

STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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In Re: FREDA SHERMAN STEVENS, Respondent

Case No.: FEC 10-361
F.O. No.: FOFEC 11-040A
Report: 2009 Q3

FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting held on February 8 & 9, 2011.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Commission is charged with enforcing Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the campaign financing law.
2. The Respondent's campaign treasurer's report was not filed with the filing officer on October 13, 2009, the designated due date.
3. The filing officer fined the Respondent \$50.00 for the late filing of the report. The Respondent timely appealed, claiming unusual circumstances. Respondent claimed that her treasurer did not receive his PIN number in a timely manner.

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 Respondent's claim of unusual circumstances, as defined in Rule 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code, justifies Respondent's failure to file the report timely.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission finds that the Respondent's unusual circumstances justify Respondent's failure to file the report on the designated due date. Therefore, it is

ORDERED that the assessed fine is waived in full.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on this 15TH day of
February, 2011, in Tallahassee, Florida.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jose Luis Rodriguez", written over a horizontal line.

Jose Luis Rodriguez, Vice-Chair
Acting Interim Chair
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:

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