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# STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

v.

Agency Case No.: FEC 14-156 F.O. No.: FOFEC 15-109W

Wenxia Raiti, Respondent.

## **CONSENT ORDER**

Respondent, Wenxia Raiti, and the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) agree that this Consent Order resolves all of the issues between the parties in this case. The parties jointly stipulate to the following facts, conclusions of law, and order.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On January 14, 2015, the staff of the Commission issued a Staff Recommendation, recommending to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
- 2. On February 25, 2015, the Commission entered an Order of Probable Cause finding that there was probable cause to charge the Respondent with the following violation:

# Count 1:

On or about April 28, 2014, Respondent violated Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, when she failed to make timely amendments to National Asian American PAC-Florida, Inc,'s 2014 M2 Report.

- 3. Respondent expressed a desire to enter into negotiations directed toward reaching a consent agreement.
  - 4. Respondent and staff stipulate to the following facts:
    - A. Respondent was treasurer for National Asian American PAC-Florida, Inc (PAC), a political committee currently registered with the Division of Elections.
    - B. During the 2014 election cycle, Respondent timely filed the PAC's 2014 M2 Report on March 7, 2014; however, the report was incomplete.
    - C. After having received two written notices and an email reminder from the Division, Respondent filed the PAC's amended 2014 M2 Report on July 21, 2014, more than 80 days after it was due.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 5. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this cause, pursuant to Section 106.26, Florida Statutes.
- 6. The Commission staff and the Respondent stipulate that although the violations charged in the Order of Probable Cause may not have been knowingly committed; all elements of the violations can be proven by clear and convincing evidence.
- 7. Respondent neither admits nor denies that he violated Section 106.143(6), Florida Statutes.

#### **ORDER**

- 8. Respondent and the staff of the Commission have entered into this Consent Order voluntarily and upon advice of counsel.
- 9. Respondent shall bear his own attorney's fees and costs that are in anyway associated with this case.
  - 10. The Commission will consider the Consent Order at its next available meeting.
- 11. Respondent voluntarily waives the right to any further proceedings under Chapters 104, 106, and 120, Florida Statutes, and the right to appeal the Consent Order.

- 12. This Consent Order is enforceable under Sections 106.265 and 120.69, Florida Statutes. Respondent expressly waives any venue privileges and agrees that if enforcement of this Consent Order is necessary, venue shall be in Leon County, Florida, and Respondent shall be responsible for all fees and costs associated with enforcement.
- 13. If the Commission does not receive the signed Consent Order and the penalty by May 1, 2015, the staff withdraws this offer of settlement and will proceed with the case.
- 14. Payment of the civil penalty by cashier's check, or money order, good for at least 120 days, or attorney trust account check, is a condition precedent to the Commission's consideration of the Consent Order.

#### **PENALTY**

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission finds that the Respondent has violated the following provision of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and imposes the following fine:

A. Respondent has violated Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, for failing to make timely amendments to National Asian American PAC-Florida, Inc.'s 2014 M2 Report. Respondent is fined \$50.00 for the violation.

Therefore it is

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall remit to the Commission a civil penalty in the amount of \$50.00, inclusive of fees and costs. The civil penalty shall be paid cashier's check or money order, good for at least 120 days, or attorney trust account check. The civil penalty shall be payable to the Florida Elections Commission, 107 West Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-1050.

Respondent hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Consent Order on Wenxia Raiti 224 Bowles Street Neptune Beach, FL 32266 Commission staff hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Consent Order on Jaakan A. Williams Assistant General Counsel Florida Elections Commission 107 West Gaines Street The Collins Building, Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050 Approved by the Florida Elections Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting held on May 20 – 21, 2015, in Tallahassee, Florida. Florida Elections Commission Copies furnished to: Jaakan A. Williams, Assistant General Counsel

Wenxia Raiti, Respondent, as Treasurer Division of Elections, Complainant

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REMITTER: Wenxia 2 Raiti

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