6/27/2014	BROWN MESSERI		MON	\$125.00

Transfers

Other Distributions

EXHIBIT 8 (3 of 3)

## Audit Notes

9/8/14 PM - No changes made - no amendments opened since mailing date. I suggest FEC Ref - slb

8/11/14 PM - M10 = no changes. PCW = \$200 and the PCS = 508 30.

- M11 = few changes made. PCW = \$250 and the PCS = \$522.88. Exp #6 & 7 are still incorrect  
Exp 11 and 12 have been changed to PCS which matches the  
purpose given.

- P1 = changed purpose so this corrects the error = no longer needs the reimbursement  
extras.

- P1A = changed purpose so this corrects the error = no longer needs the reimbursement  
extras. -slb

7/31/14 AM - No changes. Petty cash problems and Reimbursement issues. - sending second notice - slb

EXHIBIT 9



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

**FINAL NOTICE**

**Delivery Confirmation:**

USPS TRACKING #  
& CUSTOMER  
RECEIPT

**9114 9011 6981 8370 3045 63**

For Tracking or inquiries go to USPS.com  
or call 1-800-222-1811

August 12, 2014

Karen L. Hamilton, Treasurer for  
Candidate Thaddeus Thad Hamilton  
9352 Northwest 46 Court  
Sunrise, FL 33351-0000

Re: CAN 60304

Dear Ms Hamilton:

You have previously been advised that the campaign treasurer's report(s) listed below is incomplete for the reasons noted in the attached error report:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cover Period</u>
2013	M10	10/1/13 - 10/31/13
2013	M11	11/1/13 - 11/30/13

Pursuant to Section 106 07(2), Florida Statutes, you have 7 days from receipt of this letter to correct errors or provide missing information. If the information has been reported accurately, you must provide a written explanation to the Division addressing the issue noted in the error report. Please be advised that if you fail to comply with this request, the Division will forward this matter to the Florida Elections Commission for further action. Section 106.265(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Florida Elections Commission to impose civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation.

If you need assistance in filing an amendment, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson  
Chief, Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

cc: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton, Candidate

**EXHIBIT 10 (1 of 8)**

Compliance Report

Candidate: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2013 M10 (4) Covering Period: 10/1/13 - 10/31/13

Account: 60304

Revolving Fund

Statute	FAC	Description
106.07		Petty Cash

Contributions

Expenditures

Transfers

Distributions

Report: 2013 M11 (5) Covering Period: 11/1/13 - 11/30/13

Account: 60304

Revolving Fund

Contributions

Expenditures

Statute	FAC	Description
06.12		Petty Cash over limits
106.07		Incorrect Expenditure Type

Expenditure

Seq	Date	Name	City	Type	Amount
6	11/25/201	CORAL SPRINGS HONDA		PCS	\$199.38
7	11/6/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS		PCS	\$250.00

Transfers

Distributions

EXHIBIT 10 (2 of 8)





FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Deitzner  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 17, 2014

Karen L. Hamilton, Treasurer for  
Candidate Thaddeus Thad Hamilton  
9352 Northwest 46 Court  
Sunrise, FL 33351-0000

Re: CAN 60304

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

The Division of Elections has determined that the following report is incomplete for the reasons noted in the attached error report:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cover Period</u>
2013	M10	10/1/13 - 10/31/13
2013	M11	11/1/13 - 11/30/13
2014	P1	6/1/14 - 6/20/14
2014	P1A	6/21/14 - 6/27/14

Pursuant to Section 106.07(2), Florida Statutes, you have 7 days from receipt of this notice to file an amended report to correct errors or provide missing information. If the information has been reported accurately, provide a written explanation to the Division addressing the issue noted in the error report. Please be advised that failure to supply this information within the time allowed may constitute a violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes

If you need assistance in filing an amendment, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson  
Chief, Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

EXHIBIT 10 (3 of 8)

cc: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton, Candidate

Florida Department of State - Division of Elections  
 Compliance Report

Candidate: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2013 M10 (4) Covering Period: 10/1/13 - 10/31/13

Account: 60304

Item FAC Description  
 ? Petty Cash

Items

Items

Items

Items

Report: 2013 M11 (5) Covering Period: 11/1/13 - 11/30/13

Account: 60304

Items

Items

Expenditure

Item	FAC	Description	Seq	Date	Name	City	Type	Amount
?		Petty Cash over limits	6	11/25/2013	CORAL SPRINGS HONDA		PCS	\$199.38
?		incorrect Expenditure Type	7	11/6/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS		MON	\$250.00
?		incorrect Expenditure Type	11	11/9/2013	AMERIKA SUNRISE		MON	\$20.00
?		incorrect Expenditure Type	12	11/3/2013	PUBLIX		MON	\$5.49

Items

Items

Report: 2014 P1 (12) Covering Period: 6/1/14 - 6/20/14

Account: 60304

Items

Items

Expenditure

Item	FAC	Description	Seq	Date	Name	City	Type	Amount
?		Reimbursement without corresponding Other Distribution	8	6/6/2014	BROWN MASERIA		MON	\$700.00

EXHIBIT 10 (4 & 8)

Compliance Report

Candidate: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2014 P1A (13) Covering Period: 6/21/14 - 6/27/14

Account: 60304

Items

Items

Item # FAC

Description  
Reimbursement without corresponding Other Distribution

Seq

Date

Name

Expenditure

City

Type

Amount

2

6/27/2014

BROWN MESSERI

MON

\$125.00

Items

Instructions

EXHIBIT 10 (5 of 8)



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Second Notice

July 31, 2014

Karen L. Hamilton, Treasurer for  
Candidate Thaddeus Thad Hamilton  
9352 Northwest 46 Court  
Sunrise, FL 33351-0000

Re: CAN 60304

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

On July 17, 2014, you were advised that one or more of your campaign treasurer's reports were incomplete and that you had 7 days to provide the requested information.

The Division's electronic filing system indicates that the required information has not been provided. Pursuant to Section 106.22, Florida Statutes, the Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of the failure to provide information required by Chapter 106. Accordingly, if the information requested in our prior notice is not received within 7 days of receipt of this letter, we will refer this matter to the Commission. A second copy of the error report is attached for your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristi Reid Bronson".

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

cc: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton, Candidate

EXHIBIT 10 (6 of 8)

Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Compliance Report

Candidate: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2014 P1A (13) Covering Period: 6/21/14 - 6/27/14

Account: 60304

Items

Items

Item # FAC

Description

Reimbursement without corresponding Other Distribution

Seq

Date

Name

Expenditure

City

Type

Amount

7

2

6/27/2014

BROWN MESSERI

MON

\$125.00

Items

Items

EXHIBIT 10(7 of 8)

Florida Department of State - Division of Elections  
Compliance Report

Candidate: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2013 M10 (4) Covering Period: 10/1/13 - 10/31/13

Account: 60304

Item FAC Description  
Petty Cash

Items

Items

Items

Items

Report: 2013 M11 (5) Covering Period: 11/1/13 - 11/30/13

Account: 60304

Items

Items

Item FAC Description

Petty Cash over limits

Incorrect Expenditure Type

incorrect Expenditure Type

incorrect Expenditure Type

Seq	Date	Name	City	Type	Amount
6	11/25/201	CORAL SPRINGS HONDA		PCS	\$199.38
7	11/8/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS		MON	\$250.00
11	11/9/2013	AMERIKA SUNRISE		MON	\$20.00
12	11/3/2013	PUBLIX		MON	\$5.49

Items

Items

Report: 2014 P1 (12) Covering Period: 6/1/14 - 6/20/14

Account: 60304

Items

Items

Item FAC Description

Reimbursement without corresponding Other Distribution

Seq	Date	Name	City	Type	Amount
8	6/6/2014	BROWN MASERIA		MON	\$700.00

EXHIBIT 10 (8 of 8)

English

Customer Service

USPS Mobile

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# USPS Tracking™



Customer Service >  
Have questions? We're here to help.

Tracking Number: 9114901159818370304563

Updated Delivery Day: Saturday, August 16, 2014

## Product & Tracking Information

## Available Actions

Postal Product:

Features:  
USPS Tracking™

DATE & TIME	STATUS OF ITEM	LOCATION
August 16, 2014 4:31 pm	Delivered	FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33361

Your item was delivered at 4:31 pm on August 16 2014 in FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33351

August 16 2014 11:34 am	Out for Delivery	FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33351
August 16 2014 11:24 am	Sorting Complete	FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33351
August 16 2014 8:22 am	Arrived at Post Office	FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33351
August 16 2014 3:56 am	Departed USPS Facility	OPA LOCKA FL 33054
August 15 2014 10:40 am	Arrived at USPS Facility	OPA LOCKA FL 33054
August 14 2014 1:11 am	Departed USPS Facility	TALLAHASSEE FL 32301
August 13 2014 3:23 pm	Arrived at USPS Facility	TALLAHASSEE FL 32301

## Track Another Package

Tracking (or receipt) number

Track It

EXHIBIT 11

**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
FEC REFERRAL FORM**

RECEIVED

2014 DEC -5 P 17

To FEC from Division of Elections

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**Name:** Thaddeus Thad Hamilton  
**Account Number:** 60304  
**Candidate:** Thaddeus Thad Hamilton  
**Treasurer:** Karen Hamilton  
**Person Named/Notified:** Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

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The Division of Elections is referring this issue to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes. Addendums have not been filed pursuant to Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, for the following report(s):

2013 M10

2013 M11

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**Sent By:** Kristi Reid Bronson  
**Date:** December 4, 2014

KRB

ejr

EXHIBIT 12(1 of 10)



**AFFIDAVIT**

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

**County of Leon**

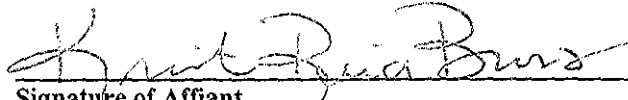
**Kristi Reid Bronson, being duly sworn, says:**

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.
2. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian
3. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
4. Thaddeus Thad Hamilton (60304) was a 2014 candidate for the office of Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
5. On February 20, 2013, Mr Hamilton filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division. He appointed Karen L. Hamilton as treasurer.
6. On November 18, 2013, the Division mailed Ms. Hamilton notification that the 2013 M10 report was incomplete. (See attached letter).
7. On December 18, 2013, the Division mailed Ms Hamilton notification that the 2013 M11 report was incomplete. (See attached letter).
8. On July 17, 2014, the Division mailed Ms. Hamilton notification that the 2013 M10 and 2013 M11 reports were incomplete
9. On July 31, 2014, the Division mailed Ms. Hamilton notification that the 2013 M10 and 2013 M11 reports were incomplete.
10. On August 12, 2014, the Division mailed Ms Hamilton final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2013 M10 and 2013 M11 reports were incomplete. (See attached letter)

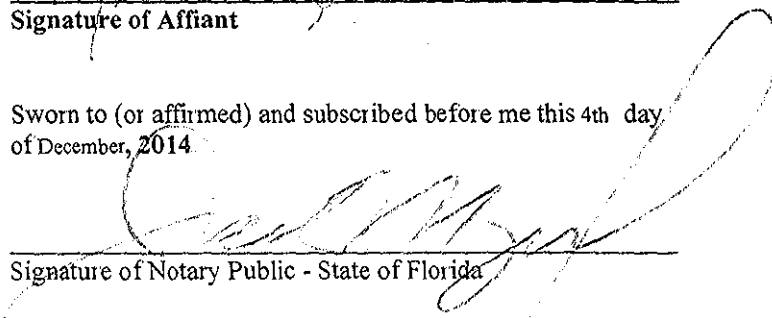
**EXHIBIT 12 (2 of 10)**

11. As of December 4, 2014, the 2013 M10 and 2013 M11 campaign finance reports remain incomplete.

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 4th day  
of December, 2014

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary  
Public

Personally Known



EXHIBIT 12 (3 of 10)

Audit Notes

9/8/14 PM - No changes made - no amendments opened since mailing date I suggest FEC Ref - slb

8/11/14 PM - M10 = no changes PCW = \$200 and the PCS = 508 30

- M11 = few changes made. PCW = \$250 and the PCS = \$522 88. Exp #6 & 7 are still incorrect. Exp 11 and 12 have been changed to PCS which matches the

purpose given.

- P1 = changed purpose so this corrects the error = no longer needs the reimbursement extras.

- P1A = changed purpose so this corrects the error = no longer needs the reimbursement extras -slb

7/31/14 AM- No changes Petty cash problems and Reimbursement issues. - sending second notice - slb

**HISTORY NOTES**  
Thaddeus Thad Hamilton - 60304

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
44419	8/27/2015 10:23:00 AM		jhayala
re: Rcvd Phone Call			
Spoke with Thad Hamilton regarding questions he had for the 2013 Q2 and Q3 reports. Briefly looked over the reports and stated to him that Exp 48 in the 2013 Q3 report does not have a correct date and advised him to double-check his records to see if the expenditure actually does belong in the Q3 report. He stated that he will do that I also briefly went over the 2013 Q2 report and discussed how a reimbursement would be correctly reported. In our conversation, Mr. Hamilton stated that he has not yet been paid back for any of the reimbursements he made for the campaign I stated that by definition, a reimbursement would mean that his campaign has already paid himself/the individual who made the initial purchase back throughout the campaign as they were reported to EFS I then stated that if this was not the case, then all the reimbursements need to be changed to in-kind contributions Mr Hamilton stated that he will look into it Jha			
43527	6/4/2015 10:14:00 AM		jvquinn
Re: FEC Letter			
Received a call from Mr. Hamilton in regards to his last audit being referred to the FEC due to a deficit. The account is no longer in a deficit status but is actually in a \$2 65 surplus I explained to Mr Hamilton that at the time this was referred to the FEC there was a \$476 94 deficit He said that he would contact the FEC to see what his next stpes should be JVQ			
42941	5/11/2015 1:46:00 PM		slbagley
RE: Phone Call Received			
Received a phone call from Mr. Hamilton, he said he received a letter from someone named Ms. Riley. I started to confirm the letter had been sent by the Division of Elections since we do not have a Ms Riley But his phone started to make a beeping noise then there was just static and Mr Hamilton was no longer on the line			
Sib			
40230	11/19/2014 1:09:00 PM		ejrowlette
Re: LR 2014 I telephoned Mr Hamilton and explained what a LR is about From his LR it only listed expenditures I told him if he did not receive any 3rd party loans he did not need to do the LR			
39837	9/30/2014 3:42:00 PM		ejrowlette
Re: Final Notice of 2014 P6 Errors I tried to call Mr. Hamilton but got an answering machine The machine told me that the machine was full so I was unable to leave him a message of how to correct his error Ejr			
38070	3/7/2014 1:39:00 PM		dsbrown
RE: Emails from and to Candidate			
Received an email from Mr. Hamilton explaining the 2013 M11 report I resonded and let Mr Hamilton know that all of his reports up to the M1 appear to be in order except the M12 He will still need to provide explanation for Seq 2 in Expenditures			
37796	3/3/2014 8:22:00 AM		dsbrown
RE: Corrections to M11 M12 and M1			
Mr Hamilton sent me an email this weekend to let me know he had filed the remaining reports I emailed him back this morning letting him know that his M12 report was corrected and filed; his M1 had two errors in Other Distributions that would need to be corrected; and his M11 was sitting in Pending and would need to be corrected and filed			
Mr. Hamilton called at 8:20 am to discuss what was needed to correct his reports. He said he thought he had made all of the corrections to his M11. He will go back in today and make the corrections and file the reports. I asked him to notify my either by email or a call to let me know when he had completed the filings He said he had appointments this morning but would work on this as a priority			

EXHIBIT 12(5 of 10)

**HISTORY NOTES**  
Thaddeus Thad Hamilton - 60304

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
37785	2/28/2014 2:34:00 PM		dsbrown
RE: Incomplete Audit			
Attempted to reach Mr Hamilton at his number but his mailbox was full I sent the following email: Thaddeus 'Thad' Hamilton Candidate for Commission of Agriculture (60304)			
Good afternoon Mr Hamilton			
I called you this afternoon, but your message mailbox was full. I wanted to check in with you about the progress of amendments to your campaign finance reports. At our last conversation you had completed amending the 2013 M10 report and you were going to begin amending the 2013 M11 and M12 and 2014 M1 reports. As of this afternoon I see that you have opened the 2013 M11 report for amendment.			
If you can complete the amendments/corrections to the remaining reports by Monday March 3 2014 this audit may be recommended for closure. I would like to avoid sending a Second Notice on Monday.			
If you need any assistance please don't hesitate to contact me at my direct number below.			
Best regards			
Donna S. Brown Regulation Specialist II Bureau of Election Records Florida Department of State R.A Gray Building 500 S Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399 (850) 245-6297 (direct line)			
37570	2/25/2014 9:16:00 AM		dsbrown
RE: Corrections to Campaign Reports			
Mr. Hamilton called this am to go over the reports he had worked to correct so far. The Q2, Q3 and M10 reports were corrected this morning. He will continue working on the M11, M12 and M1 and call me back when he is ready to go over them. He said he will work on them today and hopefully get back with me tomorrow.			
37512	2/20/2014 2:34:00 PM		dsbrown
RE: Correcting Campaign Finance Reports			
Mr Hamilton called this afternoon around 2:00 pm. We went through correcting the Q1 report. Mr Hamilton deleted the contribution (loan to candidate) and expenditure that he paid out of his pocket. Then created Other Distribution for reimbursement later. Corrected and filed amended Q1. Explained to him how to proceed with the same information through the Q2. He said he would work on it tonight and call me back tomorrow to make sure he'd done it correctly.			
We will continue with this process until Mr Hamilton is able to amend and correct each of his reports.			
37491	2/19/2014 2:29:00 PM		dsbrown
RE: Telephone Call from Mr Hamilton			
Mr Hamilton called me back. I asked him if Karen Hamilton, his treasurer, was preparing the campaign finance reports. He said Karen Hamilton is his wife and they are working together on the reports. I explained to Mr Hamilton that all of his campaign reports have multiple loans from him to his candidacy that matched expenditure amounts. I asked him if he was writing checks from the campaign account for the expenditures. He said he buys office supplies, or gas, etc and then loans the amount back to the campaign. How he paid the expenditures. He said he writes a check out of his personal account, then records it as a loan to the campaign. I asked him if he deposited any money into his campaign account for the amounts he had listed. He said no. I explained to Mr Hamilton that he use his campaign account to record contributions (money coming in) and expenditures (money going out) on anything concerning the campaign. If he wanted to make a loan to the campaign account he could do so, but he must deposit the amount in the campaign account and write checks from the campaign account. What is recorded in his campaign reports should match the campaign bank account transactions. I told him I would have to call him back with information on how to correct his reports.			

**HISTORY NOTES**  
Thaddeus Thad Hamilton - 60304

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
37488	2/19/2014 1:48:00 PM		dsbrown
RE: Campaign Finance Reports			
Called 954-547-9115. The voicemail message says "You have reached the office of Thaddeus Hamilton ". Could not leave a message today because the mailbox was full			
37470	2/18/2014 1:47:00 PM		dsbrown
RE: Email			
Emailed Karen Hamilton Treasurer at thadcampaign@bellsouth.net:			
Karen L. Hamilton Treasurer for Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton Candidate			
Dear Ms. Hamilton			
Please contact me at my direct telephone number below as soon as possible regarding the campaign finance reports for Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton			
Thank you			
Donna S. Brown Regulation Specialist II Bureau of Election Records Florida Department of State R.A. Gray Building 500 S. Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399 (850) 245-6297 (direct line)			
37464	2/18/2014 1:08:00 PM		dsbrown
RE: Campaign reports			
Called (954) 547-9115 Left a message for Karen Hamilton, Treasurer, or Thaddeus Hamilton to contact me regarding the campaign treasurer's reports Gave my name and direct telephone number			
37408	2/17/2014 11:20:00 AM		dsbrown
RE: 2014 M1 Report - Audit			
Mailed audit letter 2/14/14			

**STATEMENT OF  
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

OFFICE USE ONLY  
RECEIVED  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
2013 FEB 20 AM 10:17  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

I, THADDEUS "THAO" HAMILTON  
candidate for the office of COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE and  
CONSUMER SERVICES

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of  
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X Thaddeus Hamilton

Signature of Candidate

2/19/2013

Date

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).

EXHIBIT 12 (8 of 10)

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER  
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN  
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

RECEIVED  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
2014 FEB 24 AM 10:29  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.

OFFICE USE ONLY

**1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):**

Initial Filing of Form    Re-filing to Change:  Treasurer/Deputy     Depository     Office     Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

THADDEUS THAD HAMILTON

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

PO BOX 26653  
Lamarac, FL 33321

4. Telephone

(954) 547-9115

5. E-mail address

thadcampaign@bellmouth.net

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

Florida Commissioner of Agriculture  
and Consumer Services

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

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     DEMOCRAT    Party candidate

9. I have appointed the following person to act as my     Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

THADDEUS THAD HAMILTON

11. Mailing Address

9352 NW 46 CT

12. Telephone

(954) 547-9115

13. City

SUNRISE

14. County

BROWARD

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

33351

17. E-mail address

thadcampaign@bellmouth.net

18. I have designated the following bank as my     Primary Depository     Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

Wells Fargo Bank

20. Address

1190 N Pine Island Rd

21. City

Plantation

22. County

Broward

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

33322

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE

25. Date

2/20/2014

26. Signature of Candidate

*Thaddeus Hamilton*

27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, THADDEUS THAD HAMILTON, do hereby accept the appointment  
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:     Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer.

2/20/2014

EXHIBIT 12(9&10)

*Thaddeus Hamilton*  
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer





## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**RICK SCOTT**  
Governor

**KEN DETZNER**  
Secretary of State

February 25, 2014

Thaddeus Thad Hamilton (60304)  
9352 Northwest 46 Court  
Sunrise, FL 33351

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Your appointment as deputy campaign treasurer for your candidacy for Commissioner of Agriculture was filed in this office on February 24, 2014. Enclosed is a security envelope containing your confidential pin number to access the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS) for submitting campaign treasurer's reports.

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <http://elections.myflorida.com>. 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, 2014 Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, 2013 Calendar of Reporting Dates, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

If you have questions concerning your campaign account or the EFS, you may call the Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/slb

Enclosure

EXHIBIT 12 (10 of 10)

Division of Elections

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## Queued Items for 2013-M10

Account: 60304

AGR Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Rpt Seq: 4

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	60304	11/11/2013 8:05:19 PM	11/11/2013 8:05:19 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	60304	11/12/2013 11:53:48 PM	11/12/2013 11:53:48 PM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	60304	11/24/2013 9:54:28 PM	11/24/2013 9:54:28 PM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	60304	11/24/2013 10:03:22 PM	11/24/2013 10:03:22 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	60304	11/24/2013 10:51:39 PM	11/24/2013 10:51:39 PM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	dsbrown	11/25/2013 10:21:13 AM	11/25/2013 10:21:13 AM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	60304	12/8/2013 6:33:23 PM	12/8/2013 6:33:24 PM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	60304	2/24/2014 10:49:58 AM	2/24/2014 10:49:59 AM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	60304	2/24/2014 10:50:12 AM	2/24/2014 10:50:13 AM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	60304	2/24/2014 11:00:47 AM	2/24/2014 11:00:48 AM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	60304	2/25/2014 9:04:36 AM	2/25/2014 9:04:36 AM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	60304	3/6/2014 9:19:07 PM	3/6/2014 9:19:07 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	60304	3/7/2014 5:14:27 AM	3/7/2014 5:14:28 AM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	60304	3/7/2014 8:08:46 AM	3/7/2014 8:08:46 AM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	60304	3/7/2014 8:09:41 AM	3/7/2014 8:09:41 AM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	60304	3/7/2014 8:10:23 AM	3/7/2014 8:10:23 AM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	60304	3/7/2014 8:10:32 AM	3/7/2014 8:10:32 AM
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### Queued Items for 2013-M10

Account: 60304

AGR Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Rpt Seq: 4

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## Queued Items for 2013-M11

Account: 60304

AGR Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Rpt Seq: 5

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Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	60304	3/7/2014 10:58:30 AM	3/7/2014 10:58:30 AM
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Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	60304	3/7/2014 11:27:50 AM	3/7/2014 11:27:51 AM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	60304	3/7/2014 11:29:41 AM	3/7/2014 11:29:42 AM
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EXHIBIT 14



RE: Candidate Account # 60304

Bronson, Kristi R.

to:

Helen Hinson

10/06/2015 03:09 PM

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From: "Bronson, Kristi R." <Kristi.Bronson@DOS.MyFlorida.com>

To: Helen Hinson <Helen.Hinson@myfloridalegal.com>

History: This message has been replied to  
Ms Hinson -

Yes, the reports have been amended as requested

**REGARDS,**

**KRISTI REID BRONSON, CHIEF  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS,  
BUREAU OF ELECTION RECORDS  
(850) 245-6240**

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From: Helen Hinson [<mailto:Helen.Hinson@myfloridalegal.com>]

Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2015 12:25 PM

To: Bronson, Kristi R.

Subject: Candidate Account # 60304

EXHIBIT 15 (1 of 2)

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records  
Florida Department of State  
The R. A. Gray Building, Rm 316  
500 S Bronough St, MS-23  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Dear Ms. Bronson:

Please let me know if this candidate's 2013 M10 and M11 Reports are in compliance with the requested changes as identified in your letters dated November 18, 2013 (2013 M10 Report) and December 18, 2013 (2013 M11 Report) and the attached error reports, respectively

Thank you in advance for your assistance in resolving this matter

**Helen Hinson**  
Investigation Specialist  
Florida Elections Commission  
The Collins Building, Ste 224  
107 West Gaines Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050  
[helen.hinson@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:helen.hinson@myfloridalegal.com)  
PH: 850.922.4539, X-115  
FAX: 850.921.0783  
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RE: Candidate Account # 60304  
Bronson, Kristi R. to: Helen Hinson

11/02/2015 02:14 PM

History: This message has been replied to.

No They are not in compliance.

*REGARDS,*

*KRISTI REID BRONSON, CHIEF  
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**From:** Helen Hinson [mailto:Helen.Hinson@myfloridalegal.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 02, 2015 1:48 PM  
**To:** Bronson, Kristi R  
**Subject:** Candidate Account # 60304

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
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Florida Department of State  
The R. A. Gray Building, Rm. 316  
500 S. Bronough St, MS-23  
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Dear Ms. Bronson:

Please let me know if and when this candidate's 2013 M10 and M11 Reports were in compliance with the requested changes as identified in your letter dated July 17, 2014, and the attached error reports.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in resolving this matter.

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[helen.hinson@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:helen.hinson@myfloridalegal.com)

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PH: 850 922 4539, X-115  
FAX: 850.921.0783  
[www.fec.state.fl.us](http://www.fec.state.fl.us)

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Karen Hamilton  
9352 NW 46<sup>th</sup> Ct.  
Sunrise, FL 33351

2015 AUG 14 A 11: 25 (954) 547-9115

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
SECRETARY OF STATE

August 10, 2015

Ms. Erin Riley  
Florida Division of Election  
107 W Gaines Street  
Suite 224 Collins Building  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-4539

RE: Case No : FEC 14-477; Respondent: Karen Hamilton

Dear Ms. Riley

This is in response to your letter dated July 31, 2015. I apologize about any misunderstanding, delay or lack of communication in regard to your previous correspondence.

I reviewed all of the correspondence and attachments that you sent me and find that all reports have been corrected, amended, and filed with the Division of election. If we have any amendments that have not been corrected and filed, please let me know. The above address is correct

Sincerely



Karen Hamilton

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**FAX COVER SHEET**

**DATE:** October 22, 2015  
**TO:** Ms. Amy McKeever Toman, Executive Director  
**COMPANY:** Florida Elections Commission  
**FAX NO.** 850.921-0783  
**FROM:** Thaddeus L. Hamilton, Esquire  
**SUBJECT:** Case No.: FEC 14-477; Respondent: Karen Hamilton

**MESSAGE:**

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October 22, 2015

Ms. Amy McKeever Toman, Executive Director  
Ms. Helen Hinson, Investigation Specialist  
Florida Elections Commission  
107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224  
Collins Building  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

**Re: Case No.: FEC 14-477; Respondent: Karen Hamilton**

Dear Ms. McKeever & Ms. Hinson:

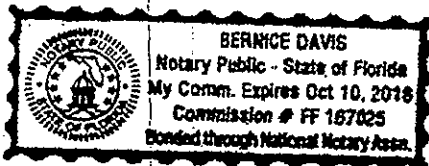
Please accept this letter as my response to the above reference complaint. I was not able to fully perform the duties of a campaign treasurer for the Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton due to my current medical condition. At the time, I underwent a total knee replacement and suffering from neurological injuries sustained from an automobile accident in 2012.

The campaign treasury reports were prepared by the designated deputy campaign treasurer. Furthermore, it is my belief and understanding that the campaign reports are and/or will be amended to conform with Florida Statute 106. I did not intentionally or deliberately attempt to circumvent reporting campaign contributions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

*Karen Hamilton*  
Karen Hamilton



*Bernice Davis*

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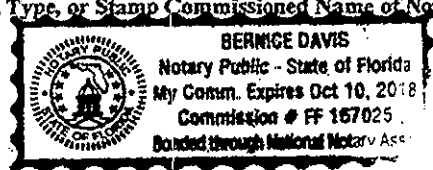
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I HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

*Laren Longhorn*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Affiant

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 22 day of October, 2015

*Bernice Davis*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida  
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public



Personally Known  or Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Identification Produced: \_\_\_\_\_

Case Investigator: HH

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**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION  
PHONE LOG**

**Case No.: FEC 14-477**

**Respondent:** Karen L. Hamilton

**Complainant:** Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** 10/02/15; 9:32 a.m.  
**Name:** Karen L. Hamilton—Respondent  
**Phone #:** 954-547-9115  
**Summary:** I phoned, Mr. Thaddeus Hamilton answered the phone, I identified myself and requested to speak with Mrs. Hamilton; he informed me that she is a school teacher and does not get home until 4 p.m.; I requested she return my call and provided my name including the spelling of my last name and telephone number  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** HH
  
2. **Date and time:** 10/02/15; 5:06 p.m.  
**Name:** Thaddeus Hamilton—Respondent's attorney and husband (**MISTAKE; see note**)  
**Phone #:** 954-547-9115  
**Summary:** After receiving a NOA from "Thaddeus Hamilton, Esq.," I phoned Respondent's home where I had previously spoken with Mr. Thaddeus Hamilton, identified myself, let Mr. Hamilton know I had received **his NOA** and will continue my investigation; he may respond if he wishes. Mr. Hamilton assured me he will respond; I explained that I have a questionnaire for **his client** wife/Mrs. Hamilton and wish to provide same by email. He provided his email address: thadkappa69@bellsouth.net. (**NOTE he is NOT an attorney and never informed me that he was not Attorney Thaddeus Hamilton; see below.**)  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** HH
  
3. **Date and time:** 10/07/15; 11:30 a.m.  
**Name:** Thaddeus L. Hamilton, Esq.—R's attorney/son  
**Phone #:** UNK  
**Summary:** He phoned, reached my voice-mailbox, identified himself, explained that he is representing Mr. **and** Mrs. Hamilton and provided his contact information: cell: 954-610-0123; office: 954-584-0921.  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** HH
  
4. **Date and time:** 10/09/15; 8:58 a.m.  
**Name:** Thaddeus L. Hamilton, Esq.—R's attorney/son  
**Phone #:** 954-610-0123 (cell phone)  
**Summary:** After reviewing The Florida Bar's website to verify his identify, I phoned and received message that his "mailbox is full and cannot accept new messages at this time" and suggested I try my call again later. (Note I informed Commission staff that there are **two** individuals named Thaddeus Hamilton.)  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** HH

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5. **Date and time:** 10/09/15; 8:59 a.m.  
**Name:** Thaddeus L. Hamilton, Esq.—R's attorney/son  
**Phone #:** 954-584-0921 (office)  
**Summary:** I phoned, identified myself, requested to speak with Mr. Hamilton and was informed that "he's not in"; I explained that I had attempted to return Mr. Hamilton's call by calling his cell phone but was informed that his mailbox was full; I requested Mr. Hamilton return my call and provided my contact number.  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** HH
6. **Date and time:** 10/09/15; 3:52 p.m.  
**Name:** Thaddeus L. Hamilton, Esq.—R's attorney/son  
**Phone #:** 954-584-0921 (office)  
**Summary:** I phoned his office and reached the voice-mailbox; I identified myself, requested Mr. Hamilton to return my call and provided my contact number.  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** HH
7. **Date and time:** 10/13/15; 3:01 p.m.  
**Name:** Thaddeus L. Hamilton, Esq.—R's attorney/son  
**Phone #:** 954-610-0123 (cell phone)  
**Summary:** I phoned and received message that his "mailbox is full and cannot accept new messages at this time" and suggested I try my call again later.  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** HH
8. **Date and time:** 10/13/15; 3:12 p.m.  
**Name:** Thaddeus L. Hamilton, Esq.—R's attorney/son  
**Phone #:** 954-584-0921 (office)  
**Summary:** I phoned, identified myself, requested to speak with Mr. Hamilton and was informed "he's not in" and she asked if she could take a message; I explained that I had left several messages last week. I asked when his office hours were; she explained that "he's in and out a lot." I requested he return my call and provided my contact information.  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** HH
9. **Date and time:** 10/19/15; 3:12 p.m.  
**Name:** Thaddeus L. Hamilton, Esq.—R's attorney/son  
**Phone #:** 954-584-0921 (office)  
**Summary:** After receiving his original NOA this afternoon, I phoned his office and reached the voice-mailbox; I identified myself, requested Mr. Hamilton to return my call and provided my contact number. I explained that we're unable to comply with his request for an extension to file a response to the complaint. Again, I provided my contact number.  
**Memo to File?** No  
**Entered by:** HH
10. **Date and time:** 11/02/15; 9:26 a.m.  
**Name:** Attorney Thaddeus L. Hamilton  
**Phone #:** UNK

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**Summary:** He phoned and reached my voice-mailbox; he explained that he was out of the office Thursday and Friday last week due to a foot/ankle injury and unable to respond to my request by email. He wishes I return his call and provided PH: 954-584-0921.

**Memo to File?** No

**Entered by:** HH

11. **Date and time:** 11/02/15; 9:52 a.m.

**Name:** Attorney Thaddeus L. Hamilton

**Phone #:** 954-584-0921

**Summary:** I phoned, reached his office receptionist, identified myself and explained that I was returning Mr. Hamilton's call and my call was transferred to him. He identified himself, I identified myself and asked about his injury and he explained he was playing football in flip flops and either broke the top of his foot or has a badly sprained ankle. I asked if he had time so I may conduct a final interview by telephone, and give him an opportunity to respond to the information gathered during the course of the investigation concerning the allegations made in the referral against his client and he agreed. I explained there was much confusion when he filed his NOA and Commission staff did not know there were two men named Thaddeus Hamilton; I explained my efforts to reach Attorney Hamilton and provide an affidavit for Respondent but reached his father instead; I explained that his father never corrected my misimpression that he was Attorney Hamilton. He explained that his father is Thaddeus Hamilton, he is Thaddeus L. Hamilton and there is no Junior or Senior. He noted that candidate/Mr. Hamilton ran a grassroots campaign.

I reviewed with Attorney Hamilton the information I had gathered during my investigation and our process. He explained that his mother, Respondent, had a spinal cord injury and knee replacement surgery and unable to perform her duties as campaign treasurer. There was no malicious intent or willfulness to circumvent the requirements; however, she was not medically able to file the amendments. I confirmed his mailing address. He explained that he receives 50 to 60 calls per day and the best way to reach him is, as I had done last week, by email and he will respond by phone when available.

**Memo to File?** No

**Entered by:** HH

12. **Date and time:**

**Name:**

**Phone #:**

**Summary:**

**Memo to File?** No

**Entered by:**

13. **Date and time:**

**Name:**

**Phone #:**

**Summary:**

**Memo to File?** No

**Entered by:**

14. **Date and time:**

**Name:**

**Phone #:**

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October 2, 2015

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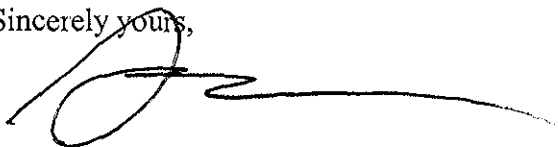
**Re: Case No.: FEC 14-477; Respondent: Karen Hamilton**

Dear Ms. Toman:

Please accept this letter as my notice of appearance on behalf of Respondent, Karen Hamilton, in the above captioned matter.

I am requesting a **fourteen (14) day** extension to file a response to the complain due October 3, 2015 I look forward to working with you,

Sincerely yours,



Thaddeus Hamilton, Esq

ILH/bd



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**FAX COVER SHEET**

**DATE:** October 2, 2015  
**TO:** Ms. Amy McKeever Toman, Executive Director  
**COMPANY:** Florida Elections Commission  
**FAX NO.** 850.921-0783  
**FROM:** Thaddeus L. Hamilton, Esquire  
**SUBJECT:** Case No.: FEC 14-477; Respondent: Karen Hamilton

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Plantation, FL 33318

October 2, 2015

Ms Amy McKeever Toman, Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224  
Collins Building  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050


**Re: Case No.: FEC 14-477; Respondent: Karen Hamilton**

Dear Ms. Toman:

Please accept this letter as my notice of appearance on behalf of Respondent, Karen Hamilton, in the above captioned matter.

I am requesting a fourteen (14) day extension to file a response to the complain due October 3, 2015. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely yours,



Thaddeus Hamilton, Esq.

TLH/bd



**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

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

September 18, 2015

Karen Hamilton  
9352 Northwest 46 Court  
Sunrise, FL 33351

**RE: Case No.: FEC 14-477; Respondent: Karen Hamilton**

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

On December 5, 2014, 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(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes:** Respondent was the treasurer for Thaddeus Hamilton, a 2014 candidate for the office of Commissioner of Agricultural and Consumer Services. Respondent failed to timely make necessary amendments to the campaign's 2013 M10 and M11 reports, as alleged in the complaint

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.

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. Failure to receive the documents will not delay the probable cause hearing.**

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 confidential 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 **Helen Hinson**, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,



Amy McKeever Toman  
Executive Director

AMT/enr

9352 NW 46<sup>th</sup> Ct.  
Sunrise, FL 33351  
2015 AUG 14 A 11: 25 (954) 547-9115

FLORIDA  
ELECTIONS SUPERVISION

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15 AUG 13 AM 9: 31  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
SECRETARY OF STATE

August 10, 2015

Ms. Erin Riley  
Florida Division of Election  
107 W. Gaines Street  
Suite 224 Collins Building  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-4539

RE: Case No.: FEC 14-477; Respondent: Karen Hamilton

Dear Ms Riley

This is in response to your letter dated July 31, 2015. I apologize about any misunderstanding, delay or lack of communication in regard to your previous correspondence

I reviewed all of the correspondence and attachments that you sent me and find that all reports have been corrected, amended, and filed with the Division of election. If we have any amendments that have not been corrected and filed, please let me know. The above address is correct.

Sincerely

  
Karen Hamilton



**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

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

July 31, 2015

**CERTIFIED MAIL 9214 8969 0099 9790 1602 8957 70**

Karen Hamilton  
9352 Northwest 46<sup>th</sup> Court  
Sunrise, FL 33351-5210

**RE: Case No.: FEC 14-477; Respondent: Karen Hamilton**

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

On December 5, 2014, the Florida Elections Commission attempted to notify you of a complaint that was filed against you. However, our notice was returned to us "unclaimed." Enclosed is a copy of our previous correspondence and the complaint for your review and action.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [fec@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:fec@myfloridalegal.com) or at the number listed above.

Sincerely,  
*Erin Riley*  
Deputy Agency Clerk

/enr

Enclosure: Letter dated December 5, 2014 and Complaint w/attachments

**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
FEC REFERRAL FORM**

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2014 DEC -5 P 4:17

To FEC from Division of Elections

STATE OF FLORIDA  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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**Name:** Thaddeus Thad Hamilton  
**Account Number:** 60304  
**Candidate:** Thaddeus Thad Hamilton  
**Treasurer:** Karen Hamilton  
**Person Named/Notified:** Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

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The Division of Elections is referring this issue to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes. Addendums have not been filed pursuant to Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, for the following report(s):

2013 M10

2013 M11

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**Sent By:** Kristi Reid Bronson  
**Date:** December 4, 2014

KRB

ejr

## AFFIDAVIT

**STATE OF FLORIDA**

**County of Leon**

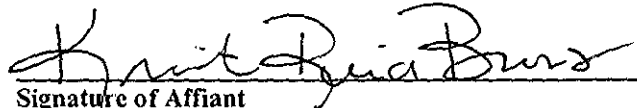
**Kristi Reid Bronson, being duly sworn, says:**

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
2. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
3. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
4. Thaddeus Thad Hamilton (60304) was a 2014 candidate for the office of Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
5. On February 20, 2013, Mr. Hamilton filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division. He appointed Karen L. Hamilton as treasurer
6. On November 18, 2013, the Division mailed Ms. Hamilton notification that the 2013 M10 report was incomplete. (See attached letter).
7. On December 18, 2013, the Division mailed Ms. Hamilton notification that the 2013 M11 report was incomplete (See attached letter).
8. On July 17, 2014, the Division mailed Ms. Hamilton notification that the 2013 M10 and 2013 M11 reports were incomplete.
9. On July 31, 2014, the Division mailed Ms. Hamilton notification that the 2013 M10 and 2013 M11 reports were incomplete.
10. On August 12, 2014, the Division mailed Ms. Hamilton final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2013 M10 and 2013 M11 reports were incomplete (See attached letter)

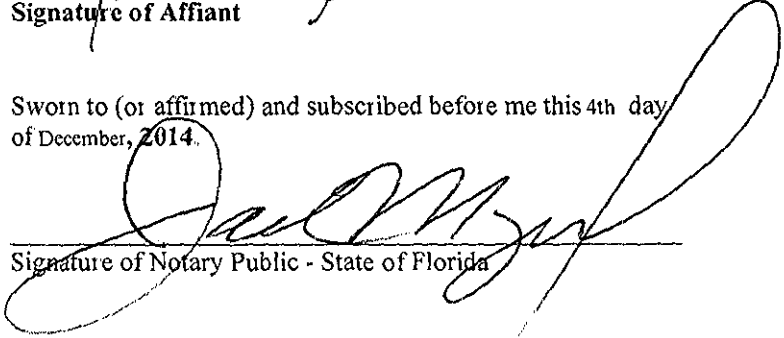


11. As of December 4, 2014, the 2013 M10 and 2013 M11 campaign finance reports remain incomplete.

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 4th day  
of December, 2014.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary  
Public

Personally Known                     



**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER  
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN  
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**  
(Section 106 021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.

RECEIVED  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
2013 FEB 20 AM 10:17  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

Initial Filing of Form      Re-filing to Change:  Treasurer/Deputy     Depository     Office     Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

THADDEUS "THAD" HAMILTON

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

9352 NW 46 CT  
SUNRISE, FL 33357

4. Telephone

(954) 547-9115

5. E-mail address

thad.hamp@bellsouth.net

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

Commissioner of Agriculture and  
Consumer Services

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

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     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

KAREN L. HAMILTON

11. Mailing Address

9352 NW 46 CT.

12. Telephone

( )

13. City

SUNRISE

14. County

BROWARD

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

33351

17. E-mail address

thad.hamp@bellsouth.net

18. I have designated the following bank as my  Primary Depository     Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

Wells Fargo Bank

20. Address

1790 N Pine Island Rd

21. City

Plantation

22. County

Broward

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

33322

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date

2/19/2013

26. Signature of Candidate

X Thaddeus Hamilton

27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, KAREN L. HAMILTON, do hereby accept the appointment  
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:  Campaign Treasurer     Deputy Treasurer.

2/19/2013

Date

X Karen L. Hamilton  
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF  
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
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2013 FEB 20 AM 10:17  
BUREAU OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

I, THADDEUS "THAD" HAMILTON

candidate for the office of COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X Thaddeus Hamilton

Signature of Candidate

2/19/2013

Date

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**RICK SCOTT**  
Governor

**KEN DETZNER**  
Secretary of State

February 21, 2013

The Honorable Thaddeus Hamilton  
9352 Northwest 46 Court  
Sunrise, Florida 33357

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of Commissioner of Agriculture, which was placed on file in our office on February 20, 2013. Your name has been placed on the 2014 active candidate list.

### Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **April 10, 2013**. The report will cover the period of January 1 - March 31, 2013. 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 this password from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using these credentials, unless the Division is notified that your credentials have been compromised.

EFS Web site Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>  
Identification Number: 60304



Division of Elections  
R.A. Gray Bldg., Rm. 316 • 500 S Bronough St. • Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250  
Telephone: (850) 245-6240 • Facsimile: (850) 245-6259 [elections.myflorida.com](http://elections.myflorida.com)



The Honorable Thaddeus Hamilton  
February 21, 2013  
Page Two

### **Pin Numbers**

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update personal information. The enclosed sealed envelope contains confidential pin numbers for you. By copy of this letter, a confidential pin number to access the Division of Election's EFS was sent to your treasurer.

Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event this 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 not later than midnight 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 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.

The Honorable Thaddeus Hamilton  
February 21, 2013  
Page Three


**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' web site at <http://elections.myflorida.com>. 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, *2012 Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, *2013 Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/ljr

Enclosures

pc: Ms. Karen Hamilton, Treasurer

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER  
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN  
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

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2014 FEB 24 AM 10:29  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

Initial Filing of Form    Re-filing to Change:  Treasurer/Deputy     Depository     Office     Party

2 Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

THADDEUS THAD HAMILTON

3 Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

PO BOX 26653  
Lamarac, FL 33321

4 Telephone

(954) 547-9115

5. E-mail address

thadcampaign@bellsouth.net

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

Florida Commissioner of Agriculture  
and Consumer Services

7 If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

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Write-In     No Party Affiliation     DEMOCRAT    Party candidate

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Broward

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25 Date

2/20/2014

26 Signature of Candidate

X Thaddeus Hamilton

27 Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, THADDEUS THAD HAMILTON, do hereby accept the appointment  
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:  Campaign Treasurer  Deputy Treasurer

2/20/2014

Date

X Thaddeus Hamilton

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

**RICK SCOTT**  
Governor

**KEN DETZNER**  
Secretary of State

February 25, 2014

Thaddeus Thad Hamilton (60304)  
9352 Northwest 46 Court  
Sunrise, FL 33351

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

Your appointment as deputy campaign treasurer for your candidacy for Commissioner of Agriculture was filed in this office on February 24, 2014. Enclosed is a security envelope containing your confidential pin number to access the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS) for submitting campaign treasurer's reports.

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <http://elections.myflorida.com>. 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, 2014 Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, 2013 Calendar of Reporting Dates, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

If you have questions concerning your campaign account or the EFS, you may call the Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristi Reid B".

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/slb

Enclosure



Division of Elections  
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**CANDIDATE OATH -  
CANDIDATE WITH PARTY AFFILIATION**

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
2014 JUN 20 AM 10:58  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA OFFICE USE ONLY

**OATH OF CANDIDATE** (Section 99.021, Florida Statutes)

I, THADDEUS THAD HAMILTON  
(PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT - NAME MAY NOT BE CHANGED AFTER THE END OF QUALIFYING)  
am a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
(office) (district #) (circuit #)  
I am a qualified elector of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida; I am qualified  
(group or seat #)

under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; I have qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek; and I have resigned from any office from which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and I support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card): \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot for persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form):  
\_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF PARTY** (Section 99.021, Florida Statutes)

I am a member of the DEMOCRATIC Party; I have not been a registered member of any other political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which I seek to qualify; and I have the assessment levied against me, if any, as a candidate for said office by the executive committee of the political party which I am a member.

X Thaddeus Hamilton (954) 547-9115 thadcampaigndirector@gmail.com  
Signature of Candidate Telephone Number Email Address

9352 NW 46th SUNRAISE FL 33351  
Address City State ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF LEON

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 20th day of JUNE, 2014.

Personally Known: \_\_\_\_\_ or

Produced Identification:

Type of Identification Produced: FLORIDA

Joel Mynard  
Signature of Notary Public  
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public



CANDIDATE OATH -  
CANDIDATE WITH PARTY AFFILIATION

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2014 JUN 20 AM 11:24

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

OFFICE USE ONLY

OATH OF CANDIDATE (Section 99.021 Florida Statutes)

I, THADDEUS THAD HAMILTON

(PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT \* - NAME MAY NOT BE CHANGED AFTER THE END OF QUALIFYING)

am a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services

(office)

(district #)

(circuit #)

; I am a qualified elector of Broward County, Florida; I am qualified  
(group or seat #)

under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; I have qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek; and I have resigned from any office from which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida

Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card): \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot for persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form):  
\_\_\_\_\_

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X Thaddeus Hamilton (954) 547-9115 thadcampaign@bellsouth.net  
Signature of Candidate Telephone Number Email Address

9357 NW Holt Sunrise FL 33351  
Address City State ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEON

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 20th day of June, 2014.

Personally Known: \_\_\_\_\_ or

Produced Identification:

Type of Identification Produced: FLDL

Joel Mynard  
Signature of Notary Public  
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public





FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

November 18, 2013

Karen L. Hamilton, Treasurer for  
Candidate Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton  
9352 Northwest 46 Court  
Sunrise, FL 33351-0000

Re: CAN 60304

Dear Ms Hamilton:

The Division of Elections has determined that the following report is incomplete for the reasons noted in the attached error report:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cover Period</u>
2013	M10	10/1/13 - 10/31/13

Pursuant to Section 106.07(2), Florida Statutes, you have 7 days from receipt of this notice to file an amended report to correct errors or provide missing information. If the information has been reported accurately, provide a written explanation to the Division addressing the issue noted in the error report. Please be advised that failure to supply this information within the time allowed may constitute a violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

If you need assistance in filing an amendment, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson  
Chief, Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

cc: Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton, Candidate

**Error Report**

Candidate: Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2013 M10 (4) Covering Period: 10/1/13 - 10/31/13

Account: 60304

**Contributions**

----- Contributor -----										----- Contribution -----		
Seq	Date	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Type	Occupation	Type	Amount	InKind Descrip	Amend		
5	10/01/13	SHEN YU INC	9240 W COMMERCIAL BLVD	SUNRISE FL 3-3351	B		CHE	\$200.00				
*Occupation/Business Required When Contribution Is Greater Than \$100												
4		RAWONAL TOLLEY PA	400 SE 9TH ST	FT LAUDERDALE, FL 3-3316	B		CHE	\$100.00				
*The Transaction Date Is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period												
2	10/01/13	DICKEY CONSULTING SERVICES INC	1033 NW 6TH ST SUITE 206	FT LAUDERDALE, FL 3-3311	B		INK	\$150.00	OFFICE SPACE			
*Occupation/Business Required When Contribution Is Greater Than \$100												

**Expenditures**

Seq	Date	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Type	Expenditure Purpose	Amount	Amend
1					X		\$0.00	
*The Transaction Date Is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period								
*Invalid Expenditure Type								
*Amount is Zero								
*No Value Provided For Last Name Field								
*No Address Was Provided								
*No City Was Provided In The Address								
*No State Was Provided In The Address								
*Missing Expenditure Purpose								
10	10/02/13	ALLEN RICHARD		FL	MON	CAMPAIGN MEETING	\$100.00	
*No Address Was Provided								
*No City Was Provided In The Address								
14	10/07/13	FAMU		TALLAHASSEE, FL	MON	ADVER PARADE	\$150.00	
*No Address Was Provided								
24					X		\$0.00	

Error Report

Candidate: Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2013 M10 (4) Covering Period: 10/1/13 - 10/31/13

Account: 60304

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City/State/Zip</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Expenditure Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amend</u>
		*The Transaction Date is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period						
		*Invalid Expenditure Type						
		*Amount is Zero						
		*No Value Provided For Last Name Field						
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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

December 18, 2013

Karen L. Hamilton, Treasurer for  
Candidate Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton  
9352 Northwest 46 Court  
Sunrise, FL 33351-0000

Re: CAN 60304

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

The Division of Elections has determined that the following report is incomplete for the reasons noted in the attached error report:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Cover Period</u>
2013	M11	11/1/13 - 11/30/13

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson  
Chief, Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

cc: Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton, Candidate

## Error Report

Candidate: Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2013 M11 (5) Covering Period: 11/1/13 - 11/30/13

Account: 60304

## Contributions

Contributor				Contribution							
Seq	Date	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Type	Occupation	Type	Amount	InKind	Descrip	Amend
14		HAMILTON THADDEUS	9352 NW 46TH CT	SUNRISE, FL 3-3351	S	RETIRED	LOA	\$15.03			
*The Transaction Date Is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period											
18	11/28/13	HAMILTON THADDEUS		SUNRISE, FL 3-3351	S	RETIRED	LOA	\$10.35			
*No Address Was Provided											

## Expenditures

Seq	Date	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Type	Expenditure Purpose	Amount	Amend
15	11/02/13	SAM CLUB	W SUNRISE BLVD	SUNRISE, FL 3-3351	X	SUPPLIES	\$15.50	
*Invalid Expenditure Type								
28	11/29/13	FEDEX	300 N FEDERAL HWY	FT LAUDERDALE, FL 3-3301	X	MAIL FEDEX	\$11.02	
*Invalid Expenditure Type								
30	11/28/13	MCDONALD'S	1110 HWY 60 E	LAKES WALES, FL 3-3853	X	FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$10.35	
*Invalid Expenditure Type								
31	12/14/13	STEAK 'N SHAKE			PCS	FOOD FOR VOLUNTEERS	\$16.25	
*The Transaction Date Is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period								
33	11/14/13	POPEYES			X		\$23.70	
*Invalid Expenditure Type								
*No Address Was Provided								
*No City Was Provided In The Address								
*No State Was Provided In The Address								
*Missing Expenditure Purpose								
37					X		\$0.00	

12/17/2013

Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Error Report

Candidate: Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2013 M11 (5) Covering Period: 11/1/13 - 11/30/13

Account: 60304

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38	11/19/13			FL	MON	GAS	\$39.03	
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2014	P1A	6/21/14 - 6/27/14

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Compliance Report

Candidate: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2013 M10 (4) Covering Period: 10/1/13 - 10/31/13

Account: 60304

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06.12		Petty Cash over limits	6	11/25/201	CORAL SPRINGS HONDA		PCS	\$199.38
06.07		Incorrect Expenditure Type	7	11/6/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS		MON	\$250.00
06.07		Incorrect Expenditure Type	11	11/9/2013	AMERIKA SUNRISE		MON	\$20.00
06.07		Incorrect Expenditure Type	12	11/3/2013	PUBLIX		MON	\$5.49

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06.07		Reimbursement without corresponding Other Distribution	8	6/6/2014	BROWN MASERIA		MON	\$700.00

Compliance Report

Candidate: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2014 P1A (13) Covering Period: 6/21/14 - 6/27/14

Account: 60304

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<u>Statute</u>	<u>FAC</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Seq</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
06.07		Reimbursement without corresponding Other Distribution	2	6/27/2014	BROWN MESSER		MON	\$125.00

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**Second Notice**

July 31, 2014

Karen L. Hamilton, Treasurer for  
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9352 Northwest 46 Court  
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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

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**Florida Department of State - Division of Elections**  
**Compliance Report**

Candidate: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2013 M10 (4) Covering Period: 10/1/13 - 10/31/13

Account: 60304

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06.12		Petty Cash over limits
06.07		Incorrect Expenditure Type
06.07		incorrect Expenditure Type
06.07		Incorrect Expenditure Type

Expenditure								
<u>Seq</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>			
6	11/25/201	CORAL SPRINGS HONDA		PCS	\$199.38			
7	11/6/2013	HAMILTON THADDEUS		MON	\$250.00			
11	11/9/2013	AMERIKA SUNRISE		MON	\$20.00			
12	11/3/2013	PUBLIX		MON	\$5.49			

Ball Transfers

Ball Distributions

Report: 2014 P1 (12) Covering Period: 6/1/14 - 6/20/14

Account: 60304

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06.07		Reimbursement without corresponding Other Distribution

Expenditure								
<u>Seq</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>			
8	6/6/2014	BROWN MASERIA		MON	\$700.00			

Ball Transfers

Florida Department of State - Division of Elections  
Compliance Report

Candidate: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Office: AGR

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Account: 60304

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06.07		Reimbursement without corresponding Other Distribution	2	6/27/2014	BROWN MESSERI		MON	\$125.00

Other Transfers

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**FINAL NOTICE**

**Delivery Confirmation:**

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August 12, 2014

Karen L. Hamilton, Treasurer for  
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Re: CAN 60304

Dear Ms Hamilton:

You have previously been advised that the campaign treasurer's report(s) listed below is incomplete for the reasons noted in the attached error report:

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Compliance Report

Candidate: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2013 M10 (4) Covering Period: 10/1/13 - 10/31/13

Account: 60304

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Statute    FAC        Description  
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Expenditure

<u>Seq</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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Report: 2013 M10 (4) Covering Period: 10/1/13 - 10/31/13

Account: 60304

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		Contribution without corresponding Other Distribution	8	6/6/2014	BROWN MASERIA		MON	\$700.00

Compliance Report

Candidate: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2014 P1A (13) Covering Period: 6/21/14 - 6/27/14

Account: 60304

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Disbursements

			Expenditure					
<u>Item</u>	<u>FAC</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Seq</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
		Reimbursement without corresponding Other Distribution	2	6/27/2014	BROWN MESSERI		MON	\$125.00

Referrals

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristi Reid Bronson".

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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Compliance Report

Candidate: Thaddeus Thad Hamilton

Office: AGR

Report: 2013 M10 (4) Covering Period: 10/1/13 - 10/31/13

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Compliance Report

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Office: AGR

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			Expenditure					
<u>Line</u>	<u>FAC</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Seq</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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Updated Delivery Day: Saturday, August 16, 2014

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## Available Actions

Postal Product:

Features:  
USPS Tracking™

DATE & TIME	STATUS OF ITEM	LOCATION
August 16 2014 , 4:31 pm	Delivered	FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33351
Your item was delivered at 4.31 pm on August 16 2014 in FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33351		
August 16 2014 11:34 am	Out for Delivery	FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33351
August 16 2014 11:24 am	Sorting Complete	FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33351
August 16 2014 8:22 am	Arrived at Post Office	FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33351
August 16 2014 3:56 am	Departed USPS Facility	OPA LOCKA FL 33054
August 15 2014 10:40 am	Arrived at USPS Facility	OPA LOCKA FL 33054
August 14 2014 1:11 am	Departed USPS Facility	TALLAHASSEE FL 32301
August 13 2014 3:23 pm	Arrived at USPS Facility	TALLAHASSEE FL 32301

## Track Another Package

Tracking (or receipt) number

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**HISTORY NOTES**  
Thaddeus Thad Hamilton - 60304

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
40230	11/19/2014 1:09:00 PM		ejrowlette
Re: LR 2014 I telephoned Mr Hamilton and explained what a LR is about From his LR, it only listed expenditures. I told him if he did not receive any 3rd party loans he did not need to do the LR			
39837	9/30/2014 3:42:00 PM		ejrowlette
Re: Final Notice of 2014 P6 Errors I tried to call Mr Hamilton but got an answering machine The machine told me that the machine was full so I was unable to leave him a message of how to correct his error Ejr			
38070	3/7/2014 1:39:00 PM		dsbrown
RE: Emails from and to Candidate  Received an email from Mr Hamilton explaining the 2013 M11 report. I resonded and let Mr Hamilton know that all of his reports up to the M1 appear to be in order, except the M12 He will still need to provide explanation for Seq 2 in Expenditures			
37796	3/3/2014 8:22:00 AM		dsbrown
RE: Corrections to M11 M12 and M1  Mr Hamilton sent me an email this weekend to let me know he had filed the remaining reports I emailed him back this morning letting him know that his M12 report was corrected and filed; his M1 had two errors in Other Distributions that would need to be corrected; and his M11 was sitting in Pending and would need to be corrected and filed  Mr Hamilton called at 8:20 am to discuss what was needed to correct his reports He said he thought he had made all of the corrections to his M11. He will go back in today and make the corrections and file the reports I asked him to notify my either by email or a call to let me know when he had completed the filings He said he had appointments this morning, but would work on this as a priority			
37785	2/28/2014 2:34:00 PM		dsbrown
RE: Incomplete Audit  Attempted to reach Mr Hamilton at his number, but his mailbox was full I sent the following email: Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton Candidate for Commission of Agriculture (60304)  Good afternoon Mr Hamilton  I called you this afternoon, but your message mailbox was full I wanted to check in with you about the progress of amendments to your campaign finance reports At our last conversation, you had completed amending the 2013 M10 report and you were going to begin amending the 2013 M11 and M12 and 2014 M1 reports As of this afternoon, I see that you have opened the 2013 M11 report for amendment  If you can complete the amendments/corrections to the remaining reports by Monday, March 3 2014, this audit may be recommended for closure. I would like to avoid sending a Second Notice on Monday  If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me at my direct number below.  Best regards  Donna S Brown Regulation Specialist II Bureau of Election Records Florida Department of State R.A Gray Building 500 S. Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399 (850) 245-6297 (direct line)			



**HISTORY NOTES**  
Thaddeus Thad Hamilton - 60304

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
37570	2/25/2014 9:16:00 AM		dsbrown
RE: Corrections to Campaign Reports			
Mr. Hamilton called this am to go over the reports he had worked to correct so far. The Q2, Q3 and M10 reports were corrected this morning. He will continue working on the M11, M12 and M1 and call me back when he is ready to go over them. He said he will work on them today and hopefully get back with me tomorrow.			
37512	2/20/2014 2:34:00 PM		dsbrown
RE: Correcting Campaign Finance Reports			
Mr Hamilton called this afternoon around 2:00 pm. We went through correcting the Q1 report. Mr Hamilton deleted the contribution (loan to candidate) and expenditure that he paid out of his pocket. Then created Other Distribution for reimbursement later. Corrected and filed amended Q1. Explained to him how to proceed with the same information through the Q2. He said he would work on it tonight and call me back tomorrow to make sure he'd done it correctly.			
We will continue with this process until Mr Hamilton is able to amend and correct each of his reports.			
37491	2/19/2014 2:29:00 PM		dsbrown
RE: Telephone Call from Mr Hamilton			
Mr Hamilton called me back. I asked him if Karen Hamilton, his treasurer, was preparing the campaign finance reports. He said Karen Hamilton is his wife and they are working together on the reports. I explained to Mr Hamilton that all of his campaign reports have multiple loans from him to his candidacy that matched expenditure amounts. I asked him if he was writing checks from the campaign account for the expenditures. He said he buys office supplies, or gas, etc. and then loans the amount back to the campaign. How he paid the expenditures. He said he writes a check out of his personal account, then records it as a loan to the campaign. I asked him if he deposited any money into his campaign account for the amounts he had listed. He said no. I explained to Mr Hamilton that he use his campaign account to record contributions (money coming in) and expenditures (money going out) on anything concerning the campaign. If he wanted to make a loan to the campaign account, he could do so, but he must deposit the amount in the campaign account and write checks from the campaign account. What is recorded in his campaign reports should match the campaign bank account transactions. I told him I would have to call him back with information on how to correct his reports.			
37488	2/19/2014 1:48:00 PM		dsbrown
RE: Campaign Finance Reports			
Called 954-547-9115. The voicemail message says "You have reached the office of Thaddeus Hamilton." Could not leave a message today because the mailbox was full.			
37470	2/18/2014 1:47:00 PM		dsbrown
RE: Email			
Emailed Karen Hamilton, Treasurer, at thadcampaign@bellsouth.net:			
Karen L. Hamilton, Treasurer for Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton Candidate			
Dear Ms. Hamilton			
Please contact me at my direct telephone number below as soon as possible regarding the campaign finance reports for Thaddeus "Thad" Hamilton.			
Thank you			
Donna S. Brown Regulation Specialist II Bureau of Election Records Florida Department of State R.A. Gray Building 500 S. Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399 (850) 245-6297 (direct line)			

**HISTORY NOTES**  
Thaddeus Thad Hamilton - 60304

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
37464	2/18/2014 1:08:00 PM		dsbrown
RE: Campaign reports			
Called (954) 547-9115 Left a message for Karen Hamilton. Treasurer, or Thaddeus Hamilton to contact me regarding the campaign treasurer's reports Gave my name and direct telephone number			
37408	2/17/2014 11:20:00 AM		dsbrown
RE: 2014 M1 Report - Audit			
Mailed audit letter 2/14/14.			

## Audit Notes

9/8/14 PM - No changes made - no amendments opened since mailing date I suggest FEC Ref. - slb

8/11/14 PM - M10 = no changes. PCW = \$200 and the PCS = 508 30.

- M11 = few changes made. PCW = \$250 and the PCS = \$522 88. Exp #6 & 7 are still incorrect. Exp 11 and 12 have been changed to PCS which matches the

purpose given.

- P1 = changed purpose so this corrects the error = no longer needs the reimbursement extras

- P1A = changed purpose so this corrects the error = no longer needs the reimbursement extras. -slb

7/31/14 AM- No changes. Petty cash problems and Reimbursement issues - sending second notice - slb