

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC**

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**Case No.: FEC 22-302**

**TO:** Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC  
Alix Desulme, Chiar  
12794 West Dixie Highway  
North Miami, FL 33161

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING (IH))**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on **February 7, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.**, *or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard*, at the following location: **402 South Monroe Street, 12 HOB, 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  
January 19, 2024

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STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission,  
Petitioner,

Case No.: FEC 22-302

v.

Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC,  
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 November 15, 2023, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On June 12, 2023, 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 July 15, 2022, Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC 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 2022 P2A Report.

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**Count 2:**

On or about July 22, 2022, Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC 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 2022 P3 Report.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on November 15, 2023.



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Tim Vaccaro, J.D., Executive Director  
*For* Chad Mizelle, Chairman  
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:  
Stephanie J. Cunningham, General Counsel  
Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC, 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.

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC**

**Case No.: FEC 22-302**

**TO:** Alix Desulme, Chair  
12794 West Dixie Highway  
North Miami, FL 33161-3161

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION (PCD))**

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***Tim Vaccaro***

Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
October 31, 2023

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# Florida Elections Commission

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September 6, 2023

Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC  
Alix Desulme, Chair  
12794 West Dixie Highway  
North Miami, FL 33161

**RE: Case No.: FEC 22-302; Respondent: Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC**

Dear Mr. Desulme:

The Florida Elections Commission at its August 15, 2023, virtual meeting was unable to hear this case. Therefore, this case has been rescheduled for its next meeting, which is scheduled for November 14-15, 2023, in Tallahassee. A notice of hearing indicating the exact date and time will be mailed approximately 14 days before the hearing.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the number listed above or at [fec@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:fec@myfloridalegal.com).

Sincerely,

*Tim Vaccaro*

Executive Director

TV/dm

cc: Division of Elections, Complainant



**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

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North Miami, FL 33161

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

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Register in advance for this meeting via Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYudumrjgoGNJ2UhnWkz6Q8JF6AOXxKwdP>

**After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.**

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Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
August 1, 2023

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Haitian American Votes of Florida  
PAC**

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**Case No.: FEC 22-302**

**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 March 8, 2023, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On September 7, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections (“Division” or “Complainant”), alleging that Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. (ROI Exhibit 2)<sup>1</sup>

3. By letter dated October 11, 2022, 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, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

- 2022 P1A
- 2022 P2
- 2022 P2A
- 2022 P3

4. By letter dated July 8, 2022, Donna S. Brown, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent’s chairperson and treasurer a letter acknowledging that the Division had received its Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees form. (ROI Exhibit 3)

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<sup>1</sup> The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as “ROI.”

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

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 4, page 2) 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 5, page 2)

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 6, page 1)

| <b>Report</b> | <b>Report Cover Period</b> | <b>Date Notification Due</b> | <b>Date Notification Filed</b> | <b>No. of Days Late</b> |
|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2022 P1A      | 6/18/22– 6/24/22           | 7/1/22                       | 7/29/22                        | 28                      |
| 2022 P2       | 6/25/22– 7/1/22            | 7/8/22                       | 7/29/22                        | 21                      |
| 2022 P2A      | 7/2/22– 7/8/22             | 7/15/22                      | 7/29/22                        | 14                      |
| 2022 P3       | 7/9/22– 7/15/22            | 7/22/22                      | 7/29/22                        | 7                       |

9. Aland Pierre-Canel, treasurer for Respondent, stated that the notices were untimely because he was unaware that the campaign depository was open and that the “clock for turning in reports had already started.” (ROI Exhibit 7)

10. The Division’s records show that on July 8, 2022, it acknowledged the committee’s organization and informed the committee that its first campaign treasurer’s report would be due on July 15, 2022, for the 2022 P2A reporting period. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1) Therefore, it does not appear that Respondent willfully failed to perform an act required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, with regard to the 2022 P1A and 2022 P2 reporting periods.

11. “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).

12. The facts set forth above show that Respondent is 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 2022 P2A and 2022 P3 reporting periods. It does not appear that Respondent willfully failed to perform an act required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, with regard to the 2022 P1A and 2022 P2 reporting periods.

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

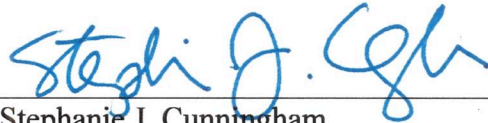
**Count 1:**

On or about July 15, 2022, Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC 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 2022 P2A Report.

**Count 2:**

On or about July 22, 2022, Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC 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 2022 P3 Report.

Respectfully submitted on June 12, 2023.



Stephanie J. Cunningham  
General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.



Tim Vaccaro  
Executive Director

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer**

**Case Number: FEC 22-302**

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

**Respondent:** Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC

**Respondent's Atty:** N/A

**Division of Elections (Division)**

**Referral Filed:** September 7, 2022

**Respondent Type:** Political Committee

**I. Preliminary Information:**

1. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division.

2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on July 7, 2022. Aland Pierre-Canel was appointed as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 6, refer to Exhibit 1.

3. Respondent filed a Statement of Organization on June 22, 2022. To review the Statement of Organization, refer to Exhibit 2.

4. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on the DS-DE 6 on July 8, 2022, advising Respondent that all political committees filing reports with the Division are required to file by means of the Division's electronic filing system (EFS). Respondent was provided with a user identification number and initial password allowing access to the EFS.

5. The acknowledgement letter also advised 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*. The letter further advised that it was Respondent's responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. To review the acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 3.

6. The *Political Committee Handbook* discusses filing a waiver when there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant page of the *Handbook*, refer to Exhibit 4.

7. The *Political Committee Guide* discusses how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, the *Handbook* instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant pages from the *EFS User's Guide*, refer to Exhibit 5.

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

8. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by not timely notifying the filing officer, in writing, that no report(s) would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making expenditures during the following reporting period(s). To review Respondent's filing history reflecting the untimely filed notifications summarized below, refer to Exhibit 6.

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| Report   | Report Cover Period | Date Notification Due | Date Notification Filed | No. of Days Late |
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| 2022 P2  | 6/25/22– 7/1/22     | 7/8/22                | 7/29/22                 | 21               |
| 2022 P2A | 7/2/22– 7/8/22      | 7/15/22               | 7/29/22                 | 14               |
| 2022 P3  | 7/9/22– 7/15/22     | 7/22/22               | 7/29/22                 | 7                |

9. Respondent did not respond to the referral.

10. On March 2, 2023, I called Respondent’s Treasurer, Aland Pierre-Canel, for the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the referral. He stated that he has previously served as a treasurer in the past. He explained that the waivers at issue were untimely filed due to him not being aware that the depository had opened. He stated that they were all filed when he learned that the “clock for turning in reports had already started when the depository was opened.” To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 7.

11. In the Division’s acknowledgment letter, which is dated after the due date for the 2022 P1A and on the due date of the 2022 P2, Respondent was informed that the first report due was the 2022 P2A. According to the Division’s filing history, Respondent’s first report due was the 2022 P1A. To review the acknowledgment letter, refer to Exhibit 3. To review the filing history, refer to Exhibit 6.

**SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:**



**Date:** March 8, 2023

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION  
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION  
Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC -- FEC 22-302**

| <b>LIST OF EXHIBITS</b> |  |
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| <b>Exhibits #s</b>      | <b>Description of Exhibits</b>                               |
| Exhibit 1               | DS-DE 6 Form   |
| Exhibit 2               | Statement of Organization                                    |
| Exhibit 3               | Acknowledgement Letter                                       |
| Exhibit 4               | Relevant pages from the Political Committee Handbook         |
| Exhibit 5               | Relevant pages from the Political Committee EFS User's Guide |
| Exhibit 6               | Filing History   |
| Exhibit 7               | Phone Log  |
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**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER  
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN  
DEPOSITORY FOR  
POLITICAL COMMITTEES**  
(Sections 106.011(2) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

**CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:**

Initial Filing for:  Primary Treasurer  Deputy Treasurer

Re-filing to Change:  Primary Treasurer  Deputy Treasurer  Primary/Secondary Depository

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

|   |  |   |                       |
|---|--|---|-----------------------|
| 1. Committee<br>Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC   |  | 2. Telephone<br>(305 ) 892-8565   |                       |
| 3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer<br><b>Aland Pierre-Canel</b>   |  | 4. Email (optional)   |                       |
| 5. Telephone (optional)<br>(305 ) 892-8565  |  | 6. Mailing Address<br>12794 West Dixie Hwy, North Miami, FL 33161   |                       |
| 7. Street Address<br>12794 West Dixie Hwy, North Miami, FL 33161  |  | 8. The following bank has been designated as the <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Depository |                       |
| 9. Name of Bank<br>Bank of America  |  | 10. Street Address<br>990 NE 125 Street   |                       |
| 11. City<br>North Miami   |  | 12. State<br>Florida  | 13. Zip Code<br>33161 |
| 14. Signature of Chairman<br><b>X</b>  |  | 15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type)<br>Alix Desulme  |                       |


**Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment**

I, **Aland Pierre-Canel**, do hereby accept the appointment as  
(Please Print or Type)  
 treasurer or deputy treasurer for **Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC**  
(Committee)

**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.**

**June 28, 2022**

Date

**X**   
 Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION  
OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE**

(PLEASE TYPE)

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

**1. Full Name of Committee**

Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC

Telephone

305-892-8565

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)

12794 West Dixie Hwy, North Miami, FL 33161

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)

12794 West Dixie Hwy, North Miami, FL 33161

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

| Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization | Mailing Address | Relationship |
|--|-----------------|--------------|
| None   |                 |              |

**3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee**

To support or oppose statewide, local, multi-county candidates and/or issues, political parties, or as otherwise permitted by law.

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

Civic

**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 |
|--------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Alix Desulme       | 12794 West Dixie Hwy, North Miami, FL 33161 | Chairperson                 |
| Aland Pierre-Canel | 12794 West Dixie Hwy, North Miami, FL 33161 | 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 |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Alix Desulme       | 12794 West Dixie Hwy, North Miami, FL<br>33161 | Chairperson                 |
| Aland Pierre-Canel | 12794 West Dixie Hwy, North Miami, FL<br>33161 | 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 |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------|
| To Be Determined |                 |               |       |

**8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting: To Be Determined**

List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing: To Be Determined

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

**10. In the Event of Dissolution, What Disposition will be Made of Residual Funds?**  
Return to contributors or Donated to a 501C3 organization

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

| Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number | Mailing Address                                  |
|---|--|
| Bank Of America                             | 990 NE125th Street<br>North Miami, Florida 33161 |

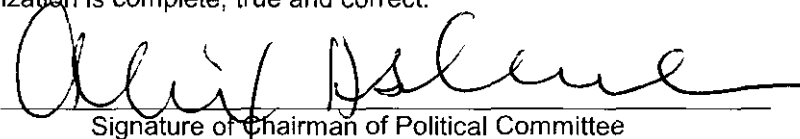
**12. List all Reports Required to be Filed by this Committee with Federal Officials and the Names, Addresses and Positions of Such Officials, If Any**

| Report Title | Dates Required to be Filed | Name & Position of Official | Mailing Address |
|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| N/A          |                            |                             |                 |

STATE OF Florida Miami-Dade COUNTY

I, Alix Desulme, certify that the information in this Statement of

Organization is complete, true and correct.

**X**   
Signature of Chairman of Political Committee

June 10, 2022  
Date



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

**RON DESANTIS**  
Governor

**CORD BYRD**  
Secretary of State

July 8, 2022

Alix Desulme, Chairperson  
Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC  
12794 West Dixie Highway  
North Miami, FL 33161

Dear Ms. Desulme:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC**, which were placed on file in our office on June 22, 2022. 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 **July 15, 2022**. The report will cover the period of July 2-8, 2022 (2022 P2A). 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).

### EFS Access

Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. Enclosed are the committee's confidential, filing credentials.

**EFS Website Address:** <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>  
**Identification Number:** 83427

### 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

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Alix Desulme, Chairperson  
July 8, 2022  
Page Two

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 three days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late 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 for each late 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.

### **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 <https://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,



Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

DSB/bct

Enclosures

pc: Aland Pierre-Canel, Treasurer

# Political Committee Handbook

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Division of Elections  
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500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250  
850.245.6280



(Rev. 9/27/2019)

Any political committee required to file reports with a filing officer other than the Division must file reports on the 60<sup>th</sup> day immediately preceding the primary election and bi-weekly on each Friday thereafter through and including the 4<sup>th</sup> day immediately preceding the general election, with additional reports due on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> days before the primary election and the general election.

Unless the electronic filing requirements of Section [106.0705](#), Florida Statutes, apply, reports shall be filed no later than 5 p.m. of the day designated. A report postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight of the day designated is deemed timely filed. A report received by the filing officer within five 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 through the [Electronic Filing System \(EFS\)](#) are due no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date.

*(Sections [106.07](#), [106.0705](#), and [106.141](#), Fla. Stat.;  
[Chapter 11: Electronic Filing of Campaign Reports](#))*

### 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\(8\)](#), Fla. Stat.)*

### Notice of No Activity

When there has been no reportable activity in the campaign account during a reporting period (no funds expended or received) the filing of the report is waived. However, the political committee **must notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.** (A notice of no activity filed with the Division must be filed electronically using the [EFS](#).) The next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed.

*(Sections [106.07\(7\)](#) and [106.0705](#), Fla. Stat.)*

**Department of State  
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# **Political Committee EFS User's Guide**



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**EFS HELP LINE: 850-245-6280**

**January 2011**

Rule 1S-2.017, F.A.C.

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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**.

Election Cycle: 2010 General Election  
Report Type: F2 2010  
Coverage Period: 7/17/2010 7/30/2010 Due Date: 08/06/2010  
 Special Election Report  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.

Report: 2010 - G4 - 27 2010 General Election Covers: 10/16/2010-10/28/2010 Due: 10/29/2010  
 Amendment  Waiver Complete Status: Incomplete Detail Records  
File Date: Review Status: Not Reviewed  
Status: Data Entry Last Review:  
# of Transactions: 0      

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

Review Messages

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## Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

### Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

**Committee Name:** Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC

Name:

**Account:** 83427

Election:

Acct:

Type:

| Date Due   | Type | Date Filed | Status | Days Late | Fine Assessed | Appealed | Amount Fined | Amount Paid |
|------------|------|------------|--------|-----------|---------------|----------|--------------|-------------|
| 2/10/2023  | M1   | 2/11/2023  | CLO    | 1         | \$0.00        |          | \$0.00       | \$0.00      |
| 1/10/2023  | M12  | 2/11/2023  | PEN    | 32        | \$0.00        |          | \$0.00       | \$0.00      |
| 12/12/2022 | M11  | 12/12/2022 |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 11/4/2022  | G6   | 11/4/2022  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 11/3/2022  | D6   | 11/3/2022  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 11/2/2022  | D5   | 11/2/2022  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 11/1/2022  | D4   | 11/2/2022  | PEN    | 1         | \$0.00        |          | \$0.00       | \$0.00      |
| 10/31/2022 | D3   | 11/2/2022  | PEN    | 2         | \$0.00        |          | \$0.00       | \$0.00      |
| 10/30/2022 | D2   | 11/2/2022  | PEN    | 3         | \$0.00        |          | \$0.00       | \$0.00      |
| 10/29/2022 | D1   | 10/29/2022 |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 10/28/2022 | G5   | 10/28/2022 |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 10/21/2022 | G4A  | 10/21/2022 |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 10/14/2022 | G4   | 10/14/2022 |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 10/7/2022  | G3A  | 10/14/2022 | CLO    | 7         | \$0.00        |          | \$0.00       | \$0.00      |
| 10/7/2022  | G3   | 10/7/2022  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 9/23/2022  | G2A  | 9/23/2022  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 9/16/2022  | G2   | 9/16/2022  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 9/9/2022   | G1A  | 9/8/2022   |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 9/2/2022   | G1   | 9/2/2022   |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 8/26/2022  | P7A  | 8/19/2022  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 8/19/2022  | P7   | 8/19/2022  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 8/12/2022  | P6   | 8/12/2022  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 8/5/2022   | P5   | 8/5/2022   |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 7/29/2022  | P4   | 7/29/2022  |        |           |               |          |              |             |
| 7/22/2022  | P3   | 7/29/2022  | CLO    | 7         | \$0.00        |          | \$0.00       | \$0.00      |
| 7/15/2022  | P2A  | 7/29/2022  | CLO    | 14        | \$0.00        |          | \$0.00       | \$0.00      |
| 7/8/2022   | P2   | 7/29/2022  | CLO    | 21        | \$0.00        |          | \$0.00       | \$0.00      |
| 7/1/2022   | P1A  | 7/29/2022  | CLO    | 28        | \$0.00        |          | \$0.00       | \$0.00      |



**Florida Department of State  
Division of Elections**

**Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC**

**Campaign Finance Activity**

**Note:** The information presented below was obtained from the Committee's/Candidate's Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with the Division of Elections. [About the Campaign Finance Data Base.](#) If all contributions for a reporting period are less than 1 dollar Then they may not be displayed.

|   | Filing Period           | Contributions |       |        | Expend | Other | Transfers |
|---|-------------------------|---------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-----------|
|   |                         | Monetary      | Loans | InKind |        |       |           |
| W | 06/18/2022 - 06/24/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 06/25/2022 - 07/01/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 07/02/2022 - 07/08/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 07/09/2022 - 07/15/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 07/16/2022 - 07/22/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 07/23/2022 - 07/29/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 07/30/2022 - 08/05/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 08/06/2022 - 08/18/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 08/19/2022 - 08/19/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 08/20/2022 - 08/26/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 08/27/2022 - 09/02/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 09/03/2022 - 09/09/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 09/10/2022 - 09/16/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 09/17/2022 - 09/23/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 09/24/2022 - 09/30/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 10/01/2022 - 10/07/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 10/08/2022 - 10/14/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 10/15/2022 - 10/21/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 10/22/2022 - 10/28/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 10/29/2022 - 10/29/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 10/30/2022 - 10/30/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 10/31/2022 - 10/31/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |
| W | 11/01/2022 - 11/01/2022 | 0.00          | 0.00  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00  | 0.00      |

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| W                                | 11/02/2022 - 11/02/2022   | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| W                                | 10/22/2022 - 11/03/2022   | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| W                                | 11/04/2022 - 11/30/2022   | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| W                                | 12/01/2022 - 12/31/2022   | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| W                                | 01/01/2023 - 01/31/2023   | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
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Note: (E) indicates that report was filed electronically

X Indicates that detail has not been released

W Indicates that a waiver was filed and L Indicates that a loan report was filed

Select Detail Type

Contributions ▼

Select Sort Order

Date(Ascending) ▼

Select Output Type

Display On Screen ▼

Submit Query Now

[Query the Campaign Finance Data Base](#)

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**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION  
PHONE LOG  
Case No.: FEC 22-302**

**Respondent: Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC**

**Complainant: DOE**

1. **Date and time:** March 2, 2023 @ 9:20 am  
**Name:** Aland Pierre-Canel—Treasurer  
**Phone #:** (305) 892-8965  
**Summary:** I had telephone contact to inquire about complaint allegations. Mr. Pierre-Canel verified his contact information. He stated that he had received correspondence from the FEC. He stated that he served as the treasurer in the past/present. He stated that the reports were untimely filed because they were the initial reports due and he was not aware that the depository had opened. He stated that the reports were all filed when he learned that the “clock for turning in reports had already started when the depository was opened”.  
**Entered by:** CKO
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**Name:**  
**Phone #:**  
**Summary:**  
**Entered by:**
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**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION  
PHONE LOG  
Case No.: FEC 22-302**

**Respondent: Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC**

**Complainant: DOE**

1. **Date and time:** March 2, 2023 @ 9:20 am  
**Name:** Aland Pierre-Canel—Treasurer  
**Phone #:** (305) 892-8965  
**Summary:** I had telephone contact to inquire about complaint allegations. Mr. Pierre-Canel verified his contact information. He stated that he had received correspondence from the FEC. He stated that he served as the treasurer in the past/present. He stated that the reports were untimely filed because they were the initial reports due and he was not aware that the depository had opened. He stated that the reports were all filed when he learned that the “clock for turning in reports had already started when the depository was opened”.  
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**Entered by:**



# Florida Elections Commission

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October 11, 2022

Alix Desulme, Chair  
Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC  
12794 West Dixie Highway  
North Miami, FL 33161-3161

**RE: Case No.: FEC 22-302; Respondent: Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC**

Dear Mr. Desulme:

On September 7, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging your committee 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 violation(s):

**Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:** As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

- 2022 P1A
- 2022 P2
- 2022 P2A
- 2022 P3

However, prior to an investigation, you have the option to **resolve your case now by** signing a minor violation consent order and **paying a fine of \$200**, per Rule 2B-1.003, Florida Administrative Code, **rather than the potential \$1,000 per violation** provided for in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes.

If you sign the consent order, **you would not be required to admit or deny the allegation(s)** in the complaint, but you would be required to immediately correct the violation, if feasible.

The signed consent order would then be considered by the Commission at its next available meeting and would constitute final action by the Commission once it is accepted and approved by the Commission. You and the Complainant will receive notice at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Alix Desulme  
October 11, 2022  
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**Please contact Todd Smith-Schoenwalder by phone at (850) 922-4539, by email at Todd.Smith-Schoenwalder@myfloridalegal.com,** or at the address listed above, to accept this minor violation consent order.

If you choose not to resolve this case by consent order, an investigation will be conducted, the Commission will hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violation(s) occurred and, if so, the amount of fine to be imposed upon your committee.

**Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you notify us of a new address.**

For additional information, please refer to the “Frequently Asked Questions” section on the Commission’s website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Vaccaro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Tim Vaccaro  
Executive Director

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**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
FEC NOTICE FORM**

To FEC from Division of Elections

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**Name:** Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC  
**Account Number:** 83427  
**Chairperson:** Alix Desulme  
**Treasurer:** Aland Pierre-Canel  
**Registered Agent:** Alix Desulme

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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 notify the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date as required by section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, for the following reports:

2022 P1A

2022 P2

2022 P2A

2022 P3

- Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC (83427) is a political committee registered with the Division of Elections. On June 22, 2022, the committee filed the DSDE 5 and DSDE 6 with the Division appointing Alix Desulme as the chairperson and Aland Pierre-Canel as the treasurer for the committee.
- The 2022 P1A campaign treasurer's report was due on July 1, 2022. Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On July 29, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2022 P2 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 8, 2022. Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On July 29, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt and letter.)

- The 2022 P2A campaign treasurer's report was due on July 15, 2022. Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On July 29, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2022 P3 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 22, 2022. Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On July 29, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt and letter.)

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**Sent By:** Donna S. Brown *DSB*  
**Date:** September 2, 2022

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**Treasurer Report Status**

ID: **83427**      Name: **Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC**

Report: 2022 - P1A - 1

Print Date: **8/18/2022 11:34:22 AM**

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 6/18/2022-6/24/2022

Amended     Waiver

Due: 7/1/2022

Filed: **7/29/2022 9:44:26 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **7/29/2022**

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

**Cord Byrd**

Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 19, 2022

Alix Desulme, Chairperson  
Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC  
12794 West Dixie Highway  
North Miami, FL 33161-3161

PAC 83427

Dear Ms. Desulme:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was July 1, 2022.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report:
  - \$50 per day for the first 3 days late
  - \$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late
  - If the required report immediately precedes a primary and general election, the automatic fine is \$500 for each late day.

The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period. Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines. We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission.

- If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Aland Pierre-Canel, Treasurer

**Treasurer Report Status**

**ID: 83427**      **Name: Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC**

Report: 2022 - P2 - 2

Print Date: **8/18/2022 11:34:46 AM**

Election: 2022 **General** Election

Covers: 6/25/2022-7/1/2022

Amended     Waiver

Due: 7/8/2022

Filed: **7/29/2022 9:45:43 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **7/29/2022**

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

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



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PAC 83427

Dear Ms. Desulme:

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Sincerely,

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Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Aland Pierre-Canel, Treasurer

 **Treasurer Report Status**

**ID: 83427**      **Name: Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC**

**Report: 2022 - P2A - 3**

**Print Date: 8/18/2022 11:34:33 AM**

**Election: 2022 General Election**

**Covers: 7/2/2022-7/8/2022**

Amended     Waiver

**Due: 7/15/2022**

**Filed: 7/29/2022 9:46:39 PM**

**File Status: Filed Report**

**Reviewed: 7/29/2022**

**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'



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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 19, 2022

Alix Desulme, Chairperson  
Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC  
12794 West Dixie Highway  
North Miami, FL 33161-3161

PAC 83427

Dear Ms. Desulme:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was July 15, 2022.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

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Bureau of Election Records

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**Treasurer Report Status**

**ID: 83427**      **Name: Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC**

**Report: 2022 - P3 - 4**

**Print Date: 8/18/2022 11:33:56 AM**

**Election: 2022 General Election**

**Covers: 7/9/2022-7/15/2022**

**Due: 7/22/2022**

Amended     Waiver

**Filed: 7/29/2022 9:48:08 PM**

**File Status: Filed Report**

**Reviewed: 7/29/2022**

**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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Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 26, 2022

Alix Desulme, Chairperson  
Haitian American Votes of Florida PAC  
12794 West Dixie Highway  
North Miami, FL 33161-3161

PAC 83427

Dear Ms. Desulme:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was July 22, 2022.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

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