

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Legalize Right Now Committee

Case No.: FEC 16-502

TO: Legalize Right Now Committee
Myron Lieberman, Chair
1602 Alton Road #457
Miami, FL 33139

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **May 17, 2017 at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **Augustus B. Turnbull Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola Street, Room 214, Tallahassee, Florida 32301**

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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See further instructions on the reverse side.

Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
May 1, 2017

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

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**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,**

Case No.: FEC 16-502

v.

**Legalize Right Now Committee,
Respondent.**

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ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 28, 2017, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On January 13, 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 February 10, 2016, Legalize Right Now Committee violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2016 M1 Report.

Count 2:

On or about July 1, 2016, Legalize Right Now Committee violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing

officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2016 P1 Report.

Count 3:

On or about July 8, 2016, Legalize Right Now Committee violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2016 P1A Report.

Count 4:

On or about July 15, 2016, Legalize Right Now Committee violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2016 P2 Report.

Count 5:

On or about August 5, 2016, Legalize Right Now Committee violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2016 P4 Report.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on February 28, 2017.



M. Scott Thomas, Chairman
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Stephanie J. Cunningham, Assistant General Counsel
Legalize Right Now Committee, Respondent
Division of Elections, Complainant

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING

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

the Order of Probable Cause.

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

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

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

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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A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **February 28, 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**

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Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
February 13, 2017

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the referral in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on December 30, 2016, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On September 30, 2016, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections (“Division”), alleging that Legalize Right Now Committee (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
2. Respondent was a political committee registered with the Division. On December 2, 2016, the Division received Respondent’s notice of disbandment.
3. By letter dated December 12, 2016, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provision:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed on those dates because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

- 2016 M1
- 2016 P1
- 2016 P1A
- 2016 P2
- 2016 P4

4. By letter dated September 30, 2015, Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received its Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees forms. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)¹

5. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all of the Division’s publications and reporting forms were available on its website and directed Respondent to print

¹ The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as “ROI.”

out the *Calendar of Reporting Dates* as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 3)

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

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

8. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods, as set forth in the table below. (ROI Exhibit 5)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2016 M1	01/01/16 – 01/31/16	02/10/16	02/11/16	1
2016 P1	06/01/16 – 06/24/16	07/01/16	07/02/16	1
2016 P1A	06/25/16 – 07/01/16	07/08/16	07/22/16	14
2016 P2	07/02/16 – 07/08/16	07/15/16	07/22/16	7
2016 P4	07/23/16 – 07/29/16	08/05/16	08/22/16	17

9. Myron Lieberman, chairperson for Respondent, stated that the committee’s failure to submit notifications of no activity was due to human error. (ROI Exhibit 7, page 1)

10. “Probable Cause” is defined as reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. *Schmitt v. State*, 590 So. 2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reasonable man to reach the conclusion that an offense has been committed. *Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles v. Favino*, 667 So. 2d 305, 309 (Fla. 1st DCA 1995).

11. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a political committee registered with the Division. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods: 2016 M1, 2016 P1, 2016 P1A, 2016 P2, and 2016 P4.

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

Count 1:

On or about February 10, 2016, Legalize Right Now Committee violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2016 M1 Report.

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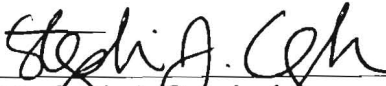
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Count 5:

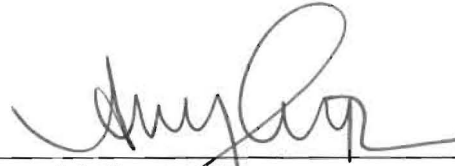
On or about August 5, 2016, Legalize Right Now Committee violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2016 P4 Report.

Respectfully submitted on January 13, 2017.



Stephanie J. Cunningham
Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 13th day of January 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Toman", written over a horizontal line.

Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer

Case Number: FEC 16-502

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

Respondent: Legalize Right Now Committee

Complainant: Division of Elections

Respondent Type:

Candidate

Political Committee

I. Preliminary Information:

1. An appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on September 29, 2015. (Ex. 1)

2. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on Respondent's DS-DE 6 on September 30, 2015 advising Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Political Committee Handbook*, and the Calendar of Reporting Dates. (Ex. 2)

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

4. The *Political Committee Handbook*, discusses filing a waiver when there is no activity to disclose on page 29. (Ex. 3)

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

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

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

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

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
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2016 P4	07/23/16 – 07/29/16	08/05/16	08/22/16	17

8. Respondent's chairman provided a written response to the referral dated October 31, 2016 in which he stated, "we are novices, and the law allows novices to participate in the process. Our law makers should have taken this into consideration when certain rule/laws were initiated in establishing the guidelines for allowing anyone to form a political committee." (Ex. 6)

9. Respondent's chairman was interviewed by telephone on December 19, 2016 in which he stated that the committee filed the waiver of reports late due to "human error." He stated that the government changed the dates the reports were due and the government did not send him notice that the reports were due. (Ex. 7)

III. FEC History:

10. Respondent has no prior cases before the Commission.

Conclusion:

11. Respondent's chairman stated during a telephone interview that he did not read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes and/or the *Political Committee Handbook*. When I questioned him about the acknowledgement letter from the Division of Elections instructing him to download the statutes and Handbook, he responded, "I missed that part [of the letter]." (Ex. 7)

12. The Investigative Phone Log is included with this report. (Ex. 7)

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:

Margie B. Waffle

Date:

12/30/16

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Legalize Right Now Committee -- FEC 16-502

LIST OF EXHIBITS	
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 6
Exhibit 2	Acknowledgement Letter
Exhibit 3	Relevant Pages from the <i>Political Committee Handbook</i>
Exhibit 4	Relevant Pages from the <i>EFS User's Guide</i>
Exhibit 5	Filing History
Exhibit 6	Respondent's Written Response
Exhibit 7	Phone Log

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR
POLITICAL COMMITTEES**
(Sections 106.011(1) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

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CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

OFFICE USE ONLY

Original Appointment of Treasurer Reappointment of Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

1. Committee or Organization Legalize Right Now Committee		2. Telephone (305) 910-8302	
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer Paul Beckford		4. Email (optional) ()	
5. Telephone (optional) ()			
6. Mailing Address 1602 Alton Road #457, Miami Beach, FL 33139			
7. Street Address 1602 Alton Road #457, Miami Beach, FL 33139			
8. The following bank has been designated as the <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Depository			
9. Name of Bank Wells Fargo		10. Street Address 1801 Aton Road	
11. City Miami Beach		12. State FL	13. Zip Code 33139
14. Signature of Chairman <i>X Myron Lieberman</i>		15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type) Myron Lieberman	

Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

I, Paul Beckford, do hereby accept the appointment as
(Please Print or Type)
treasurer or deputy treasurer for Legalize Right Now Committee
(Committee or Organization)

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S
ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED ARE TRUE.

9/23/15 Date *X Paul Beckford* Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

September 30, 2015

Myron Lieberman, Chairperson
Legalize Right Now Committee
1602 Alton Road, 457
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Dear Mr. Lieberman:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Legalize Right Now Committee**, which were placed on file in our office on September 29, 2015. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **October 13, 2015**. The report will cover the period of September 1-30, 2015 (M9). All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains the committee's initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. The chairperson, campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting this password from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using these credentials, unless the Division is notified that your credentials have been compromised.

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>
Identification Number: 64939

EXHIBIT 2 page 1 of 3

Division of Elections

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850.245.6240 • 850.245.6260 (Fax) dos.myflorida.com/elections/

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Pin Numbers

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update information. The enclosed sealed envelope provides a confidential pin number for the chairperson. *By copy of this letter, a confidential pin number to access the EFS was sent to the treasurer.*

Each political committee chairperson is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that the password is forgotten or lost. When you enter the campaign account screen, there will be a drop down box where you pick a question (such as *What is your mother's maiden name?*) and supply an answer. All passwords and answers to questions are stored as encrypted data and cannot be viewed by Division staff and given out over the phone. Please notify the Division if your credentials have been compromised.

Timely Filing

All reports must be completed and filed through the EFS 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, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date is subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Electronic Receipts

The person submitting the report on the EFS will be issued an electronic receipt indicating and verifying the report was filed. Each campaign treasurer's report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath by the chairperson and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

Myron Lieberman, Chairperson
September 30, 2015
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Instructions and Assistance

An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports. The Division of Elections will also provide assistance to all users by contacting the EFS Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, *Political Committee Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/ljr

Enclosures

pc: Paul Beckford, Treasurer



Political Committee Handbook

January 2012

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Division of Elections
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the filing officer within 5 days after the designated due date that was delivered by the U.S. Postal Service is deemed timely filed unless it has a postmark indicating the report was mailed after the designated due date. A certificate of mailing obtained from and dated by the U.S. Postal Service at the time of mailing or a receipt from an established courier company, which bears a date on or before the date on which the report is due; is proof of mailing in a timely manner. **Reports filed with the Division of Elections through the Electronic Filing System (EFS) are due no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date.** (See Chapter 12, *Electronic Filing of Campaign Reports.*)

(Sections 106.07, 106.0705 and 106.141, F.S.)

Penalty for Late Filing

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

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

Waiver of Report

When there has been no activity in the campaign account during a reporting period (no funds expended or received) the filing of the report may be waived by notifying the filing officer in writing that no activity has occurred. This notification must be made on the prescribed reporting date.

(Section 106.07, F.S.)

All waivers filed with the Division of Elections must be filed electronically using the Division's electronic filing system.

(Section 106.0705, F.S.)

Special Election Reports

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

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

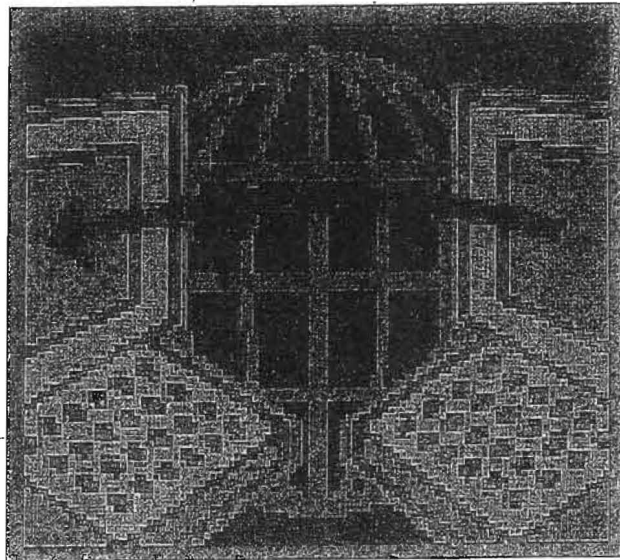
Committees are to include on the special election campaign treasurer's reports **only expenditures related to the special election made by the committee during the special election reporting periods.** All contributions received and all expenditures made not related to the special election during the current quarter should be filed on the next quarterly report. Once a committee has participated in the special election and has filed a special election campaign report, all other special election reports remaining must also be filed by the committee, even if there is no further special election activity.

(Section 106.07(1), F.S.)

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Division of Elections

Political Committee EFS User's Guide



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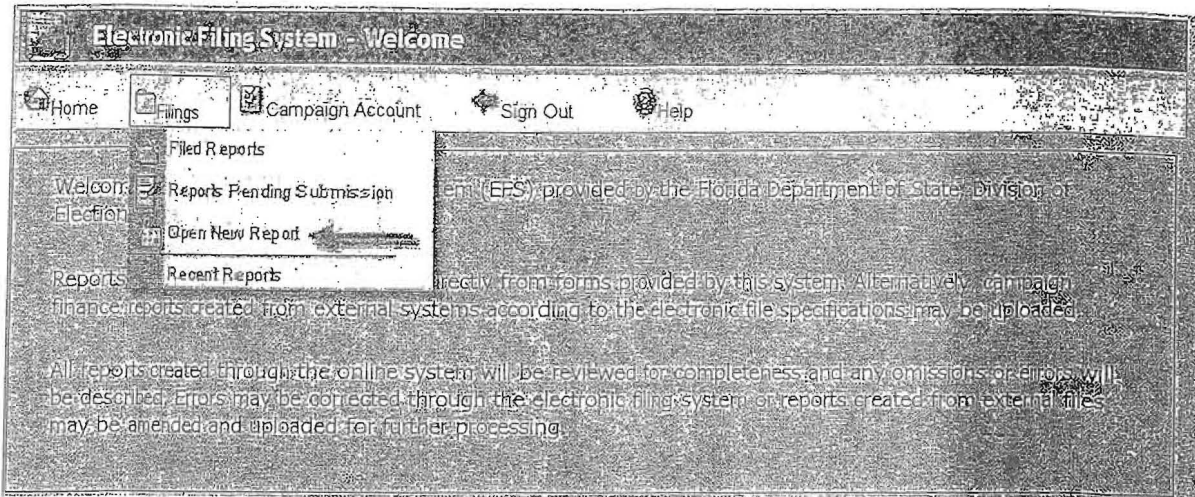
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Create a New Report by Data Entry

From the Welcome screen, click  Filings and then  Open New Report.



Use this form to submit an original report, to submit an amendment to a previously filed report, or to select the report from the Filed Reports listing and then choose the Amend Report option from the Edit menu item.

Coverage Period:
Campaign finance reports itemize financial activity occurring during a specific reporting period. The reporting periods declared by first selecting the reporting year and then the report type. The beginning and ending coverage dates and the filing due date of the report are automatically associated with the *Reporting Year* and *Report Type*.


Election Cycle:

Report type:

Coverage period: Due Date:

Special Election Report Waiver

Uploading a Campaign Finance Report
A Campaign Finance report file meeting the department's specifications may be uploaded at the time a report is entered. Use the Browse button to locate and select the report text or zip file to be uploaded. You may upload the report file in a compressed zip. The zip file must contain only one report file.

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

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

The Cover Period dates will automatically fill in based on the Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates.

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

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

*****NOTE*****

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

A screenshot of a web form for configuring a report. It includes fields for 'Election Cycle' (2010 General Election), 'Report Type' (F2 2010), 'Coverage Period' (7/17/2010 to 7/30/2010), and 'Due Date' (08/06/2010). There are checkboxes for 'Special Election Report' and 'Waiver'.

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

A screenshot of the 'Report Detail' screen. At the top, it shows 'Report: 2010 - G4 - 27 2010 General Election' and 'Covers: 10/16/2010-10/26/2010 Due: 10/29/2010'. Below this are checkboxes for 'Amendments' and 'Waiver', and a 'Complete Status' dropdown set to 'Incomplete Detail Records'. There are also fields for 'File Date', 'Review Status' (Not Reviewed), 'Status' (Data Entry), and 'Last Review'. A row of buttons includes '# of Transactions: 0', 'Review', 'Recalculate', 'Go To File Report', 'Append File', 'Delete Report', and 'Save'. Two tables are shown: 'Contributions' and 'Expenditures', each with a 'Total Amount' column. The 'Contributions' table has rows for 'Cash and Checks', 'Loans', 'Total Monetary', and 'In-Kind', all with values of 0.00. The 'Expenditures' table has rows for 'Monetary', 'Transfers to Off Acct', 'Total Monetary', and 'Other Distributions', all with values of 0.00. At the bottom, there is a 'Review Messages' section and a footer with 'Created: 10/26/2010 11:41:25 AM By: 50552 Revised: 10/26/2010 11:41:25 AM By: 50552'.

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File the Report

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

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

Report: 2010 - F3 - 26 2010 General Election Covers: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010 Due: 8/20/2010

Complete Status: **Complete Detail Records**

File Date: [] Review Status: Reviewed

Status: Data Entry Last Review: 8/19/2010 3:56:42 PM

Transactions: 1 Review Recalculate **Go To File Report** Append File Delete Report Save

Contributions	Total Amount	Expenditures	Total Amount
Cash and Checks:	0.00	Monetary:	51.00
Loans:	0.00	Transfers to Off Acct:	0.00
Total Monetary:	0.00	Total Monetary:	51.00
In-Kind:	0.00	Other Deductions:	0.00

Created: 8/19/2010 2:01:35 PM By: 50552 Reviewed: 8/19/2010 3:56:42 PM 50552

Click on **Go To File Report**

The chairperson enters his or her **PIN**, and then selects **Report Approved**

NOTE: A PIN is the same as your signature attesting to the validity of the report.

Step 1: Enter the candidate/chairperson PIN.

Step 2: Select the 'Report Approved' button.

Report: 2010 - F3 - 26 Coverage Period: 8/7/2010-8/19/2010 Due: 8/20/2010

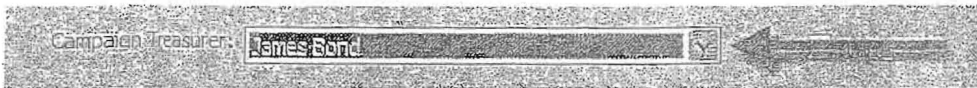
Review Status: Reviewed Original Amended

Waiver

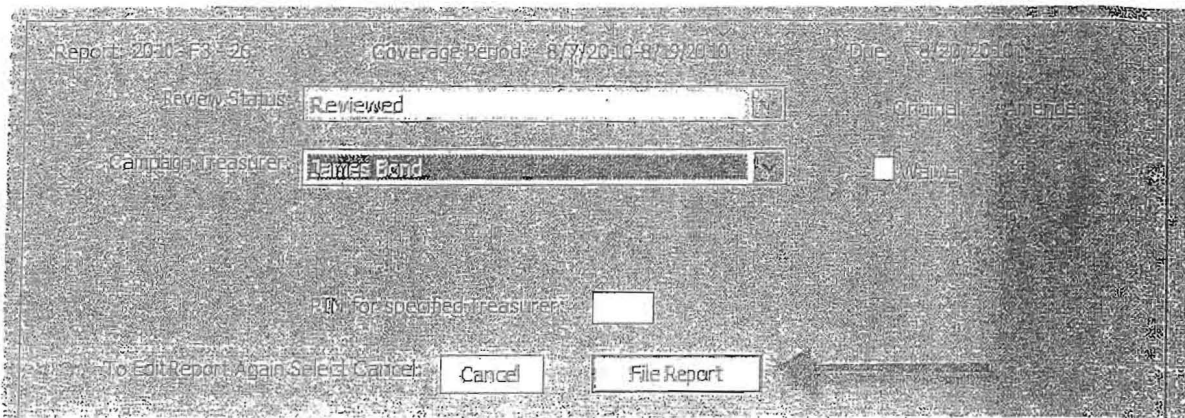
PIN for Candidate/Chairperson: [] **Report Approved**

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



The treasurer enters his PIN and then clicks



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



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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Committee Name: Legalize Right Now Committee

Name:

Account: 64939

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
1/10/2017	M12	12/14/2016						
12/12/2016	M11	12/14/2016						
11/4/2016	D6	11/6/2016	CLO	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/4/2016	G7	11/6/2016	CLO	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/2/2016	D5	11/1/2016						
11/1/2016	D4	11/1/2016						
10/31/2016	D3	10/30/2016						
10/30/2016	D2	10/29/2016						
10/29/2016	D1	10/29/2016						
10/28/2016	G6	10/29/2016	CLO	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/21/2016	G5	10/22/2016	CLO	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/14/2016	G4	10/10/2016						
10/7/2016	G3	10/3/2016						
9/30/2016	G2A	9/24/2016						
9/23/2016	G2	9/17/2016						
9/16/2016	G1A	9/10/2016						
9/9/2016	G1	9/4/2016						
9/2/2016	P7A	9/2/2016						
8/26/2016	P7	8/25/2016						
8/19/2016	P6	8/13/2016						
8/12/2016	P5	8/7/2016						
8/5/2016	P4	8/22/2016	FEC	17	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/29/2016	P3	7/29/2016						
7/22/2016	P2A	7/22/2016						
7/15/2016	P2	7/22/2016	FEC	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/8/2016	P1A	7/22/2016	FEC	14	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/1/2016	P1	7/2/2016	FEC	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/10/2016	M5	6/8/2016						
5/10/2016	M4	5/9/2016						
4/11/2016	M3	4/4/2016						
3/10/2016	M2	3/8/2016						
2/10/2016	M1	2/11/2016	FEC	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
1/11/2016	M12	1/7/2016						
12/10/2015	M11	12/9/2015						
11/10/2015	M10	11/7/2015						
10/13/2015	M9	10/13/2015						

EXHIBIT 5

16-502



Attn; Erin Riley / Certified mail responses for Legalize Right Now.....

Lucky Lieberman

to:

fec@myfloridalegal.com

10/31/2016 10:23 PM

Hide Details

From: Lucky Lieberman <luckyliberman@yahoo.com>

To: "fec@myfloridalegal.com" <fec@myfloridalegal.com>

Please respond to Lucky Lieberman <luckyliberman@yahoo.com>

Dear Ms. Riley,

Thank you explaining the issues in the complaint against Legalize Right Now.

My response is the following; yes it is correct that we filed late reports. Did we do this intentionally? No we did not. Is this a defense, hopefully it is a piece of the puzzle. As a political committee, we are novices, and the law allows novices to participate in the process. Our law makers should have taken this into consideration when certain rules/laws were initiated in establishing the guidelines for allowing anyone to form a political committee.

Putting this aside, there were no explanations for things such as "the waiver" on the filing form. What did the waiver really do for us, and how important was it to be filed on time? If there were instructions, I certainly didn't see any.

The fine for late filings seems to off set the fines, if no money was spent or raised in any filing time period, as I understand the verbiage. Since we formed our committee, we have been in a planning stage, and as I understand it now, we should just go ahead and file the next four months reports, because we are gearing up for 2018, and legalizing recreational cannabis. This way similar issues will not occur again.

If we were fined it would serve no useful purpose for a few reasons. Yes we were late, but on one hand we were advised there would be no fine at this level. So why would a complaint serve a useful purpose when one section of our governing body is o.k. with it and another might look at it as a willful illegal act, when we had no intentions of acting in any illegal capacity.

Maybe this has to be addressed by the Legislature, because it is not serving the best interest of the public, which as we know, is our government.

What would happen to our political committee if we were fined and we had no funds to pay the fine? Are we forced to disband? This certainly would not be good for our political system, and furthermore it would seem similar to debtor's prison, which is illegal in our great country, and for a very good reason.

If we were forced to disband, is there any law that would preclude us from forming a different political committee under a different name.

Respectfully, I am asking that these complaints be set aside, with the understanding that we will be extremely diligent in filing in a timely manner, and this is the most sensible approach for all concerned, and it will save the taxpayers, which we all are,

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some dollars. In closing, I'm some what embarrassed that I put everyone through all this wasted time and energy, and I mean this sincerely.

In any event, have a wonderful day.....

Myron Lieberman, chairman

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
PHONE LOG
Case No.: FEC 16-502

Respondent: Legalize Right Now Committee

Complainant: Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** December 19, 2016 @ 10:30 a.m.

Name: Myron Lieberman, R's chairman

Phone #: 305-910-8302

Summary: I called Mr. Lieberman about the complaint. He stated that the committee has been dissolved. He stated that the committee never received any contributions and did not make any expenditures; therefore, they felt it was useless to continue the committee. He stated that the committee disbanded about 10 days ago. He stated that the committee does not have any money to pay a fine; he added that the committee never had any money. He asked what else did he need to do regarding the complaint. I told him I would speak with the attorney assigned to the case and call him back.

Memo to File? No

Entered by: MBW

2. **Date and time:** December 19, 2016 @ 3:11 p.m.

Name: Myron Lieberman, R's chairman

Phone #: 305-910-8302

Summary: I called Mr. Lieberman back and informed him that the investigation would continue even through the committee disbanded. I explained that once the investigation was completed the case would be heard by the Commission and the Commission would make a probable cause determination and decide whether to levy a fine. He stated that the committee doesn't exist so the case should be closed. I explained that he could work with the attorney to settle the case with a pre-probable cause consent order. He stated the committee has disbanded and there is no money to pay a fine. He added that the committee doesn't have the money to pay the fine and even if they levy the fine against him; he is not paying the fine because he doesn't work for the committee any more. He stated that the attorney can do whatever she feels is necessary.

I asked him to explain why he was late filing the notice that no report would be filed. He stated, "human error." He added that the government changed the dates the reports were due and "didn't tell anybody." He stated that it should be the responsibility of the government to notify the committees of when the reports are due. I explained that there is no statutory mandate that the Division send a notice to the committee chairman. He reiterated that there should be a mandate. He stated, "the government should work for the people." He asked how could he be held responsible for not filing a report when he didn't know the report was due. I explained that the Division publishes a "Calendar of Reporting Dates" that lists the dates when all reports are due. He stated that the Division never gave him a copy of the "Calendar of Reporting Dates." I informed him that the records provided to our office from the Division show a letter was mailed to him on 9/30/15. I read to him the bolded paragraph on page 3 regarding the downloading information from the DOE website. He stated he did not download the information. He stated, "I missed that part."

He asked how can there be a fine when no money was collected. I explained that even though there may not be an automatic fine assess, statute requires that the notice of no report be filed on the date the report is due; therefore, if the duty is not met a potential violation occurs and the statute provides a fine of up to \$1000 per count for any violation of the election laws. He reiterated that he did not think this was fair.

Memo to File? No

Entered by: MBW

3. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Memo to File? No
Entered by:
4. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Memo to File? No
Entered by:
5. **Date and time:**
Name:
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Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Memo to File? No

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Entered by:

9. **Date and time:**

Name:

Phone #:

Summary:

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

10. **Date and time:**

Name:

Phone #:

Summary:

Memo to File? No

Entered by:

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Committee Tracking System

Legalize Right Now Committee

Type:Political Committee

Status:Closed

Address:1602 Alton Road, #457

Miami Beach, FL 33139

Phone:(305)910-8302

Chairperson:Myron Lieberman

Treasurer:Paul Beckford

1602 Alton Road #457

Miami, FL 33139

Registered Agent:Myron Lieberman

1602 Alton Road #457

Miami Beach, FL 33139

Purpose:

Affiliates:

Campaign Finance Activity

Campaign Documents

Legalize Right Now

1602 Alton Road #457

Miami Beach, FL 33139

November 26, 2016

RECEIVED
16 DEC -2 AM 10:40
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
SECRETARY OF STATE

To whom it may concern,

Please be advised that as the Chairman of Legalize Right Now, I am notifying the Department of Elections of our immediate disbandment of our political committee. It is effective as of the date of this letter.

Here are no funds to distribute to charity, and the reason for this is, that we never collected any money on behalf of our political committee.

We want to thank the Department of Elections for all the assistance you have given us in forming Legalize Right Now.

Sincerely,


Myron Leberman, Chairman



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

December 5, 2016

Myron Lieberman, Chairperson
Legalize Right Now Committee (64939)
1602 Alton Road #457
Miami Beach, FL 33139


Dear Mr. Lieberman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your committee's letter informing us of the disbandment of Legalize Right Now Committee as a political committee. This information has been placed on file in our office. Your final report (2016 M12) may be filed at any time but is due no later than **January 10, 2017**. This report must be filed via the Division's Electronic Filing system. If you have no activity to report, you are still required to file a waiver. Should you need to file amendments after the final report has been filed, please contact our office to have your account activated.

If you have any questions, or if we may be of further assistance to you at any time, please do not hesitate to call (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Reid Bronson".

 Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/ia

pc: Paul Beckford, Treasurer



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December 12, 2016

Legalize Right Now Committee
Attn: Myron Lieberman, Chair
1602 Alton Road #457
Miami, FL 33139

RE: Case No.: FEC 16-502; Respondent: Legalize Right Now Committee

Dear Mr. Lieberman:

On September 30, 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 failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed on those dates because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

- 2016 M1
- 2016 P1
- 2016 P1A
- 2016 P2
- 2016 P4

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 **Margie Wade**, the investigator assigned to this case.

Sincerely,



Amy McKeever Toman
Executive Director

AMT/enr

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Attn; Erin Riley / Certified mail responses for Legalize Right Now.....

Lucky Lieberman

to:

fec@myfloridalegal.com

10/31/2016 10:23 PM

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From: Lucky Lieberman <luckyliberman@yahoo.com>

To: "fec@myfloridalegal.com" <fec@myfloridalegal.com>

Please respond to Lucky Lieberman <luckyliberman@yahoo.com>

Dear Ms. Riley,

Thank you explaining the issues in the complaint against Legalize Right Now.

My response is the following; yes it is correct that we filed late reports. Did we do this intentionally? No we did not. Is this a defense, hopefully it is a piece of the puzzle. As a political committee, we are novices, and the law allows novices to participate in the process. Our law makers should have taken this into consideration when certain rules/laws were initiated in establishing the guidelines for allowing anyone to form a political committee.

Putting this aside, there were no explanations for things such as "the waiver" on the filing form. What did the waiver really do for us, and how important was it to be filed on time? If there were instructions, I certainly didn't see any.

The fine for late filings seems to off set the fines, if no money was spent or raised in any filing time period, as I understand the verbiage. Since we formed our committee, we have been in a planning stage, and as I understand it now, we should just go ahead and file the next four months reports, because we are gearing up for 2018, and legalizing recreational cannabis. This way similar issues will not occur again.

If we were fined it would serve no useful purpose for a few reasons. Yes we were late, but on one hand we were advised there would be no fine at this level. So why would a complaint serve a useful purpose when one section of our governing body is o.k. with it and another might look at it as a willful illegal act, when we had no intentions of acting in any illegal capacity.

Maybe this has to be addressed by the Legislature, because it is not serving the best interest of the public, which as we know, is our government.

What would happen to our political committee if we were fined and we had no funds to pay the fine? Are we forced to disband? This certainly would not be good for our political system, and furthermore it would seem similar to debtor's prison, which is illegal in our great country, and for a very good reason.

If we were forced to disband, is there any law that would preclude us from forming a different political committee under a different name.

Respectfully, I am asking that these complaints be set aside, with the understanding that we will be extremely diligent in filing in a timely manner, and this is the most sensible approach for all concerned, and it will save the taxpayers, which we all are,

some dollars. In closing, I'm some what embarrassed that I put everyone through all this wasted time and energy, and I mean this sincerely.

In any event, have a wonderful day.....

Myron Lieberman, chairman

**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
FEC NOTICE FORM**

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2016 SEP 30 P 3: 53

To FEC from Division of Elections

STATE OF FLORIDA

Name: Legalize Right Now Committee
Account Number: 64939
Chairperson: Myron Lieberman
Treasurer: Paul Beckford
Registered Agent: Myron Lieberman

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

2016 M1

2016 P1

2016 P1A

2016 P2

2016 P4

Sent By: Kristi Reid Bronson

Date: August 31, 2016
stb

KRB

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF FLORIDA

County of Leon

Kristi Reid Bronson, being duly sworn, says:


1. I am the Chief of the Bureau of Election Records of the Division of Elections (Division). In that capacity, I oversee the Division's duties related to the filing of campaign finance reports. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge, including information obtained from review of the attached records, of which I am the custodian.
2. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein.
3. Legalize Right Now Committee (64939) is a Political Committee registered with the Division. On September 29, 2015 Legalize Right Now Committee filed the DSDE 5 and 6 with the Division of Elections indicating that Mayron Lieberman was the chairperson and Paul Beckford was the treasurer for the committee. (See attached documents and acknowledgment letter.)
4. The 2016 M1 campaign treasurer's report was due on February 10, 2016. Mr. Beckford failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Beckford filed a notification of no activity on February 11, 2016. (See attached letter and file receipt.)
5. The 2016 P1 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 1, 2016. Mr. Beckford failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Beckford filed a notification of no activity on July 2, 2016. (See attached letter and file receipt.)
6. The 2016 P1A campaign treasurer's report was due on July 8, 2016. Mr. Beckford failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Beckford filed a notification of no activity on July 22, 2016. (See attached letter and file receipt.)
7. The 2016 P2 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 15, 2016. Mr. Beckford failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Beckford filed a notification of no activity on July 22, 2016. (See attached letter and file receipt.)
8. The 2016 P4 campaign treasurer's report was due on August 5, 2016. Mr. Beckford failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. Mr. Beckford filed a notification of no activity on August 22, 2016. (See attached file receipt.)

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 31st day of August, 2016.



Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public Personally Known _____



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 31st day of **August, 2016.**

Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary
Public Personally Known _____

**STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION
OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE**

(PLEASE TYPE)

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1. Full Name of Committee
Legalize Right Now Committee

Telephone
305-910-8302

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)
1602 Alton Road, #457
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)
1602 Alton Road, #457
Miami Beach, FL 33139

2. Affiliated or Connected Organizations (Includes other committees of continuous existence and political committees)

Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization	Mailing Address	Relationship
n/a		

3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee
Florida Constitutional Ballot Initiative and all cannabis issues

4. Nature of Organization or Organization's Special Interest (e.g., medical, legal, education, etc.)

All cannabis issues

5. Identify by Name, Address and Position, the Custodian of Books and Accounts (include treasurer's name)

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
Myron Lieberman	1602 Alton Road #457 Miami Beach, FL 33139	Sponsor, Chairman
Paul Beckford	1602 Alton Road #457 Miami Beach, FL 33139	Treasurer

6. List by Name, Address and Position, Other Principal Officers, Including Officers and Members of the Finance Committee, If Any (include chairman's name)

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
Myron Lieberman	1602 Alton Road #457 Miami Beach, FL 33139	Chairman
Paul Beckford	1602 Alton Road #457 Miami Beach, FL 33139	Treasurer

7. List by Name, Address, Office Sought and Party Affiliation Each Candidate or Other Individual that this Committee is Supporting (if none, please indicate)

Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party
n/a			

8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting: Legalizing all cannabis

List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing: not legalizing all cannabis

9. If this Committee is Supporting the Entire Ticket of a Party, Give Name of Party

n/a

10. In the Event of Dissolution, What Disposition will be Made of Residual Funds?

Given to charity

11. List all Banks, Safety Deposit Boxes, or Other Depositories Used for Committee Funds

Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address
Wells Fargo	1801 Alton Road Miami Beach, FL 33139

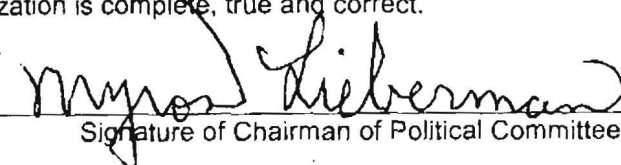
12. List all Reports Required to be Filed by this Committee with Federal Officials and the Names, Addresses and Positions of Such Officials, If Any

Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of Official	Mailing Address
n/a			

STATE OF Florida Miami -Dade COUNTY

I, Myron Lieberman, certify that the information in this Statement of

Organization is complete, true and correct.

X 
Signature of Chairman of Political Committee

9-26-2015
Date

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR
POLITICAL COMMITTEES**
(Sections 106.011(1) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

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CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

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Original Appointment of Treasurer Reappointment of Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

1. Committee or Organization Legalize Right Now Committee		2. Telephone (305) 910-8302	
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer Paul Beckford		4. Email (optional) ()	
5. Telephone (optional) ()			
6. Mailing Address 1602 Alton Road #457, Miami Beach, FL 33139			
7. Street Address 1602 Alton Road #457, Miami Beach, FL 33139			
8. The following bank has been designated as the <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Depository			
9. Name of Bank Wells Fargo		10. Street Address 1801 Aton Road	
11. City Miami Beach		12. State FL	13. Zip Code 33139
14. Signature of Chairman <i>X Myron Lieberman</i>		15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type) Myron Lieberman	

Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

I, Paul Beckford, do hereby accept the appointment as
(Please Print or Type)
treasurer or deputy treasurer for Legalize Right Now Committee
(Committee or Organization)

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S
ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED ARE TRUE.

9/23/15 X *Paul Beckford*
Date Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**REGISTERED AGENT
STATEMENT OF APPOINTMENT**
(Section 106.022, F.S.)

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- Original Appointment Change of Appointment
 Change of Mailing Address Change of Physical Address

Registered Agent and Office Information

Name: Myron Lieberman Telephone: 305-910-8302

Street Address: 1602 Alton Road #457

City: Miami Beach State: FL Zip Code: 33139

Mailing Address: 1602 Alton Road #457

City: Miami Beach State: FL Zip Code: 33139

I accept this appointment and confirm that I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position as set forth in Section 106.022, F.S. I also understand that I may resign this appointment by executing a written statement of resignation and filing it with the applicable filing officer.

Myron Lieberman
Signature of Registered Agent

9-26-2015
Date

Former Registered Agent and Office Information (for changes only)

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Committee or Organization Information

Name of Committee or Organization: Legalize Right Now Committee

Street Address: 1602 Alton Road #457 Telephone: 305-910-8302

City: Miami Beach State: FL Zip Code: 33139

Myron Lieberman
Signature of Chairperson

Myron Lieberman
Printed Name of Chairperson

9-26-2015
Date



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

September 30, 2015

Myron Lieberman, Chairperson
Legalize Right Now Committee
1602 Alton Road, 457
Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Dear Mr. Lieberman:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Legalize Right Now Committee**, which were placed on file in our office on September 29, 2015. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **October 13, 2015**. The report will cover the period of September 1-30, 2015 (M9). All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

Credentials and Sign-ons

Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains the committee's initial password. Once you have logged in using the initial password, you will be immediately prompted to change it to a confidential sign-on. The chairperson, campaign treasurer, and deputy treasurers are responsible for protecting this password from disclosure and are responsible for all filings using these credentials, unless the Division is notified that your credentials have been compromised.

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>
Identification Number: 64939



Myron Lieberman, Chairperson
September 30, 2015
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Pin Numbers

Pin numbers are confidential secure credentials that allow you to submit reports and update information. The enclosed sealed envelope provides a confidential pin number for the chairperson. *By copy of this letter, a confidential pin number to access the EFS was sent to the treasurer.*

Each political committee chairperson is required to provide the Division of Elections with confidential personal information that may be used to allow access in the event that the password is forgotten or lost. When you enter the campaign account screen, there will be a drop down box where you pick a question (such as *What is your mother's maiden name?*) and supply an answer. All passwords and answers to questions are stored as encrypted data and cannot be viewed by Division staff and given out over the phone. Please notify the Division if your credentials have been compromised.

Timely Filing

All reports must be completed and filed through the EFS 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, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date is subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Electronic Receipts

The person submitting the report on the EFS will be issued an electronic receipt indicating and verifying the report was filed. Each campaign treasurer's report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath by the chairperson and campaign treasurer and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

Myron Lieberman, Chairperson
September 30, 2015
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Instructions and Assistance

An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports. The Division of Elections will also provide assistance to all users by contacting the EFS Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, *Political Committee Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRB/ljr

Enclosures

pc: Paul Beckford, Treasurer



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

February 15, 2016

Paul Beckford, Treasurer
Legalize Right Now Committee
1602 Alton Road #457
Miami, FL 33139-3139

PAC 64939

Dear Mr. Beckford:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of February 10, 2016, was not filed until February 11, 2016. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.


However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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

Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Myron Lieberman, Chairperson

 **Treasurer Report Status**

ID: **64939** Name: **Legalize Right Now Committee**

Report: 2016 - M1 - 5

Print Date: **8/31/2016 9:36:30 AM**

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 1/1/2016-1/31/2016

Amended Waiver

Due: 2/10/2016

Filed: **2/11/2016 10:28:41 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **2/11/2016**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 6, 2016

Paul Beckford, Treasurer
Legalize Right Now Committee
1602 Alton Road #457
Miami, FL 33139-3139

PAC 64939

Dear Mr. Beckford:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of July 1, 2016, was not filed until July 2, 2016. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Myron Lieberman, Chairperson

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: **64939** Name: **Legalize Right Now Committee**

Report: 2016 - P1 - 10

Print Date: **8/31/2016 9:37:12 AM**

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 6/1/2016-6/24/2016

Amended Waiver

Due: 7/1/2016

Filed: **7/2/2016 7:52:29 AM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **7/2/2016**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Number of Detail Records

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Ken Detzner
Secretary of State
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 25, 2016

Paul Beckford, Treasurer
Legalize Right Now Committee
1602 Alton Road #457
Miami, FL 33139-3139

PAC 64939

Dear Mr. Beckford:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of July 8, 2016, was not filed until July 22, 2016. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.


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Sincerely,

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

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Myron Lieberman, Chairperson

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: **64939** Name: **Legalize Right Now Committee**

Report: 2016 - P1A - 11

Print Date: **8/31/2016 9:38:32 AM**

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 6/25/2016-7/1/2016

Amended Waiver

Due: 7/8/2016

Filed: **7/22/2016 9:43:32 AM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **7/22/2016**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Number of Detail Records

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Ken Detzner

Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 25, 2016

Paul Beckford, Treasurer
Legalize Right Now Committee
1602 Alton Road #457
Miami, FL 33139-3139

PAC 64939

Dear Mr. Beckford:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of July 15, 2016, was not filed until July 22, 2016. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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Sincerely,

Kristi Reid Bronson, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Myron Lieberman, Chairperson

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: **64939** Name: **Legalize Right Now Committee**

Report: 2016 - P2 - 12

Print Date: **8/31/2016 9:38:52 AM**

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 7/2/2016-7/8/2016

Amended Waiver

Due: 7/15/2016

Filed: **7/22/2016 9:45:14 AM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **7/22/2016**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: **64939** Name: **Legalize Right Now Committee**

Report: 2016 - P4 - 15

Print Date: **8/31/2016 9:40:26 AM**

Election: 2016 General Election

Covers: 7/23/2016-7/29/2016

Amended Waiver

Due: 8/5/2016

Filed: **8/22/2016 10:13:04 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **8/22/2016**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Number of Detail Records

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

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