STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Florida Voters Campaign PAC

TO: Florida Voters Campaign PAC Michael Dobson, Chair 4005 Brandon Hill Drive Tallahassee, FL 32309 Case No.: FEC 19-315

Division of Elections 500 S Bronough Street, Room 316 Tallahassee, FL 32399

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **December 1, 2020 at 8:30 AM**, *or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard*, at the following location: **Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Room 110-S, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.** Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission November 9, 2020 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

v.

Case No.: FEC 19-315

Florida Voters Campaign PAC, Respondent.

ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 25, 2020, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On February 10, 2020, Staff recommended to the Commission there was probable cause to believe the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff's Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Referral, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements, if any, made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation:

Count 1:

On or about April 10, 2019, Florida Voters Campaign PAC violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2019 M3 Report. DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on August 25, 2020.

Joni Alexis Poitier, Vice Chair Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Eric M. Lipman, General Counsel Florida Voters Campaign PAC, Respondent Division of Election, Complainant

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING

As the Respondent, you may elect to resolve this case in several ways. First, you may elect to resolve this case by <u>consent order</u> where you and Commission staff agree to resolve the violation(s) and agree to the amount of the fine. The consent order is then presented to the Commission for its approval. To discuss a consent order, contact the FEC attorney identified in the Order of Probable Cause.

Second, you may request an <u>informal hearing</u> held before the Commission, if you <u>do not</u> dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to make written or oral arguments to the Commission concerning the legal issues related to the violation(s) and the potential fine. At the request of Respondent, the Commission will consider and determine willfulness at an informal hearing. Otherwise, live witness testimony is unnecessary.

Third, you may request a <u>formal hearing</u> held before an administrative law judge in the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), if you dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper righthand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to present evidence relevant to the violation(s) listed in this order, to cross-examine opposing witnesses, to impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence presented against you.

If you do not elect to resolve the case by consent order or request a formal hearing at the DOAH or an informal hearing before the Commission within 30 days of the date this Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission, the case will be sent to the Commission for a formal or informal hearing, depending on whether the facts are in dispute. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order.

To request a hearing, please send a written request to the Commission Clerk, Donna Ann Malphurs. The address of the Commission Clerk is 107 W. Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050. The telephone number is (850) 922-4539. The Clerk will provide you with a copy of Chapter 28-106, *Florida Administrative Code*, and other applicable rules upon request. No mediation is available.

STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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TO: Florida Voters Campaign PAC Michael Dobson, Chair 4005 Brandon Hill Drive Tallahassee, FL 32309

Case No.: FEC 19-315

Division of Elections 500 S Bronough Street, Room 316 Tallahassee, FL 32399

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission August 13, 2020 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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Florida Elections Commission

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Confidential Commission Meeting August 25, 2020 at 8:30AM via Zoom

In order to participate in the confidential portion of the August 25, 2020, Florida Elections Commission meeting, please follow the instructions below:

Join Zoom Meeting

Click on the meeting link sent to your attention via email: https://zoom.us/j/91062518383?pwd=VkJ4Mi9kUUZXM1llZW5YcDF0bU1Sdz09

If you have difficulty launching the hyperlink, follow these steps.

- 1. Open your web browser and search ZOOM or enter www.zoom.us
- 2. Select "Join A Meeting" in the upper right corner of the website.
- 3. Enter the Meeting ID: 910 6251 8383 and click "Join".
- 4. Enter the Meeting Passcode: 673802 and click "Join".

For alternative audio participation:

- 1. Dial: 1 (929) 205-6099
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While this is a confidential meeting and advanced registration is not mandatory, we ask that if you plan to attend via Video Conference or Teleconference, that you notify our office in advance. This will give the Commission the opportunity to organize the agenda as efficiently as possible. It will be the goal of the Commission to hear cases in which parties are present, first, in order to reduce the standby time of the parties in attendance.

Please test your audio; microphone, speakers and webcam, in advance.

Those attendees who wish to speak before the Commission will need to appear by webcam and will be sworn in remotely.

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Thank you,

Commission Staff

STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Florida Voters Campaign PAC

TO: Michael Dobson, Chair 4005 Brandon Hill Drive Tallahassee, FL 32309

Case No.: FEC 19-315

Division of Elections 500 S Bronough Street, Room 316 Tallahassee, FL 32399

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Division of Elections 500 S Bronough Street, Room 316 Tallahassee, FL 32399

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

You are hereby notified that the previously scheduled **hearing for March 24-25, 2020 is cancelled**. It is anticipated that your case will be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting, which is currently set for May 2020. A Notice of Hearing will be mailed approximately 14 days prior to the hearing date indicating the exact date, time, and location.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission March 12, 2020

STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the referral in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7)**, Florida Statutes. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on December 20, 2019, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On May 24, 2019, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections ("Division"), alleging that Florida Voters Campaign PAC (Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. (ROI Exhibit 1)¹

3. On June 20, 2019, the Executive Director notified Respondent by mail that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provision:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting period:

• 2019 M3

4. On April 7, 2017, Kristi Reid Bronson², Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received its Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Florida Voters Campaign PAC. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)

5. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms were available on its website and directed Respondent to print out the *Political Committee Handbook, Calendar of Reporting Dates* as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 3)

¹ The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as "ROI,"

² Kristi Reid Bronson is now known as Kristi Reid Willis.

6. Pursuant to Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, in any reporting period during which a political committee has not received funds, made any contributions, or expended any reportable funds, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. However, the political committee is required to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.

7. The *Political Committee Handbook* references the statutory requirement regarding written notification and directs political committees to notify the Division by way of the Division's electronic filing system. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 4) The *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* shows the process through which to notify the Division. The user's guide instructs political committees to select the relevant reporting period and place a checkmark in a box titled "Waiver" to indicate the lack of reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 3 and 4)

8. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed for the following reporting period, as set forth in the table below. (ROI Exhibit 5, page 1, Date Filed column)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. Days Late
2019 M3	3/1/19 - 3/31/19	4/10/19	6/11/19	62

RESPONDENT'S EMAIL RESPONSE

9. On June 25, 2019, Respondent emailed the Commission regarding FEC 19-193, FEC 19-221, and the instant case, FEC 19-315. The email stated that he "had been having difficulty getting into the system to file waivers." (ROI Exhibit 6, page 1, ¶ 1, line 4 and 5) To support this statement, Respondent attached an *Electronic Filing System (EFS) Credentials Request Form* with a date stamp indicating the Division received it on June 7, 2019. (ROI Exhibit 6, page 2, ROI Exhibit 7, Unique ID 65503)

10. While an online Campaign Documents Search confirms the above credentials request, this appears to be the only time such a written reset request is documented. (Attachment A, page 1) However, that singular request does not appear relevant to the instant case which relates to the notification due on April 10, 2019, for the 2019 M3 report.

11. It is also noteworthy that the Division's *History Notes* indicate there were several contacts Respondent had with the Division where he requested and received assistance pertaining to his reports. (ROI Exhibit 7)

RESPONDENT'S TELEPHONE RESPONSES

12. On December 18 and 19, 2019, Respondent had phone contact with investigative staff and stated he was not aware of any reports being filed against his PAC and seemed to attribute this to the fact that he is currently going through months of mail that he had been too busy to go through. (ROI Exhibit 8, Item 1, line 2, 3 and 4)

13. Respondent stated he only created the PAC to support amendment 4. (ROI Exhibit

8, Item 1, line 4 and 5) However, when Respondent, as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, filed his PAC's *Statement of Organization of Political Committee* (DS-DE 5) with the Division, he listed the area, scope and jurisdiction of the committee as "Candidates and Issues (To support or oppose statewide, multicounty, and local candidates and issues.)" (ROI Exhibit 9, page 1, No. 3)

14. Respondent said when the amendment passed, the PAC stopped collecting money or being active. (ROI Exhibit 8, Item1, line 5 and 6) However, an online Campaign Documents Search clearly shows that Respondent's PAC is still active with the Division, (Attachment A, page 1) and the Division's *History Notes* indicate there has been no contact with respondent since June 7, 2019. (Attachment B) Respondent admitted he should have closed the PAC, but added he was caught up in other activities and it slipped his mind. (ROI Exhibit 8, Item 1, line 6 and 7)

15. Investigations instructed Respondent to contact the Division for assistance and suggested he close the PC if it is no longer not active in order to avoid further penalties. Respondent stated he would contact the Division for assistance. (ROI Exhibit 8, Item 1, line 11, 12 and 13) As noted above in the *History Notes*, there has been no contact with Respondent since June 7, 2019. (Attachment B)

16. Respondent stated his campaign account is not open and has not been in over a year. To confirm this, investigations contacted the financial institution Respondent identified as his bank/depository; they were unable to locate any information on Respondent or the PAC. (ROI Exhibit 8, Item 2) Upon being advised of investigation's inability to locate the campaign account, Respondent stated he was unsure if a depository was ever opened, although he remembered a PayPal account, but did not know if it was associated with the PAC. (ROI Exhibit 8, Item 3, line 3 and 4)

17. Respondent also stated he does not even know how to get into the EFS system to file anything. (ROI Exhibit 8, Item 1, line 8 and 9) However, as noted earlier when Respondent indicated having difficulty getting into the EFS system, he requested and received credentials from the Division and subsequently filed seven reports on June 11, 2019. (ROI Exhibit 5, page 1, Date Filed column)

18. As to whether he ever received and read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and the *Political Committee Handbook*, Respondent said he did not recall ever receiving or reviewing either. (ROI Exhibit 8, page 1 and 2, Item 3, line 4, 5 and 6) However, as noted previously, the Division acknowledged to Respondent it had received his PAC's Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository on April 7, 2017, (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1) and advised him all publications and reporting forms of the Division were available on its website and directed him to print out the *Political Committee Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates* as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 3)

19. "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).

20. The facts set forth above show that Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed for the following reporting period: 2019 M3.

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

Count 1:

On or about April 10, 2019, Florida Voters Campaign PAC violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2019 M3 Report.

Respectfully submitted on February 10, 2020.

Michael T. McGuckin Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 10 day of February, 2020.

Tim Vaccaro Executive Director

Campaign Documents Search

Forms are available in Adobe's Acrobat PDF format for viewing or printing at your site. Accessing documents in PDF format requires use of <u>Adobe's Acrobat Reader</u>, which may be installed free of charge.

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer

Case Number: FEC 19-315

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

Respondent: Florida Voters Campaign PAC

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Complainant: Division of Elections

Respondent Type:

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I. Preliminary Information:

1. An appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on April 6, 2017. (Ex. 1)

2. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on Respondent's DS-DE 6 on April 7, 2017 advising Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Political Committee Handbook*, and the Calendar of Reporting Dates. (Ex. 2)

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

4. The Political Committee Handbook, discusses filing a waiver when there is no activity to disclose on page 26. (Ex. 3)

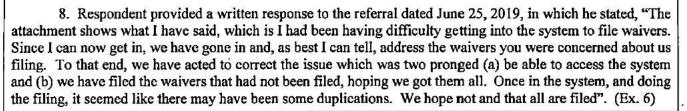
5. Pages 12, 13, 45, and 46 of the *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* discuss how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, page 13 instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose. (Ex. 4)

6. In a telephone interview on April 2, 2014, Kristi Reid-Bronson clarified that once the waiver box is chosen and a new report is opened as shown on page 12, the only available option on the report summary screen will be "Go To File Report" as shown on page 13. Choosing "Go To File Report" will take the user directly to the screens where the chairman/treasurer PINS are entered as shown on pages 45 and 46.

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

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

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2019 M3	3/1/19 - 3/31/19	4/10/19	6/11/19	62



9. FEC staff reviewed notes from the Division of Elections regarding Respondent's interactions with them. These notes reflect that Respondent's chairman was contacted by the Division of Elections in 2019 on several occasions to assist in amending previously filed reports. These records also reflect that Respondent's chairman requested new credentials (pin number, password, and user ID number) in order to file the PAC's reports on June 7, 2019, after this referral was filed with the FEC. There is no record prior to that date of Respondent informing the Division of an issue with their EFS access or requesting new.EFS credentials. (Ex. 7)

10. Respondent's chairman was interviewed by telephone on December 18, 2019 in which he stated that he was unaware of any reports being filed against his PAC. He told me that he is currently going through months of mail that he has been too busy to go through. Respondent stated that the PAC was only created to support amendment 4. He stated that once that amendment passed, the PAC stopped collecting any monies or being active. He stated that he should have closed it then, but he got caught up in other activities and it slipped his mind. He advised me that his campaign depository is not open and has not been open in over a year. He also advised me that he does not even know how to get into the EFS system to file anything. (Ex. 8)

III. FEC History:

11. Respondent has not had any prior cases before the Commission.

Conclusion:

12. Respondent stated during the December 19, 2019 telephone interview that he did not read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes or the *Political Committee Handbook*. Respondent filed his Statement of Organization form on April 6, 2017. (Ex. 9)

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13. The Investigative Phone Log is included with this report. (Ex. 8)

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Florida Voters Campaign -- FEC 19-315

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Exhibit 6	Respondent's Response Letter
Exhibit 7	Notes from the Division of Elections
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT Of STATE

RICK SCOTT Governor KEN DETZNER Secretary of State

April 7, 2017

Michael Dobson, Chairperson Florida Voters Campaign PAC 4005 Brandon Hill Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32309

Dear Mr. Dobson:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Florida Voters Campaign PAC, which were placed on file in our office on April 6, 2017. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on <u>May 10, 2017</u>. The report will cover the period of April 1-30, 2017 (M4). All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains the committee's initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. The chairperson, 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 Website Address: https://efs.dos.state.fl.us Identification Number: 69745

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Pin Numbers

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

Each political committee chairperson is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that the 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 must be completed and filed through the EFS not later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight, Eastern Standard Time, 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, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

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

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Michael Dobson, Chairperson April 7, 2017 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' website at <u>http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/</u>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, *Political Committee Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

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Enclosures

EXHIBIT Q(3073

2016 Political Committee Handbook

Florida Department of State Division of Elections R. A. Gray Building, Room 316 500 South Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250 850.245.6240

(Rev. 01/27/2016)

Political Committee Handbook

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Unless the electronic filing requirements of Section 106.0705, Florida Statutes, apply, reports shall be filed no later than 5 p.m. of the day designated. A report postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight of the day designated is deemed timely filed. A report received by the filing officer within 5 days after the designated due date that was delivered by the U.S. Postal Service is deemed timely filed unless it has a postmark indicating the report was mailed after the designated due date. A certificate of mailing obtained from and dated by the U.S. Postal Service at the time of mailing or a receipt from an established courier company, which bears a date on or before the date on which the report is due, is proof of mailing in a timely manner. Reports filed with the Division through the Electronic Filing System (EFS) are due no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date. (See Chapter 12, Electronic Filing of Campaign Reports.) (Sections 106.07, 106.0705 and 106.141, F.S.)

Penalty for Late Filing

Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports due immediately prior to the primary and general elections, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

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

Notice of No Activity

When there has been no reportable activity in the campaign account during a reporting period (no funds expended or received) the filing of the report is waived. The political committee shall notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date. The next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed.

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

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

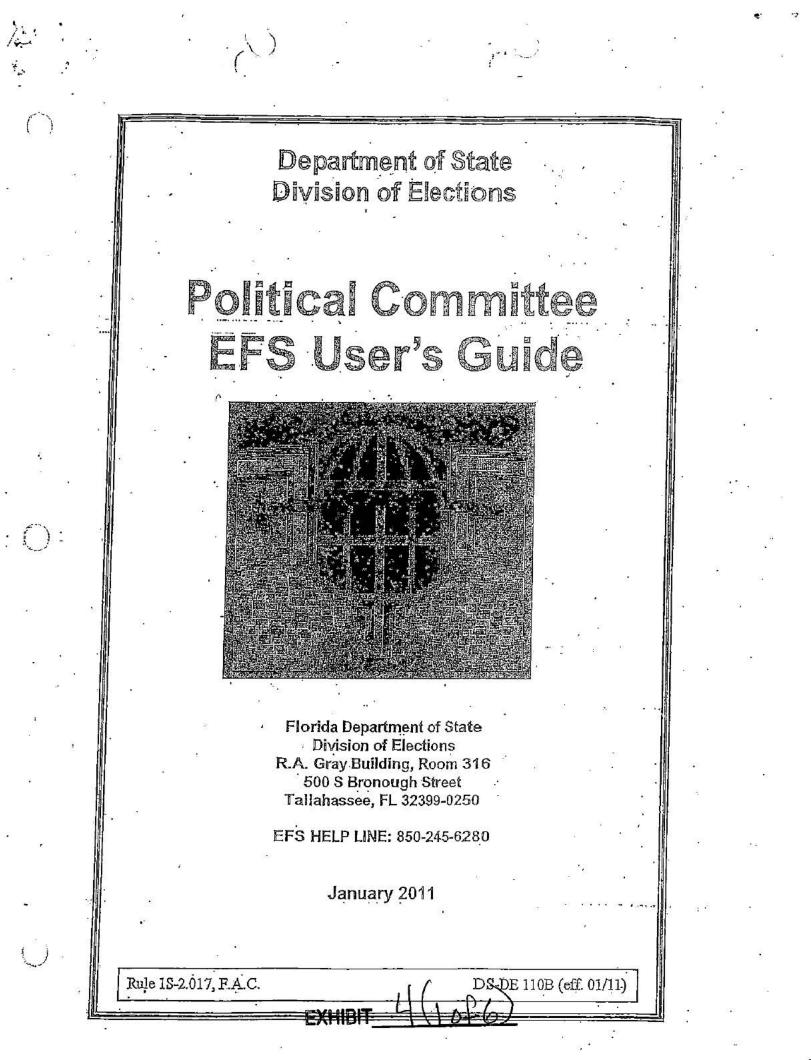
(Section 106.0705, F.S.)

Special Election Reports

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

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

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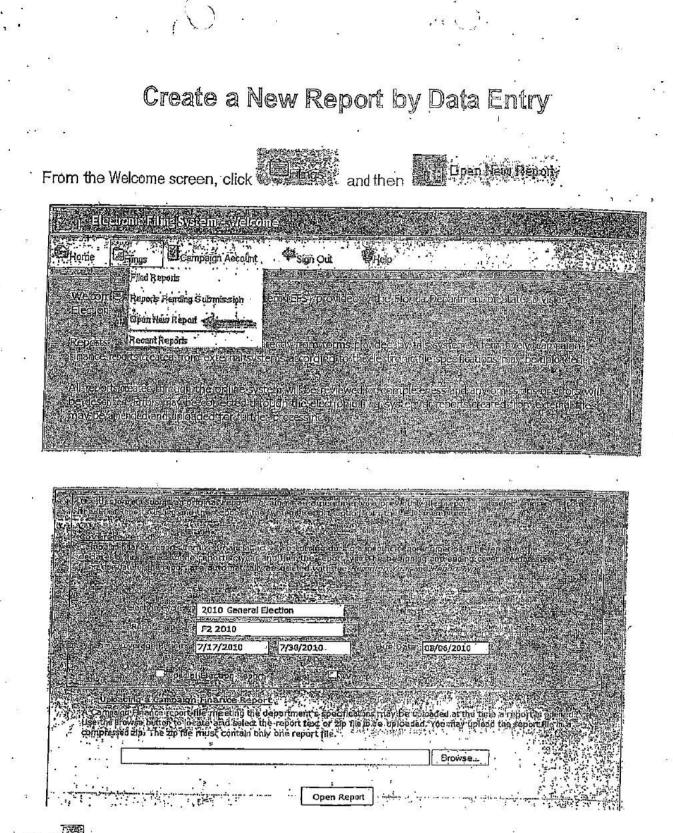
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Click arrow next to Election Cycle. Scroll to the cycle associated with the report you are entering.

Click arrow next to Report Type select report type corresponding to the correct cover period and due date.

The Cover Period dates will automatically fill in based on the Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates. **EXHIBIT** 4(3+6)

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

If this report is for a special election, click the box next to Special Election Report. (If no special elections are scheduled this option will not be available.)

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

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Click at the bottom of the screen. A Report Detail screen (view only) will appear. This screen will not indicate any activity until individual detail data is entered, saved and a review is performed.

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If the Review Status is <u>Updated Detail – Needs Review</u> the report has not been reviewed since the last update. (See page 39 for instructions on how to submit the report to the system for review.)

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If the status of the report is <u>Complete</u> <u>Detail Records</u>, you are ready to file the report.

Click on Go To File Report

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The chairperson enters his or her PIN, and then selects

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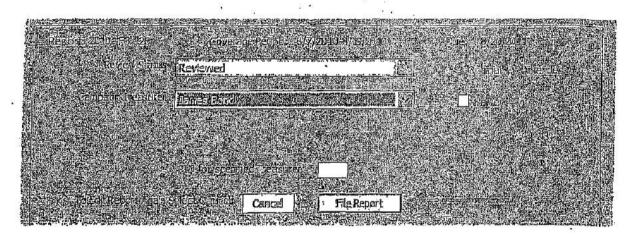
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If there is more than one treasurer, click on the drop down and select the treasurer that is filing the report.

The treasurer enters his PIN and then clicks



<u>IMPORTANT NOTE</u>: If changes need to be made <u>after</u> a chairperson PIN is entered, the treasurer must <u>undo</u> the chairperson PIN validation before the system will allow changes. See page 49 for instructions.

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	10/25/2018		10/31/2018		6	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
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	9/28/2018	G2A	10/5/2018	FEC	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
	9/21/2018	G2	9/21/2018						
	9/14/2018	G1A	9/18/2018	FEC	4	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
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	8/24/2018	P7	8/26/2018	FEC	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
	8/17/2018	P6	8/18/2018	FEC	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10	8/10/2018	P5	8/11/2018	FEC	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
5	8/3/2018	P4	8/4/2018	FEC	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
	7/27/2018	P3	7/28/2018	FEC	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
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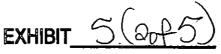
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4/6/2018	SG2	6/11/2019	CLO	431	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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3/12/2018	M2	3/20/2018	FEC	8	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3/9/2018	SG1	6/11/2019	CLO	459	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2/16/2018	SP2	6/11/2019	CLO	480	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2/16/2018	SP2	6/11/2019	CLO	480	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2/12/2018	M1	2/1 6/2018	FEC	4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2/9/2018	SG2	6/11/2019	CLO	487	\$0.00	\$0.00 [.]	\$0.00
1/26/2018	SP2	6/11/2019	CLO	501	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1/10/2018	SG1	1/15/2019	CLO	370	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Campaign Finance Activity

Note: The information presented below was obtained from the Committee's/Candidate's Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with the Division of Elections. <u>About the Campaign Finance Data Base</u>. If all contributions for a reporting period are less than 1 dollar Then they may not be displayed.

		C	ontributions	1			
	Filing Period	Monetary	Loans	InKind	Expend	Other	Transfers
W	04/01/2017 - 04/30/2017	.0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	05/01/2017 - 05/31/2017	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	06/01/2017 - 06/30/2017	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0	07/01/2017 - 07/31/2017	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/01/2017 - 08/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	. 0.00
W	09/01/2017 - 09/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/01/2017 - 10/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/01/2017 - 11/30/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/06/2017 - 12/14/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/09/2017 - 12/28/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/28/2017 - 12/28/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/01/2017 - 12/31/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/01/2017 - 01/04/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/15/2017 - 01/25/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2018 - 01/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/05/2018 - 02/08/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/29/2017 - 02/15/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/29/2017 - 02/15/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/01/2018 - 02/28/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/26/2018 - 03/02/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/16/2018 - 03/22/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/16/2018 - 03/22/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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W	03/03/2018 - 04/05/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/23/2018 - 04/26/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/23/2018 - 04/26/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/06/2018 - 04/30/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2018 - 04/30/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/01/2018 - 05/31/2018	0.00	. 0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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W	04/27/2018 - 05/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/01/2018 - 06/22/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/23/2018 - 06/29/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/30/2018 - 07/06/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/07/2018 - 07/13/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/14/2018 - 07/20/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	, 0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/21/2018 - 07/27/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/28/2018 - 08/03/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/04/2018 - 08/10/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/11/2018 - 08/23/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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0	08/25/2018 - 08/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/01/2018 - 09/07/2018	0,00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/08/2018 - 09/14/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/15/2018 - 09/21/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/22/2018 - 09/28/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0,00
W	09/29/2018 - 10/05/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/06/2018 - 10/12/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/13/2018 - 10/19/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/20/2018 - 10/26/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/27/2018 - 10/27/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/28/2018 - 10/28/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/29/2018 - 10/29/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/30/2018 - 10/30/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/31/2018 - 10/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0,00	0.00	0.00
W	10/20/2018 - 11/01/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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EXHIBIT 56585

Molly Donovan

From:

Sent: To: Subject: Attachments: michael@dobsonandcraig.com on behalf of Michael Dobson <michael@dobsonandcraig.com> Tuesday, June 25, 2019 9:52 AM molly@myfloridalegal.com Florida Voters Campaign cases Fl Voters Campaign Pin # renewal request0001.pdf

Dear Molly,

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All fields are required to properly fulfill your request.

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Florida Voters Campaign,

Signature (Required)

User Identification Number/Account Number (if known)

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Are you the:

Candidate/Chairperson Treasurer

Deputy Treasurer

Check the Box for All Information Needed:

User ID #/Account # Password

List below the individual the credentials may be released to:

Contact Phone Number:

Michael Dobs

1850) 241-5896

Requests can be faxed, mailed, or emailed to our office.

Fax: (850) 245-6259 or (850) 245-6260 Email: ElecRecords@dos.myflorida.com

Mailing Address: 500 S. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399

*NOTE: Passwords can be requested by and released to the candidate/chairperson or any treasurer. PINs can only be requested by the authorized user. PINs may be released to the assigned user or a designee referenced above.

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12/19/2019

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG Case No.: FEC 19-315

Respondent: Florida Voters Campaign PAC **Complainant:** Division of Elections

1. Date and time: December 18, 2019 @ 2:00 pm

Name: Michael Dobson—Chairman

Phone #: (850) 241-5896

Summary: I had telephone contact to discuss complaint allegations with him. Respondent verified contact/home information. Respondent advised me that he was unaware of any reports being filed against his PAC. He told me that he is currently going through months of mail that he has been too busy to go through. Respondent stated that the PAC was only created to support amendment 4. He stated that once that amendment passed, the PAC stopped collecting any monies or being active. He stated that he should've closed it then, but he got caught up in other activities and it slipped his mind. He advised me that his campaign depository isn't open and hasn't been in over a year. He also advised me that he doesn't even know how to get into the EFS system to file anything. I instructed him to contact DOE for assistance. I went over the investigative process with him He told me that he didn't' have any money to pay any fine or negotiate a settlement. I recommended that he would contact DOE for assistance with this matter as well.

Memo to File? No Entered by: CKO

2. Date and time: December 19, 2019 @ 12:45 pm Name: Robert Simms—Bank representative Phone #: (704) 590-9824

Summary: I had telephone contact in response to message left on my behalf. Mr. Simms advised me that Wells Fargo staff wasn't able to locate any information on Respondent or the chairman. I gave mailing address for the PC and other identifying information that I was able to locate. Wells Fargo staff was still unable to locate any information on Respondent. I requested a letter from them detailing their search efforts and inability to locate information on Respondent. Mr. Simms advised me that he would fax over a declaration letter when he receives it.

Memo to File? No Entered by: CKO

 Date and time: December 19, 2019 @ 1:10 pm Name: Michael Dobson—Chairman Phone #: (850) 241-5896

Summary: I had telephone contact to inquire again about the depository and their inability to locate any information on Respondent. Mr. Dobson advised me that he was unsure if a depository was ever opened. He stated that he remembers a PayPal account but not sure if it was associated with the PC. I inquired if he had received and read Chapter 106, Florida

Statutes and the Political Committee Handbook. Respondent told me that he did not recall ever receiving or reviewing either option. Memo to File? No Entered by: CKO

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June 20, 2019

Michael Dobson, Chair Florida Voters Campaign PAC 4005 Brandon Hill Drive Tallahassee, FL 32309-2309

RE: Case No.: FEC 19-315: Respondent: Florida Voters Campaign PAC

Dear Mr. Dobson:

On May 24, 2019, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that your committee violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more legally sufficient allegations. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violation:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting period:

2019 M3

However, prior to an investigation, you have the option to <u>resolve your case now by</u> signing a minor violation consent order and <u>paying a fine of \$50</u>, per Rule 2B-1.003, Florida Administrative Code, <u>rather than the potential \$1,000 per violation</u> provided for in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes.

If you sign the consent order, you would not be required to admit or deny the allegation in the complaint, but your committee would be required to immediately correct the violation, if feasible.

The signed consent order would then be considered by the Commission at its next available meeting, and would constitute final action by the Commission once it is accepted and approved by the Commission.

Florida Voters Campaign PAC June 20, 2019 Page 2 FEC 19-315

<u>Please contact Stephanie Cunningham at 850-922-4539</u>, or at the address listed above, to accept this minor violation consent order offer.

If you choose not to resolve the case by consent order, an investigation will be conducted, and then the Commission will hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violation(s) occurred and, if so, the amount of the fine to be imposed upon your committee.

For more information, please see our FAQs available at http://www.fec.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

Tim Vaccaro Executive Director

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

To FEC from Division of Elections

Name:Florida Voters Campaign PACAccount Number:69745Chairperson:Michael DobsonTreasurer:Michael DobsonRegistered Agent:Michael Dobson

The Division of Elections hereby provides this notice to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to Sections 106.07(8)(d), 106.22(7), and 106.25(2), Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, has occurred based upon the failure to file a report after notice or failure to file a notification to the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date under s. 106.07(7).

Report(s):

2019 M3

- Florida Voters Campaign PAC (69745) is a political committee registered with the Division. On April 6, 2017, Michael Dobson filed the DSDE 5 and DSDE 6 with the Division of Elections indicating that he was the chairperson.
- The 2019 M3 campaign treasurer's report was due on April 10, 2019. On April 11, 2019, the Division mailed Mr. Dobson notification that the 2019 M3 campaign treasurer's report had not been filed.
- On April 29, 2019, the Division mailed Mr. Dobson notification that the 2019 M3 campaign treasurer's report had not been filed.
- On May 13, 2019, the Division mailed Mr. Dobson final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2019 M3 report had not been filed. (See attached letter and delivery confirmation.)
- Mr. Dobson did not notify the Division of Elections prior to or on the prescribed reporting dates for the 2019 M3 report that no report was to be filed.

• As of May 23, 2019, Mr. Dobson has not filed the 2019 M3 report.

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Sent By: Date:	Donna S. Brown D May 23, 2019	
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

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May 13, 2019

Michael Dobson, Chairperson Florida Voters Campaign PAC 4005 Brandon Hill Drive Tallahassee, FL 32309-2309

PAC 69745

Dear Mr. Dobson:

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

Year	Report	Cover Period
2019	М3	3/1/19 - 3/31/19

RECEIPT

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

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

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

Sincerely, a Willis

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records.

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