#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Marcos Marrero		<b>Case No.: FEC 19-264</b>
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Marcos Marrero		Kristen Arrington
118 Alcala Drive		2315 Indian Mound Trail
Kissimmee, FL 34758		Kissimmee, FL 34746
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A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on August 26, 2020 at 8:30 am, EST, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard.

NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION)

Please note that because of COVID-19, this will be a virtual meeting conducted by remote video or teleconference. Enclosed you will find additional details on joining the video conference via GoToWebinar, 9-Digit Meeting ID 602-468-659, or via teleconference by dialing (866) 901-6455 and entering the meeting access code 515-462-864, when prompted. If you wish to speak before the Commission, you will need to appear by webcam and will be sworn in remotely. Please be advised that the Commission will consider multiple cases, so you will need to wait until your case is considered. If you have any questions, please contact Commission staff at (850) 922-4539.

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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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#### Commission Meeting August 26, 2020at 8:30AM via GoToWebinar and OpenVoice

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While this is a public 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.

You can call or email our office of your intent to participate or of any questions you may have regarding this meeting. Please provide the case number(s) when contacting our office.

Thank you,

**Commission Staff** 

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<u>Tim Vaccaro</u>

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission July 28, 2020 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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In Re:	Marcos Marrero	Case No.: FEC 19-264
TO:	Marcos Marrero 118 Alcala Drive Kissimmee, FL 34758	Kristen Arrington 2315 Indian Mound Trail Kissimmee, FL 34746

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

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, March 24, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: House Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Room 28-H, 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 March 9, 2019 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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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.

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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 complaint in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Sections 106.021(1)(a), 106.07(5), and 106.19(1)(c) Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on July 8, 2019, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation.

- 1. On April 26, 2019, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a complaint from Kristen Arrington ("Complainant") alleging that Marcos Marrero ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
- 2. Respondent is a candidate for the Osceola County Commission, District 3, in the 2020 election. Respondent's Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form was filed with the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections' ("OCSOE") office on January 11, 2019. (ROI Exhibit 1)<sup>2</sup>
- 3. In a June 6, 2019 affidavit, Mary Jane Arrington, the OCSOE, stated every prospective candidate is given a packet of information that includes a CD containing a copy of Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, and the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* ("Handbook") published by the Division of Elections. The OCSOE also stated that Respondent has served as the chair and treasurer of his political party. (ROI Exhibit 8)
- 4. Ms. Arrington added that OCSOE staff had contact with Respondent's campaign treasurer during the campaign and that Respondent's campaign treasurer completed a training class offered by the OCSOE's office about on-line reporting. However, Respondent's campaign treasurer declined to participate in a refresher class. (ROI Exhibit 8, page 2)

Due to a scrivener's error, the letter of legal sufficiency letter indicated Respondent was running in a 2019 election.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Report of Investigation shall be referred to herein as "ROI."

5. By letter dated May 17, 2019, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate allegations that Respondent accepted a campaign contribution or made a campaign expenditure before appointing a campaign treasurer and designating a campaign depository, certified his 2019 M1 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not, and/or falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information on his 2019 M1 Report required to be reported.

#### Section 106.021(1)(a), Florida Statutes.

- 6. Complainant alleged Respondent accepted campaign contributions and/or made campaign expenditures before appointing a campaign treasurer and designating a campaign depository. The complaint included printouts from what appears to be Respondent's Facebook page and campaign website www.marrero2020.com.
- 7. The printout of a Respondent's Facebook pages show that on December 30, 2018, Respondent posted a message that stated, "Guess who just bought Marrero2020.com[.] THIS GUY! It's still under construction but should be up in the next few days." (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1) The phrase "Marcos For Commissioner District 3 | Osceola County |," appears at the bottom of two other pages of the printout. (ROI Exhibit 2, pages 2 and 3) It also appears that Respondent's Facebook pages contain links to Respondent's campaign website. (ROI Exhibit 2, pages 1-3)
- 8. The complaint also included four pages from Respondent's campaign website <a href="https://www.marrero2020.com">www.marrero2020.com</a>. The four webpages appear to have been printed on January 9, 2019, at 11:55 a.m. (ROI Exhibit 2, pages 4-6; and Attachment A) A statement at the top of page one states, "Marcos Marrero For Osceola County Commissioner District 3." (ROI Exhibit 2, page 4) Page four of the January 9, 2019 printout contains a political advertisement disclaimer that states, "Approved and Paid for by Marcos Marrero...for Osceola County Commission District 3." [party affiliation omitted] (Attachment A)
- 9. Respondent provided a copy of a December 14, 2018, through January 14, 2019 bank statement from his personal bank account. The bank statement reflects Respondent made a \$114 purchase from Wix.Com on January 2, 2019, and a \$13.95 purchase from Wix.com on January 3, 2019, using personal funds.<sup>3</sup> (ROI Exhibit 4)<sup>4</sup>
- 10. In his response to the complaint, Respondent denied the complaint allegations, asserted he used personal funds to purchase the domain name for the website, he used his own time to create and design the website, and he later donated the finished website to his campaign as an in-kind contribution. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Wix.Com is website builder that allows a person to create a free website. However, if a user requires professional features, such as his own domain name or priority support, the user must choose from one of the company's premium plans.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> It appears the transaction for \$114 took place on December 30, 2018. (ROI Exhibit 6, page 4)

- 11. Respondent added that Complainant is the spouse of his opponent; and therefore, Complainant would gain and benefit from Respondent being punished or removed from the election. (ROI Exhibit 3)
- 12. In a June 28, 2018 affidavit, Respondent testified he had read Chapter 106 and the Handbook. Respondent claimed that he did not contribute the completed website to his campaign until January 19, 2019, and he did not seek advice from anyone or review Division of Elections opinions to determine whether he was allowed to make an in-kind contribution to his campaign before appointing a treasurer and designating a campaign depository. (ROI Exhibit 6, pages 2-3)
- 13. Based on the facts above, it appears Respondent may have accepted campaign contributions prior to appointing a treasurer and designating a campaign a campaign depository.

#### Sections 106.07(5) and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

- 14. Complainant alleged Respondent certified his 2019 M1 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not, and Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information on his 2019 M1 Report required to be reported by Chapter 106.
- 15. Respondent's 2019 M1 Report covering the dates of January 1, 2019, through January 31, 2019, was timely filed with the OCSOE on February 2, 2019. Respondent certified the report was true, correct, and complete.<sup>5</sup>
- 16. On his 2019 M1 Report, Respondent reported receiving a January 19, 2019 \$13.95 in-kind contribution from himself for a campaign website domain and a January 19, 2019 \$114 in-kind contribution from himself for the design and creation of his campaign website. (ROI Exhibit 7, page 2) However, it appears at least four webpages of Respondent's campaign website were accessible to the public on or before January 9, 2019. (ROI Exhibit 2, pages 4-6; and Attachment A)
- 17. In his affidavit, Respondent stated he reviews campaign reports prior to certifying a report is true, correct, and complete to make sure "[t]hat expences [sic] reported mach [sic] the amounts taken from the bank." (ROI Exhibit 6, pages 2 and 3) Respondent also stated that he reviewed his 2019 M1 Report prior to certifying it was true, correct, and complete. (ROI Exhibit 6, page 2)
- 18. Based on the foregoing facts and circumstances, it appears Respondent may have certified his 2019 M1 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not, and Respondent may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information on his 2019 M1 Report required to be reported by Chapter 106.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> A campaign report is considered certified as true, correct, and complete once the candidate and treasurer enter their pin numbers into the OCSOE's electronic filing system, submit the report, and the OCSOE's office receives the report.

- 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 above facts show Respondent is a candidate for Osceola County Commission, District 3, in the 2020 election. Respondent's Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form was filed with the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections' office on January 11, 2019.
- 21. The above facts also show that Respondent's bank records indicate Respondent made a January 2, 2019 purchase from Wix.Com for \$114 and a January 3, 2019 purchase from Wix.Com for \$13.95 with personal funds. However, Respondent contributed the completed campaign website <a href="www.marrero2020.com">www.marrero2020.com</a> to his campaign prior to appointing a campaign treasurer and designating a campaign depository.
- 22. The above facts additionally show that Respondent certified his 2019 M1 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not and Respondent falsely reported, or deliberately failed to include information about two in-kind contributions related to his campaign website when Respondent reported making the contributions on January 19, 2019, even though his campaign website was accessible to the public on or before January 9, 2019.

Based on the foregoing, I recommend that the Commission find probable cause to charge Respondent with the following violations:

#### Count 1:

On or about January 9, 2019, Respondent violated Section 106.021(1)(a), Florida Statutes, when Respondent made one or more in-kind contributions to his campaign prior to appointing a campaign treasurer and designating a campaign depository.

#### Count 2:

On or about February 2, 2019, Respondent violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, when Respondent certified his 2019 M1 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

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#### Count 3:

On or about February 2, 2019, Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required to be reported by Chapter 106 on his 2019 M1 Report.

Respectfully submitted on December 19, 2019.

Eric M. Lipman General Counsel

I have reviewed this Staff Recommendation on the 19th day of December 2019.

Tim Vaccaro

**Executive Director** 

Thought was born in Lawrence my self I have come to call Osceura county home and have spent the majority of my life here. I wouldn't give it up for anything else. I moved here in 2001 with my family. We came to Poinciana and have been here since much of our family later coming down as well. Then we where the only house on the street and have seen Poinciana grow from wilderness to the busy community it is today. I graduated from Valencia with my Associates Degree and attended the University of Central Florida for my Bachelors Degree. I have worked everything from Radio Shack to being a Campaign Manager for a now, City of Kissimmee Commissioner. I currently work at a Kissimmee law firm, but am looking forward to becoming your next Commissioner.



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Approved and Paid for by Marcos Marrero, Libertarian for Osceola County Commission District 3. Created by The Urban Cow 2018

ATTACHMENT A



# FEC 19-264 Attn: Donna Ann Malphurs Marcos Marrero to: fec

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Hello Ms. Malphurs,

Attached please find the Response to the report of investigation. Please confirms receipt.

Thank you Marcos Diego Marrero Candidate for Osceola County Commission D3

# IN THE FLORIDA ELECTION COMMISSION IN AND FOR THE SATE OF FLORIDA

KRISTEN ARRINGTON Complainant,

CASE NO.: FEC 19-264

and

MARCOS MARRERO, Respondent.

# RESPONDENT'S RESPONSE TO FLORIDA ELECTION COMMISSION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

COMES NOW, the Respondent, MARCOS MARRERO, and files this Response to Florida Election Commission Report of Investigation.

- 1. Section 1 sub Section 3 of Floridas Election Commission Report of Investigation states "Complainant, Kristen Arrington, Is the wife of Brandon Arrington, the current Osceola County Commissioner Representing District 3."
  - 2. Respondent Marcos Marrero, is currently running as a candidate to Replace Mr. Arrington.
- Since the time of the filing of complain, Mr. Arrington has filed for re-election to the Osceola County Commission to represent district 3.
- 4. As stated in Respondent's Answer to Petitioner's [Complainant's] Complaint. "PETITIONER [Complainant] has incentive for RESPONDENT to be punished or removed from the election entirely." As well as "PETITIONER [Complainant] would gain from the punishment or removal of the RESPONDENT from the election.
- 5. Since the filing of the above styled complaint the above referenced lines from Respondent's Answer to Petitioner's [Complainant's] Complaint are more relevant as fact than when previously states.
- 6. Regardless of the legality of Respondent's action there was no action taken by the Respondent that any person of sound mind would consider as unethical as the Respondent did not mislead, lie, nor steal. Nor did respondent use anyones eases funds un the actions alleged by Complainant.

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WHEREFORE the RESPONDENT once again respectfully request that this honorable Commission;

- a. Dismiss the Petitioners Complaint and;
- b. Take action against the Petitioner pursuant to Florida State Statute 106,25(8).

I HEREBY CERTIFY I electronically mailed and delivered via U.S. Mail a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to the Complaint Coordinator, Molly Donavan at fec@myfloridalegal.com and 107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224 Collins Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, on this Lady of July, 2019.

MARCOS MARRERO Mareos@Marrero2020.com

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Respondent

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Case No.: FEC 19-264

Respondent: Marcos Marrero

Complainant: Kristen Arrington

On April 26, 2019, the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) received a sworn complaint alleging that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Commission staff investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

Section 106.021(1)(a), Florida Statutes, prohibiting a candidate from accepting contributions or making expenditures before appointing a campaign treasurer and designating a campaign depository;

Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, prohibiting a candidate from certifying to the correctness of a campaign treasurer's report that is incorrect, false, or incomplete; 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, Marcos Marrero, is a 2020 candidate for the Osceola County Commission, District 3; Respondent is a first-time candidate.
- 2. On January 11, 2019, Respondent's "APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES" form (DS-DE 9) was filed with the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections office. Respondent appointed Larry Allen Schneck as his campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 9 form, refer to Exhibit 1.
- 3. Complainant, Kristen Arrington, is the wife of Brandon Arrington<sup>1</sup>, the current Osceola County Commissioner representing District 3.

#### II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.021(1)(a), Florida Statutes:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Brandon Arrington's mother is the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections.

- 4. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by accepting contributions, or making expenditures, before appointing a campaign treasurer and designating a campaign depository.
- 5. Complainant alleges that Respondent made an expenditure to further his nomination without first filing his appointment of treasurer form. With her complaint, Complainant offered Respondent's DS-DE 9 form as well as printouts from Respondent's Facebook page and website.
- 6. Printouts from Respondent's Facebook page includes a post that reads, "Guess who just bought Marrero2020.com THIS GUY! It's still under construction but should be up in the next few days." The printout includes a date of December 30, 2018 and alludes to Marrero2020.com.
- 7. In addition, four pages affiliated with <a href="www.marrero2020.com">www.marrero2020.com</a> was provided with the complaint. A notation on page 1 reads, "Marcos Marrero For Osceola County Commissioner District 3." Page 4 includes a disclaimer that reads, "Approved and Paid for by Marcos Marrero, Libertarian for Osceola County Commission District 3." At the bottom of each page is the date, "1/9/19." Respondent's DS-DE 9 form was filed with the supervisor of elections office on January 11, 2019. To review the various pages from Respondent's Facebook and website, refer to Exhibit 2.
- 8. Respondent offered a written response to the complaint. Respondent stated that he did not use any campaign funds to purchase any kind of political advertisement before filing his DS-DE 9 form. Respondent added that he used his personal funds to secure the domain name and eventually he donated his own personal property—the finished website—to his campaign as an in-kind "donation." Further, Respondent stated that he used his personal time to create and design his Facebook page and he eventually donated the Facebook page to his campaign "as a package with the aforementioned website." To review Respondent's response to the complaint, refer to Exhibit 3.
- 9. In addition to his response, Respondent offered bank records from his personal account. Respondent made a card purchase on January 2, 2019 in the amount of \$114.00 and another card purchase on January 3, 2019 in the amount of \$13.95; each expenditure was to Wix.Com<sup>2</sup>. To review the January bank statements provided by Respondent, refer to Exhibit 4.
- 10. Respondent also offered a printout of his 2019 M1 campaign report on file with the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections office. Respondent reported the two personal expenses as depicted in Table 1. To review the 2019 M1 campaign report as provided by Respondent, refer to Exhibit 5.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A free website builder allowing a person to create a free website. Wix is available for free as long as the user wants but if the user requires professional features such as their own domain name or priority support, a user would have to choose from one of the company's premium plans.

Date Sequence #	Full Name	Co	ntributor	Contribution Type	In-Kind Description	Amount
	Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	Туре	Occupation			
1/19/2019 1	Marcos Marrero 118 Alcala Drive Kissimmee, FL 34758	I	Candidate	INK	Purchase campaign website domain	\$13.95
1/19/2019	Marcos Marrero 118 Alcala Drive Kissimmee, FL 34758	I	Candidate	INK	Design and creation of campaign website	\$114.00

- 11. In a questionnaire-affidavit, Respondent was asked whether he sought advice from anyone, or reviewed any legal opinions from the Division of Elections, to determine whether accepting an in-kind contribution from himself prior to appointing a treasurer and designating a campaign depository, could be viewed as a possible violation of Section 106.021(1)(a), Florida Statutes; Respondent stated, "No." To review Respondent's response to the questionnaire-affidavit, refer to Exhibit 6.
- 12. No record was found to indicate that Respondent has previously violated this section of the election laws.

#### III. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes:

- 13. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by certifying to the correctness of a campaign treasurer's report as true, correct, and complete, when it was not.
- 14. Respondent's 2019 M1 campaign report, covering the reporting period of January 1 to January 31, 2019, was filed with the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections office on February 2, 2019; Respondent certified the report as true, correct, and complete<sup>3</sup>. To review Respondent's 2019 M1 campaign report, Exhibit 7.
- 15. As per paragraph eight, Respondent used his personal funds to pay Wix.com on January 2 and January 3, 2019, relative to his campaign website. As per Table 1, Respondent reported the two personal expenses as in-kind contributions on January 19, 2019 in his 2019 M1 campaign report.
  - 16. Respondent attested in his response to a questionnaire-affidavit that he reviewed

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A campaign report is considered signed and submitted once the candidate and treasurer pin numbers are entered. Once the supervisor of elections office receives the report, it is considered certified.

his 2019 M1 campaign report prior to certifying the report as true, correct, and complete. Respondent was asked what he looks for when reviewing a campaign report, prior to certifying a campaign report as true, correct, and complete. Respondent stated, "That expences [sic] reported mach [sic] the amounts taken from the bank."

- 17. Further, Respondent was asked why his 2019 M1 campaign report disclosed the date January 19, 2019, rather than January 2 and January 3, respectively. Respondent stated, "I did not donate my personal property to the campaign until that date." To review Respondent's response to the questionnaire-affidavit, refer to Exhibit 6.
- 18. No record was found to indicate that Respondent has previously violated this section of the election laws.

#### IV. Alleged Violations of Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:

- 19. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by falsely reporting information.
- 20. To review information that was allegedly falsely reported, refer to paragraphs 14 17.
- 21. No record was found to indicate that Respondent has previously violated this section of the election laws.

#### V. FEC History:

22. Respondent has no prior history with the Florida Elections Commission.

#### Conclusion:

- 23. On July 8, 2019, I interviewed Respondent for the purpose of providing him with a brief overview of the case and to afford him an opportunity for any questions or comments. Respondent said that he did not have anything to add at this time and said that he would wait and read the report of investigation.
- 24. In a questionnaire-affidavit, Mary Jane Arrington, Osceola County Supervisor of Elections, attested that every prospective candidate is provided with a packet which contains a CD with Chapter 104 and 106, Florida Statutes as well as the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. Ms. Arrington attested that her office has no record of Respondent having sought elective office within her jurisdiction previously. She further attested that Respondent is the chairman of the Osceola Libertarian Party and previously served as its treasurer. To review the affidavit of Mary Jane Arrington, refer to Exhibit 8.
- 25. Respondent attested that he had not sought elective office prior to his current campaign. Respondent was asked what action he had taken to determine his responsibilities under Florida's election laws, he attested, "Read Chapter 106." Respondent added that he does possess and has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, as well as the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*." To review Respondent's response to the questionnaire-affidavit, refer to

#### Exhibit 6.

26. Respondent executed a Statement of Candidate form indicating that he had been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes; the form is dated as having been signed January 8, 2019. To review the Statement of Candidate form, refer to Exhibit 9.

Respectfully submitted on July 8, 2019.

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Keith Smith

Investigation Specialist

#### **Current address of Respondent**

Marcos Marrero 118 Alcala Drive Kissimmee, Florida 34758

#### **Current address of Complainant**

Kristen Arrington 2315 Indian Mound Trail Kissimmee, Florida 34746

#### Name and Address of Filing Officer:

The Honorable Mary Jane Arrington Osceola County Supervisor of Elections 2509 East Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway Kissimmee, Florida 34744

Copy furnished to: David Flagg, Investigations Manager

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### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

#### REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Marcos Marrero -- FEC 19-264

	LIST OF EXHIBITS			
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits			
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 9			
Exhibit 2	Printouts from Facebook/website			
Exhibit 3	Response to the complaint			
Exhibit 4	Jan. bank statement			
Exhibit 5	2019 M1 report from R			
Exhibit 6	R's Q/A			
Exhibit 7	2019 M1 report			
Exhibit 8	Affidavit of Filing Officer			
Exhibit 9	Statement of Candidate			



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

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

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NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying

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Marcos Diego Marrero for Osceola County Commissioner District 3

December 30, 2018 · 3

Guess who just bought Marrero2020.com THIS GUY! It's still under construction but should be up in the next few days.

GREATEST NEW YEARS GIFT EVER!

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Marcos Diego Marrero for Osceola County Commissioner District 3

January 6 · 🔇

I'm sitting right now with the guys from The Urban Cow Consulting doing some video shoots for the website! I'll be talking about new ideas for traffic fluidity, jobs, taxes and transparency. Once there are done you'll find them on MARRERO2020.COM

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## The Urban Cow Consulting

December 31, 2018 · 3

Looks like the 2020 Campain is starting early Marcos Diego Marrero for Osceola County Commissioner District 3 has contacted us to do all of his marketing. The site is still under construction but we are opening it up so you can check this out as it grows and goes through all its changes. Good luck Mr. Marrero

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Just saying.



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Marcos Diego Marrero for Osceola County Commissioner District 3

January 7 . 3

Have you seen my new video on taxes? I'm looking to soon have some live chats with you guys about some issues. Is this a topic you'd be interested in talking about?

Marrero2020.com/taxes



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#### Taxes | Marcos Marrero For Osceola County Commission

You work far to hard for your money so that other can misspend it. Lets ..

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what new ideas you have! Like Reply 11w

Marcos Diego Marrero for Osceola County Commissioner District 3 I'm interested in learning what

Angela Mikolajek Im definitely interested in learning more about

Like - Reply - 11w



Marcos Diego Marrero for Osceola County Commissioner District 3

January 7 - 3

Video about our local traffic is done and up check it out at MARRERO2020.COM

you all have to say about my ideas!



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Marrero 2020 Giving Osceola Back

# Osceola County Belongs To you

This is your county, and it needs your help!
High taxes, congested roads, and a lack of high wage jobs: is placing your home at risk.
We need to do something about it before our county is destroyed!

YOU can help by doing your part today and choosing to support a candidate that will work for you and only you.

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Traffic issues will not be solved by building more roads, but by working on "Traffic Fluidity".

Read More >

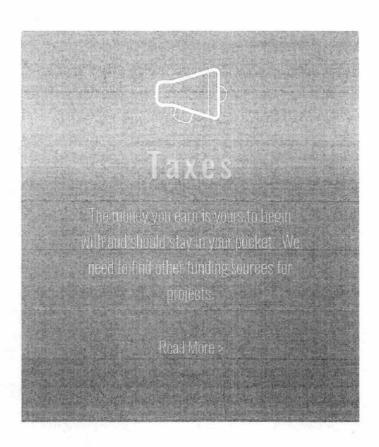
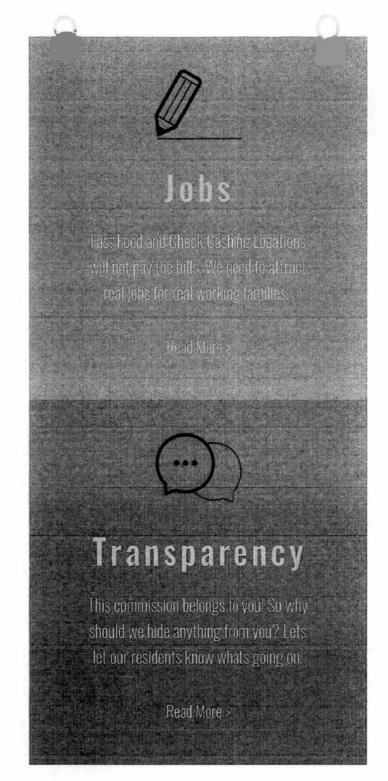


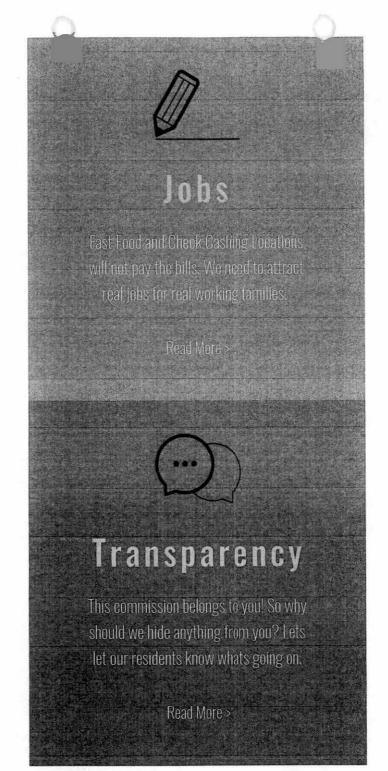
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# Who's Marcos?

My family is no different from yours. Filled with love, laughter, anger, and pain. Going through many family struggles, like the 2008 economic downturn and subsequent recovery to going through the aging process and dealing with family loss. We have stuck together and worked hard to come up from the "Campo" that we originated from. It was my grandmother's and their siblings that came and settled in Lawrence, Massachusetts working everything from the 60's version of ride-sharing to laundry women to textile workers. Today my family has grown from being agricultural workers in the Dominican Republic, into college-educated professionals and hard working individuals.

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CASE NO.: FEC 19-264

# IN THE FLORIDA ELECTION COMMISSION IN AND FOR THE SATE OF FLORIDA

KRISTEN ARRINGTON
Petitioner,
and

MARCOS MARRERO,	
Respondent.	
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#### RESPONDENT'S ANSWER TO PETITIONER'S COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, the Respondent, MARCOS MARRERO, and files this Answer to the Petitioner's Complaint.

- 1. RESPONDENT denies each and every allegation of the Complaint.
- 2. RESPONDENT at no time used any campaign funds to purchase any kind of political advertisement before the filing of form DS-DE9
  - 3. RESPONDENT used his personal funds to secure the domain name. See attached Exhibit A.
  - 4. RESPONDENT used his own time to create and design the web site that Petitioner references.
- 5. RESPONDENT donated his own personal property (the finished website) to the campaign as an in-kind donation. See attached *Exhibit B*.
- 6. RESPONDENT at no time used campaign funds to purchase any advertisement or products from Facebook before the filing of form DS-DE9.
  - 7. RESPONDENT used his personal time to create and design the Facebook page.
- 8. RESPONDENT donated the aforementioned Facebook page to the campaign as a package with the aforementioned website.

#### AFFIRMATIVE DEFENCES

- 1. PETITIONER is the spouse of the of the incumbent that the RESPONDENT is campaigning to replace.
- 2. PETITIONER has incentive for RESPONDENT to be punished or removed from the election entirely.

EXHIBIT <u>3 (102)</u>

- 3. PETITIONER would gain from the punishment or removal of the RESPONDENT from the election.
  - 4. PETITIONER is willfully filing multiple complain as to intimidate the RESPONDENT.

WHEREFORE the RESPONDENT respectfully request that this honorable Commission;

- a. Dismiss the Petitioners Complaint and;
- b. Take action against the Petitioner pursuant to Florida State Statute 106.25(8).

I HEREBY CERTIFY I electronically mailed and delivered via U.S. Mail a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to the Complaint Coordinator, Molly Donavan at fec@myfloridalegal.com and 107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224 Collins Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, on this Lie day of May, 2019.

MARCOS MARRERO Marcos@Marrero2020.com

118 Alcala

Kissimmee, Fl 34758 Telephone: 407-552-8182

Respondent

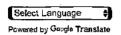
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December 14, 2018through January 14, 2019

Account Number: 972





## Candidate:

## Office:

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION Case Number: FEC 19-264

#### STATE OF FLORIDA County of Osceola

Marcos Marrero, being duly sworn, says:

1.	This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge.
2.	I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am currently
emplo	oyed by Carmona Law P.A. as Legal Assistant
3. the of	Prior to your current campaign, have you ever run for public office? If so, please namfice(s) you ran for and the date(s) of the election(s) you ran in.
No	,
	Have you ever been appointed to act as a campaign treasurer for a candidate? If so, please the candidate(s) you served as treasurer, the office(s) the candidate ran for, and the dates of action(s).
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5. please	Have you ever held the office of chairperson or treasurer for a political committee? If so list the names and addresses of the committees and dates when you held the position.
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Read	Chapter 106
7.	Do you possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes?

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8.	If so, when did you first obtain it? 2015			
9.	Have you read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes?	abla	Yes	☐ No
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11.	If so, when did you first obtain it? 2015			
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18. Please explain why your 2019 M1 campaign report disclosed the two in-kind contributions from you as transpiring on January 19, 2019, rather than January 2 and January 3, 2019, when you made the purchases.		
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19. According to the website, Whols.org, your website was created on December 30, 2018; however, you used your personal funds to make purchases on January 2 and January 3, 2019. Please explain the discrepancy between the dates.		
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I can not make any comment on how long the transanction takes to be processed and		
reflected on the bank statment as I have no knowledge of how Chase does this.		
HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.  Signature of Affiant  Sweam to (or attirmed) and subscribed before me this28 day of		
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Case Investigator: KS		

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То

Marcos Marrero

Marcos Diego Marrero for Osceola County Commission

118 ALcala Drive

Kissimmee, Florida

34758 US

Details

Invoice Status - Closed

Issue Date: Dec 30, 2018

Service ID	Service Name	Bill Period	Billing Cycle	Quantity	Amount
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Coupon discour	nt				- \$114.90
Total					\$114.00

Payment Date	Payment Method	Amount
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Dec 30, 2018	Visa 8753	\$114.00
Total		\$114.00

If you have questions regarding this order please contact us:

Premium support: billing@wix.com

Website:

http://www.wix.com

Phone number:

1-415-639-9034

Address:

PO box 40190 San Francisco, CA United States

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	CAMPAIGN TREASURE	ER'S REPORT SUMMARY
(1) (2) (4)	Marcos Marrero  Name 118 Alcala Drive  Address (number and street)  Kissimmee, FL 34758  City, State, Zip Code  Check here if address has changed  Check appropriate box(es):  Candidate Office Sought: County Commis  Political Committee (PC)	OFFICE USE ONLY ONLINE SUBMISSION [1183620] Submitted on: 2/2/2019 21:32:18 (eastern)  (3) ID Number: 352
	Party Executive Committee (PTY) Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications)	☐ Check here if PTY has disbanded ☐ Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed
	(5) Report	t Identifiers
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(9)	TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date \$,,000	(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date
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1/19/2019	Marrero, Marcos Diego 118 Alcala Drive Kissimmee, FL 34758	Î	candidate	IK	purchase campaign website domain		\$13.9
1/19/2019 / /	Marrero, Marcos Diego 118 Alcala Drive Kissimmee, FL 34758	I.	candidate	IK	design and creation of campaign website		\$114.0
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#### CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES (1) Name Marcos Marrero 352 1/1/2019 1/31/2019 (3) Cover Period (4) Page 1 of 0

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## AFFIDAVIT OF FILING OFFICER Case Number: FEC 19-264

#### STATE OF FLORIDA County of Osceola

#### Mary Jane Arrington, a, being duly sworn, says:

- 1. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge.
- 2. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am currently employed by Osceola County Government as Osceola County Supervisor of Elections.
- 3. Please check each item provided to the candidate, Marcos Marrero, and list the date that the item was provided.

Check	ITEM	DATE
ж	Chapter 106, Florida Statutes	
Ж	Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook Please indicate Year. 2018	
Х	Other:¹DS DE 84 Statement of Candidate, Signed by Candidate	01/08/2019

- 4. Relative to Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook, how are these publications provided to the candidate?
  - Publications are given directly to the candidate.
  - o Publications are available in the office, candidates are advised to pick-up the publications for themselves.
  - Candidates are advised to download copies of the publications from our website or the Division of Elections' website.
  - Other, please explain. Every prospective candidate is given a packet which contains a CD with Chapters 104 and 106 of the Florida Statutes, along with the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook.

EXHIBIT <u>8 (1=2)</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Any local publications relative to the Election laws that may have been provided in lieu of the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* published by the Division of Elections. If your office published the item(s), please send a copy of the item(s) with the affidavit.

5. Does your office have any record of Mr. Marrero having sought elective office within your jurisdiction prior to the 2019 election?  Yes or No. If yes, please list the previous office(s) he ran for, the date(s) of the election(s), and the result(s) of the election(s).
6. Does your office have any record of Mr. Marrero having been named as a chairperson or campaign treasurer of a political committee or electioneering communication organization within your jurisdiction? Yes or No. If yes, please list the name(s) of the committees.
Chairman of the Osceola Libertarian Party 03/11/2016 to present: Treasurer of the Osceola Libertarian Party 06/26/2015 – 03/11/2116 See attached documentation.
7. Have you or any member from your staff had any conversations with Mr. Marrero concerning a provision of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, at any time during his campaign? Yes or No. If yes, please indicate whether the conversation was in person, in writing, or by telephone and the subject matter of the conversation. If applicable, please provide copies documenting the discussion.
I have not, but my staff has had correspondence with Mr. Marrero's Campaign Treasurer. Both Mr. Marrero and his Campaign Treasurer completed the training we offer for on line reporting with their position with the Libertarian Party. This training was provided 07/10/2015. It is my understanding that a refresher class was offered to Mr. Marrero's Campaign Treasurer but he declined
8. If Mr. Marrero has issued a check from his campaign account to your office for any services, please provide a copy of the check.
See attached copy of check
I swear or affirm that the information contained in this document is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
My arington
Signature of Affiant
Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 6th day of June, 2019.
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Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public
Personally Known or Produced Identification
Type of Identification Produced:
Case investigator: KS
EXHIBIT (202)
QUEEN E HOODS
Aff of FO Candidate 4/19)  Aff of FO Candidate 4/19)  EXPIRES April 06, 2021
Aff of FO Candidate 4/19) EXPIRES April 06, 2021



(Section 106.023, F.S.)
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DS-DE 84 (05/11)

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, Marcos Marrero ,
candidate for the office of Osceola County Commission D3
have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
X / Maco January 8th, 2019 Signature of Candidate Date
Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).
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**EXHIBIT** 



#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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

www.fec.state.fl.us; fec@myfloridalegal.com

May 17, 2019

Marcos Marrero 118 Alcala Drive Kissimmee, FL 34758

RE: Case No.: FEC 19-264; Respondent: Marcos Marrero

Dear Mr. Marrero:

On April 26, 2019, 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 106.021(1)(a), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2019 candidate for Osceola County Commissioner, District 3, may have accepted one or more campaign contributions or incurred one or more campaign expenses before appointing a treasurer and designating a campaign depository, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2019 candidate for Osceola County Commissioner, District 3, may have certified one or more campaign treasurer reports were true, correct, and complete when they were not, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2019 candidate for Osceola County Commissioner, District 3, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in one or more campaign treasurer reports, as required by Chapter 106, as alleged in the complaint.

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to you at the above address. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will make a written recommendation (Staff Recommendation or SR) to the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to charge respondent with violating Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You will have an opportunity to respond to both the ROI and the SR. The Commission will then hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violations occurred and, if so, the amount

Marcos Marrero May 17, 2019 Page 2 FEC 19-264

of the fine to be imposed. You and the complainant will receive notice at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you **notify us of a new address**. Also, please remember that complaints, Commission investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, are **confidential** until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause.

For additional information, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Commission's website (www.fec.state.fl.us).

If you have additional questions, please contact Keith Smith, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely

Tim Vaccaro

**Executive Director** 

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## IN THE FLORIDA ELECTION COMMISSION IN AND FOR THE SATE OF FLORIDA

KRISTEN ARRINGTON Petitioner,	
and	
MARCOS MARRERO, Respondent.	

#### RESPONDENT'S WAIVER OF CONFIDENTIALITY

COMES NOW, the Respondent, MARCOS MARRERO, and files this Waiver of Confidentiality.

1. In accordance with F.S. 106.25 (7) RESPONDENT hereby waives his right to confidentiality in the above styled case.

I HEREBY CERTIFY I electronically mailed and delivered via U.S. Mail a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to the Complaint Coordinator, Molly Donavan at <a href="fec@myfloridalegal.com">fec@myfloridalegal.com</a> and 107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224 Collins Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, on this day of May, 2019.

MARCOS MARRERO Marcos@Marrero2020.com

CASE NO.: FEC 19-264

118 Alcala

Kissimmee, Fl 34758 Telephone: 407-552-8182

Respondent

## IN THE FLORIDA ELECTION COMMISSION IN AND FOR THE SATE OF FLORIDA

KRISTEN ARRINGTON Petitioner,

CASE NO.: FEC 19-264

and

MARCOS MARRERO, Respondent.

#### RESPONDENT'S ANSWER TO PETITIONER'S COMPLAINT

Petitioner's Complaint.

- 1. RESPONDENT denies each and every allegation of the Complaint.
- 2. RESPONDENT at no time used any campaign funds to purchase any kind of political advertisement before the filing of form DS-DE9
  - 3. RESPONDENT used his personal funds to secure the domain name. See attached Exhibit A.
  - 4. RESPONDENT used his own time to create and design the web site that Petitioner references.
- 5. RESPONDENT donated his own personal property (the finished website) to the campaign as an in-kind donation. See attached *Exhibit B*.
- 6. RESPONDENT at no time used campaign funds to purchase any advertisement or products from Facebook before the filing of form DS-DE9.
  - 7. RESPONDENT used his personal time to create and design the Facebook page.
- 8. RESPONDENT donated the aforementioned Facebook page to the campaign as a package with the aforementioned website.

#### AFFIRMATIVE DEFENCES

- 1. PETITIONER is the spouse of the of the incumbent that the RESPONDENT is campaigning to replace.
- 2. PETITIONER has incentive for RESPONDENT to be punished or removed from the election entirely.

- 3. PETITIONER would gain from the punishment or removal of the RESPONDENT from the election.
  - 4. PETITIONER is willfully filing multiple complain as to intimidate the RESPONDENT.

WHEREFORE the RESPONDENT respectfully request that this honorable Commission;

- a. Dismiss the Petitioners Complaint and;
- b. Take action against the Petitioner pursuant to Florida State Statute 106.25(8).

copy of the foregoing document to the Complaint Coordinator, Molly Donavan at fec@myfloridalegal.com and 107 W. Gaines Street, Suite 224 Collins Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050, on this day of May, 2019.

MARCOS MARRERO Marcos@Marrero2020.com

118 Alcala

Kissimmee, Fl 34758 Telephone: 407-552-8182

Respondent

# **Exhibit A**



JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. P O Box 182051 Columbus, OH 43218-2051

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Account Numbe

#### **CUSTOMER SERVICE INFORMATION**

 Web site:
 Chase.com

 Service Center:
 1-800-935-9935

 Deaf and Hard of Hearing:
 1-800-242-7383

 Para Espanol:
 1-87.7-312-4273

 International Calls:
 1-713-262-1679



#### We are clarifying the fee for incoming wires

On March 17, 2019, we're updating the document explaining our Additional Banking Services and Fees to clarify that the fee for an incoming wire is \$0 if it is sent from another Chase account with the help of a Chase banker or through chase.com or the Chase Mobile app.

As a reminder, our standard fee to receive a wire is \$15, however, some of our products do not charge this fee.

Please call the number on this statement if you have any questions.

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ATM & Debit Card Withdrawals	
Electronic Withdrawals	
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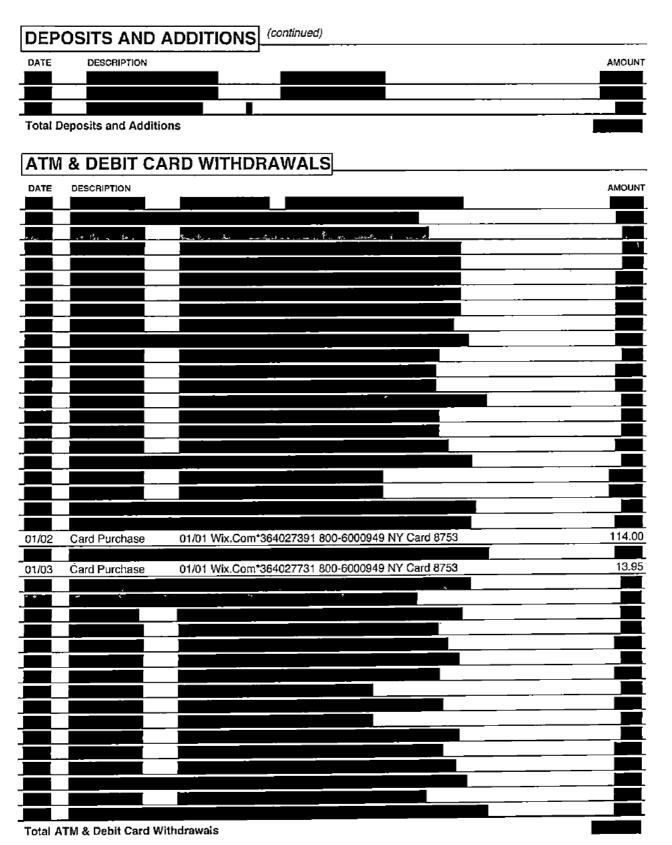
Your Chase College Checking monthly service fee was waived because you had a direct deposit during the statement period.

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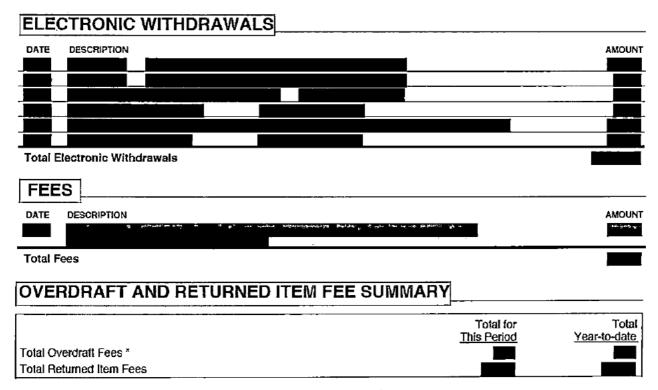
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Total Overdraft Fees includes Insufficient Funds Fees, and Extended Overdraft Fees

IN CASE OF ERRORS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS: Call us at 1-866-564-2262 or write us at the address on the front of this statement (non-personal accounts contact Customer Service) immediately if you think your statement or receipt is incorrect or if you need more information about a transfer listed on the statement or receipt.

For personal accounts only. We must hear from you no later than 60 days after we sent you the FIRST statement on which the problem or error appeared. Be prepared to give us the following information:

Your name and account number
 The dollar amount of the suspected error
 A description of the error or transfer you are unsure of, why you believe it is an error, or why you need more information.

We will investigate your complaint and will correct any error promptly. If we take more than 10 business days for 20 business days for new accounts) to do this, we will credit your account for the amount you think is in error so that you will have use of the money during the time it takes us to complete our investigation.

IN CASE OF ERRORS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT NON-ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS: Contact the bank immediately if your statement is incorrect or if you need more information about any non-electronic transactions (checks or deposits) on this statement. If any such error appears, you must notify the bank in writing no later than 30 days after the statement was made available to you. For more complete details, see the Account Rules and Regulations or other applicable account agreement that governs your account. Deposit products and services are offered by JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Member FDIC



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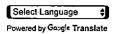




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# **Exhibit B**



## Candidate:

### Office:

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Date		•	Amend		Amount
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Seq#	Contributor	Entity	Occupation	In-Kind Descriptio	n
Date #1	Marcos Diego Marrero 118 Alcala Drive Kissimmee, FL 34758	 Individual	Candidate	Purchase campaign website domain	Amount
1/19/2019				334	\$13.95
#2	Marcos Diego Marrero 118 Alcala Drive	Indivídual	Candidate	Design and creation	
1/19/2019	Kissimmee, FL 34758			of campaign website ৯	\$114.00
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Seq# Date	Institution	Transfer Type		f Account	Amount

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		Campaign Treasurer's F	Report - Distributions	
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Date			Amend	Amount

<sup>\*</sup> Petty cash expenditures are realized when the funds are withdrawn for petty cash. Therefore, the referenced item is not included in the total.

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

#### COMPLAINT

The Commission's records and proceedings in a case are confidential until the Commission rules on probable cause. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the person against whom it is brought.

1.	PERSON BRINGING CO							
	Name: Kristen Arringto	n	V	Vork Phone: (407) 973-4070	C			
	Address: 2315 Indian M	on Mound Trail	+	ome Phone: ()				
	City: Kissimmee			Zip Code: 34746	_			
2.	PERSON AGAINST WHO	OM COMPLAINT IS BRO	UGHT:					
	can be an individual, organization, club, corpo	political committee,	political party, pany, association,	e multiple complaints. A per electioneering communicat or other type of organization	ion			
	Address: 118 Alcala Dri	ve		Phone: () 552-8182	:			
	City: Kissimmee	County: Osceola	State: FL	Zip Code: 34758				
	If individual is a candida	te, list the office or position	on sought: Osce	ola Commission District 3				
	Have you filed this comp	plaint with the State Attor	ney's Office? (ch	eck one) Yes No				
	Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.271(2), F.S.? (check one) Yes 🗸 No							
	Are you alleging a violati	ion of Section 104.2715, F	.S.? (check one)	Yes 🗸 No				
3.	ALLEGED VIOLATION(S)	<b>⊈</b> nah usu i						
	Code that you believe the only to investigate provi	e person named above m	ay have violated. Chapter 106, Flor	rovisions of the Florida Elect The Commission has jurisdict ida Statutes. <u>Please include</u>	ion			

- · The facts and actions that you believe support the violations you allege;
- The names/telephone numbers of persons whom you believe may be witnesses to the facts;
- A copy or picture of any political advertisement(s) you mention in your statement;
- · A copy of each document you mention in your statement;
- An explanation of why you believe information you reference from websites is relevant; and
- Any other evidence supporting your allegations.

#### SEE REVERSE SIDE OF DOCUMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any person who files a complaint while <u>knowing</u> that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes.

FEC Form 1 (5/17) Rules 2B-1.0025 & 2B-1.009, F.A.C.

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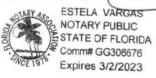
I swear or affirm that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2

\_day of

Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oaths or Notary Public



(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally Known\_\_\_\_\_ Or Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced

#### 5. IMPROPERLY COMPLETED COMPLAINT FORMS MAY BE RETURNED:

- You MUST submit this completed complaint form in order to file a complaint.
- You MUST complete ALL FOUR of the above sections of this form. DO NOT leave any blanks.
- You MUST submit the ORIGINAL complaint form. Copied/faxed/emailed forms are returned.
- Each complaint can only be filed against ONE PERSON or ENTITY. If you wish to file against
  multiple parties, you MUST submit a complaint form for each party you wish to file against.
- DO NOT submit multiple complaint forms with one set of attachments applying to multiple complaints. You MUST attach copies of attachments to each complaint to which they apply.
- MAKE SURE the alleged violation(s) of Chapters 104 or 106 occurred within the last 2 years.
- MAKE SURE your complaint is sworn and there is no defect to the notarization in Section 4.

FEC Form 1 (5/17) Rules 2B-1.0025 & 2B-1.009, F.A.C. Attachment to complaint regarding Marcos Marrero, candidate for Osceola County Commission District 3.

Marcos Marrero, created a Facebook page and paid website prior to filing to run for office and filing form DS-DE 9 with the local Supervisor of Elections office, his paperwork is time stamped from the Supervisor's office for 1/11/19. He either received in-kind donations or spent expenditures prior to filing for office.

To secure a domain name for a website there is cost involved and Mr. Marrero had not filed for office yet. See attachment printed for his website with print date on the bottom right corner from 1/9/19. Also attached aree screenshots of Mr. Marrero's Facebook page with weblinks to his website prior to his filing for office. Additionally, I am including copies of his filing paperwork DS-DE9 time stamped from the Supervisor of elections office as being received on Friday January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Also attached is screenshot from Urban Cow's Facebook page from December 31, 2018 noting they are contracted to handle Marrero's website. Lastly, Please note that his Facebook post from December 30<sup>th</sup> says "Guess who just bought Marrero2020.com THIS GUY! It's still under construction but should be up in the next few days." This is a clear violation as an expenditure by the candidate prior to filing for office.

According to the candidate and treasurer handbook text below, please note highlighted area Mr. Marrero is in violation of:

Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates, is the first document that must be filed with the filing officer to become a candidate. At the same time, the candidate must designate the office for which he or she is running. A candidate can appoint a campaign treasurer and designate a campaign depository at any time, but no later than

the date the candidate qualifies for office, and before any contributions are received, any expenditures are made, and any signatures are obtained on a candidate petition. Nothing prohibits a person from announcing their intention to become a candidate prior to filing Form DS-DE 9, as long as no contributions are received, no expenditures are made, and no signatures are obtained on a candidate petition. Individuals seeking a publically elected position on a political party executive committee are also required to file Form DS-DE 9.

(See Chapter 7, Campaign Treasurers.) Form DS-DE 9 must be filed with the filing officer: • Prior to opening the campaign account.

- Prior to the candidate accepting any contributions or making any expenditures, or authorizing another to accept contributions or make expenditures on the person's behalf.
- Prior to obtaining signatures on a DS-DE 104, Candidate Petition.

Marcos Marrero was campaign manager for 2 candidates for the 2018 election so should be familiar with campaign laws (he has stated this to the press). Additionally, Mr. Marrero had created a

Facebook page for this office sought over a year ago. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ElectMDMarrero/">https://www.facebook.com/ElectMDMarrero/</a> He shared his published paid website on his facebook page account prior to filing as a candidate.







#### The Urban Cow Consulting

December 31, 2018 · 🔇

Looks like the 2020 Campain is starting early Marcos Diego Marrero for Osceola County Commissioner District 3 has contacted us to do all of his marketing. The site is still under construction but we are opening it up so you can check this out as it grows and goes through all its changes. Good luck Mr. Marrero

Marrero2020.com







#### Marcos Marrero For Osceola County Commissioner District 3





# Marrero 2020 Giving Osceola Back

# Osceola County Belongs To you

This is your county, and it needs your help!

High taxes, congested roads, and a lack of high wage jobs: is placing your home at risk.

We need to do something about it before our county is destroyed!

YOU can help by doing your part today and choosing to support a candidate that will work for you and only you.

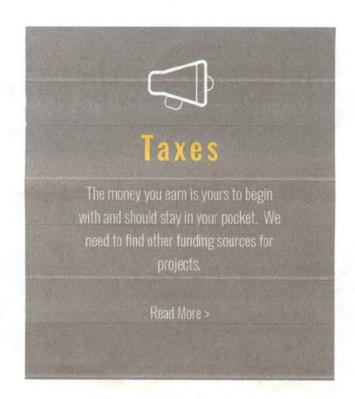




# Traffic

Traffic issues will not be solved by building more roads, but by working on "Traffic Fluidity".

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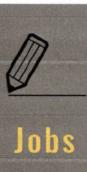
Though I was born in Lawrence my self I have come to call Osceola County home and have spent the majority of my life here. I wouldn't give it up for anything else. I moved here in 2001 with my family. We came to Poinciana and have been here since much of our family later coming down as well. Then we where the only house on the street and have seen Poinciana grow from wilderness to the busy community it is today. I graduated from Valencia with my Associates Degree and attended the University of Central Florida for my Bachelors Degree. I have worked everything from Radio Shack to being a Campaign Manager for a now, City of Kissimmee Commissioner. I currently work at a Kissimmee law firm, but am looking forward to becoming your next Commissioner.



18th

Approved and Paid for by Marcos Marrero, Libertarian for Osceola County Commission District 3.

Created by The Urban Cow 2018



Fast Food and Check Cashing Locations will not pay the bills. We need to attract real jobs for real working families.

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This commission belongs to you! So why should we hide anything from you? Lets let our residents know whats going on.

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# Who's Marcos?

My family is no different from yours. Filled with love, laughter, anger, and pain. Going through many family struggles, like the 2008 economic downturn and subsequent recovery to going through the aging process and dealing with family loss. We have stuck together and worked hard to come up from the "Campo" that we originated from. It was my grandmother's and their siblings that came and settled in Lawrence, Massachusetts working everything from the 60's version of ride-sharing to laundry women to textile workers. Today my family has grown from being agricultural workers in the Dominican Republic, into college-educated professionals and hard working individuals.



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

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

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NOTE: This form must be officer before opening the	
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CHECK APPROPRIATE     Initial Filing of Form	BOX(ES): Re-filing to Chan	ge: 🔲 T	reasurer/	Deputy [	Deposito	ory [	Office Party
Name of Candidate (in Marcos Marrero	this order: First, Middle	, Last)	code	Carried Control of the Control of th	•	ce box or	street, city, state, zip
4. Telephone 5. E-mail address Kissimmee, Florida, 34758							
(407 ) 552-8182							
6. Office sought (include of Osceola County Comm		mber)		7. If a candapplicate	ble:		tisan office, check if as a Write-In candidate.
8. If a candidate for a part	tisan office, check blo	ck and fill	in name	of party as	applicable	: My int	tent is to run as a
☐ Write-In ☐ No F	Party Affiliation	Liberta	arian			Pa	arty candidate.
9. I have appointed the fo	llowing person to act	as my	X Car	mpaign Trea	surer	Depu	ity Treasurer
10. Name of Treasurer or D Larry Allan Schneck							
11. Mailing Address						12. Tele	phone
1836 Ashton Park						( 765	) 444-7713
13. City	14. County	15. Sta	ate 16	Zip Code	17. E-mai	l address	
St. Cloud	Osceola	FL	34	771	Larrysch	neck20	16@gmail.com
18. I have designated the	following bank as my	$\geq$	Prima	ary Depositor	ry 🔲	Seconda	ary Depository
19. Name of Bank			20. Addr	ess			
J.P. Morgan Chase			860 Cy	oress Pkw	у		
21. City	22. County			23. State			24. Zip Code
Kissimmee	Osceola			FL			34758
UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJUR	RY, I DECLARE THAT I HAV GNATION OF CAMPAIGN D	E READ THE	FOREGO	NG FORM FO	R APPOINTM STATED IN IT	ARE TRUE	AMPAIGN TREASURER AND
25. Date			26. Sign	ature of Can	didate	11/	1/
Januray 8th, 2019			X	Vac	cold	1010	Truce
27. Treasure	er's Acceptance of App	ointment	(fill in the	blanks and	check the	appropriat	te block)
1	Larry Allen Schr	neck			. do her	eby accer	ot the appointment
	(Please Print or Type	Name)				,,	
designated above as:	Campaign	0	_	Deputy Tre	esurer.		
January 8th	2019	X to		400	and the	_	
Date		1	Signature	of Campaig	n Treasure	r or Depu	ity Treasurer

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# STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

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#### I. Marcos Marrero

candidate for the office of Osceola County Commission D3

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

Signature of Candidate

January 8th, 2019 Date

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

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