## STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Ryan Lee Fleming			Case No.: FEC 16-270			
TO:	Ryan Lee Fleming		Division of Elections			
	6213 Luana Court		500 S Bronough Street, Room 316			
	Boynton Beach, FL 33437-3437		Tallahassee, FL 32399			

### NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **August 16, 2017 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** 

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.

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Amy McKeever Toman

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission August 1, 2017 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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STATE OF FLORIDA
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## STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

Case No.: FEC 16-270

Ryan Lee Fleming, Respondent.

v.

## **ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

**THIS MATTER** was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 17, 2017, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On March 9, 2017, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff's Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. 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 May 10, 2016, Ryan Lee Fleming violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2016 M4 Report.

The Commission finds that there is **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on May 17, 2017.

M. Scott Thomas, Chairman Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Stephanie J. Cunningham, Assistant General Counsel Ryan Lee Fleming, 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 <u>consent order</u> where you and Commission staff agree to resolve the violation(s)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 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.

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.

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In Re. Ryan Lee Fleming

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

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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**, and that there is **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.19(1)(c)**, **Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on February 17, 2017, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

- 1. On August 8, 2016, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections ("Division"), alleging that Ryan Lee Fleming ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
- 2. Respondent was a 2016 candidate for State Representative, District 91. (ROI Exhibit 10)<sup>1</sup> Respondent withdrew from the race on June 6, 2016.
- 3. By letter dated January 25, 2017, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provisions:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent may have 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:

#### 2016 M4

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when it failed to file a report on the prescribed reporting date for the following reporting period:

#### 2016 M4

4. By letter dated June 2, 2015, Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received his Appointment

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

of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form and that his name was placed on the 2016 active candidate list. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)

- 5. 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 2, 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 *Calendar of Reporting Dates* as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 3)
- 6. Respondent's 2016 M4 Report was due to be filed by May 10, 2016; however, Respondent failed to timely file the report or notify the filing officer that no report would be filed. (ROI Exhibit 9) By letters dated May 11, 2016, June 1, 2016, and June 16, 2016, the Division notified Respondent that his 2016 M4 Report had not been received. The letters also notified Respondent that he was still required to notify the Division if he had no reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibits 4-6) The June 16, 2016 letter was confirmed delivered. (ROI Exhibit 6, page 2)
- 7. A subpoena was issued to Respondent's designated campaign depository to ascertain whether any financial activity occurred during the relevant reporting period, i.e., April 1, 2016 April 30, 2016. The financial institution had no record of an account in Respondent's name. (ROI Exhibit 7, page 1)
- 8. Respondent was given multiple opportunities to respond to Commission staff's investigation, but failed to do so. (Attachment A)
- 9. As it appears that Respondent had no financial activity, Respondent was required to notify the filing officer in writing that he would not be filing his 2016 M4 Report on the prescribed reporting date, but failed to do so. Therewith, it does not appear that Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in his 2016 M4 Report as the report was waived due to a lack of reportable financial activity.
- 10. As of January 27, 2017, Respondent had not filed his 2016 M4 Report or notified the filing officer that no report would be filed. Further, the Division's Filing History shows that Respondent had knowledge of how to file reports and notify the Division of a lack of reportable financial activity, but failed to do so for the 2016 M4 reporting period. (ROI Exhibit 9)
- 11. "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).

12. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a 2016 candidate for State Representative, District 91. Respondent failed to timely file his 2016 M4 Report or notify the filing officer that no report would be filed. It appears that Respondent had no financial activity during the relevant reporting period, and therefore was required to notify the filing officer in writing that he would not be filing his 2016 M4 Report on the prescribed reporting date, but failed to do so. Therewith, it does not appear that Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in his 2016 M4 Report as the report was waived due to a lack of reportable financial activity.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find no probable cause to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, and find probable cause to charge Respondent with violating the following:

## Count 1:

On or about May 10, 2016, Ryan Lee Fleming violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2016 M4 Report.

Stephanie J. Cunningham Assistant General Counsel

Amy McKeever Toman Executive Director



Case No.: FEC 16-270

Respondent: Ryan Lee Fleming

Complainant: Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** January 27, 2017 @ 11:40 am

**Name:** Respondent **Phone** #: (561) 385-7183

**Summary:** I attempted telephone contact to make initial contact. The operator initially said that the caller was unable to be reached and hung up. On all subsequent attempts, the phone

just rang without an answer.

Memo to File? No Entered by: CKO

2. **Date and time:** February 14, 2017 @ 2:10 pm

**Name:** Respondent **Phone** #: (561) 385-7183

Summary: I attempted telephone contact. The message said that the voice message has not

been set up yet. I was unable to leave a message.

Memo to File? No Entered by: CKO



## FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Case No.: FEC 16-270

**Respondent: Ryan Lee Fleming** Counsel for Respondent: n/a

Complainant: Division of Elections

Counsel for Complainant: n/a

On August 8, 2016, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Division of Elections (DOE) alleging that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Commission staff investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate who 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; and

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, prohibiting a person or organization from falsely reporting or deliberately failing to report information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

## I. Preliminary Information:

- 1. Respondent was a candidate for the office of State Representative, District 91 in the 2016 election. Respondent withdrew his candidacy on June 6, 2016.
  - 2. Complainant is the Division of Elections.
- 3. Respondent's filing officer is Kristi Reid-Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records.
- 4. On June 1, 2015, Respondent filed his original Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) with his filing officer<sup>1</sup>. Respondent appointed himself as his own campaign treasurer. To view a copy of Respondent's June 1, 2015 DS-DE 9 form, refer to exhibit 1.
- 5. On June 2, 2015, Ms. Bronson sent Respondent a letter acknowledging he had been placed on the active candidate list. The letter advised Respondent that all candidates filing reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system (EFS). Respondent was provided with a user identification number and initial password allowing him access to the EFS.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On June 29, 2015, Respondent filed a second DS-DE 9 form with his filing officer that changed depositories from Sun Trust Bank to Wells Fargo N.A.

To review a copy of the June 2, 2015 acknowledgement letter, refer to exhibit 2.

- 6. On August 8, 2016, a DOE staff representative, Kristi Reid-Bronson, submitted a sworn affidavit alleging that Respondent failed to report campaign activity, or in the alternative failed to notify the filing officer that no report would be filed, for the 2016 M4 reporting period. To review a copy of the August 8, 2016 sworn affidavit from Complainant, refer to exhibit 3.
- 7. On May 11, 2016, Complainant mailed Respondent a failure-to-file letter informing him that a 2016 M4 Report had not been filed. This letter was sent to the address Respondent provided on his DS-DE 9 form (Exhibit 1). To review a copy of the May 11, 2016 failure-to-file letter, refer to exhibit 4.
- 8. On June 1, 2016, Complainant mailed Respondent a second failure-to-file letter informing him that a 2016 M4 Report still had not been filed. This letter was also sent to the address Respondent provided on his DS-DE 9 form (Exhibit 1). To review a copy of the June 1, 2016 failure-to-file letter, refer to exhibit 5.
- 9. On June 16, 2016, Complainant mailed Respondent a failure-to-file letter via certified mail, informing him that a 2016 M4 Report had not been filed. This letter was sent to the address Respondent provided on his DS-DE 9 form (Exhibit 1). To view a copy of the June 16, 2016 failure-to-file letter with delivery confirmation receipt, refer to exhibit 6.
- 10. The allegations that Respondent failed to report campaign activity, or in the alternative, failed to notify the filing officer in writing, that no report would be filed for the 2016 M4 reporting period will be discussed in the following paragraphs.

## II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:

- 11. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when he failed to file a treasurer's report, or written notice to the filing officer that no report would be filed due to lack of reportable activity during the 2016 M4 reporting period, on the prescribed reporting date.
- 12. Respondent's campaign account records were subpoenaed from Wells Fargo, the campaign depository listed on Respondent's current DS-DE 9 form (Exhibit 1). In a Business Records Declaration, Ms. Veronica Harmon, Subpoena Processing Representative, stated that she was unable to locate any "Campaign accts" for Respondent. To review a copy of the Business Records Declaration from Respondent's depository, refer to exhibit 7.
- 13. Based upon Wells Fargo's declaration in response to the Commission's subpoena, it appears that Respondent did not have any contributions or expenditures during the 2016 M4 reporting period<sup>2</sup>. Therefore, it appears there was no campaign activity for Respondent to disclose during this period.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The 2016 M4 reporting period covers the time period of April 1, 2016 through April 30, 2016.

14. There is a record that Respondent has previously been investigated for violating this section of the election laws.

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

- 15. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to timely notify the filing officer, in writing, that no report would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making any expenditures during the 2016 M4 reporting period.
- 16. To review the circumstances regarding Respondent's campaign activity, refer to paragraphs 12 and 13 of this report.
  - 17. Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, states in part:

"Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, in any reporting period during which a candidate or 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...any candidate or political committee not reporting by virtue of this subsection on dates prescribed elsewhere in this chapter shall notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date."

- 18. In an e-mail dated April 2, 2014, Ms. Bronson was asked to clarify the procedure regarding how to notify the Division in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed. In her response, Ms. Bronson stated, "The notice that no report will be filed is the waiver, which must be filed in the EFS. We do not require anything separate in writing." To review a copy of Ms. Bronson's e-mail, please refer to exhibit 8.
- 19. Based upon Wells Fargo's declaration and Ms. Bronson's email, because Respondent did not have any contributions or expenditures during the 2016 M4 reporting period, it appears Respondent was required to notify the Division in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed. As of the date of this report, there is no record that Respondent has filed a 2016 M4 Report, nor advised in writing of no reportable activity to disclose. Respondent has filed notices of no activity for previous reporting periods. To review a copy of Respondent's filing history, refer to exhibit 9.
- 20. There is a record that Respondent has previously been investigated for violating this section of the election laws.

## IV. FEC History:

21. Respondent has been involved in three prior investigations. FEC 16-005; the Commission found Probable Cause for a violation of 106.07(7). In FEC 16-069 and 16-155; staff recommended Probable Cause for alleged violations of 106.07(7), but No Probable Cause for alleged violations of 106.19(1)(c); these cases will be heard during the February 2017 Commission meeting.

#### Conclusion:

- 22. Respondent was offered several opportunities to make comments regarding the findings of this investigation. Respondent did not respond to any of these attempts.
- 23. In the June 2, 2015 acknowledgement letter, Respondent was informed that all of the Division's publications are available online at the DOE's website. In the letter, Respondent was admonished as follows: 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, Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, Calendar of Reporting Dates, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code". To review a copy of the June 2, 2015 acknowledgment letter, refer to exhibit 2.
- 24. On June 1, 2015, Respondent filed his Statement of Candidate for State Representative, District 91 acknowledging that he had been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. To review a copy of the Statement of Candidate, refer to exhibit 10.

Respectfully submitted on February 17, 2017.

Cedric Oliver

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Investigation Specialist

## **Current address of Respondent**

Mr. Ryan Lee Fleming 6213 Luana Ct. Boynton Beach, Fl 33437 **Current address of Complainant** 

Division of Elections 500 South Bronough Street, Room #316 Tallahassee, Fl 32399

## Name and Address of Filing Officer:

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

Copy furnished to: Mr. David Flagg, Investigations Manager

## FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

## REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Ryan Lee Fleming -- FEC 16-270

LIST OF EXHIBITS						
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Exhibit 1	Respondent's DS-DE 9 form					
Exhibit 2	Acknowledgement Letter					
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Exhibit 4	May 11, 2016 Failure-to-File Letter					
Exhibit 5	June 1, 2016 Failure-to-File Letter					
Exhibit 6	June 16, 2016 Failure-to-File Letter with Delivery Confirmation Receipt					
Exhibit 7	Business Records Declaration Page from Depository					
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Exhibit 10	Statement of Candidate					

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

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

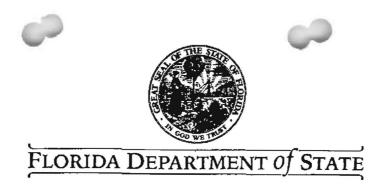
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KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

June 2, 2015

Ryan Lee Fleming 6213 Luana Court Boynton Beach, Florida 33437

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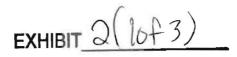
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Ryan Lee Fleming June 2, 2015 Page Two

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## **Timely Filing**

All reports filed must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, 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 2(00f3)



## STATE OF FLORIDA

## County of Leon

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

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EXHIBIT 3(10+2)





10. As of July 15, 2016, Mr. Fleming has not filed the 2016 M4 report.

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  $15^{th}$  day of July 2016.

Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public

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## Ken Detzner

Secretary of State

## **DIVISION OF ELECTIONS**

May 11, 2016

Ryan Lee Fleming 6213 Luana Court Boynton Beach, FL 33437-3437 CAN 64740

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was May 10, 2016.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report:
  - \$50 for the first 3 days late
  - \$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late
  - If the required report immediately precedes a primary and general election, the automatic fine is \$500 for each late day.

The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period. Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines. We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission.

• If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or 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,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Bureau of Election Records

EXHIBIT\_\_\_\_



#### Ken Detzner Secretary of State

## DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

#### Second Notice

June 1, 2016

Ryan Lee Fleming 6213 Luana Court Boynton Beach, FL 33437-3437

CAN 64740

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was May 10, 2016.

We mailed, via regular mail, the first notice of the failure to file the above-mentioned report or notification to the address on file with our office on May 11, 2016.

The first notice which we provided to you specifically explained the automatic fine provisions in the law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) for failure to file a required report. Such fines are continuing to accrue for a late-filed report. Also, that notice explained that if no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to provide notification in writing that no reportable activity occurred. Our initial notice further indicated that, in all cases, failure to file and/or 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.

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Sincerely,





## Ken Detzner

Secretary of State

## DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Final Notice

**Delivery Confirmation:** 

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

June 16, 2016

Ryan Lee Fleming 6213 Luana Court Boynton Beach, FL 33437-3437

CAN 64740

Dear Mr. Fleming:

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:

<u>Year</u>	Report	Cover Period
2016	M4	4/1/16 - 4/30/16

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.

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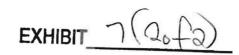
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The notice that no report will be filed is the waiver, which must be filed in the EFS. We do not require anything separate in writing.

Regards,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief Division of Elections, Bureau of Election Records (850) 245-6240

From: Tracie Aulet [mailto:Tracie.Aulet@myfloridalegal.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 12:56 PM

To: Bronson, Kristi R. Subject: Referrals

Good Afternoon Kristi,

I am investigating a referral from DOE for failure to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed, i.e. the untimely filing of waivers.

Would you please inform me as to what the procedure is for a candidate who wants to notify the Division in writing that there will be no report filed? Is it similar to the request for password in that they have to fax a signed letter to the Division? Does the Division acknowledge receipt of the notification that no report will be filed? Once the letter is received is the candidate still required to file the actual waiver of report?

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tracie L. Aulet Investigation Specialist II Florida Elections Commission The Collins Building, Suite 224 107 West Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

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## Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

## Florida Election System Reports

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(Section 106.023, F.S.)

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candidate for the office of District 41 House representative;
have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
x Jan 3mm 5/27/15
Signature of Candidate Date

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### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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

January 25, 2017

Ryan Lee Fleming 6213 Luana Court Boynton Beach, FL 33437-3437

RE: Case No.: FEC 16-270; Respondent: Ryan Lee Fleming

Dear Mr. Fleming:

On August 8, 2016, 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(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent may have 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:

2016 M4

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, when it failed to file a report on the prescribed reporting date for the following reporting period:

2016 M4

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 Cedric Oliver, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,

Amy McKeever Toman Executive Director

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## DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

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To FEC from Division of Elections

STATE OF FLORIDA

Name:

Ryan Lee Fleming

**Account Number:** 

64740

Treasurer:

Ryan Lee Fleming

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, Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, F.S., has occurred based upon the candidate's alleged failure to file a report after notice as required by section 106.07(8)(d), Florida Statutes, or failure to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report was to be filed as required by Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes.

The following report or notice is outstanding after notification:

2016 M4

Sent By:

Kristi Reid Bronson

Date:

July 15, 2016

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#### **AFFIDAVIT**

#### STATE OF FLORIDA

## County of Leon

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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 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 2016.

Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary

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

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

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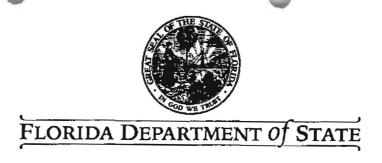
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RICK SCOTT Governor

KEN DETZNER Secretary of State

June 2, 2015

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Each candidate is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that 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 no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, 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.

Ryan Lee Fleming June 2, 2015 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 <a href="http://elections.myflorida.com">http://elections.myflorida.com</a>. 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, Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, 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

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**Enclosures** 



#### Ken Detzner Secretary of State

## DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

CAN 64740

May 11, 2016

Ryan Lee Fleming 6213 Luana Court Boynton Beach, FL 33437-3437

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was May 10, 2016.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report:
  - \$50 for the first 3 days late
  - \$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late
  - If the required report immediately precedes a primary and general election, the automatic fine is \$500 for each late day.

The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period. Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines. We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission.

 If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or 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.



#### Ken Detzner Secretary of State

## **DIVISION OF ELECTIONS**

#### Second Notice

June 1, 2016

Ryan Lee Fleming 6213 Luana Court Boynton Beach, FL 33437-3437

CAN 64740

Dear Mr. Fleming:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was May 10, 2016.

We mailed, via regular mail, the first notice of the failure to file the above-mentioned report or notification to the address on file with our office on May 11, 2016.

The first notice which we provided to you specifically explained the automatic fine provisions in the law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) for failure to file a required report. Such fines are continuing to accrue for a late-filed report. Also, that notice explained that if no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to provide notification in writing that no reportable activity occurred. Our initial notice further indicated that, in all cases, failure to file and/or 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,



## Ken Detzner

Secretary of State

### DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Final Notice

Delivery Confirmation:

USPS TRACKING # & CUSTOMER RECEIPT

9114 9999 4431 4596 7276 90 For Tracking or inquiries go to USPS.com or call 1-800-222-1811

June 16, 2016

Ryan Lee Fleming 6213 Luana Court Boynton Beach, FL 33437-3437

CAN 64740

Dear Mr. Fleming:

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

<u>Year</u>	Report	Cover Period
2016	M4	4/1/16 - 4/30/16

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,

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June 20, 2016, 5:17 am

Arrived at Post Office

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June 19, 2016, 3:46 am

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June 18, 2016, 11:08 am

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WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33416

June 18, 2016 , 7:35 am

Departed USPS Facility

ORLANDO, FL 32824

June 18, 2016, 7:09 am

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Departed USPS Facility

ORLANDO, FL 32824

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June 17, 2016, 9:08 pm

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