

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Pinellas County Democratic Executive
Committee, Respondent**

**Case No.: FEC 11-031
F.O. No.: FOFEC 11-172A
Report: 2010 F3**

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FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting held on November 15, 2011, in Tallahassee, Florida.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Commission is charged with enforcing Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the campaign financing law.
2. On the report's due date, the filing officer rejected the Pinellas County Democratic Executive Committee's (Committee) report because the hard copy of the report did not have the Chairman's original signature.
3. The filing officer fined the Respondent \$150 for the late filing of the report. The Committee timely appealed claiming that their report was timely filed.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

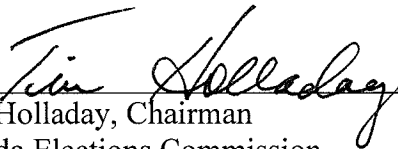
4. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this case, pursuant to Section 106.04, 106.07, or 106.29, Florida Statutes.
5. The filing officer should have accepted the scanned hard copy of the report, and a fine for late filing should not have been imposed.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission finds a fine should not have been imposed against the Committee.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that the original fine assessed against the Committee is **DISMISSED**.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on 11-30, 2011.



Tim Holladay, Chairman
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:

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Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections, Filing Officer