

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Conservative Party of Florida

Case No.: FEC 24-275

TO: Keith C. Westbrooke, Chair
9200 NW 39th, Suite 130 # 17
Gainesville, FL 32606

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (REVIEW OF INTENT TO CANCEL REGISTRATION)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **June 23, 2025 at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, via Zoom, at the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86504722298?pwd=ysJgh3XhXvJnTepZhKKfbbHZIGk252.1> and entering the **Meeting ID: 865 0472 2298 and Passcode: 885875.**

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.

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, which governs your participation as follows:

If you are the Respondent, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission. However, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless you request to be heard or the Commission requests that your case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, your case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are the Complainant, you may attend the hearing, but you will *not* be permitted to address the Commission. In addition, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless the Respondent requests to be heard or the Commission requests that the case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, the case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are an Appellant, and you have requested a hearing, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission.

Please be advised that both confidential and public cases are scheduled to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission on this date. As an Appellant, Respondent or Complainant in one case, you will *not* be permitted to attend the hearings on other confidential cases.

The Commission will electronically record the meeting. Although the Commission's recording is considered the official record of the hearing, the Respondent may provide, at his own expense, a certified court reporter to also record the hearing.

If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Ann Malphurs at (850) 922-4539 or by mail at 107 West Gaines Street, The Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at least 5 days before the hearing.

See further instructions on the reverse side.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
May 30, 2025

Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

If this is a hearing to consider **an appeal from an automatic fine**, the Filing Officer has imposed a fine on you for your failure to file a campaign treasurer's report on the designated due date and, by filing an appeal, you have asked the Commission to consider either (1) that the report was in fact timely filed; or (2) that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure to file the report timely. You are required to prove your case. If the Commission finds that the report was filed timely or that there were unusual circumstances that excused the failure, it may waive the fine, in whole or in part. The Commission may reduce a fine after considering the factors in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes. If the Commission finds that the report was not timely filed and there were no unusual circumstances, the fine will be upheld.

If this is a hearing to consider **an appeal of an intent to revoke a registration**, of a Political Committee, Electioneering Communications Organization, or a Political Party, the Division of Elections has issued you a notice of intent, citing the reasons for which it intends to cancel your registration. By filing the appeal, you have asked the Commission to recommend that the Division's Notice of Intent be set aside. You are required to explain why you believe your registration should not be cancelled. Based upon the information you present, the Commission will issue a recommended order to the Division, in which it will either recommend that the Notice of Intent be set aside, or that the cancellation be upheld.



Florida Department of State Division of Elections

Conservative Party of Florida

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	12/15/2022 - 12/31/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2023 - 06/30/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/01/2023 - 09/30/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/01/2023 - 12/31/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2024 - 03/31/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2024 - 08/15/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/16/2024 - 10/31/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	11/01/2024 - 12/31/2024	298.52	0.00	662.50	870.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2025 - 03/31/2025	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	All Dates (Totals)	298.52	0.00	662.50	870.00	0.00	0.00

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

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Florida Department of State
Division of Elections

Campaign Contributions

Conservative Party of Florida

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Rpt Yr	Rpt Type	Date	Amount	Contributor Name	Address	City State Zip	Occupation	Typ	InKind	Desc
2024	Q4	11/04/2024	18.75	FLYNN DERMOT	564 VIA GENOVA	DEERFIELD BEACH, FL 33442		CAS		
2024	Q4	11/06/2024	96.02	NATALE MATTHEW	32801 US HIGHWAY 441 N	OKEECHOBEE, FL		CHE		CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONA
2024	Q4	11/06/2024	77.50	CONSERVATIVE PARTY USA O/O SAM	333 LEE DRIVE A306	BATON ROUGE, LA 70808		CHE		
2024	Q4	11/07/2024	18.75	WESTBROOK KEITH	11328 NW 33RD AVENUE	GAINESVILLE, FL 32606		CAS		
2024	Q4	11/07/2024	50.00	GALLO MILLIE	333 LEE DRIVE A306	BATON ROUGE, LA 70808	RETIRED RN	CAS		
2024	Q4	11/12/2024	18.75	SANTIAGO JASON	2140 SE 19TH AVENUE	HOMESTEAD, FL 33035		CAS		
2024	Q4	11/26/2024	18.75	MCFAIL MARK	1813 CAMP FLORIDA RD	BRANDON, FL 33510		CAS		
2024	Q4	12/03/2024	180.00	WESTBROOK KEITH	11328 NW 33RD AVENUE	GAINESVILLE, FL 32606	LICENS. FL 215 INSUR	INK		PAYMENT FOR MAILBOX
2024	Q4	12/20/2024	232.50	FLORIDA CONSERVATIVE PARTY	9200 NW 39TH. AVE STE. 130 #17	GAINESVILLE, FL 32606		INK		TRANSFER FROM ESCROW
2024	Q4	12/27/2024	250.00	SANTIAGO JASON	2140 SE 19TH AVENUE	HOMESTEAD, FL 33035	CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACC	INK		ACCOUNTING SERVICES

			961.02							

10 Contribution(s) Selected

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Florida Department of State
Division of Elections

Campaign Expenditures

Conservative Party of Florida

This information is being provided as a convenience to the public, has been processed by the Division of Elections and should be cross referenced with the original report on file with the Division of Elections in case of questions.
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Rpt Yr	Rpt Type	Date	Amount	Expense Paid To	Address	City State Zip	Purpose	Typ Reimb
2024	Q4	11/09/2024	310.00	WASHINGTON MARKETING GROUP	5155 37TH STREET NORTH	ARLINGTON, VA 22207	E-MAIL ADVERTISING AND MARKETING	MON
2024	Q4	12/03/2024	180.00	MAILBOXES AND MORE	9200 NW 39TH AVENUE, SUITE 130	GAINESVILLE, FL 32606	ANNUAL MAILBOX RENTAL	MON
2024	Q4	12/27/2024	250.00	JASON R. SANTIAGO, CPA PA	2140 SE 19TH AVENUE	HOMESTEAD, FL 33035	ACCOUNTING SERVICES	MON
2024	Q4	12/31/2024	130.00	CONSERVATIVE PARTY USA	333 LEE DRIVE A306	BATON ROUGE, FL 70808	NATIONAL AFFILIATION DUES	MON
			870.00					

4 Expenditure(s) Selected

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TO: Dr. Keith C. Westbrooke, Chair
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Gainesville, FL 32606

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

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING (APPEAL OF REVO: REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF
APPEAL OF REVOCATION)**

You are hereby notified that the previously scheduled hearing for February 26 and 27, 2025, is cancelled. It is anticipated that your case will be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting, on a date to be determined. A Notice of Hearing will be mailed approximately 14 days prior to the new hearing date.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
February 24, 2025

Date: February 24, 2025

To: Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission

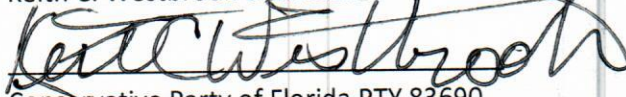
Mr. Vaccaro, This letter is to officially request that **Case No: FEC 24-275** be summarily dismissed by your office for the following reasons.

1. The violation of Florida election regulation Rule: 1S-2-050 was corrected immediately upon notification and satisfied according Florida State Election Law: 103.121(2)
2. The office of Bureau of Elections Records Donna S. Brown (Chief) accepted the amended audit filing which was received by her assigned subordinate Mr. Malcom Chellman who confirmed the receipt of the amended audit.
3. You have personally reviewed this document which they have in their records and have had since June 2024.
4. The Office of the Bureau of Records under the direct supervision of Donna S. Brown (Chief) has willfully and wantonly violated the state laws and regulations in an obvious display of animus and outright vitriol for this party from our first attempts at becoming a registered minor party here in the state.
 - a. From our being approved after resubmission of requested documents that previously required weeks of review to being approved overnight to require the party to file a first year financial audit after being a recognized minor for 15 days.
 - b. The original letter from her office (July 3rd. 2024) on Rule 1S violation did not arrive from her office until August 20th. 2024 and the letter gave the party a 30 day window to request the hearing you are now trying to conduct.
 - c. Every direct written communication from her office has carried a threat to our being fined for violations for supposed late Florida State statutes for violation of state filing laws including a late filing of one week.

I can continue this but in the most recent communications by that department Ms. Brown no longer appears to be in charge, which I am hoping indicates her tenure has been terminated.

After our telephone conversations and our email communications and the documents provided to you Mr. Vaccaro and the fact that we are in good standing and just resolved our latest requirements with the Fl. EFS quarterly and annual filing requirements and that no one wants to deny the almost 40,000 Floridians that are now registered with the Conservative Party of Florida their right to choose.

Keith C. Westbrook Chairman



Conservative Party of Florida PTY 83690

9200 Nw. 39th. Ave. Suite 130 #17

Gainesville, Fl. 32606

Donna Malphurs

From: Timothy Vaccaro
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 11:01 AM
To: Stephanie Cunningham
Cc: Donna Malphurs
Subject: FW: Conservative Party of Florida (PTY83690) 2024 Financial Report
Attachments: Conservative Party of Florida 12-31-2024 (PBC).pdf

Please see attached.

Thanks,

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street
The Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050
(850) 922-4539

From: Keith C. Westbrook <keithwestbrookcpusa@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 10:56 AM
To: Timothy Vaccaro <Timothy.Vaccaro@myfloridalegal.com>
Cc: Jason Santiago <JRSantiago@aol.com>; Sam Gallo <samgallo@gfusa.net>
Subject: Conservative Party of Florida (PTY83690) 2024 Financial Report

This Message Is From an Untrusted Sender

You have not previously corresponded with this sender.

Timothy,
Thank you again for your assistance in this matter and here is the requested 2024 filing information that shows continued modest financial activity.

In Liberty,

Keith C. Westbrook
Chmn. Conservative Party of Florida
Pres. National Party
9200 NW. 39th. Ave. Suite 130 #17
Gainesville, Fl. 32606
352-327-1151
fax:352-505-9906
<http://home.conservativepartyusa.org/>
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<https://fl.cp-usa.com/>



Keith Westbrook
National President

CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF FLORIDA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024

**CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF FLORIDA
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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**CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024**

ASSETS

Escrow - Conservative Party USA	\$ 272
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 272
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$ -
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Total Liabilities	-
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NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	272
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Total Net Assets	272
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 272
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	Unrestricted	Total
Support and revenue:		
Contributions	\$ 961	\$ 961
Total support and revenue	961	961
Expenses:		
General and administrative expenses	870	870
Total expenses	870	870
Change in net assets:	91	91
Net assets at beginning of year	181	181
Net assets at end of year	\$ 272	\$ 272

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Cash flows from operating activities:

Change in net assets	\$ 91
Decrease in accounts payable	<u>(130)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>(39)</u>
Net decrease in cash	(39)
Cash at beginning of year	<u>311</u>
Cash at end of year	<u>\$ 272</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF FLORIDA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

NOTE 1 – NATURE OF BUSINESS

Organization

The Conservative Party of Florida is a not-for-profit organization responsible for discharging all Conservative Party affairs within the State of Florida in accordance with the Florida Statutes and programs of the Party consisting of creating, printing, and distribution of literature regarding the Conservative Party of Florida. The Conservative Party of Florida is a state affiliate of Conservative Party USA. The Conservative Party of Florida is headquartered in Gainesville, Florida.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles accepted in the United States of America.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist primarily of accounts held by Conservative Party USA in a domestic bank and a PayPal account. The funds of The Conservative Party of Florida are recorded as an escrow account until the party establishes its own banking accounts. There was no federal funding and therefore no need for a separate account for restricted funds.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs will be allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. During the year, the party only had general and administrative expenses, therefore there was no allocation for the year and all expenses were unrestricted.

In-kind Contributions

The value of in-kind contributions are not included in the financial statements.

NOTE 2 (continued)

Contributions

All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as temporarily restricted support that increases that net asset class. When a temporary restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement activities as net assets released from restrictions. Prior temporary restrictions were fulfilled. There were no temporary restricted contributions received during the year.

Income Taxes

The Conservative Party of Florida is a political party and is not subject to federal income tax.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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**NOTICE OF HEARING (APPEAL OF REVO: REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL OF
REVOCATION)**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **February 26, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **412 Knott Building, Pat Thomas Committee Room, 404 South Monroe Street, 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.

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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If you are an Appellant, and you have requested a hearing, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission.

Please be advised that both confidential and public cases are scheduled to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission on this date. As an Appellant, Respondent or Complainant in one case, you will *not* be permitted to attend the hearings on other confidential cases.

The Commission will electronically record the meeting. Although the Commission's recording is considered the official record of the hearing, the Respondent may provide, at his own expense, a certified court reporter to also record the hearing.

If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Ann Malphurs at (850) 922-4539 or by mail at 107 West Gaines Street, The Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at least 5 days before the hearing.

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
February 5, 2025

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If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order before a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed and become public. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the case will remain confidential, unless confidentiality has been waived.

If this is a hearing to consider a **consent order after a determination of probable cause has been made**, the Commission will decide whether to accept or reject the consent order. If the Commission accepts the consent order, the case will be closed. If the Commission rejects the consent order or does not make a decision to accept or deny the consent order, the Respondent will be entitled to another hearing to determine if the Respondent committed the violation(s) alleged.

If this is a **probable cause hearing**, the Commission will decide if there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent committed a violation of Florida's election laws. Respondent should be prepared to explain how the staff in its recommendation incorrectly applied the law to the facts of the case. *Respondent may not testify, call others to testify, or introduce any documentary or other evidence at the probable cause hearing.* The Commission will only decide whether Respondent should be *charged* with a violation and, before the Commission determines whether a violation has occurred or a fine should be imposed, Respondent will have an opportunity for another hearing at which evidence may be introduced.

If this is an **informal hearing**, it will be conducted pursuant Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes; Chapter 28 and Commission Rule 2B-1.004, Florida Administrative Code. At the hearing, the Commission will decide whether the Respondent committed the violation(s) charged in the Order of Probable Cause. The Respondent will be permitted to testify. However, the Respondent may not call witnesses to testify.

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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2024 AUG 20 PM 2:45

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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August 20, 2024

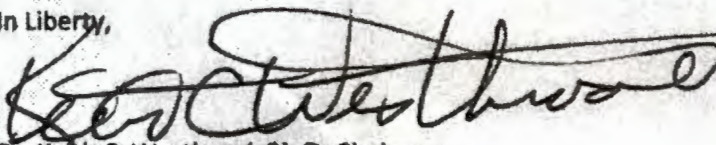
Donna S. Brown Chief,
Bureau of Election Records
Florida Division of Elections
R.A. Gray Bldg. Ste. 316, 500 S. Bronough
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Ms. Brown,

The Conservative Party of Florida (83690) is hereby and to wit formally **OBJECTING** to our cancellation as a minor political party in the state of Florida. I am formally requesting a hearing on this matter immediately! As well as the opportunity to present supporting documentation substantiating that our party has been the target of discrimination and outright hostility by the D.O.E. as well as witnesses that will support our claim that this division of the state government and servant to Floridians has intentionally with forethought sought to remove this party from the roles of available minor parties in Florida. The latest being the letter I received notifying us of this action dated July 3rd 2024 and postmarked July 10th 2024 and arriving at the party mail box on August 16th 2024, that it was intentionally delayed by your organization, for obvious reasons. The party mailbox provider will provide an affidavit to the date of arrival.

I await your response.

In Liberty,

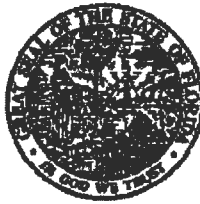


Dr. Keith C. Westbrook Ph.D. Chairman
Conservative Party of Florida (83690)
9200 NW. 39th Ave. Suite 130 #17
Gainesville FL 32606

11/05/24

The party still has
not report / financial
activity for CY 2023.

(This was originally Malcolm
IO's to FEC 8/20/24)



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RON DESANTIS
Governor

CORD BYRD
Secretary of State

May 17, 2024

Keith C. Westbrook, Chairperson
Conservative Party of Florida (83690)
9200 Northwest 39th, Suite 130 #17
Gainesville, Florida 32606

RE: INITIAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL

Dear Mr. Westbrook:

Pursuant to Rule 1S-2.050, Florida Administrative Code, you are hereby notified of the Division's intent to cancel your political party's registration based on the following:

The political party's aggregate reported financial activity during the 2023 calendar year was \$500 or less.

If you object to this cancellation, you must provide documentation showing that the party's registration and approved status as a political party should not be canceled. Documentation must be provided within 30 days of the date of this letter to Department of State, Division of Elections, Bureau of Election Records, The R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250.

If you have any questions, please call Malcolm Chellman (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna S. Brown" followed by a horizontal line.

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

DSB/asr

Division of Elections
R.A. Gray Building, Suite 316 • 500 South Bronough Street • Tallahassee, Florida 32399
850.245.6240 • 850.245.6260 (Fax) • [DOS.MyFlorida.com/elections](https://dos.mylouisiana.com/elections)



1S-2.050 Cancellation of Political Party Filings.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Division" means the Division of Elections.

(b) "Most recent address on file" means, as applicable, the last address provided to the filing officer for the party's chairperson or other officer as contained in any written filing or statement of change to a filing.

(c) "Party" means, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise in this rule, any political party, to include a minor political party.

(2) Cancellation. The division may cancel the filings by a party, to include its registration and approved status as a party, when:

(a) The party fails to have any voters registered as party members;

(b) The party fails to file campaign finance reports for more than 6 months;

(c) The party fails to comply with the annual public audit requirements of Section 103.121(2), F.S.;

(d) The party's aggregate reported contributions and expenditures reported pursuant to Chapter 106, F.S., during the calendar year, other than the calendar year in which the party was organized, are \$500 or less;

(e) The party fails to maintain a public website;

(f) The minor political party fails to file with the division the name and address of any replacement officer within 5 days after the death, resignation or removal of a party's officer;

(g) The minor political party fails to file with the division changes to its filing certificate within 5 days after such change; or

(h) The minor political party fails to adopt and file with the division the governing documents containing the provisions specified in Section 103.095(2), F.S.

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July 3, 2024

Keith C. Westbrook, Chairperson
Conservative Party of Florida (83690)
9200 Northwest 39th Suite 130 #17
Gainesville, Florida 32606

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If you have any questions, please call (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

DSB/asr

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1S-2.050 Cancellation of Political Party Filings.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Division" means the Division of Elections.

(b) "Most recent address on file" means, as applicable, the last address provided to the filing officer for the party's chairperson or other officer as contained in any written filing or statement of change to a filing.

(c) "Party" means, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise in this rule, any political party, to include a minor political party.

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(a) The party fails to have any voters registered as party members;

(b) The party fails to file campaign finance reports for more than 6 months;

(c) The party fails to comply with the annual public audit requirements of Section 103.121(2), F.S.;

(d) The party's aggregate reported contributions and expenditures reported pursuant to Chapter 106, F.S., during the calendar year, other than the calendar year in which the party was organized, are \$500 or less;

(e) The party fails to maintain a public website;

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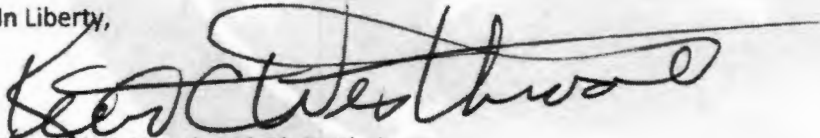
Donna S. Brown Chief,
Bureau of Election Records
Florida Division of Elections
R.A. Gray Bldg. Ste. 316, 500 S. Bronough
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Ms. Brown,

The Conservative Party of Florida (83690) is hereby and to wit formally **OBJECTING** to our cancellation as a minor political party in the state of Florida. I am formally requesting a hearing on this matter immediately! As well as the opportunity to present supporting documentation substantiating that our party has been the target of discrimination and outright hostility by the D.O.E. as well as witnesses that will support our claim that this division of the state government and servant to Floridians has intentionally with forethought sought to remove this party from the roles of available minor parties in Florida. The latest being the letter I received notifying us of this action dated July 3rd 2024 and postmarked July 10th 2024 and arriving at the party mail box on August 16th 2024., that it was intentionally delayed by your organization, for obvious reasons. The party mailbox provider will provide an affidavit to the date of arrival.

I await your response.

In Liberty,



Dr. Keith C. Westbrook Ph.D. Chairman
Conservative Party of Florida (83690)
9200 NW. 39th Ave. Suite 130 #17
Gainesville FL 32606



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May 17, 2024

Keith C. Westbrook, Chairperson
Conservative Party of Florida (83690)
9200 Northwest 39th, Suite 130 #17
Gainesville, Florida 32606

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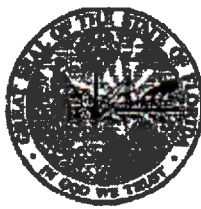
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Committee Tracking System

Conservative Party of Florida

Type:Party Executive Committee

Status:Active

Address:9200 Northwest 39th
Suite 130 #17
Gainesville, FL 32606

Phone:(352)327-1151
(352)327-1151

Website:www.conservativepartyfl.org

Chairperson:Keith C. Westbrook

Treasurer:Jason R. Santiago
2140 Southeast 19th Avenue
Homestead, FL 33035

Registered Agent:None

Purpose:

Affiliates:

Campaign Finance Activity

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Name: conservative party

Party Name: Conservative Party of Florida**Account:** 83690

Election:

Acct: 83690

Type: Party

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Conservative Party of Florida

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.

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W	04/01/2023 - 06/30/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/01/2023 - 09/30/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/01/2023 - 12/31/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2024 - 03/31/2024	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

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Forms are available in Adobe's Acrobat PDF format for viewing or printing at your site. Accessing documents in PDF format requires use of [Adobe's Acrobat Reader](#), which may be installed free of charge.

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Conservative Party of Florida	PTY	05/31/24	Party Annual Audit	PDF
Conservative Party of Florida	PTY	05/17/24	Notice of Intent to Revoke	PDF
Conservative Party of Florida	PTY	05/14/24	Miscellaneous	PDF
Conservative Party of Florida	PTY	04/01/24	Party Annual Audit	PDF
Conservative Party of Florida	PTY	04/01/24	Party Annual Audit	PDF
Conservative Party of Florida	PTY	02/01/24	Miscellaneous	PDF
Conservative Party of Florida	PTY	01/10/24	Late Report Letter	PDF
Conservative Party of Florida	PTY	07/11/23	Fail to File Letter	PDF
Conservative Party of Florida	PTY	03/31/23	Party Annual Audit	PDF
Conservative Party of Florida	PTY	12/16/22	Acknowledgment Letter	PDF
Conservative Party of Florida	PTY	12/06/22	Party Rules/Bylaws/Charter	PDF
Conservative Party of Florida	PTY	09/26/22	Response to Inc App	PDF
Conservative Party of Florida	PTY	03/10/22	Party Symbol Information.	PDF



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Laurel M. Lee
Secretary of State of Florida
Florida Division of Elections; Dept. of State
R.A. Gray Bldg. Room 316
500 S. Bronough St.
Tallahassee, Fl., 32399-0250

Madame Secretary,

I the Chairman of the Conservative Party of Florida do hereby certify the following:

1. The name of the party is the Conservative Party of Florida/ Florida Conservative Party / Conservative Party Florida.
2. The current officers of the party with the Party mailing address of: 9200 NW. 39th. Avenue, Suite 130 #17, Gainesville Fl., 32606
(Please Note the Secretary / Treasurer fills the roles of Secretary/ Treasurer)
3. Keith C. Westbrook Chair (11328 NW. 33rd Ave., Gainesville, Fl. 32606)
4. Brain F. McElroy Vice Chair (241 SE 920th. St., Old Town, Fl. 32680)
5. Jason R. Santiago Secretary/Treasurer (2140 SE. 19th. Ave., Homestead, Fl. 33035)
6. Completed voter registration forms for the Officers /Committee Members have been submitted with the attached paperwork.
7. The By-Laws of the Conservative Party of Florida (constituting the whole of the Party's By-Laws Constitution, Rules and or Regulations) is also attached.

The timely confirmation of the receipt and the approval of the attached request for the addition of the Conservative Party of Florida to the minor party political roster here in Florida would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Keith C. Westbrook
Chairman Conservative Party of Florida
(352) 327-1151
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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
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BY-LAWS of the CONSERVATIVE PARTY of FLORIDA: 01/06/2022

ARTICLE I AFFILIATION

1. The Conservative Party of Florida ("CPOFL"), hereinafter described as "Party," is the recognized Florida State affiliate of the Conservative Party USA.
2. The Conservative Party of Florida's platform is in philosophical alignment with the national party. The Positions, Planks and Platforms of the Conservative Party USA shall be adopted as the states with provisions being provided for state and local issues that directly affect the party, brought forth by the chair and voted on by party members.

ARTICLE II OFFICES

The principal address of the Party in State shall be 9200 NW 39th. Ave., Suite 130 #17, Gainesville, FL, 32606. The Party may have such other offices, either within or without the State, as the Party Members may designate or as the business of the Party may require.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Registered Member: Any voter registered in the state of Florida, who has completed a voter registration application indicating the Conservative of Florida, may be a member of CPOFL.

1. Only Registered Members shall be counted for delegate apportionment and representation of the Party.
2. Only Registered Members may vote on Party affairs and shall be eligible to hold executive committee office in the Conservative Party of Florida.
3. Each Registered member of the Conservative Party of Florida has the right to participate in Party business and affairs without monetary requirements.

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. The business and affairs of the Party shall be managed by its Executive Committee.
3. The Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected to two (2) year terms of office by a majority of Party members present at the meeting. It is understood the current Executive Committee were elected 01/06/2022

ARTICLE V PARTY PROCEDURES

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE: Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be the parliamentary authority for all Party matters of procedure.

1. The annual meeting of the Party shall be held on or about the first Saturday of the month of January in each year, beginning with the year 2022, for the purpose of electing Members and Officers and for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. If the day fixed for the annual meeting shall be a legal holiday in the State, such meeting shall be held on the next succeeding Saturday.
2. Special meetings of the membership of the Party, for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by law, may be called by the Chair or by the Party of Members.
3. CPOFL Meetings may be conducted telephonically, electronically or other appropriate means as allowed by Florida state law.
4. A notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting, and in the case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be advertised on the Party's website: <http://www.conservativepartyfl.org> and via email and on social media at least fifteen (15) days before the date of meeting.
5. For the purpose of determining Members entitled to vote at any meeting of the membership, the membership books shall be closed effective the date of the posting of the notice of the meeting.
6. Proxies are not permitted.
7. Fifty percent (50%) of the Members entitled to vote shall constitute a Quorum at annual or special meetings.

8. A majority of the Members present at the meeting and entitled to vote shall constitute passage of any action placed before the membership for consideration.

ARTICLE VI ELECTION AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS

1. All CPOFL Officers, Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for Two (2) year terms of office by a majority of members of the Conservative Party of Florida. It is understood that the current Officers, Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer were elected on January 6, 2022 and their two (2) year terms shall begin from that date.
2. Any Officer elected to fill an officer vacancy shall only serve the remainder of the vacancy's term before being allowed to stand for subsequent elections.
3. Any CPOFL Officer may be removed by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership when and only if the voting requirements for voting as defined in Article V sections 6, 7 & 8 are met.

ARTICLE VII CPOFL shall nominate candidates for public office by a majority vote of its membership at a meeting whose time and place shall be announced publicly via email, social media or other appropriate means as allowed by Florida state law 15 days in advance by the chair.

1. The majority rules as outlined in Article V sec. 6, 7 & 8 apply for the nomination and approval of candidates for office.

ARTICLE VIII CPOFL shall support the campaigns of CPOFL nominees for public office once they are duly nominated by the CPOFL.

1. The CPOFL may endorse non CPOFL candidates for office when n CPOFL candidate for that office when no CPOFL candidate is running for that public office.

ARTICLE IX CPOFL shall maintain a bank account for the expenditure of CPOFL funds.

1. Only the Chair may expend raised funds and only with the approval of the Treasurer, or the Secretary / Treasurer in the event that one CPOFL member serves in both offices.
2. The fiscal year of the Party is annual, January through December.

ARTICLE X CPOFL shall elect delegates to the Conservative Party USA national convention when conducted by a majority vote of its members as defined previously in this document.

ARTICLE XI The Conservative Party USA Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates shall be allowed to select and or assist in the selection of CPOFL Presidential Electors when appropriate and necessary.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted by the Party Members at any regular or special meeting of the Party Members.

1. The majority rules as outlined in Article V sec. 6, 7 & 8 apply for the altering, amending or repealing of these by-laws.

The above By-Laws are certified to have been adopted by the Executive Committee of the

Conservative Party of Florida on the 1st day of MARCH 2022

Jason R. Santiago, Secretary/Treasurer. ATTEST: Jason R. Santiago

Brian McElroy, Vice Chairman, ATTEST: Brian McElroy

Keith C. Westbrook, Chairman. ATTEST: Keith C. Westbrook

Florida Conservative Party

MINOR POLITICAL PARTY CHECKLIST (09/2011)

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To become a minor political party in Florida, a group on the January 1st preceding a primary election cannot have registered as members 5% of the total registered voters of the state (s. 99.097(18), Florida Statutes); in addition, the following are required by s. 103.095, Florida Statutes, to be filed with the Department of State:

- ☒ A certificate (*i.e.*, a signed document) showing the:
 - ☒ Name of the organization (*i.e.*, the party)
 - ☒ Names and addresses of its current officers
 - ☒ Names and addresses of members of its executive committee (may be same as officers)
 - ☒ Executive Committee must have a chair, vice chair, secretary & treasurer and all must be members of the party (the secretary and treasurer can be same person; others cannot hold more than one office).
- ☒ A completed uniform statewide voter registration application for each of its current officers and members of its executive committee reflecting a party affiliation with the proposed party must accompany the certificate.
- ☒ A copy of the party's:
 - ☐ "Constitution" [could be called a "charter"]
 - ☒ "Bylaws, and rules and regulations" [these all essentially mean rules]
- ☒ The constitution, bylaws, rules, regulations or other equivalent documents must reflect that each member of the party has a fundamental right to fully and meaningfully participate in the business and affairs of the party without any monetary encumbrance.
- ☒ The constitution, bylaws, rules, regulations or other equivalent documents must provide for and have reasonable provisions that prescribe procedures to:
 - ☒ Prescribe its membership;
 - ☒ Conduct its meeting according to generally accepted parliamentary practices;
 - ☒ Timely notify its members as to time, date, and place of all its meetings;
 - ☒ Timely publish notice on its public and functioning website as to the time, date, and place of all its meetings; (Thus, the group must provide: ☒ A functioning website address.)
 - ☒ Elect its officers;
 - ☒ Remove its officers;
 - ☒ Make party nominations (when required by law);
 - ☒ Conduct campaigns for party nominees;
 - ☒ Raise and expend party funds;
 - ☒ Select delegates to its national convention, if applicable;
 - ☒ Select presidential electors, if applicable; and
 - ☒ Alter or amend all of its governing documents.





Florida Voter Registration Application
Part 1 – Instructions (DS-DE 39, R1S-2.040, F.A.C.) (eff. 10/2013)

Información en español: Sírvase llamar a la oficina del supervisor de elecciones de su condado si le interesa obtener este formulario en español.

To Register in Florida, you must be:

- a U.S. citizen,
- a Florida resident,
- at least 18 years old (you may pre-register at 16 or 17, but cannot vote until you are 18).

If you have been convicted of a felony, or if a court has found you to be mentally incapacitated as to your right to vote, you cannot register until your right to vote is restored.

If you do not meet any **ONE** of these requirements, you are not eligible to register.

Questions?

Contact the Supervisor of Elections in your county:
dos.myflorida.com/elections/contacts/supervisor-of-elections

Visit the Florida Division of Elections' website at:
dos.myflorida.com/elections

CRIMINAL OFFENSE: It is a 3rd degree felony to submit false information. Maximum penalties are \$5,000 and/or 5 years in prison.

PUBLIC RECORD: Once filed, all information including your phone number and email address as provided become public record except for the following which can only be used for voter registration purposes: your FL DL#, FL ID#, SSN, where you registered to vote, and whether you declined to register or to update your voter registration record at a voter registration agency. Your signature can be viewed but not copied. (Section 97.0585, Fla. Stat.)

Where to Register: You can register to vote by completing this application and delivering it in person or by mail to any supervisor of elections' office, office that issues driver's licenses, or voter registration agency (public assistance office, center for independent living, office serving persons with disabilities, public library, or armed forces recruitment office) or the Division of Elections. Mailing addresses are on page 2 of this form.

Deadline to Register: The deadline to register to vote is 29 days before any election. You can update your registration record at any time, but for a Primary Election, party changes must be completed 29 days before that election. You will be contacted if your new application is incomplete, denied or a duplicate of an existing registration. Your Voter Information Card will be mailed to you once you are registered.

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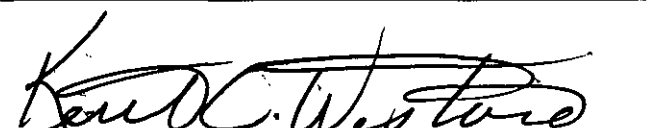
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September 26, 2021

Keith C. Westbrook, Chairperson
Conservative Party of Florida
11328 Northwest 33 Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32606

Dear Mr. Westbrook:

This will acknowledge receipt of the documents for **Conservative Party of Florida** that were placed on file in our office. Attached you will find a copy of the minor political party checklist completed by Ashley Davis, Deputy General Counsel, where she concludes the organization cannot be approved as a minor political party due to missing information. We suggest that you resubmit your filing with the missing information.

If you have any questions, please contact Daryl L. Howard at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna S. Brown".

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

DSB/dlh

Attachment

MINOR POLITICAL PARTY CHECKLIST ☒

Name of Proposed Minor Political Party: Conservative Party of Florida

1. ☒ On the January 1st preceding a primary election, the proposed minor political party does not have registered as members 5% of the total registered voters of the state (s. 97.021(18), Florida Statutes).

2. ☐ The group is organized for the general purposes of electing qualified persons to office and determining public issues under the democratic processes of the United States (s. 103.095(1), Florida Statutes).

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- ☒ Name of the organization (*i.e.*, the party)
- ☒ Names and addresses of its current officers
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b. A completed uniform statewide voter registration application

☒ For each of its current officers and members of its executive committee reflecting a party affiliation with the proposed party must accompany the certificate.

c. A copy of the party's:

- ☐ "Constitution" [could be called a "charter"]
- ☒ "Bylaws, and rules and regulations" [these all essentially mean rules]; plus,
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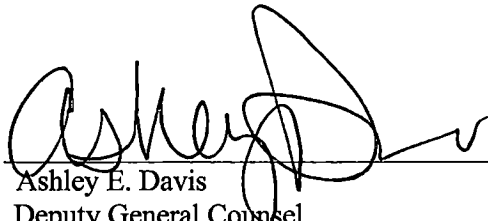
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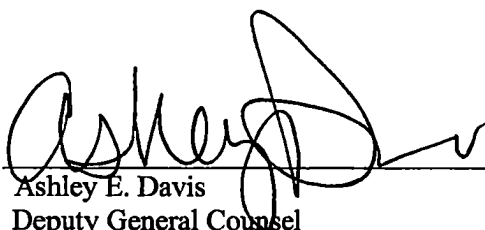
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BY-LAWS of the CONSERVATIVE PARTY of FLORIDA: 01/06/2022

As Revised, November 1, 2022

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2. Only Registered Members may vote on Party affairs and shall be eligible to hold executive committee office in the Conservative Party of Florida.
3. Each Registered member of the Conservative Party of Florida has the right to participate in Party business and affairs without monetary requirements.

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1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. The business and affairs of the Party shall be managed by its Executive Committee.
3. The Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected to two (2) year terms of office by a majority of Party members present at the meeting. It is understood the current Executive Committee were elected 01/06/2022

ARTICLE V PARTY PROCEDURES:

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE: Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall be the parliamentary authority for all Party matters of procedure.

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2. Special meetings of the membership of the Party, for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by law, may be called by the Chair or by the Party of Members.
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The above By-Laws are certified to have been adopted by the Executive Committee of the
Conservative Party of Florida on the 28 day of November 2022

Jason Santiago, Secretary/Treasurer. ATTEST: Jason R. Santiago

Brian McElroy, Vice Chairman, ATTEST: Brian McElroy

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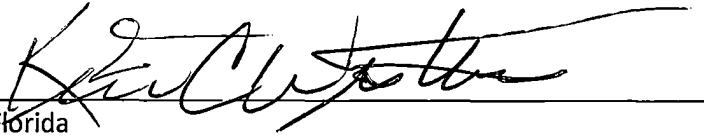
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Ms. Brown & Ms. Davis,

Please see the attached documents requested by your offices and yourselves for the purpose of satisfying the state legal requirements for minor political party status for the Conservative Party of Florida/Florida Conservative Party.

I would also like to once again Thank You Both for your timely assistance with me in answering my questions and addressing my concerns your professionalism was genuinely appreciated!

Respectfully,

Dr. Keith C. Westbrook Ph.D. 
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Keith C. Westbrook, Chairperson
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Dear Mr. Westbrook:

This will acknowledge receipt of the documents for **Conservative Party of Florida** that were placed on file in our office. Attached you will find a copy of the minor political party checklist completed by Ashley Davis, Deputy General Counsel, where she concludes the organization cannot be approved as a minor political party due to missing information. We suggest that you resubmit your filing with the missing information.

If you have any questions, please contact Daryl L. Howard at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna S. Brown".

Donna S. Brown, Chief
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MINOR POLITICAL PARTY CHECKLIST ☒

Name of Proposed Minor Political Party: Conservative Party of Florida

1. ☒ On the January 1st preceding a primary election, the proposed minor political party does not have registered as members 5% of the total registered voters of the state (s. 97.021(18), Florida Statutes).

2. ☐ The group is organized for the general purposes of electing qualified persons to office and determining public issues under the democratic processes of the United States (s. 103.095(1), Florida Statutes).

3. The following are required by s. 103.095(1), Florida Statutes, to be filed with the Department of State:

a. A certificate (i.e., a signed document) showing the

- ☒ Name of the organization (i.e., the party)
- ☒ Names and addresses of its current officers
- ☒ Names and addresses of the members of its executive committee

b. A completed uniform statewide voter registration application

☒ For each of its current officers and members of its executive committee reflecting a party affiliation with the proposed party must accompany the certificate.

c. A copy of the party's:

- ☐ "Constitution" [could be called a "charter"]
- ☒ "Bylaws, and rules and regulations" [these all essentially mean rules]; plus,
- ☒ The constitution, bylaws, rules, regulations or other equivalent documents must reflect that each voter registered to vote in the party has a fundamental right to fully and meaningfully participate in the business and affairs of the party without any monetary encumbrance.

4. The constitution, bylaws, rules, regulations or other equivalent documents must provide for and have reasonable provisions that prescribe (i.e., specify) procedures to: (s. 103.095(2), Florida Statutes)

- ☒ Prescribe (i.e., specify) its membership;
- ☒ Conduct its meeting according to generally accepted parliamentary practices;
- ☒ Timely notify its members as to time, date, and place of all its meetings;
- ☒ Timely publish notice on its public and functioning website as to the time, date, and place of all its meetings; (thus, the group must provide: ☒ A functioning website address.)
- ☒ Elect its officers;
- ☒ Remove its officers;
- ☒ Make party nominations (when required by law);
- ☒ Conduct campaigns for party nominees;
- ☐ Raise and expend party funds;
- ☒ Select delegates to its national convention, if applicable;
- ☒ Select presidential electors, if applicable; and
- ☒ Alter or amend all of its governing documents.

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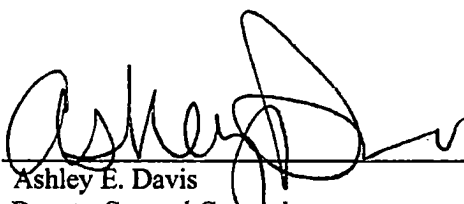
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Legal review by:



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3. State Chairman's Alternate State Committee Member: The state chairman of the Conservative Party may serve as a state committeeman/woman. They may also appoint a party member in good standing to perform the duties at that office. If the state chair is also a sitting county chairman, the county executive committee may elect or appoint a new county chairman for the balance of the current term.
4. Ex-Officio Members: The Executive Committee shall have as Ex-Officio members with vote, the Young Conservative Party National Committeeman and Committeewoman from Florida, the Chairperson of the Florida Federation of College Conservatives, the Chairperson of the Florida Federation of Young Conservatives, and the President of the Florida Federation of Conservative Women.

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2. Duties:
 - The State Chairman shall preside at all organizational, annual or special meetings of the State Committee and of the Executive Board; he shall have general supervision over the affairs of the State Committee and over the other officers; he shall perform all such duties and have all such other rights as confirmed or imposed upon him as per Florida Statutes.
 - The Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the State Chairman in the absence or the disability of the State Chairman. In the event that the State Chairman can no longer perform their duties, either through death, disability or resignation from office, the Vice Chairman shall temporarily assume the duties of the State Chairman. An election shall be called by the Vice Chairman for the purpose of electing a new State

Chairman and said election shall be held within sixty days of the date the vacancy occurs. In the event there is no Vice Chairman then the Secretary shall assume the duties of State Chairman and have the responsibility to call for an election within the time frames as specified herein. If the Vice Chairman and Secretary are unable to perform the duties prescribed herein, then the Treasurer, and if they are unable then the Assistant Secretary and if they are unable then the Assistant Treasurer shall call a meeting of the Executive Board within the time frame specified to elect a new State Chairman and for filling any other vacancies that exist.

- The Secretary shall issue notices of the State Committee and the Executive Board and shall attend and keep minutes of the same; and have charge of the State Committee's books, records and papers and shall perform all such duties that are commensurate with their office or conferred or imposed upon them by Florida Statutes. The Assistant Secretary shall assist or assume duties as required.
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4. Meetings – The Executive Board shall hold at least two (2) meetings per year upon call of the State Chairman providing ten (15) days' notice of any means of written or electronic communication. The meeting may also be conducted by either in person attendance or when necessary and convenient using electronic and or telephonic communication when deemed necessary for achieving quorum.
The Notifications will be delivered by either email, phone, or posted on the state website: conservativepartyfl.org
5. A quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of the members of the Board, but a minority of those present at any regular or special meeting, through less than a quorum, shall have the power to adjourn the meeting to a future time. The vote required on any question coming before the Executive Board shall be a majority of the quorum present. Proxy voting is permissible of the Executive Board when ten days (10) advanced notice is given by a Board member, it is deemed a necessary vote to conduct Party business or fill office vacancies and is approved by a simple majority of the Executive Board.
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3. Notice – Notices of the time and place of all annual or special meetings of the State Committee shall be mailed or transmitted by the Secretary to each member at least twenty (20) days before the date thereof.
4. Vote – At each organizational, annual or special meeting of the State Committee proxy voting is not permitted except for purposes of amending the Constitution of the Conservative Party of Florida. When proxy voting is permitted, each person shall be permitted to cast one (1) vote in person or by proxy. A member may also hold and vote a proxy for other members of

the State Committee. A proxy shall be in writing, dated and witnessed and shall specify the meeting for which the proxy is given. All proxies shall be filed with the Secretary and entered into the minutes of the meeting for which they are granted.

5. Quorum – A quorum for the transaction of business at any organizational, annual, or special meeting of the State Committee shall consist of a simple majority of the total members present of the State Committee. But the members present at any meeting, though less than quorum may adjourn the meeting to a future time. The vote required on any question coming before The State Committee shall be a simple majority of the quorum except where otherwise provided for in this Constitution.

Article X.....Finance and Revenues

Section 1 – Account Signatures – The State Chairman or Vice Chairman and Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer, signing jointly, shall be the authorized signatures on the bank account of the State Committee. A copy of a resolution authorizing such account, certified to by the Secretary of the State Committee, shall be sufficient authority to any such bank or savings institution for the establishment of such account and for the authority of the above named officers to sign thereon.

Section 2 – Committees – Any committee or subcommittees of the State Committee desiring to establish a special account or accounts shall do so only upon its recommendation to and approval by the Executive Board. The Executive Board, by resolution, authorizes the establishment of such account or accounts and determines therein the officers or other persons authorized to sign on such accounts.

Article XI.....Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in “Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised Edition” shall govern the State Committee in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution of the State Committee.

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The State Chairman shall appoint such standing committees as he shall deem necessary with approval of the Executive Board

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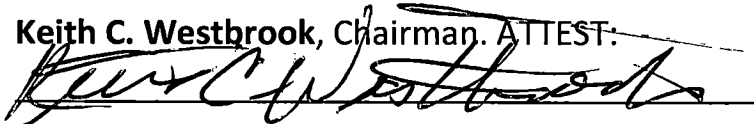
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On this the 28 day of November 2022

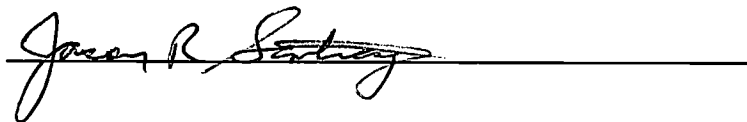
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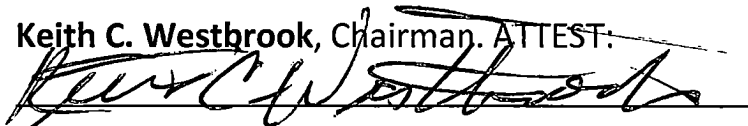
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December 16, 2022

Keith C. Westbrook, Chairperson
Conservative Party of Florida (83690)
9200 Northwest 39th, Suite 130 #17
Gainesville, Florida 32606

Dear Dr. Westbrook:

This will acknowledge receipt of the documents for the **Conservative Party of Florida** that were placed on file in our office on December 15, 2022. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 103.095, Florida Statutes, and the name of this minor party executive committee has been added to the minor party list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **January 10, 2023**. The cover period for this report is November 4, 2022 – December 31, 2022. All party executive 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 party's user identification number. The enclosure contains the party's initial password and credentials.

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>
Identification Number: 83690

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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December 16, 2022
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due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any state executive committee failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$1,000 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, if an executive committee fails to file a report on the Friday immediately preceding the special election or general election, the fine shall be \$10,000 per day for each late day.

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.

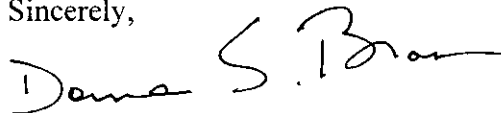
Instructions and Assistance

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 forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at 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: Chapters 103, 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rules 1S-2.017 and 1S-2.050, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna S. Brown".

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

DSB/dlh

Enclosures

pc: Jason R. Santiago, Treasurer

MINOR POLITICAL PARTY CHECKLIST ☒

Name of Proposed Minor Political Party: _____ Conservative Party of Florida _____

1. ☒ On the January 1st preceding a primary election, the proposed minor political party does not have registered as members 5% of the total registered voters of the state (s. 97.021(18), Florida Statutes).
2. ☒ The group is organized for the general purposes of electing qualified persons to office and determining public issues under the democratic processes of the United States (s. 103.095(1), Florida Statutes).
3. The following are required by s. 103.095(1), Florida Statutes, to be filed with the Department of State:
 - a. A certificate (*i.e.*, a signed document) showing the
 - ☒ Name of the organization (*i.e.*, the party)
 - ☒ Names and addresses of its current officers
 - ☒ Names and addresses of the members of its executive committee
 - b. A completed uniform statewide voter registration application
 - ☒ For each of its current officers and members of its executive committee reflecting a party affiliation with the proposed party must accompany the certificate.
 - c. A copy of the party's:
 - ☒ "Constitution" [could be called a "charter"]
 - ☒ "Bylaws, and rules and regulations" [these all essentially mean rules]; plus,
 - ☒ The constitution, bylaws, rules, regulations or other equivalent documents must reflect that each voter registered to vote in the party has a fundamental right to fully and meaningfully participate in the business and affairs of the party without any monetary encumbrance.
4. The constitution, bylaws, rules, regulations or other equivalent documents must provide for and have reasonable provisions that prescribe (*i.e.*, specify) procedures to: (s. 103.095(2), Florida Statutes)
 - ☒ Prescribe (*i.e.*, specify) its membership;
 - ☒ Conduct its meeting according to generally accepted parliamentary practices;
 - ☒ Timely notify its members as to time, date, and place of all its meetings;
 - ☒ Timely publish notice on its public and functioning website as to the time, date, and place of all its meetings; (thus, the group must provide: ☒ A functioning website address.)
 - ☒ Elect its officers;
 - ☒ Remove its officers;
 - ☒ Make party nominations (when required by law);
 - ☒ Conduct campaigns for party nominees;
 - ☒ Raise and expend party funds;
 - ☒ Select delegates to its national convention, if applicable;
 - ☒ Select presidential electors, if applicable; and
 - ☒ Alter or amend all of its governing documents.
5. ☒ The members of the executive committee must elect a chair, vice chair, secretary & treasurer (the secretary and treasurer can be same person; others cannot hold more than one office), all whom must be members of the party (s. 103.095(3), Florida Statutes).

Conclusion:

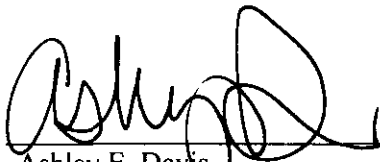
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Comments: A few Additional Notes:

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Legal review by:



Ashley E. Davis
Deputy General Counsel
Department of State

Date: 12/15/22

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Conservative Party of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Conservative Party of Florida, a State Affiliate of The Conservative Party of the United States of America, Inc, which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2022, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Conservative Party of Florida as of December 31, 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Conservative Party of Florida and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Conservative Party of Florida's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

Independent Auditor's Opinion – Cont'd

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Conservative Party of Florida's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Conservative Party of Florida's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Chab, De Feria & Co., P.A.

Miami, Florida.
March 26, 2023

**CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022**

ASSETS

Escrow - Conservative Party USA	<u>\$ 65</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 65</u>
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	<u>\$ -</u>
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Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>
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NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	<u>65</u>
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Total Net Assets	<u>65</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 65</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	Unrestricted	Total
Support and revenue:		
Contributions	\$ 132	\$ 132
Total support and revenue	132	132
Expenses:		
General and administrative expenses	130	130
Total expenses	130	130
Change in net assets:	2	2
Net assets at beginning of year	63	63
Net assets at end of year	65	65

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Cash flows from operating activities:

Change in net assets	<u>\$ 2</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>2</u>
Net increase in cash	2
Cash at beginning of year	<u>63</u>
Cash at end of year	<u>\$ 65</u>

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**CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF FLORIDA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 – NATURE OF BUSINESS

Organization

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles accepted in the United States of America.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist primarily of accounts held by Conservative Party USA in a domestic bank and a PayPal account. The funds of The Conservative Party of Florida are recorded as an escrow account until the party establishes its own banking accounts. There was no federal funding and therefore no need for a separate account for restricted funds.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs will be allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. During the year, the party only had general and administrative expenses, therefore there was no allocation for the year and all expenses were unrestricted.

In-kind Contributions

The value of in-kind contributions are not included in the financial statements.

NOTE 2 (continued)

Contributions

All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as temporarily restricted support that increases that net asset class. When a temporary restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Prior temporary restrictions were fulfilled. There were no temporary restricted contributions received during the year.

Income Taxes

The Conservative Party of Florida is a political party and is not subject to federal income tax.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RON DESANTIS
Governor

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Secretary of State

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Political Party Executive Committees

FROM: Donna S. Brown, Chief *DSB*
Bureau of Election Records

DATE: February 1, 2024

SUBJECT: 2023 Annual Audit

This is a reminder that the 2023 annual audit for state political party executive committees is due in our office no later than **April 1, 2024**. Pursuant to Section 103.121(2), Florida Statutes, the funds of each state executive committee must be publicly audited at the end of each calendar year and a copy of the audit must be furnished to the Department of State.

If you have any questions please contact Malcolm Chellman at (850) 245-6280.

DSB/mcc

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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 311

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$ 130
Total Liabilities	130

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	181
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	Unrestricted	Total
Support and revenue:		
Contributions	\$ 250	\$ 250
Total support and revenue	250	250
Expenses:		
General and administrative expenses	134	134
Total expenses	134	134
Change in net assets:	116	116
Net assets at beginning of year	65	65
Net assets at end of year	\$ 181	\$ 181

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Cash flows from operating activities:

Change in net assets	\$ 116
Increase in accounts payable	<u>130</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>246</u>
Net increase in cash	246
Cash at beginning of year	<u>65</u>
Cash at end of year	<u>\$ 311</u>

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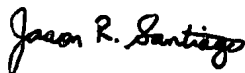
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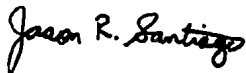
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Contributions	\$ 250	\$ 250
Total support and revenue	250	250
Expenses:		
General and administrative expenses	134	134
Total expenses	134	134
Change in net assets:	116	116
Net assets at beginning of year	65	65
Net assets at end of year	\$ 181	\$ 181

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Cash flows from operating activities:

Change in net assets	\$ 116
Increase in accounts payable	<u>130</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>246</u>
Net increase in cash	246
Cash at beginning of year	<u>65</u>
Cash at end of year	<u>\$ 311</u>

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**CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF FLORIDA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

NOTE 1 – NATURE OF BUSINESS

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NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles accepted in the United States of America.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist primarily of accounts held by Conservative Party USA in a domestic bank and a PayPal account. The funds of The Conservative Party of Florida are recorded as an escrow account until the party establishes its own banking accounts. There was no federal funding and therefore no need for a separate account for restricted funds.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs will be allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. During the year, the party only had general and administrative expenses, therefore there was no allocation for the year and all expenses were unrestricted.

In-kind Contributions

The value of in-kind contributions are not included in the financial statements.

NOTE 2 (continued)

Contributions

All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as temporarily restricted support that increases that net asset class. When a temporary restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement activities as net assets released from restrictions. Prior temporary restrictions were fulfilled. There were no temporary restricted contributions received during the year.

Income Taxes

The Conservative Party of Florida is a political party and is not subject to federal income tax.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

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Secretary of State

May 14, 2024

Keith C. Westbrook, Chairperson
Conservative Party of Florida (83690)
9200 Northwest 39th, Suite 130 # 17
Gainesville, Florida 32606

Dear Dr. Westbrook:

Your 2023 annual audit for Conservative Party of Florida reflects that your audit is a draft version that was not executed by a Certified Public Accountant. Section 103.121(2), Florida Statutes, requires that funds of each executive committee shall be publicly audited at the end of each calendar year and a copy furnished to the Department of State for its examination prior to April 1 of the ensuing year. You must provide the 2023 annual audit executed by a Certified Public Accountant.

We urge your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Daryl Howard at (850) 245 6280.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna S. Brown".

Donna S. Brown, Chief
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May 17, 2024

Keith C. Westbrook, Chairperson
Conservative Party of Florida (83690)
9200 Northwest 39th, Suite 130 #17
Gainesville, Florida 32606

RE: INITIAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL

Dear Mr. Westbrook:

Pursuant to Rule 1S-2.050, Florida Administrative Code, you are hereby notified of the Division's intent to cancel your political party's registration based on the following:

The political party's aggregate reported financial activity during the 2023 calendar year was \$500 or less.

If you object to this cancellation, you must provide documentation showing that the party's registration and approved status as a political party should not be canceled. Documentation must be provided within 30 days of the date of this letter to Department of State, Division of Elections, Bureau of Election Records, The R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250.

If you have any questions, please call Malcolm Chellman (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna S. Brown" followed by a horizontal line.

Donna S. Brown, Chief
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1S-2.050 Cancellation of Political Party Filings.

(1) Definitions.

(a) "Division" means the Division of Elections.

(b) "Most recent address on file" means, as applicable, the last address provided to the filing officer for the party's chairperson or other officer as contained in any written filing or statement of change to a filing.

(c) "Party" means, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise in this rule, any political party, to include a minor political party.

(2) Cancellation. The division may cancel the filings by a party, to include its registration and approved status as a party, when:

(a) The party fails to have any voters registered as party members;

(b) The party fails to file campaign finance reports for more than 6 months;

(c) The party fails to comply with the annual public audit requirements of Section 103.121(2), F.S.;

(d) The party's aggregate reported contributions and expenditures reported pursuant to Chapter 106, F.S., during the calendar year, other than the calendar year in which the party was organized, are \$500 or less;

(e) The party fails to maintain a public website;

(f) The minor political party fails to file with the division the name and address of any replacement officer within 5 days after the death, resignation or removal of a party's officer;

(g) The minor political party fails to file with the division changes to its filing certificate within 5 days after such change; or

(h) The minor political party fails to adopt and file with the division the governing documents containing the provisions specified in Section 103.095(2), F.S.

(3)(a) Initial notice of intent to cancel. The division shall send notice to the party's chairperson of the intent to cancel the party's filings to the most recent address on file with the division for the chairperson. If the notice is returned undeliverable, the division shall send the notice to another officer of the party at the most recent address on file with the division. Within 30 days of the date of the division's mailing of the initial notice of intent to cancel to the chairperson, the party may provide additional documentation to the division showing why the party's filings should not be canceled.

(b) Final notice of cancellation. After receiving the documentation under paragraph (a), or after the 30-day deadline to provide additional information, whichever occurs first, the division will determine if the filings should still be canceled and will notify the party of its decision. If the division determines that the filings should be canceled, it shall mail a final notice of cancellation including notice of right to appeal to the most recent address for the party or a party officer on file with the division.

(4) Appeal of cancellation. If the party objects to such final notice of cancellation, it must file an appeal within 30 days of the date of the division's mailing of the final notice of cancellation. The appeal may be accompanied by any documentation or evidence supporting the claim. The appeal must be filed with the division. The division will forward the appeal to the Florida Elections Commission.

(5) Waiver. Failure to timely file an appeal as described herein shall constitute a waiver of any such entitlement.

(6) Hearing request. A party desiring a hearing before the commission must include in the appeal a separate request for hearing.

(7) Appeal not confidential. Appeals under this rule are exempt from the confidentiality provisions of Section 106.25, F.S.

Rulemaking Authority 20.10(3), 97.012(1), 103.095(5) FS. Law Implemented 103.091, 103.095, 103.121, 106.29 FS. History—New 9-7-11, Amended 3-5-15.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Conservative Party of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Conservative Party of Florida, a State Affiliate of The Conservative Party of the United States of America, Inc, which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Conservative Party of Florida as of December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Conservative Party of Florida and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Conservative Party of Florida's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

Independent Auditor's Opinion – Cont'd

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Conservative Party of Florida's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Conservative Party of Florida's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Chab, De Fenis & Co., P.A.

Miami, Florida.
May 30, 2024

**CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2023**

ASSETS

Escrow - Conservative Party USA	<u>\$ 311</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 311</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 130</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>130</u>

Net assets

Unrestricted	<u>181</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>181</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$ 311</u></u>

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CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the year ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Support and revenue:		
Contributions	\$ 620	\$ 620
Total support and revenue	<u>620</u>	<u>620</u>
Expenses:		
General and administrative expenses	<u>504</u>	<u>504</u>
Total expenses	<u>504</u>	<u>504</u>
Change in net assets:	116	116
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>65</u>	<u>65</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u><u>\$ 181</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 181</u></u>

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CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF FLORIDA
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For the year ended December 31, 2023

Operating activities	
Change in net assets	\$ 116
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash (used in) providing by operating activities.	
<u>Change in assts and liabilities:</u>	
Increase in accounts payable	<u>130</u>
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**CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF FLORIDA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 2 (Cont'd)

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

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July 3, 2024

Keith C. Westbrook, Chairperson
Conservative Party of Florida (83690)
9200 Northwest 39th Suite 130 #17
Gainesville, Florida 32606

RE: FINAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL

Dear Mr. Westbrook:

On May 17, 2024, the Division sent you a Notice of Intent to Cancel pursuant to Rule 1S-2.050, Florida Administrative Code. The notice informed you of the Division's intent to cancel your party's certification as an active political party based on the following:

The political party's aggregate reported financial activity during the 2023 calendar year was \$500 or less.

You did not provide a response within 30 days of the Initial Notice to show why the party's registration should not be canceled. Accordingly, the Division hereby issues a Final Notice of Intent to Cancel.

If you object to this cancellation, you must file a request for hearing within 30 days of the date of this Final Notice of Intent to Cancel. The request must be filed with the Department of State, Division of Elections, Bureau of Election Records (use the address listed below). The request for hearing will be forwarded to the Florida Elections Commission (FEC). The FEC will conduct a hearing based on your request and any supporting documentation. If you want to appear personally in the hearing, you must ask to appear in the request for the hearing. If you fail to request a hearing, you waive your right to a hearing and a final order will be issued canceling the party's registration.

If you have any questions, please call (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

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Donna S. Brown Chief,
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Ms. Brown,

The Conservative Party of Florida (83690) is hereby and to wit formally **OBJECTING** to our cancellation as a minor political party in the state of Florida. I am formally requesting a hearing on this matter immediately! As well as the opportunity to present supporting documentation substantiating that our party has been the target of discrimination and outright hostility by the D.O.E. as well as witnesses that will support our claim that this division of the state government and servant to Floridians has intentionally with forethought sought to remove this party from the roles of available minor parties in Florida. The latest being the letter I received notifying us of this action dated July 3rd 2024 and postmarked July 10th 2024 and arriving at the party mail box on August 16th 2024., that it was intentionally delayed by your organization, for obvious reasons. The party mailbox provider will provide an affidavit to the date of arrival.

I await your response.

In Liberty,



Dr. Keith C. Westbrook Ph.D. Chairman
Conservative Party of Florida (83690)
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103.095 Minor political parties.—

(1) Any group of citizens organized for the general purposes of electing to office qualified persons and determining public issues under the democratic processes of the United States may become a minor political party of this state by filing with the department a certificate showing the name of the organization, the names and addresses of its current officers, including the members of its executive committee, accompanied by a completed uniform statewide voter registration application as specified in s. [97.052](#) for each of its current officers and members of its executive committee which reflect their affiliation with the proposed minor political party, and a copy of its constitution, bylaws, and rules and regulations.

(2) Each elector registered to vote in the minor political party in which he or she has so designated has a fundamental right to fully and meaningfully participate in the business and affairs of the minor political party without any monetary encumbrance. The constitution, bylaws, rules, regulations, or other equivalent documents must reflect this fundamental right and must provide for and contain reasonable provisions that, at a minimum, prescribe procedures to: prescribe its membership; conduct its meetings according to generally accepted parliamentary practices; timely notify its members as to the time, date, and place of all of its meetings; timely publish notice on its public and functioning website as to the time, date, and place of all of its meetings; elect its officers; remove its officers; make party nominations when required by law; conduct campaigns for party nominees; raise and expend party funds; select delegates to its national convention, if applicable; select presidential electors, if applicable; and alter or amend all of its governing documents.

(3) The members of the executive committee must elect a chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer, all of whom shall be members of the minor political party, and no member may hold more than one office, except that one person may hold the offices of secretary and treasurer.

(4) Upon approval of the minor political party's filing, the department shall process the voter registration applications submitted by the minor political party's officers and members of its executive committee. It shall be the duty of the minor political party to notify the department of any changes in the filing certificate within 5 days after such changes.

(5) The Division of Elections shall adopt rules to prescribe the manner in which political parties, including minor political parties, may have their filings with the Department of State canceled. Such rules shall, at a minimum, provide for:

(a) Notice, which must contain the facts and conduct that warrant the intended action, including, but not limited to, the failure to have any voters registered in the party, the failure to notify the department of replacement officers, the failure to file campaign finance reports, the failure to adopt and file with the department all governing documents containing the provisions specified in subsection (2), and limited activity.

(b) Adequate opportunity to respond.

(c) Appeal of the decision to the Florida Elections Commission. Such appeals are exempt from the confidentiality provisions of s. [106.25](#).

(6) The requirements of this section are retroactive for any minor political party registered with the department on July 1, 2011, and must be complied with within 180 days after the department provides notice to

the minor political party of the requirements contained in this section. Failure of the minor political party to comply with the requirements within 180 days after receipt of the notice shall automatically result in the cancellation of the minor political party's registration.

History.—s. 46, ch. 2011-40.

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103.121 Powers and duties of executive committees.—

(1)(a) Each state and county executive committee of a political party shall have the power and duty:

1. To adopt a constitution by two-thirds vote of the full committee.
2. To adopt such bylaws as it may deem necessary by majority vote of the full committee.
3. To conduct its meetings according to generally accepted parliamentary practice.
4. To make party nomination when required by law.
5. To conduct campaigns for party nominees.
6. To raise and expend party funds. Such funds may not be expended or committed to be expended except after written authorization by the chair of the state or county executive committee.

(b) The county executive committee shall receive payment of assessments upon candidates to be voted for in a single county except state senators, state representatives, and representatives to the Congress of the United States; an affiliated party committee controlled by a leader of the Senate as defined in s. [103.092](#) shall receive payment of assessments upon candidates for the office of state senator, and an affiliated party committee controlled by a leader of the House of Representatives as defined in s. [103.092](#) shall receive payment of assessments upon candidates for the office of state representative; and the state executive committees shall receive all other assessments authorized. All party assessments shall be 2 percent of the annual salary of the office sought by the respective candidate. All such committee assessments shall be remitted to the state executive committee of the appropriate party and distributed in accordance with subsection (5), except that assessments for candidates for the office of state senator or state representative shall be remitted to the appropriate affiliated party committee.

(2) The chair and treasurer of an executive committee of any political party shall be accountable for the funds of such committee and jointly liable for their proper expenditure for authorized purposes only. The funds of each such state executive committee shall be publicly audited at the end of each calendar year and a copy of such audit furnished to the Department of State for its examination prior to April 1 of the ensuing year. When filed with the Department of State, copies of such audit shall be public documents. The treasurer of each county executive committee shall maintain adequate records evidencing receipt and disbursement of all party funds received by him or her, and such records shall be publicly audited at the end of each calendar year and a copy of such audit filed with the supervisor of elections and the state executive committee prior to April 1 of the ensuing year.

(3) Any chair or treasurer of a state or county executive committee of any political party who knowingly misappropriates, or makes an unlawful expenditure of, or a false or improper accounting for, the funds of such committee is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. [775.082](#), s. [775.083](#), or s. [775.084](#).

(4) The central committee or other equivalent governing body of each state executive committee shall adopt a rule which governs the time and manner in which the respective county executive committees of such party may endorse, certify, screen, or otherwise recommend one or more candidates for such party's nomination for election. Upon adoption, such rule shall provide the exclusive method by which a county committee may so endorse, certify, screen, or otherwise recommend. No later than the date on which qualifying for public office begins pursuant to s. [99.061](#), the chair of each county executive committee shall notify in writing the supervisor of elections of his or her

county whether the county executive committee has endorsed or intends to endorse, certify, screen, or otherwise recommend candidates for nomination pursuant to party rule. A copy of such notification shall be provided to the Secretary of State and to the chair of the appropriate state executive committee.

(5) The state chair of each state executive committee shall return the 2-percent committee assessment for county candidates to the appropriate county executive committees only upon receipt of a written statement that such county executive committee chooses not to endorse, certify, screen, or otherwise recommend one or more candidates for such party's nomination for election and upon the state chair's determination that the county executive committee is in compliance with all Florida statutes and all state party rules, bylaws, constitutions, and requirements.

History.—ss. 20, 21, 23, 28, ch. 6469, 1913; RGS 324, 325, 327, 332; CGL 381, 382, 384, 389; s. 1, ch. 25389, 1949; s. 9, ch. 26329, 1949; s. 7, ch. 26870, 1951; s. 41, ch. 28156, 1953; s. 2, ch. 29935, 1955; s. 1, ch. 57-743; s. 1, ch. 61-157; s. 1, ch. 63-97; ss. 6, 7, 8, ch. 67-353; ss. 10, 35, ch. 69-106; s. 26, ch. 77-104; s. 32, ch. 77-175; s. 50, ch. 79-400; s. 1, ch. 82-160; s. 25, ch. 83-217; s. 2, ch. 83-242; s. 1, ch. 89-256; s. 609, ch. 95-147; s. 64, ch. 2005-277; ss. 3, 30, ch. 2011-6; HJR 7105, 2011 Regular Session.

Note.—Former ss. 102.27, 102.28, 102.30, 102.35.

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(2) Cancellation. The division may cancel the filings by a party, to include its registration and approved status as a party, when:

(a) The party fails to have any voters registered as party members;

(b) The party fails to file campaign finance reports for more than 6 months;

(c) The party fails to comply with the annual public audit requirements of Section 103.121(2), F.S.;

(d) The party’s aggregate reported contributions and expenditures reported pursuant to Chapter 106, F.S., during the calendar year, other than the calendar year in which the party was organized, are \$500 or less;

(e) The party fails to maintain a public website;

(f) The minor political party fails to file with the division the name and address of any replacement officer within 5 days after the death, resignation or removal of a party’s officer;

(g) The minor political party fails to file with the division changes to its filing certificate within 5 days after such change; or

(h) The minor political party fails to adopt and file with the division the governing documents containing the provisions specified in Section 103.095(2), F.S.

(3)(a) Initial notice of intent to cancel. The division shall send notice to the party’s chairperson of the intent to cancel the party’s filings to the most recent address on file with the division for the chairperson. If the notice is returned undeliverable, the division shall send the notice to another officer of the party at the most recent address on file with the division. Within 30 days of the date of the division’s mailing of the initial notice of intent to cancel to the chairperson, the party may provide additional documentation to the division showing why the party’s filings should not be canceled.

(b) Final notice of cancellation. After receiving the documentation under paragraph (a), or after the 30-day deadline to provide additional information, whichever occurs first, the division will determine if the filings should still be canceled and will notify the party of its decision. If the division determines that the filings should be canceled, it shall mail a final notice of cancellation including notice of right to appeal to the most recent address for the party or a party officer on file with the division.

(4) Appeal of cancellation. If the party objects to such final notice of cancellation, it must file an appeal within 30 days of the date of the division’s mailing of the final notice of cancellation. The appeal may be accompanied by any documentation or evidence supporting the claim. The appeal must be filed with the division. The division will forward the appeal to the Florida Elections Commission.

(5) Waiver. Failure to timely file an appeal as described herein shall constitute a waiver of any such entitlement.

(6) Hearing request. A party desiring a hearing before the commission must include in the appeal a separate request for hearing.

(7) Appeal not confidential. Appeals under this rule are exempt from the confidentiality provisions of Section 106.25, F.S.

Rulemaking Authority 20.10(3), 97.012(1), 103.095(5) FS. Law Implemented 103.091, 103.095, 103.121, 106.29 FS. History--New 9-7-11, Amended 3-5-15.

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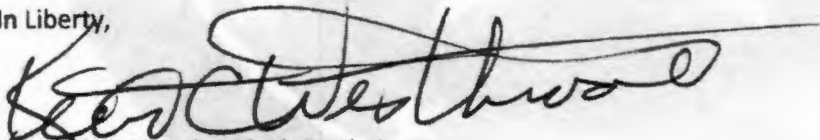
Donna S. Brown Chief,
Bureau of Election Records
Florida Division of Elections
R.A. Gray Bldg. Ste. 316, 500 S. Bronough
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Ms. Brown,

The Conservative Party of Florida (83690) is hereby and to wit formally **OBJECTING** to our cancellation as a minor political party in the state of Florida. I am formally requesting a hearing on this matter immediately! As well as the opportunity to present supporting documentation substantiating that our party has been the target of discrimination and outright hostility by the D.O.E. as well as witnesses that will support our claim that this division of the state government and servant to Floridians has intentionally with forethought sought to remove this party from the roles of available minor parties in Florida. The latest being the letter I received notifying us of this action dated July 3rd 2024 and postmarked July 10th 2024 and arriving at the party mail box on August 16th 2024., that it was intentionally delayed by your organization, for obvious reasons. The party mailbox provider will provide an affidavit to the date of arrival.

I await your response.

In Liberty,



Dr. Keith C. Westbrook Ph.D. Chairman
Conservative Party of Florida (83690)
9200 NW. 39th Ave. Suite 130 #17
Gainesville FL 32606



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May 17, 2024

Keith C. Westbrook, Chairperson
Conservative Party of Florida (83690)
9200 Northwest 39th, Suite 130 #17
Gainesville, Florida 32606

RE: INITIAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL

Dear Mr. Westbrook:

Pursuant to Rule 1S-2.050, Florida Administrative Code, you are hereby notified of the Division's intent to cancel your political party's registration based on the following:

The political party's aggregate reported financial activity during the 2023 calendar year was \$500 or less.

If you object to this cancellation, you must provide documentation showing that the party's registration and approved status as a political party should not be canceled. Documentation must be provided within 30 days of the date of this letter to Department of State, Division of Elections, Bureau of Election Records, The R.A. Gray Building, Room 316, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250.

If you have any questions, please call Malcolm Chellman (850) 245-6280.

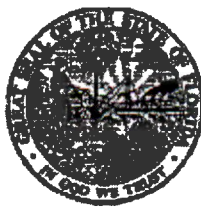
Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

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July 3, 2024

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RE: FINAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL

Dear Mr. Westbrook:

On May 17, 2024, the Division sent you a Notice of Intent to Cancel pursuant to Rule 1S-2.050, Florida Administrative Code. The notice informed you of the Division's intent to cancel your party's certification as an active political party based on the following:

The political party's aggregate reported financial activity during the 2023 calendar year was \$500 or less.

You did not provide a response within 30 days of the Initial Notice to show why the party's registration should not be canceled. Accordingly, the Division hereby issues a Final Notice of Intent to Cancel.

If you object to this cancellation, you must file a request for hearing within 30 days of the date of this Final Notice of Intent to Cancel. The request must be filed with the Department of State, Division of Elections, Bureau of Election Records (use the address listed below). The request for hearing will be forwarded to the Florida Elections Commission (FEC). The FEC will conduct a hearing based on your request and any supporting documentation. If you want to appear personally in the hearing, you must ask to appear in the request for the hearing. If you fail to request a hearing, you waive your right to a hearing and a final order will be issued canceling the party's registration.

If you have any questions, please call (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
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