

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Lanell Williams Yulee

Case No.: FEC 16-466

TO: Lanell Williams Yulee
P.O. Box 340031
Tampa, FL 33694

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **February 28, 2017 at 11:00 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**

Failure to appear in accordance with this notice will constitute a waiver of your right to participate in the hearing. Continuances will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, which governs your participation as follows:

If you are the Respondent, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission. However, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless you request to be heard or the Commission requests that your case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, your case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are the Complainant, you may attend the hearing, but you will *not* be permitted to address the Commission. In addition, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless the Respondent requests to be heard or the Commission requests that the case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, the case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are an Appellant, and you have requested a hearing, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission.

Please be advised that both confidential and public cases are scheduled to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission on this date. As an Appellant, Respondent or Complainant in one case, you will *not* be permitted to attend the hearings on other confidential cases.

The Commission will electronically record the meeting. Although the Commission's recording is considered the official record of the hearing, the Respondent may provide, at his own expense, a certified court reporter to also record the hearing.

If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Ann Malphurs at (850) 922-4539 or by mail at 107 West Gaines Street, The Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at least 5 days before the hearing.

See further instructions on the reverse side.

Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
February 13, 2017

Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

If this is a hearing to consider **an appeal from an automatic fine**, the Filing Officer has imposed a fine on you for your failure to file a campaign treasurer's report on the designated due date and, by filing an appeal, you have asked the Commission to consider either (1) that the report was in fact timely filed; or (2) that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure to file the report timely. You are required to prove your case. If the Commission finds that the report was filed timely or that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure, it may waive the fine, in whole or in part. The Commission may reduce a fine after considering the factors in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes. If the Commission finds that the report was not timely filed and there were no unusual circumstances, the fine will be upheld.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order before a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed and become public. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the case will remain confidential, unless confidentiality has been waived.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order after a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the Respondent will be entitled to another hearing to determine if the Respondent committed the violation(s) alleged.

If this is a **probable cause hearing**, the Commission will decide if there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent committed a violation of Florida's election laws. Respondent should be prepared to explain how the staff in its recommendation incorrectly applied the law to the facts of the case. *Respondent may not testify, call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence at the probable cause hearing.* The Commission will only decide whether Respondent should be *charged* with a violation and, before the Commission determines whether a violation has occurred or a fine should be imposed, Respondent will have an opportunity for another hearing at which evidence may be introduced.

If this is an **informal hearing**, it will be conducted pursuant Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes; Chapter 28 and Commission Rule 2B-1.004, Florida Administrative Code. At the hearing, the Commission will decide whether the Respondent committed the violation(s) charged in the Order of Probable Cause. The Respondent will be permitted to testify. However, the Respondent may not call witnesses to testify.

Respondent may argue why the established facts in the Staff Recommendation do not support the violations charged in the Order of Probable Cause. At Respondent's request, the Commission may determine whether Respondent's actions in the case were willful. The Respondent may also address the appropriateness of the recommended fine. If Respondent claims that his limited resources make him unable to pay the statutory fine, *he must provide the Commission with written proof of his financial resources* at the hearing. A financial affidavit form is available from the Commission Clerk.

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
CASE REPORT
Case Number: FEC-16-466

NAME: LANELL WILLIAMS- YULEE

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 09/21/16

DATE REPORT DUE: 08/26/16 (2016 P7)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 08/27/16

DATE FILING OFFICER RECEIVED REPORT: 08/27/16

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 1

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$500.00

FINE BASED ON: (X) NUMBER OF DAYS (..) 25% OF RECEIPTS (..) 25% OF EXPENDITURES

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$2,055.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$1,511.74

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 08/30/16

CANDIDATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	STATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PC <input type="checkbox"/>	DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/>
CCE <input type="checkbox"/>	COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/>
POLITICAL PARTY <input type="checkbox"/>	CITY <input type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY: Lanell Williams-Yulee was a candidate for Circuit Judge, Circuit 13, Group 24 in the 2016 elections. Satyen Gandhi was her treasurer.

Lanell Williams-Yulee is appealing the fine. According to the treasurer, Satyen Gandhi, the power went out due to a severe thunderstorm in the area for several hours. The treasurer states that he was unable to file the report until 4 a.m. the next day. Mr. Gandhi also states that that he does not take this error lightly and asks that commission take these extenuating circumstance under consideration.

- The 2016 P7 Original Report covers the period from 08/13/16-08/25/16; it was due on 08/26/16.
- The 2016 P7 Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created on 8/27/16 and filed the same day at approximately 4:51a.m.
- Lanell Williams- Yulee reported receiving 8 contributions, while making 9 expenditures.
- The Division of Elections does not have any notes that pertain to Lanell Williams- Yulee's 2016 P7 report.

PRIOR CASES: 16-282 Auto Fine (2016 P1 Report)- Commission Upheld fine of \$800

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LANELL WILLIAMS-YULEE
P.O. BOX 340031
TAMPA, FLORIDA 33694

RECEIVED
2016 SEP 21 P 12:40
STATE OF FLORIDA
CAN 64809
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

September 17, 2016

Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street, Ste 224
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150

RE: APPEAL OF LATE FINE; BASED ON UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES
RULE 2B-1.0055(D)

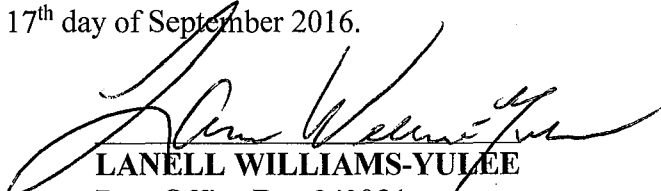
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice is hereby given that LANELL WILLIAMS-YULEE, Candidate for Circuit Court Judge, 13th Judicial Circuit, Group 24 in the above-styled cause hereby appeals the fine assessed on the basis of a late filing of a campaign treasurer report that was due on August 26, 2016, filed on August 27, 2016 and presents this letter written and executed by the campaign treasurer as evidence thereof.

Campaign Treasurer's letter attached and marked as **Exhibit A**
Lanell Williams-Yulee hereby waives her appearance and thereby waives a request for a hearing and requests that a decision be made based on the evidence presented.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via certified mail to: The Florida Elections Commission, 107 West Gaines Street, Ste 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150 and to The Florida Division of Elections, R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-025011 on this 17th day of September 2016.



LANELL WILLIAMS-YULEE
Post Office Box 340031
Tampa, Florida 33694
Tel: (813) 784-0334; Fax (813) 319-3493

cc: Florida Division Of Elections Certified Mail No: 7016 1970 0000 8361 0476



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Tampa, Florida 33606
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September 13, 2016

Satyen Gandhi, Esq.
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Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150

RE: Lanell Williams-Yulee Candidate for Circuit Judge, Circuit 13, Group 24

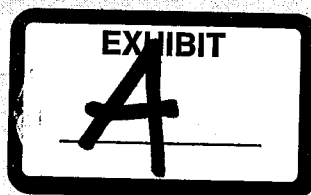
Dear Commission,

This is Satyen Gandhi, Treasurer for the judicial campaign of Lanell Willams-Yulee. On August 26, 2016, I received the final accounting information I needed from the candidate in order to file the campaign finance report due that day. The report covered all contributions and expenditures through the previous day, August 25, 2016, and thus could not be filed until the day it was due.

I was set to file the report from my home in St. Petersburg, at night around 9 p.m., after receiving the final information from the candidate within the hour preceding that. However, the power went out due to a severe thunderstorm in the area, and the entire neighborhood was without power for several hours. Due to this extenuating circumstance, I was not able to file the report on August 26, 2016, and instead filed the report at 4 a.m. the next day, August 27, 2016, as soon as I was able.

I apologize for not being able to file the report timely. Unfortunately, the severe thunderstorm and lightning prevented me from having access to the internet and thus able to file

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the report in the limited time in which there existed to do so. I do not take this error lightly, and I hope the fact that there was an extenuating circumstance beyond my control that prevented me from filing timely is taken into consideration by this Commission.

Should you need any further information, please contact me directly at 813-280-1182 or Sat@CarpenterGandhi.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Satyen Gandhi', written over a horizontal line.

Satyen Gandhi, Esq.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

August 30, 2016

Lanell Williams-Yulee
Candidate for Circuit Judge, Circuit 13, Group 24
Post Office Box 340031
Tampa, FL 33694-3694

CAN 64809

Dear Ms. Williams-Yulee:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on August 26, 2016, was filed on August 27, 2016. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$500.00.

You have 20 days from the receipt of this notice to either:

1. Pay the fine to the Florida Division of Elections (For a candidate only, a fine is not an allowable campaign expenditure and must be paid from personal funds) at:

*Florida Division of Elections
R.A. Gray Building, Room. 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-025011*

2. Appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission (See Rules 2B-1.005 and 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code) at:

*Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150*

If you appeal, please send a copy also to the Florida Division of Elections so that you will not receive further notices from the Division about this matter.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Satyen Gandhi, Treasurer

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

(1) Lanell Williams-Yulee (2) 64809
 Candidate, Committe or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) Post Office Box 340031 Tampa FL 33694
 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 Existance Check If CCE has DISBANDED
 Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 08/13/2016 To 08/25/2016 Report Type: P7

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$0.00
Loans	\$1,055.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$1,055.00
In-Kind	\$1,000.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$1,511.74
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$1,511.74

(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 Chaiman (PC/PTY Only)

X
Signature

Name: Lanell Williams-Yulee

Report: 2016 P7

Period: 08/13/2016

to 08/25/2016

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	In-Kind Description	Amend
1	WILLIAMS-YULEE LANELL 100 S. ASHLEY DRIVE SUITE 600 TAMPA, FL 33602	S		\$255.00
08/18/2016		LOA		
2	WILLIAMS-YULEE LANELL 100 S. ASHLEY DRIVE SUITE 600 TAMPA, FL 33602	S		\$200.00
08/19/2016		LOA		
3	WILLIAMS-YULEE LANELL 100 S. ASHLEY DRIVE SUITE 600 TAMPA, FL 33602	S		\$50.00
08/19/2016		LOA		
4	WILLIAMS-YULEE LANELL 100 S. ASHLEY DRIVE SUITE 600 TAMPA, FL 33602	S		\$400.00
08/23/2016		LOA		
5	WILLIAMS-YULEE LANELL 100 S. ASHLEY DRIVE SUITE 600 TAMPA, FL 33602	S		\$50.00
08/25/2016		LOA		
6	WILLIAMS-YULEE LANELL 100 S. ASHLEY DRIVE SUITE 600 TAMPA, FL 33602	S		\$50.00
08/25/2016		LOA		
7	WILLIAMS-YULEE LANELL 100 S. ASHLEY DRIVE SUITE 600 TAMPA, FL 33602	S		\$50.00
08/25/2016		LOA		
8	NEW WAVES CINEMA E. 131ST AVENUE TAMPA, FL 33612	B	MOVIE STUDIO	\$1,000.00
08/23/2016		INK	CAMPAIGN VIDEO PRODUCTION	

Name: Lanell Williams-Yulee

Report: 2016 P7

Period: 08/13/2016

to 08/25/2016

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 08/17/2016	FACEBOOK 1 HACKER WAY MENLO PARK, CA 94025	MON	ADVERTISING SERVICES	\$25.14
2 08/18/2016	FACEBOOK 1 HACKER WAY MENLO PARK, CA 94025	MON	ADVERTISING SERVICES	\$50.00
3 08/24/2016	ALLEN CYNTHIA 906 NINA ELIZABETH CIRCLE APT 304 BRANDON, FL 33510	MON	ADVERTISING AGENT SERVICES	\$249.00
4 08/25/2016	ALLEN CYNTHIA 906 NINA ELIZABETH CIRCLE APT 304 BRANDON, FL 33510	MON	ADVERTISING AGENT SERVICES	\$211.65
5 08/22/2016	THE OBSERVER NEWS 210 WOODLAND ESTATES AVENUE RUSKIN, FL 33570	MON	ADVERTISING SERVICES	\$220.00
6 08/15/2016	PAYPAL 2211 NORTH FIRST SAN JOSE, CA 95131	MON	COMPELLING CALLS AND LEADS	\$49.66
7 08/17/2016	PAYPAL 2211 NORTH FIRST SAN JOSE, CA 95131	MON	COMPELLING CALLS AND LEADS	\$574.34
8 08/24/2016	FLORIDA SENTINEL 2207 E 21ST AVENUE TAMPA, FL 33605	MON	ADVERTISING	\$102.00
9 08/23/2016	PIXEL FILMS 120 VANTIS DRIVE VIEJO, CA 92656	MON	ADVERTISING SERVICES	\$29.95

Queued Items for 2016-P7

Account: 64809

CTJ 013 Lanell Williams-Yulee

Rpt Seq: 18

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
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Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	64809	8/27/2016 4:50:52 AM	8/27/2016 4:50:52 AM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	64809	8/27/2016 4:51:26 AM	8/27/2016 4:51:26 AM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	64809	8/27/2016 4:51:40 AM	8/27/2016 4:51:40 AM



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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Candidate Name: Lanell Williams-Yulee

Name:

Account: 64809

Election:

Acct: 64809

Type: Candidate

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
11/28/2016	TR	11/28/2016						
8/26/2016	P7	8/27/2016	APP	1	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00
8/19/2016	P6	8/19/2016						
8/12/2016	P5	8/12/2016						
8/5/2016	P4	8/6/2016	CLO	1	\$37.50		\$37.50	\$37.50
7/29/2016	P3	7/29/2016						
7/15/2016	P2	7/12/2016						
7/1/2016	P1	7/10/2016	APP	9	\$800.00		\$800.00	\$0.00
6/10/2016	M5	6/9/2016						
5/10/2016	M4	5/10/2016						
4/11/2016	M3	4/11/2016						
3/10/2016	M2	3/10/2016						
2/10/2016	M1	2/10/2016						
1/11/2016	M12	1/11/2016						
12/10/2015	M11	12/9/2015						
11/10/2015	M10	11/9/2015						
10/13/2015	M9	10/2/2015						
9/10/2015	M8	9/10/2015						
8/10/2015	M7	8/7/2015						