

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Patrick Palmer

Case No.: FEC 22-035

TO: Patrick Palmer
266 Edge Avenue
Valparaiso, FL 32580

Janice Smith
143 Menzel Street
Valparaiso, FL 32580

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING (IH))

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on **December 3, 2025, at 9:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, via Webinar at: **Registration URL** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8443550463090426453>. **Webinar ID** 144-463-043
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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
November 7, 2025

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In Re: Patrick William Palmer
Respondent

Case No.: FEC 22-035

MOTION TO DISMISS FOR LACK OF JURISDICTION AND DUE PROCESS VIOLATIONS

COMES NOW the Respondent, Patrick William Palmer, and respectfully moves this Commission to dismiss the above-captioned proceeding with prejudice, and as grounds therefore states the following:

I. Procedural Background

1. Respondent was a 2022 candidate for Mayor of Valparaiso, Florida.
2. On January 21, 2022, Respondent filed the C2 campaign treasurer's report, inadvertently omitting a \$100 expenditure for a city sign deposit.
3. On February 7, 2022, upon notification from the City Clerk, Respondent immediately amended the report in person and paid a \$50 late fine from personal funds.
4. The Commission Staff Recommendation (Jan. 10, 2025) expressly found insufficient evidence of any deliberate or willful misconduct, and recommended no probable cause under §106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

II. Grounds for Dismissal

A. Violation of Florida Statute §106.25(2)

- Multiple sworn complaints were filed by the same complainant, Janice Smith, on the same day. Statute 106.25(2) bars subsequent or duplicative complaints. The Commission improperly merged and pursued them as one.

B. Improper Service and Due Process Violations

- The Report of Investigation, dated May 29, 2024, was not received by Respondent until weeks later, depriving him of the statutory 14-day response period guaranteed under §106.25(4)(c). This defect violates due process.
- Commission documents repeatedly misidentified the Respondent as "Patrick Palmer," instead of the legal name "Patrick William Palmer," creating confusion and prejudicing Respondent's defense.

C. Lack of Willful or Material Violation

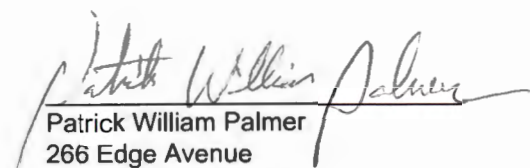
- Staff found no deliberate or knowing misreporting. The sole allegation is a \$100 clerical oversight corrected within 24 hours. This de minimis matter does not warrant prosecution and further proceedings constitute disproportionate enforcement.

III. Relief Requested

WHEREFORE, Respondent respectfully requests that this Commission:

1. Dismiss this matter with prejudice for lack of jurisdiction and due process violations;
2. Strike from the record any altered, inconsistent, or improperly merged complaints and affidavits;
3. Enter such other relief as is just and proper in the interest of fairness, proportionality, and the integrity of Florida's election process.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patrick William Palmer", written in black ink. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Patrick William Palmer
266 Edge Avenue
Valparaiso, FL 32580
(850) 240-6667
Respondent, Pro Se

Patrick William Palmer
266 Edge Avenue
Valparaiso, FL 32580

September 16, 2025

Donna Ann Malphurs
Clerk of the Commission
Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

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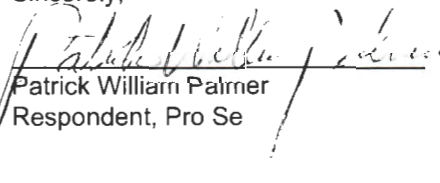
Dear Ms. Malphurs,

Enclosed please find the Respondent's **Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Jurisdiction and Due Process Violations** in the matter of Florida Elections Commission Case No. FEC 22-035.

I respectfully request that this filing be entered into the official record and circulated to the Commission members for consideration at the earliest possible time. Please confirm receipt of this submission at your convenience.

Thank you for your attention and professionalism in this matter.

Sincerely,


Patrick William Palmer
Respondent, Pro Se

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,**

Case No.: FEC 22-035

v.

**Patrick Palmer,
Respondent.**

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ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting held on August 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom teleconferencing.

On January 10, 2025, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff's Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation(s):

Count 1:

On or around January 21, 2022, Patrick Palmer violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, when he certified the 2022 C2 campaign treasurer's report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

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The Commission finds that there is **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on August 20, 2025.



Tim Vaccaro, J.D., Executive Director
For Joseph S. Van de Bogart, Chair
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Jeffrey J. Kelly, Assistant General Counsel
Patrick Palmer, Respondent
Janice Smith, Complainant

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING

As the Respondent, you may elect to resolve this case in several ways. First, you may elect to resolve this case by consent order where you and Commission staff agree to resolve the violation(s) and agree to the amount of the fine. The consent order is then presented to the Commission for its approval. To discuss a consent order, contact the FEC attorney identified in the Order of Probable Cause.

Second, you may request an informal hearing held before the Commission, if you do not dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to make written or oral arguments to the Commission concerning the legal issues related to the violation(s) and the potential fine. At the request of Respondent, the Commission will consider and determine willfulness at an informal hearing. Otherwise, live witness testimony is unnecessary.

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If you do not elect to resolve the case by consent order or request a formal hearing at the DOAH

or an informal hearing before the Commission within 30 days of the date this Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission, the case will be sent to the Commission for a formal or informal hearing, depending on whether the facts are in dispute. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order.

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Florida Elections Commission
July 28, 2025

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

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

**STATE OF FLORIDA
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Florida Elections Commission
February 5, 2025

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the sworn complaint in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes**, and **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on March 27, 2024, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On February 11, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a sworn complaint from Janice Smith (“Complainant”), alleging that Patrick Palmer (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent was a 2022 candidate Mayor of Valparaiso. (ROI Exhibit 1)¹ Respondent was defeated in the municipal election held on March 8, 2022, and was not a first-time candidate. (Attachment A; ROI Exhibit 3, page 2, paragraph 7) Respondent’s Statement of Candidate form (“DS-DE 84”) was signed on December 30, 2021. (ROI Exhibit 2)

3. By letter dated October 16, 2023, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provisions:

Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2022 candidate for Mayor of Valparaiso, may have certified the 2022 C2 campaign treasurer’s report was true, correct, and complete when it was not, based upon a missing expenditure for sign placement, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2022 candidate Mayor of Valparaiso, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in the 2022 C2 campaign treasurer’s report, as required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, regarding an expenditure for sign placement, as alleged in the complaint.

4. On December 30, 2021, Respondent filed his Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form (“DS-DE 9”) appointing himself as treasurer for his campaign. (ROI Exhibit 1)

¹ The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as “ROI.”

5. On December 30, 2022, the City of Valparaiso City Clerk (“City Clerk”) provided Respondent with a candidate packet that included links to the Division of Elections’ website and publications, including the Florida Election Code and the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, as well as the Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections website, to include *Important Municipal Election Dates* and other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 4)

Alleged Violation: Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes

6. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida’s election laws by certifying a report as true, correct, and complete when it was not, based upon an expenditure for sign placement being omitted from the campaign’s 2022 C2 report. *See* Compl.

7. Under Section 106.07, Florida Statutes, a campaign treasurer’s report is required to contain all contributions received and all expenditures made during the reporting period.

8. Respondent filed his 2022 C2 report on January 21, 2022. The report listed seven contributions totaling \$580.00 and no expenditures (ROI Exhibit 5)

9. A subpoena was issued to Respondent’s designated campaign depository to confirm all transactions that were made during the relevant reporting period. Respondent’s bank records show that Respondent wrote a check in the amount of \$100.00 to the City of Valparaiso for ‘sign ordinance’. The check was debited from the account on January 5, 2022. (ROI Exhibit 7, pages 1 and 2)

10. On February 7, 2022, the City Clerk notified Respondent via email that the 2022 C2 report did not include a \$100 sign deposit paid to the City of Valparaiso on January 3, 2022. (ROI Exhibit 8, page 8)

11. On February 7, 2022, Respondent amended the 2022 C2 report to include the \$100.00 expenditure for sign placement (ROI Exhibit 6, page 3)

12. Respondent replied to the investigation, admitting that he had omitted the expenditure but corrected the discrepancy within 24 hours by driving 35 minutes to the Supervisor of Elections office and amending the report in person. (ROI Exhibit 9, page 1, paragraph 3)

13. As it appears that Respondent submitted the 2022 C2 report that omitted an expenditure that took place during the reporting period, Respondent certified the report as true, correct, and complete when it was not.

Alleged Violation: Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes

14. Complainant alleged that Respondent may have violated Florida’s election laws by falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information in the 2022 C2 campaign treasurer’s report, as required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, by omitting the expenditure for sign placement from the report.

15. Based on the analysis above, insufficient evidence exists to show that the omission of the expenditure for sign placement was done knowingly and deliberately.

16. It does not appear that Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, with regard to the campaign's 2022 C2 report.

17. "Probable Cause" is defined as reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. *Schmitt v. State*, 590 So. 2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reasonable man to reach the conclusion that an offense has been committed. *Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles v. Favino*, 667 So. 2d 305, 309 (Fla. 1st DCA 1995).

16. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a 2022 candidate for Mayor of Valparaiso. Respondent certified that the campaign's 2022 C2 report was true, correct, and complete when it was not, by omitting an expenditure that was required to be included in the report. Respondent did not falsely report or deliberately fail to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, in his 2022 C2 report in violation of Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

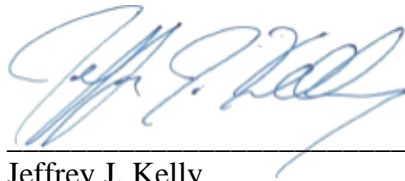
Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes**, and **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating the following:

Count 1:

On or around January 21, 2022, Patrick Palmer violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, when he certified the 2022 C2 campaign treasurer's report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

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Respectfully submitted on January 10, 2025.



Jeffrey J. Kelly
Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 15th day of January 10, 2025.



Stephanie J. Cunningham
General Counsel

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2022 Municipal Election

(Website last updated at: 03/08/2022 9:17:04 pm)

Election Date: 3/8/2022

Registered Voters:	5,671
Ballots Counted:	1,477
Voter Turnout:	26.04%

Precincts Reporting:

2 / 2

Election Day:

Completely Reported

Early Votes:

Completely Reported

Vote By Mail:

Completely Reported

Official Results

Summary Results

▼

Attachment A

☆ Mayor City of Mary Esther (Vote For 1)

Participating Precincts Reporting: 1 / 1

Choice	Percent	Votes
Chris George Stein (NON)	76.19%	560
Ned Stieglitz (NON)	23.81%	175
		735

☆ City Council City of Mary Esther (Vote For 3)

Participating Precincts Reporting: 1 / 1

Choice	Percent	Votes
Rob "Benny" Bennington (NON)	16.44%	383
Larry John Carter (NON)	17.86%	416
George Crews (NON)	15.50%	361
Bernie Oder (NON)	17.09%	398
April Sutton (NON)	17.05%	397
Douglas White (NON)	16.06%	374
		2,329

☆ Mayor City of Valparaiso (Vote For 1)

Participating Precincts Reporting: 1 / 1

Choice	Percent	Votes
Patrick William Palmer (NON)	45.18%	309
Brent Smith (NON)	54.82%	375
		684

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Case No.: FEC 22-035

Respondent: Patrick Palmer
Counsel for Respondent: N/A

Complainant: Janice Smith
Counsel for Complainant: N/A

On February 11, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) received a sworn complaint alleging that Respondent violated Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. Commission staff investigated whether Respondent violated the following statute(s):

Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, may have certified the 2022 C2 campaign treasurer's report was true, correct, and complete when it was not, based upon a missing expenditure for sign placement; and

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in the 2022 C2 campaign treasurer's report, as required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, regarding an expenditure for sign placement.

I. Preliminary Information:

1. Respondent was a 2022 candidate for Mayor of Valparaiso; he was defeated in the municipal election held on March 8, 2022. Respondent was not a first-time candidate.

2. On December 30, 2021, an Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) was filed with the City of Valparaiso City Clerk (City Clerk). Respondent was appointed as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 9, refer to Exhibit 1.

3. On December 30, 2021, Respondent filed a Statement of Candidate with the City Clerk in which Respondent certified he had been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, F.S. To review the Statement of Candidate, refer to Exhibit 2.

4. The City Clerk verified in an affidavit that Respondent was given a Candidate Forms and Publications Information sheet on December 30, 2021. The Candidate Forms and Publications sheet notified Respondent of publications available on the Division of Elections website, including the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* and Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. The Division of Elections website link was specified in the notice. To review the affidavit, refer to Exhibit 3. To review the Candidate Forms and Publications Information sheet and Finance Reporting Dates for the municipal election, refer to Exhibit 4.

II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(5) and 106.09(1)(c), Florida Statutes:

5. I investigated whether Respondent violated these sections of the election laws by certifying that the 2022 C2 campaign treasurer report was true, correct, and complete when it was not and falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information in the 2022 C2 campaign treasurer report. Specifically, Complainant alleged that Respondent failed to report a \$100.00 expenditure for sign placement.

6. On January 21, 2022, Respondent filed the original 2022 C2 report, which covered the from January 1, 2022, to January 14, 2022. By filing the report, Respondent certified it was true, correct, and complete. The report did not include any reported expenditure. To review the original 2022 C2 report, refer to Exhibit 5.

7. On February 7, 2022, Respondent filed an amended 2022 C2 report in which he disclosed a previously unreported expenditure in the amount of \$100.00 for “city sign deposit.” The expenditure recipient was identified as Respondent. To review the amended 2022 C2 report, refer to Exhibit 6.

8. I subpoenaed and reviewed bank records from the designated campaign depository. On January 3, 2022, Respondent wrote a check in the amount of \$100.00 to the City of Valparaiso for “sign ordinance.” The check was debited from the account on January 5, 2022. To review the check and bank statement, refer to Exhibit 7.

9. Respondent did respond to the complaint. Respondent stated, “The sign donation. I did have an error on the report and did amend that report I believe on feb 8th. The February 7th date is suspicious since the city clerk sent me an email saying I filed late forgetting the sign deposit and asked me to amend the report which I did in a timely manner...” Respondent provided an email from the City Clerk sent on February 7, 2022, which stated, “Your C2 expenditure report does not show the \$100 Sign Deposit to the City of Valparaiso that was done on January 3, 2022. You should amend your Campaign Treasures (sic) Report.” Respondent also provided a screen shot showing that the \$100.00 expenditure for “city sign deposit” was added to the 2022 C2 report. To review the pertinent parts of the response, refer to Exhibit 8, pages 2 and 7-8.

10. I called Respondent for the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the complaint. When asked about omission of the expenditure at issue from the 2022 C2 report, Respondent admitted that he had omitted the expenditure. He stated he found out the discrepancy and reported it within 24 hours by driving 35 minutes to the Supervisor of Elections to amend the report in person. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 9.

Respectfully submitted on March 27, 2024.



Charles Mellow
Investigation Specialist

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Patrick Palmer -- FEC 22-035

LIST OF EXHIBITS	
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 9
Exhibit 2	Statement of Candidate
Exhibit 3	Filing Officer Affidavit
Exhibit 4	Candidate Forms and Publications Information
Exhibit 5	Original 2022 C2 Report
Exhibit 6	Amended 2022 C2 Report
Exhibit 7	Check Copy and Bank Records
Exhibit 8	Respondent's Response
Exhibit 9	Phone Log

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.

RECEIVED

DEC 30 2021

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

☐ Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: ☐ Treasurer/Deputy ☐ Depository ☐ Office ☐ Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

Patrick William Palmer

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

266 Edge Ave
Valparaiso FL 32580

4. Telephone

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5. E-mail address

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

Mayor

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

☐ My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a

☐ Write-In ☐ No Party Affiliation ☒ Republican Party candidate.

9. I have appointed the following person to act as my ☒ Campaign Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Patrick William Palmer

11. Mailing Address

266 Edge Ave

12. Telephone

(850) 290-6667

13. City

Valparaiso

14. County

Okaloosa

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

32580

17. E-mail address

18. I have designated the following bank as my

☒ Primary Depository ☐ Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

Synovus Bank

20. Address

Palmer Election campaign@gmail.com

21. City

Wiceville

22. County

Okaloosa

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

32578

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date

12/30/21

26. Signature of Candidate

X Patrick William Palmer

27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Patrick William Palmer, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:

☒ Campaign Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

12/30/21

Date

X Patrick William Palmer
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

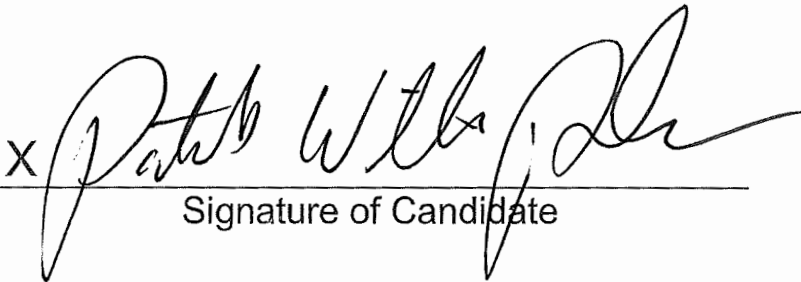
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OFFICE USE ONLY

I, Patrick William Palmer,

candidate for the office of Mayer;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X 

Signature of Candidate

12/30/21
Date

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING OFFICER
Case Number: FEC 22-035

STATE OF FLORIDA
County of Okaloosa

Tammy Johnson, being duly sworn, says:

1. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge.
2. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am currently employed by City of Valparaiso as City Clerk.
3. Please provide copies of the listed items from the following candidate's campaign file: **Patrick Palmer.**

Check	ITEM
✓	The Statement of Candidate form for the 2022 campaign.
✓	Appointments of Treasurers and Designation of Campaign Depository form (Form DS-DE 9) for the 2022 campaign.
✓	Campaign treasurer's reports, waivers, and amendments for the 2022 campaign.
	Addendum requests and proof of compliance for the 2022 campaign.
See Email from Supervisor of Elections	The candidate's and campaign treasurers' acknowledgment whereby candidates and treasurers declare, under penalties of perjury, electronically filing a CTR is same as signing the report under oath, and to have certified the correctness of the report in accordance with sections 106.07(5) or 106.29(2), Florida Statutes, as applicable; such as an Application and Acknowledgement of Electronic Filing Information form (if applicable).
✓	Form(s) for all campaigns whereby candidate acknowledges receipt of instructions and/or campaign materials.
✓	All checks issued by the candidate's campaign to your office (qualifying fee, maps, etc.). Check and receipt of payment for the sign payment. Please do <u>not</u> redact the bank routing and account numbers.

4. Please check each item provided to the candidate, and list the date that the candidate was provided the item.

Check	ITEM	DATE
	<i>A Compilation of The Election Laws of the State of Florida</i>	
	Chapter 104, <i>Florida Statutes</i>	

	Chapter 106, <i>Florida Statutes</i>	
	<i>Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook</i> . Please provide revision date of publication. _____	
✓	Other: ¹ <i>Candidate Forms + Publications Information Sheet give to him (see attached,</i>	<i>12/30/2022</i>

5. Relative to Chapter 106, *Florida Statutes*, and the *Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, please indicate how these publications are provided to the candidate.

- ☒ A candidate packet, or similar material, is given to the candidate. The candidate packet includes links to the Division of Elections' website, or our website, where these documents are available for review. *see attached*
- ☐ Publications are provided on a CD or thumb/flash drive that is given to the candidate.
- ☐ Other, please explain. _____

6. Did your office² offer any candidate workshops, campaign skills or training seminars prior to the November 8, 2022, election? ☐ Yes or ☒ No. If yes, please list all workshops/training seminars that were attended by the candidate, along with the date of attendance. If a staff member attended for the candidate, list his/her name and position. If available, please attach a copy of any attendance sheets from the workshops/training seminars and if available, please provide a copy of the syllabus and outline or PowerPoint presentation for the workshops/seminars.

7. Does your office have any record of **Patrick Palmer** having sought elective office within your jurisdiction prior to the **2022** election? ☒ Yes or ☐ No. If yes, please list the previous office(s) he/she ran for, the date(s) of the election(s), and the result(s) of the election(s). If the candidate withdrew her/his candidacy for election, please indicate if the withdrawal was before or after qualifying.

Ran in the same election in 2018. He lost this election
see attached

¹ Any local publications relative to the Election laws that may have been provided by your office in lieu of the *Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook* published by the Division of Elections. If your office published the item(s), please send a copy of the item(s) with the affidavit.

² If your County elections or ethics office offered candidate workshops/campaign skills or training seminars, please identify the office providing the workshops/seminars and provide copies of any notices that were sent to candidates within your jurisdiction.

8. Does your office have any record of **Patrick Palmer** having been named as a chairperson or campaign treasurer of a political committee (PC or PAC) or electioneering communications organization (ECO) within your jurisdiction? ☐ Yes or ☒ No. If yes, please list the name(s) of the committees.

9. Did you or any member of your staff have any conversations with **Patrick Palmer** concerning a provision of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, relative to certifying campaign treasurer reports are true, correct and complete or falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information in campaign treasurer reports, at any time during the **2022** campaign? ☒ Yes or ☐ No. If yes, please indicate whether the conversation was in person, in writing, or by telephone and the subject matter of the conversation. If applicable, please provide copies of records documenting the discussion.

See attached letter referencing a fine and a copy of check received from Mr. Palmer

I SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

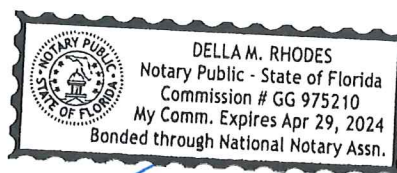
Tammy Johnson
Signature of Affiant

Tammy Johnson
Print or type name of Affiant on line above.

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 6th day of November, 2023.

Della M. Rhodes
Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public



Personally Known ☒ or Produced Identification ☐
Type of Identification Produced: _____

Case investigator: CAM

Qualifying Package

This is given to every candidate

Qualification Period is from 12:00 Noon, Monday, December 27, 2021, until 5:00 pm, Thursday, December 30, 2021

Your package should contain the following:

Qualifying Document Instructions

Affidavit of Residency

Appointment of Campaign Treasurer Form DS-DE 9

Statement of Candidate Receipt Form

Statement of Candidate Form DS-DE 84

Candidate Oath Form DS-DE 302NP

Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests

Form 1 Instructions

Candidate Forms and Publications Information

Information Available to Candidates in SOE Office

2022 Municipal Calendar of Reporting Dates

Campaign Treasurer's Report Summary Form DS-DE 12

Itemized Contributions Form DS-DE 13

Itemized Expenditures Form DS-DE 14

Waiver of Report Form DS-DE 87

Common Mistakes made by Candidates and Campaign Treasures

Valparaiso City Code Sign Ordinance

Letter from FDOT

Notice of Equipment Testing

Acknowledgement of Notice of Equipment Testing

Website for Sunshine Amendment

Niceville - Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce Policies

Candidate Forms and Publications Information

FORMS

The forms of interest to candidates that can be found on the Candidate DSDE Forms page on our Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections website:

<http://www.govote-okaloosa.com> include but are not limited to the following:

- ***Appointment of Campaign Treasurer (DS-DE 9)***
- ***Loyalty Oath (DS-DE 24)***
- ***Statement of Candidate (DS-DE 84)***
- ***Campaign Treasurer's Report (DS-DE 12)***
- ***Waiver of Report (DS-DE 87)***
- ***Candidate Petition Form (DS-DE 104)***
- ***How to File Financial Reports Online***
- ***Download Election Files***

If you don't see the form you are looking for in the above list, please visit the Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections website and take a look. You will find a number of other forms there.

If you are looking for Financial Disclosure Forms, they can be found on the Florida Commission on Ethics website: <http://www.ethics.state.fl.us/forms.html>. The Florida Commission on Ethics website can also be reached through our Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections website:

<http://www.govote-okaloosa.com>. Click on HELPFUL LINKS --> Florida Commission on Ethics.

Once on the Florida Commission on Ethics website, click on Forms to find:

- ***Form 1 (Statement of Financial Interests)***
- ***Form 1F (Final Statement of Financial Interests)***
- ***Form 6 (Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests)***

*** Reminder: Forms are year-specific so make sure you get the right one! ***

PUBLICATIONS

Publications contain a lot of useful information for candidates and committees. These publications can be found on the Florida Division of Elections website:

<http://election.dos.state.fl.us/publications/publications.shtml>. As stated above, the Florida Division of Elections website can also be reached through our Okaloosa County Supervisor of Elections website:

<http://www.govote-okaloosa.com>. Click on HELPFUL LINKS → Florida Division of Elections.

Once you are on the Florida Division of Elections website, click on Forms & Publications → Publications or click on Opinions/Rules/Laws/Directives → Florida Laws and Procedures to find a number of useful publications including:

- ***Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook***
- ***Candidate Petition Handbook***
- ***Election Dates to Remember***
- ***Election Laws (INCLUDES CHAPTER 106 – CAMPAIGN FINANCING)***

IMPORTANT MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATES

2022 Election Calendar
Municipal Election: March 08, 2022

Qualifying Dates
Noon, December 27 – 5 p.m., December 30, 2021
The Elections Office will be closed Friday December 31, 2021 in observance of New Year.

Registration Book Closing Dates:
February 7, 2022

FINANCE REPORTING DATES

Cover Period		Report Code	Due Date
10/01/21 – 10/31/21		2021 M10	11/12/21
11/01/21 – 11/30/21		2021 M11	12/10/21
12/01/21 – 12/31/21		2021 C1 (E-60)	01/07/22
01/01/22 – 01/14/22		2022 C2 (E-46)	01/21/22
01/15/22 – 01/28/22		2022 C3 (E-32)	02/04/22
01/29/22 – 02/04/22		2022 C4 (E-25)	02/11/22
02/05/22 – 02/11/22		2022 C5 (E-18)	02/18/22
02/12/22 – 02/18/22		2022 C6 (E-11)	02/25/22
02/19/22 – 03/03/22		2022 C7 (E-4)	03/04/22
Termination Report	Unopposed	2022 QTR	03/31/22
Termination Report	Post Election	2022 TR	06/06/22

2022 OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION

Municipal Offices

Cinco Bayou – Three Town Council Seats
**Crestview – Three City Council Seats
**Destin – Mayor and three City Council Seats
Mary Esther – Mayor and three City Council Seats
Valparaiso – Mayor and two City Commission Seats

HELPFUL LINKS

Election Laws

<https://files.floridados.gov/media/704827/2021-election-code.pdf>

Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook

https://files.floridados.gov/media/704777/candidate_campaign_treasurer_handbook_2022_-09-27-2021.pdf

** Qualifying will be in June 2022



CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Patrick William Palmer

Name

(2) 266 Edge Avenue

Address (number and street)

Valparaiso, FL 32580

City, State, Zip Code

☐ Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: 753

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

☒ Candidate Office Sought: Valparaiso Mayor

☐ Political Committee (PC)

☐ Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO)

☐ Party Executive Committee (PTY)

☐ Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications)

☐ Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded

☐ Check here if PTY has disbanded

☐ Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

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Submitted on:

1/21/2022 19:39:17 (eastern)

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 1 / 1 / 2022 To 1 / 14 / 2022 Report Type: C2

☒ Original

☐ Amendment

☐ Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, , 580 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 580 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 0 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, , 0 . 00

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 0 . 00

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$, 1 , 080 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$, , 0 . 00

(11) Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name)

☐ Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) ☐ Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

X

Signature

(Type name)

☐ Candidate ☐ Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X

Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Patrick William Palmer (2) I.D. Number 753

(3) Cover Period 1/1/2022 through 1/14/2022 (4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation	(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
1/3/2022 / /	Prever, Mitchell 3249 Scallion court Orlando, FL 32825	I		MU	gofundme donation.	\$10.00
1						
1/2/2022 / /	Miller, Laura 266 EDGE AVE VALPARAISO, FL 32580	I	home care	MU	gofundme	\$150.00
2						
1/6/2022 / /	Fecteau, Richard 169 Enchanted way Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32549	I		MU	gofundme	\$100.00
3						
1/6/2022 / /	Nieten, Ryan 5 Cedar way Niceville, FL 32578	I		MU	gofundme	\$100.00
4						
1/6/2022 / /	Mcclung, Jennifer 760 McBrayer Rd Trlr 89 Clearfield, Ky 40313	I	amazon	MU	gofundme	\$20.00
5						
1/13/2022 / /	Vantassel, Jill 268 Edge Ave VALPARAISO, FL 32580	I		MU	gofundme	\$100.00
6						
1/2/2022 / /	Knepper, Jason 693 Lakeside Circle Macon, GA 31098	I	usaf air force reserve	MU	gofundme	\$100.00
7						
/ /						

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Patrick William Palmer

(2) I.D. Number 753

(3) Cover Period 1/1/2022 through 1/14/2022

(4) Page 1 of 0

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
(6) Sequence Number					
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

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☐ Party Executive Committee (PTY)

☐ Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications)

☐ Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded

☐ Check here if PTY has disbanded

☐ Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 1 / 1 / 2022 To 1 / 14 / 2022 Report Type: C2

☐ Original

☒ Amendment

☐ Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, , 0 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 0 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 0 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, , 100 . 00

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 100 . 00

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$, 1 , 130 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$, , 792 . 81

(11) Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name)

☐ Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) ☐ Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

X

Signature

(Type name)

☐ Candidate ☐ Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X

Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Patrick William Palmer (2) I.D. Number 753
 (3) Cover Period 1/1/2022 through 1/14/2022 (4) Page 1 of 0

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
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SYNOVUS **DEPOSIT TICKET - CREDIT**

DATE 12 30 2021

ACCOUNT NAME Patrick W Palmer Campaign Act

DESCRIPTION CASH INCLUDING COM

DOLLARS 10000 CENTS 00

SUB TOTAL 10000

LESS CASH RECEIVED 0000

ACCOUNT NUMBER

USE BACK SIDE FOR LISTING ADDITIONAL CHECKS.

Date 12-30-2021 Sequence 2744318337 Serial 0 TR 51658888
 TranCode 600 Amount 500.00 DbCr C InstID 165
 EmployeeFlag 00 MInstID 165 MIFromInstID 165

VERSATEQ © 2002 C01-0165-001

CASH IN DEBIT

NICEVILLE

TELLER NUMBER **08**

TR:93 195-8 12/30/21 03:50 PM

165 CI

1016594010 SOV D165776

100.00

Date 195 Amount 100.00 DbCr D
 InstID 165 EmployeeFlag 00 MInstID 165 MIFromInstID 165

PATRICK W. PALMER

12/30/21 DATE

391 68-7497/2560

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Patrick W Palmer \$ 400.00

Four Hundred Dollars & 00/100 DOLLARS

NAVY FEDERAL Credit Union

FOR att. 1. Al

Date 12-30-2021 Sequence 2744318339 Serial 191 TR 256074974
 Account TranCode 0 Amount 400.00 DbCr D InstID 165
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NAME Patrick W Palmer 68-00 195

ACCOUNT NO. 1016594010 611

DATE 01/3/2022

PAY TO THE ORDER OF City of Valparaiso \$ 100.00

One Hundred Dollars & 00/100 DOLLARS

SYNEXIS

MEMO Sign ordinance

Date 01-05-2022 Sequence 525492429 Serial 0 TR 61100606
 Account TranCode 0 Amount 100.00 DbCr C InstID 165
 EmployeeFlag 00 MInstID 165 MIFromInstID 165

CLAY E HENSON

245 GRANDVIEW AVE

VALAPARAISO, FL 32580

271 23-71020 3743

3/1/2022 Date

Pay to the Order of City of Valparaiso \$ 232.00

Two Hundred Thirty Two & 00/100 Dollars

WELLS FARGO Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Colorado wells.fargo.com

For January Cable/Internet

Date 01-05-2022 Sequence 525492415 Serial 271 TR 102000076
 Account TranCode 0 Amount 232.00 DbCr D InstID 165
 EmployeeFlag 00 MInstID 165 MIFromInstID 165 MIAccount 0

TOTAL

10000

123021 2744 0318338 <061100606>SYN

ONLY BANK IT OF ED PAYEE

DEPOSIT

HIS LINE

FOR Cite

FOR Cite

#XXH1165DPCSTM

Statement of Account

Last statement: December 31, 2021
 This statement: January 31, 2022
 Total days in statement period: 31
 101-659-401-0 031 165
 Page 1 of 2

PATRICK W PALMER CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT
 266 EDGE AVE
 VALPARAISO FL 32580-0000

Direct inquiries to: 0
 888-796-6887

Summary of Account Balance

Account	Number	Ending Balance
Pro Business Checking		\$325.19

Pro Business Checking	Account Number		
Beginning balance	500.00		
Deposits/Credits	609.33	Low balance	288.94
Withdrawals/Debits	784.14	Average balance	505.96
Ending balance	325.19	Average collected balance	499.00

Checks

Number	Date	Amount	Control
0	01-05	100.00	000000525492429

Other Debits

Date	Transaction Type	Reference Number	Description	Amount
01-18	Check Card Purchase	000007619000000	MERCHANT PURCHASE TERMINAL 478930 VISTAGO PRINT LLC 888 25555 TX TRAN DATE 01-17-22SEQ # 201727761900	511.13
01-18	Check Card Purchase	000001001310000	MERCHANT PURCHASE TERMINAL 469216 VISTAPR VistaPrint com 866 89367 MA TRAN DATE 01-16-22SEQ # 201622100131	161.01
01-31	Service Charge	000000000000000		12.00

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January 31, 2022
101-659-401-0
PATRICK W PALMER CAMPAIGN AC
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Deposits/Other Credits

Date	Transaction Type	Reference Number	Description	Amount
01-10	Preauthorized Credit	091000012838915	GoFundMe PAYOUT TRN*1*TX11147646000XT**47A8TF5TH3PSY	464.28
01-13	Preauthorized Credit	091000013291944	OR2\RMR*IK*TX11147646000XT GoFundMe GoFundMe PAYOUT TRN*1*TX11388566600XT**3S5U1V5TJDZ9K	96.80
01-27	Preauthorized Credit	091000013790775	3A6\RMR*IK*TX11388566600XT GoFundMe GoFundMe PAYOUT TRN*1*TX11943143500XT**3S7Z7N5TOXXES	48.25
			5X4\RMR*IK*TX11943143500XT GoFundMe	

Balance Summary

Date	Amount	Date	Amount	Date	Amount
12-31	500.00	01-13	961.08	01-31	325.19
01-05	400.00	01-18	288.94		
01-10	864.28	01-27	337.19		

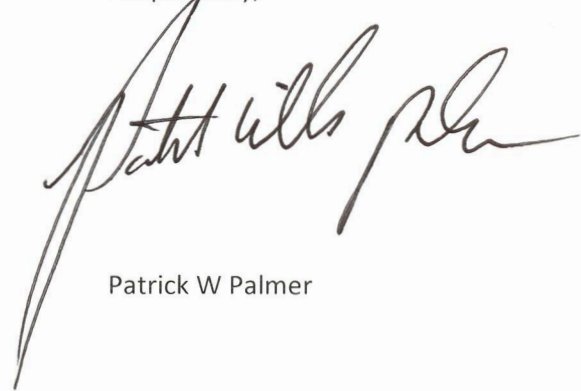
FL Elections Commission,

Case # FEC 22-035

Response with documentation.

I received your letter about the alleged anonymous donations on go fund me. The anonymous donations are not anonymous, they are just showing publicly but on the back end of gofund me they show exactly who donated which has been documented in all my reports including their addresses. This is a GoFundMe site option that is selected to the user for certain people. Mrs. Smith and her husband have been going to voters' homes and asking why they are supporting me. This has gotten so bad that Mr. Smith was asked to leave from one property. I have attached a screenshot of what I see. I do not see what the public end shows and what restrictions show at all. I see the attached. Mrs. Smith has also been reporting every single post that I make in the attempt to take down. She is married to the incumbent mayor. There is no violation here as they have all been reported as she showed in the 1/1/22-1/14/22 report for the other. I also brought up to the supervisor of the election's office about the issue of me filing and it not showing on the public end the correct amount weeks ago. Which was amended as of over a week ago. As you can see by the second attachment this was adjusted and corrected some time ago after I brought the issue to the supervisor of elections. I truly believe that Mrs. Smith's allegations are done knowingly and that this is an attempt to cause damage to my campaign as I have raised these concerns with the supervisor of elections and have amended my reports correctly. In the documents she provided to you that you sent to me shows clearly who donated the funds. It's simply that she has been blocked by many citizens on public platforms due to the substantial harassment. I ask that this knowingly accusation be dismissed as it has no legal bearing except in the effort to file a false report.

Respectfully,



Patrick W Palmer

Patrick W Palmer

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Patrick W. Palmer <palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com>
To: Florida Elections Commission <fec@myfloridalegal.com>

Thu, Feb 24, 2022 at 11:31 AM

More than one case? I only received one packet with the issue of donations. which i received the day before last. That's the only one that I have.

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Patrick W. Palmer <palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com>
To: Florida Elections Commission <fec@myfloridalegal.com>

Thu, Feb 24, 2022 at 6:25 PM

Good evening,

After reviewing the documents again, I assumed that the other issues were not valid as they are crossed out? However I would like to respond to all of them.

On the issue of my reports. I contacted Ray Bolden at the supervisor of the elections office about me noticing that the reports were not showing correctly as I submitted them. These reports were amended prior to me ever receiving this notice. I have attached what the report shows.

Also on the gofundme portal it shows publicly anonymous based on the donors preferences however it clearly shows on my end who donated and what. I have attached the screenshot of what I see which corresponds to what was reported. The sign donation. I did have an error on the report and did amend that report I believe on feb 8th. The February 7th date is suspicious since the city clerk sent me an email saying I filed late forgetting the sign deposit and asked me to amend the report which I did in a timely manner and I also paid a \$50 late fee to the city out of my personal account as well. This also happens to be the same day Mrs. Smith had this complaint notarized.

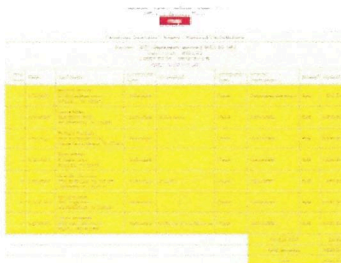
My gofundme fees that I pay are out of my campaign donations as they should be and is why it's my address on who paid the fees. The Payment says that I paid gofundme for using their platform which was well under the \$100 requirement to put an address, which states that on the report filings when I file.

It is also worth mentioning that Mrs. Smith is the incumbent's wife and has exhausted every attempt to make it appear that I am malicious or unethical. If she were to look on the supervisor of elections site prior to filing these complaints she would have seen that many of these accusations were already amended. I believe that based on the timeline that Mrs. Smith withheld amended documents in the attempt to make a case as she is clearly biased in this scenario as I'm running against her husband Mr. Brent Smith for Mayor of Valparaiso. Based on the preponderance information I provided I would respectfully ask that these issues be dismissed.

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4 attachments

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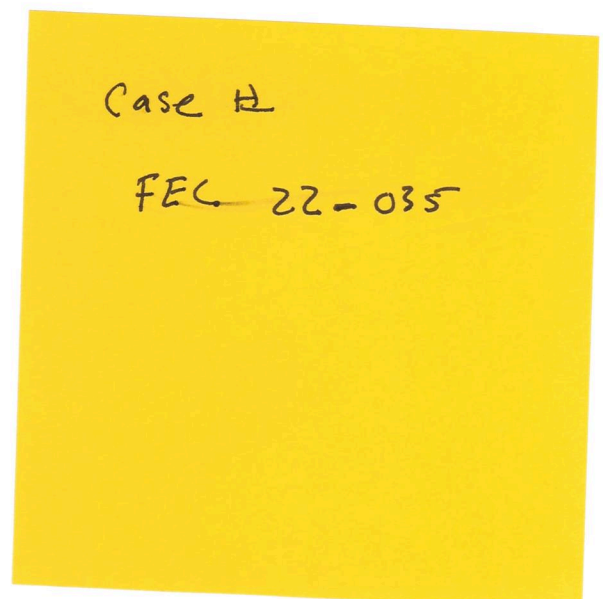


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gofundme.JPG

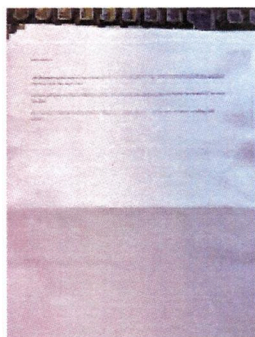
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54K

gofundme.JPG
54K





sign deposit.JPG
91K



lined out form.jpg
2757K

Florida Elections Commission <fec@myfloridalegal.com>
To: "Patrick W. Palmer" <palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 7:57 AM

We received two sworn complaints against you, one is from Brent Smith (FEC 22-036) and the other is from Janice Smith (FEC 22-035). Both complaints were received the same day and could have been sent in the same envelope. Please review your records to confirm receipt of both complaints. If you do not have both complaints, let me know and I'll email you the one you don't have.

Regards,

Donna Ann Malphurs
Agency Clerk/Public Information Officer

"Patrick W. Palmer" ---02/24/2022 12:32:03 PM---More than one case? I only received one packet with the issue of donations. which i received the da

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Patrick W. Palmer <palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com>
To: Florida Elections Commission <fec@myfloridalegal.com>

Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 2:20 PM

Please send the Brent smith one to me. I responded to the Janice smith one Friday evening
[Quoted text hidden]

Florida Elections Commission <fec@myfloridalegal.com>
To: "Patrick W. Palmer" <palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com>

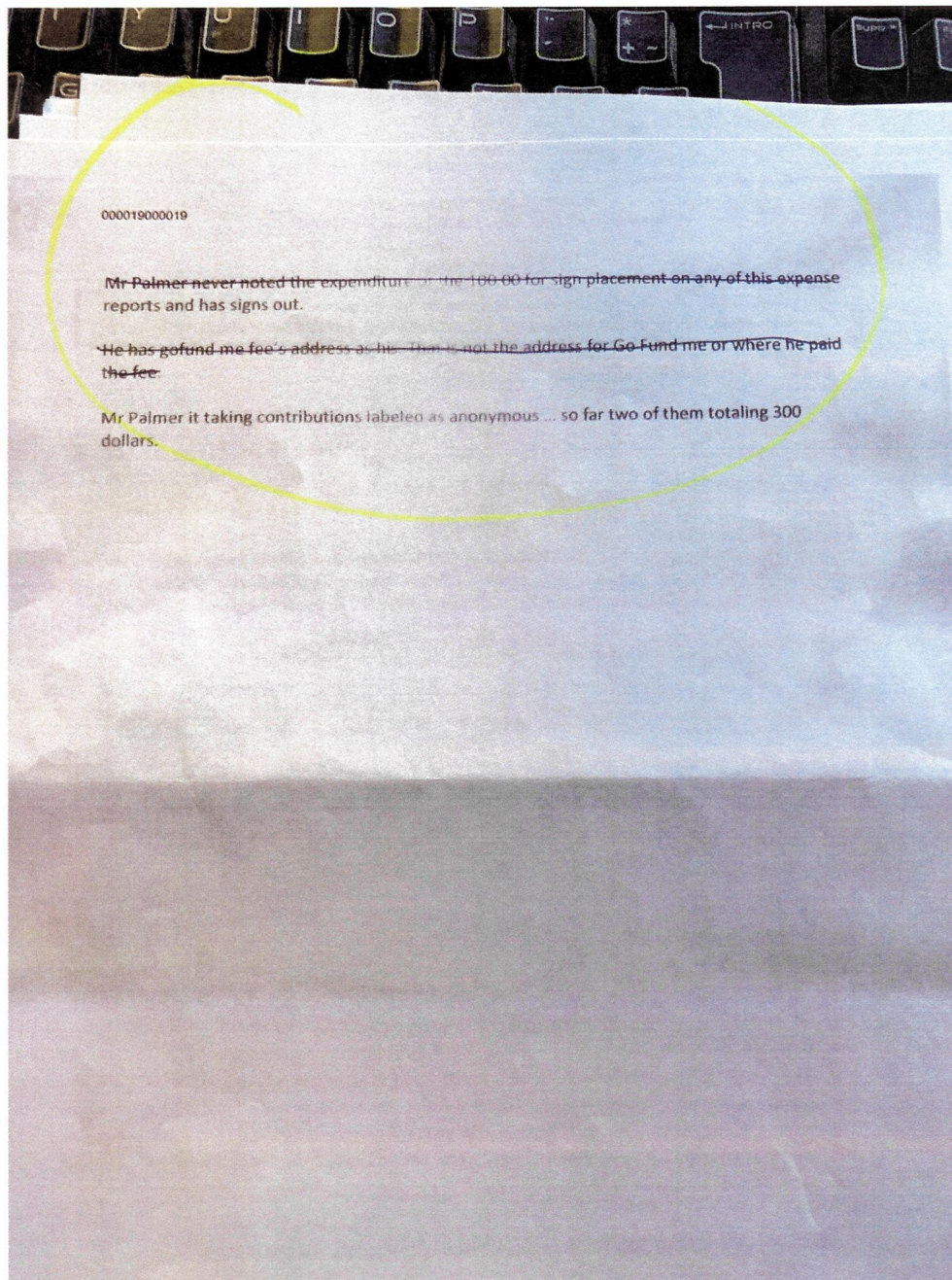
Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 4:13 PM

There appears to be no information available for the "Brent" case. It appears that it was never processed and mailed out.

Regards,

Donna Ann Malphurs
Agency Clerk/Public Information Officer

"Patrick W. Palmer" ---02/28/2022 03:21:17 PM---Please send the Brent smith one to me. I responded to the Janice smith one Friday evening



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Mr Palmer never noted the expenditure of the 100.00 for sign placement on any of this expense reports and has signs out.

~~He has gofund me fee's address as his. This is not the address for Go Fund me or where he paid the fee.~~

Mr Palmer it taking contributions labeled as anonymous ... so far two of them totaling 300 dollars.

voteokaloosa.gov/Candidates/Already-a-Candidate/Candidate-Login

Help

Campaign Treasurer's Report - Itemized Contributions

Election : 2022 Municipal Election (2022-03-08)

Report Date : 2022-C2

(2022-01-01 - 2022-01-14)

[Return to Report List](#)[illegible]

going to →

 **Jeremy Whittenburg** donated \$200 20 d ago

Private: Donor's name and comment do not show on your campaign.

Say thanks

 **Thomas Jackley** donated \$50 1 mo ago

Thank again

 Jill Van Tassel donated \$100 1 mo ago

Thank again

 **Richard Fecteau** donated \$100 1 mo ago

Private: Donor's name and comment do not show on your campaign.

Candidate : Patrick William Palmer (753)
Office : Valparaiso Mayor

Help

Campaign Treasurer's Report - Itemized Expenditures						
Election : 2022 Municipal Election (2022-03-08)						
Report Date : 2022-C2						
(2022-01-01 - 2022-01-14)						
Return to Report List						
Seq Num	Date	Vendor	Purpose	Expenditure Type	Amend	Amount
1	1/3/2022	Patrick Palmer 266 EDGE AVE VALPARAISO, FL 32580	city sign deposit	Monetary	Add	\$100.00
				Total		\$100.00
Return to Report List						

Sign Deposits *

Petty cash expenditures are realized when the funds are withdrawn for petty cash. Therefore, the referenced item is not included in the total.

Disposition of Funds expenditures are only used on Termination Reports and are not part of the Monthly Total Monetary amounts. Therefore, the referenced item is not included in the total expenditures on this page.

This is the list of individual expenditure items on the financial report. To add a new expenditure, click the 'Add expenditure' link above. You may also click the Edit or Delete link for an item to modify the item or to delete it entirely.



Patrick Palmer <palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com>

Late Treasures Report fine

1 message

City Clerk <cityclerk@valp.org>

Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 3:16 PM

To: "palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com" <palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com>

Mr. Palmer,

Please see the letter below or the attached. Your next Campaign Treasury's Report is due 11 February 2022.

Your C2 expenditure report does not show the \$100 Sign Deposit to the City of Valparaiso that was done on January 3, 2022. You should amend your Campaign Treasures Report.

~~But~~ All Information
were Amended & Approved
Feb 8 - 10, 2022



CITY OF VALPARAISO
465 VALPARAISO PARKWAY • (850) 729-5402
VALPARAISO, FLORIDA 32580

February 7, 2022

Patrick Palmer
266 Edge Avenue
Valparaiso, FL 32580

Dear Mr. Palmer,

We received your 2022 C3 Campaign Treasurer's Report February 5, 2022. The due date for the report was February 4, 2022, making your report 1 day late. In accordance with chapter 106.07((8)(b)) the fine is \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the late report. Your total fine based on the requirement cited above is \$50.00.

The fine cannot be paid from your campaign account, it must be paid from personal funds. You have 20 days from the receipt of this letter to pay the fine to our office.

Sincerely,

Tammy Johnson, CMC
City Clerk



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HOME OF
EDWIN AIR FORCE BASE

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City of Valparaiso, Florida

(850)729-5402 Fax (850) 678-4553

Florida has a very broad public records law. As a result, any written communication created or received by City of Valparaiso employees is subject to disclosure to the public and the media, upon request, unless otherwise exempt. If you do not want your email address released in response to a public records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing.

**Palmer fine letter.pdf**

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Patrick Palmer <palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com>

Candidate Biography

Patrick W. Palmer <palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com>
To: Ray Bolden <rbolden@myokaloosa.com>

Thu, Feb 10, 2022 at 6:08 PM

I have adjusted the bio as requested. I have also added an amendment to c1 for c1 there should be a total of \$650.00 Will this be correct to reflect the 1130 in donations? On the official site it shows what attachment 1 is. which is correct. attachment two shows what i see in the portal. Which one am I going off of? Please let me know.

[Quoted text hidden]

2 attachments



campaign 1.JPG
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palmer 2.JPG
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Ⓢ Email sent to Supervisor of elections
asking why Public and Back end Didn't
match!
Cg

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
PHONE LOG
Case No.: FEC 22-035

Respondent: Patrick Palmer

Complainant: Janice Smith

1. **Date and time:** 10/20/2023; 12:54 p.m.
Name: Patrick Palmer - Respondent
Phone #: (850) 240-6667
Summary: Respondent called to discuss FEC 22-035 because he received a letter and wanted clarification.
Entered by: CM
2. **Date and time:** 10/20/2023; 01:37 p.m.
Name: Patrick Palmer - Respondent
Phone #: (850) 240-6667
Summary: Spoke with Respondent in regard to FEC 22-035. Respondent wanted an explanation about the LS letter dated October 16, 2023. He stated that he had received a letter earlier this year stating this case was closed. I requested that he send me a copy of the letter he said came from the Commission to Charles.Mellow@myfloridalegal.com. He stated he would send it to me. I told Respondent that I had just received this case and was in the early process of my investigation.
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3. **Date and time:** 10/24/2023; 02:38 p.m.
Name: Patrick Palmer - Respondent
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4. **Date and time:**

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Phone #:
Summary:
Entered by:

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Phone #:
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Entered by:

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Name:
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RESPONDENT INTERVIEW MEMO – Call details at #3

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October 16, 2023

Patrick Palmer
266 Edge Avenue
Valparaiso, FL 32580

RE: Case No.: FEC 22-035; Respondent: Patrick Palmer

Dear Mr. Palmer:

On February 11, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violations:

Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2022 candidate for Mayor of Valparaiso, may have certified the 2022 C2 campaign treasurer's report was true, correct, and complete when it was not, based upon a missing expenditure for sign placement, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2022 candidate for Mayor of Valparaiso, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information in the 2022 C2 campaign treasurer's report, as required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, regarding an expenditure for sign placement, as alleged in the complaint.

When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to you at the above address. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will prepare and present a written Staff Recommendation (SR) to the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to charge you, the Respondent, with violating Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You will have an opportunity to respond to both the ROI and the SR. The Commission will then hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violations occurred and, if so, the amount of the fine to be imposed upon you. Notice will be mailed to you and the Complainant at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(i)3., Florida Statutes, the Commission may enter into a consent agreement with a Respondent to settle a complaint prior to a finding of probable cause. If you are interested in entering negotiations directed towards reaching a consent agreement to resolve this matter, please contact the Commission and request to speak with the attorney assigned to this case.

Patrick Palmer
October 16, 2023
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Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you notify us of a new address.

Pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, complaints, investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, are confidential until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause, unless the Respondent files a written waiver of confidentiality with the Commission. The confidentiality provision does not apply to the Complainant or the Respondent.

Should you retain counsel, your attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Commission before any member of the commission staff can discuss this case with him or her.

For additional information, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Commission's website.

If you have additional questions, please contact **Charles Mellow**, the investigator assigned to this case, by phone at (850) 922-4539 or by email at Charles.Mellow@myfloridalegal.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Vaccaro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

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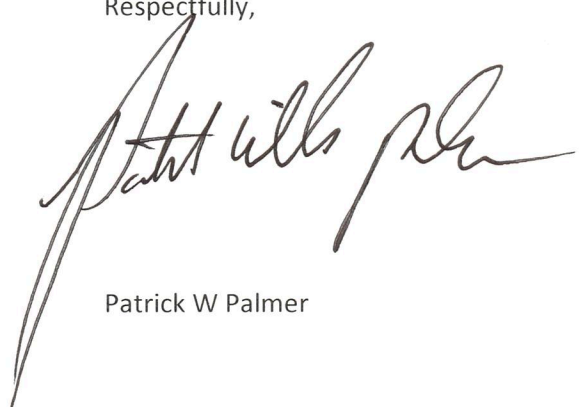
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Case # FEC 22-035

Response with documentation.

I received your letter about the alleged anonymous donations on go fund me. The anonymous donations are not anonymous, they are just showing publicly but on the back end of gofund me they show exactly who donated which has been documented in all my reports including their addresses. This is a GoFundMe site option that is selected to the user for certain people. Mrs. Smith and her husband have been going to voters' homes and asking why they are supporting me. This has gotten so bad that Mr. Smith was asked to leave from one property. I have attached a screenshot of what I see. I do not see what the public end shows and what restrictions show at all. I see the attached. Mrs. Smith has also been reporting every single post that I make in the attempt to take down. She is married to the incumbent mayor. There is no violation here as they have all been reported as she showed in the 1/1/22-1/14/22 report for the other. I also brought up to the supervisor of the election's office about the issue of me filing and it not showing on the public end the correct amount weeks ago. Which was amended as of over a week ago. As you can see by the second attachment this was adjusted and corrected some time ago after I brought the issue to the supervisor of elections. I truly believe that Mrs. Smith's allegations are done knowingly and that this is an attempt to cause damage to my campaign as I have raised these concerns with the supervisor of elections and have amended my reports correctly. In the documents she provided to you that you sent to me shows clearly who donated the funds. It's simply that she has been blocked by many citizens on public platforms due to the substantial harassment. I ask that this knowingly accusation be dismissed as it has no legal bearing except in the effort to file a false report.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick W. Palmer", written over a light gray background.

Patrick W Palmer

Patrick W Palmer

850-240-6667 [attachment "gofundme proof.JPG" deleted by Donna Malphurs/OAG] [attachment "report 1.JPG" deleted by Donna Malphurs/OAG] [attachment "report amended c2.JPG" deleted by Donna Malphurs/OAG]

Patrick W. Palmer <palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com>
To: Florida Elections Commission <fec@myfloridalegal.com>

Thu, Feb 24, 2022 at 11:31 AM

More than one case? I only received one packet with the issue of donations. which i received the day before last. That's the only one that I have.

[Quoted text hidden]

Patrick W. Palmer <palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com>
To: Florida Elections Commission <fec@myfloridalegal.com>

Thu, Feb 24, 2022 at 6:25 PM

Good evening,

After reviewing the documents again, I assumed that the other issues were not valid as they are crossed out? However I would like to respond to all of them.

On the issue of my reports. I contacted Ray Bolden at the supervisor of the elections office about me noticing that the reports were not showing correctly as I submitted them. These reports were amended prior to me ever receiving this notice. I have attached what the report shows.

Also on the gofundme portal it shows publicly anonymous based on the donors preferences however it clearly shows on my end who donated and what. I have attached the screenshot of what I see which corresponds to what was reported. The sign donation. I did have an error on the report and did amend that report I believe on feb 8th. The February 7th date is suspicious since the city clerk sent me an email saying I filed late forgetting the sign deposit and asked me to amend the report which I did in a timely manner and I also paid a \$50 late fee to the city out of my personal account as well. This also happens to be the same day Mrs. Smith had this complaint notarized.

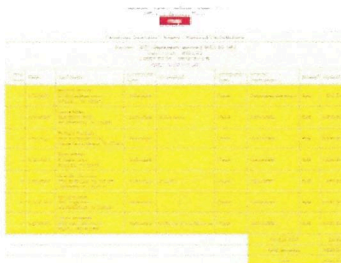
My gofundme fees that I pay are out of my campaign donations as they should be and is why it's my address on who paid the fees. The Payment says that I paid gofundme for using their platform which was well under the \$100 requirement to put an address, which states that on the report filings when I file.

It is also worth mentioning that Mrs. Smith is the incumbent's wife and has exhausted every attempt to make it appear that I am malicious or unethical. If she were to look on the supervisor of elections site prior to filing these complaints she would have seen that many of these accusations were already amended. I believe that based on the timeline that Mrs. Smith withheld amended documents in the attempt to make a case as she is clearly biased in this scenario as I'm running against her husband Mr. Brent Smith for Mayor of Valparaiso. Based on the preponderance information I provided I would respectfully ask that these issues be dismissed.

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4 attachments

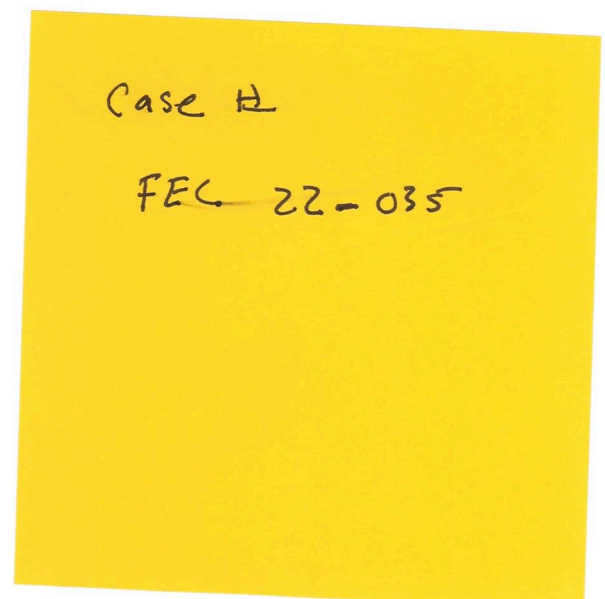
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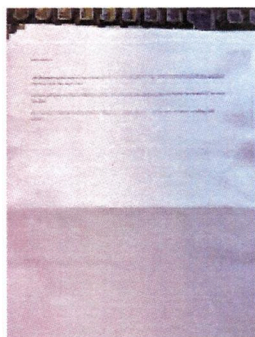


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sign deposit.JPG
91K



lined out form.jpg
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Florida Elections Commission <fec@myfloridalegal.com>
To: "Patrick W. Palmer" <palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 7:57 AM

We received two sworn complaints against you, one is from Brent Smith (FEC 22-036) and the other is from Janice Smith (FEC 22-035). Both complaints were received the same day and could have been sent in the same envelope. Please review your records to confirm receipt of both complaints. If you do not have both complaints, let me know and I'll email you the one you don't have.

Regards,

Donna Ann Malphurs
Agency Clerk/Public Information Officer

"Patrick W. Palmer" ---02/24/2022 12:32:03 PM---More than one case? I only received one packet with the issue of donations. which i received the da

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Patrick W. Palmer <palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com>
To: Florida Elections Commission <fec@myfloridalegal.com>

Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 2:20 PM

Please send the Brent smith one to me. I responded to the Janice smith one Friday evening
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Florida Elections Commission <fec@myfloridalegal.com>
To: "Patrick W. Palmer" <palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com>

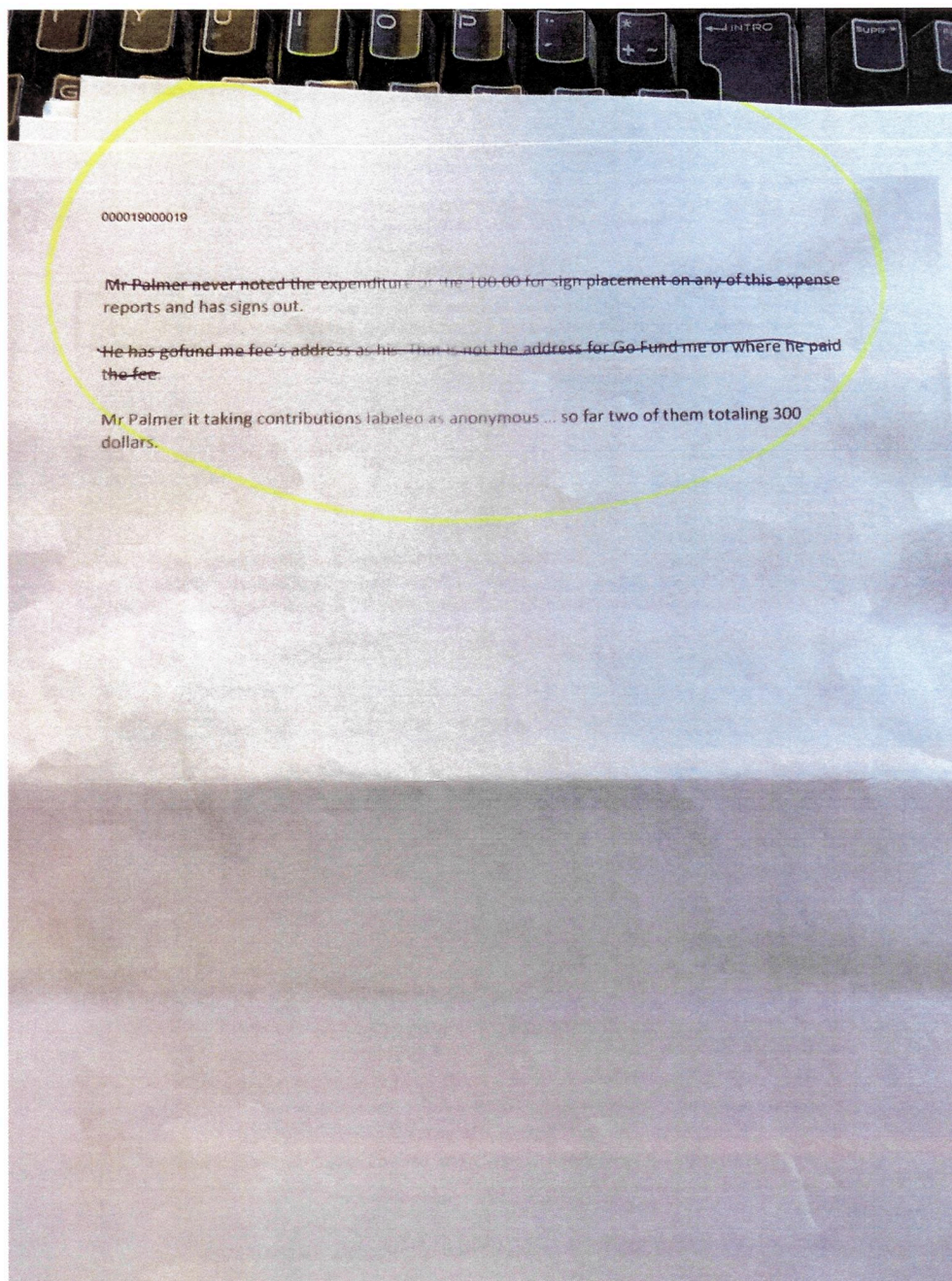
Mon, Feb 28, 2022 at 4:13 PM

There appears to be no information available for the "Brent" case. It appears that it was never processed and mailed out.

Regards,

Donna Ann Malphurs
Agency Clerk/Public Information Officer

"Patrick W. Palmer" ---02/28/2022 03:21:17 PM---Please send the Brent smith one to me. I responded to the Janice smith one Friday evening



Candidate : Patrick William Palmer (753)
Office : Valparaiso Mayor

Help

Report Date : 2022-C2
(2022-01-01 - 2022-01-14)

[Return to Report List](#)

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going to

Private: Donor's name and comment do not show on your campaign.

Say thanks

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Thank again

...

Thank again

Private: Donor's name and comment do not show on your campaign.

Help

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Sign Deposits *

This is the list of individual expenditure items on the financial report. To add a new expenditure, click the 'Add expenditure' link above. You may also click the Edit or Delete link for an item to modify the item or to delete it entirely.



Patrick Palmer <palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com>

Late Treasures Report fine

1 message

City Clerk <cityclerk@valp.org>

Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 3:16 PM

To: "palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com" <palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com>

Mr. Palmer,

Please see the letter below or the attached. Your next Campaign Treasury's Report is due 11 February 2022.

Your C2 expenditure report does not show the \$100 Sign Deposit to the City of Valparaiso that was done on January 3, 2022. You should amend your Campaign Treasures Report.

~~But~~ All Information
were Amended & Attached
Feb 8 - 10, 2022



CITY OF VALPARAISO
465 VALPARAISO PARKWAY • (850) 729-5402
VALPARAISO, FLORIDA 32580

February 7, 2022

Patrick Palmer
266 Edge Avenue
Valparaiso, FL 32580

Dear Mr. Palmer,

We received your 2022 C3 Campaign Treasurer's Report February 5, 2022. The due date for the report was February 4, 2022, making your report 1 day late. In accordance with chapter 106.07((8)(b)) the fine is \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the late report. Your total fine based on the requirement cited above is \$50.00.

The fine cannot be paid from your campaign account, it must be paid from personal funds. You have 20 days from the receipt of this letter to pay the fine to our office.

Sincerely,

Tammy Johnson, CMC
City Clerk



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HOME OF
EDSWALL AIR FORCE BASE

February 7, 2022

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Sincerely,

Tammy Johnson, CMC
City Clerk

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City Clerk

City of Valparaiso, Florida

(850)729-5402 Fax (850) 678-4553

Florida has a very broad public records law. As a result, any written communication created or received by City of Valparaiso employees is subject to disclosure to the public and the media, upon request, unless otherwise exempt. If you do not want your email address released in response to a public records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing.

**Palmer fine letter.pdf**

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Patrick Palmer <palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com>

Candidate Biography

Patrick W. Palmer <palmerelectioncampaign@gmail.com>
To: Ray Bolden <rbolden@myokaloosa.com>

Thu, Feb 10, 2022 at 6:08 PM

I have adjusted the bio as requested. I have also added an amendment to c1 for c1 there should be a total of \$650.00 Will this be correct to reflect the 1130 in donations? On the official site it shows what attachment 1 is. which is correct. attachment two shows what i see in the portal. Which one am I going off of? Please let me know.

[Quoted text hidden]

2 attachments

campaign 1.JPG
18K

palmer 2.JPG
21K

Ⓢ Email sent to Supervisor of elections
asking why Public and Back end Didn't
match!
Cg

COMPLAINT

The Commission's records and proceedings in a case are confidential until the Commission rules on probable cause. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the person against whom it is brought.

1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

Name: Janice Smith Work Phone: ()
Address: 143 Menzel St Home Phone: (850) 376-5580
City: Valparaiso County: Okaloosa State: FL Zip Code: 32580

2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:

If you intend to name more than one individual or entity, please file multiple complaints. A person can be an individual, political committee, political party, electioneering communication organization, club, corporation, partnership, company, association, or other type of organization.

Name of individual or entity: Patrick Palmer
Address: 266 edge Ave Phone: (850) 240 6667
City: Valparaiso County: Okaloosa State: FL Zip Code: 32580

If individual is a candidate, list the office or position sought: Mayor of Valparaiso

Have you filed this complaint with the State Attorney's Office? (check one) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.271(2), F.S.? (check one) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.2715, F.S.? (check one) ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):

Please attach a **concise** narrative statement in which you list the provisions of the Florida Election Code that you believe the person named above may have violated. The Commission has jurisdiction only to investigate provisions of Chapter 104 and Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Please include the following items as part of your attached statement:

- The facts and actions that you believe support the violations you allege;
- The names/telephone numbers of persons whom you believe may be witnesses to the facts;
- A copy or picture of any political advertisement(s) you mention in your statement;
- A copy of each document you mention in your statement;
- An explanation of why you believe information you reference from websites is relevant; and
- Any other evidence supporting your allegations.

SEE REVERSE SIDE OF DOCUMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

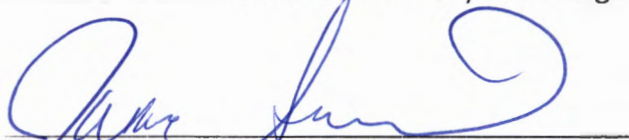
*Any person who files a complaint while **knowing** that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes.*

4. **OATH:**

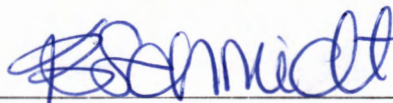
STATE OF FLORIDA

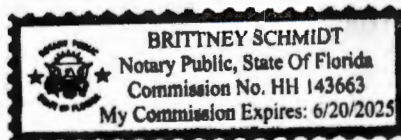
COUNTY OF Okaloosa

I swear or affirm that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of
February, 20 22


Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oaths or Notary Public



(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally Known _____ Or Produced Identification ☒

Type of Identification Produce:

5. **IMPROPERLY COMPLETED COMPLAINT FORMS MAY BE RETURNED:**

- You **MUST submit this** completed complaint **form** in order to file a complaint.
- You **MUST** complete **ALL FOUR** of the above sections of this form. **DO NOT** leave any blanks.
- You **MUST** submit the **ORIGINAL** complaint form. Copied/faxed/mailed forms are returned.
- Each complaint can only be filed against **ONE PERSON** or **ENTITY**. If you wish to file against multiple parties, you **MUST** submit a complaint form **for each party** you wish to file against.
- **DO NOT** submit multiple complaint forms with one set of attachments applying to multiple complaints. You **MUST** attach **copies** of attachments **to each complaint** to which they apply.
- **MAKE SURE** the alleged violation(s) of **Chapters 104 or 106** occurred within the last **2 years**.
- **MAKE SURE** your complaint is **sworn** and there is **no defect** to the **notarization** in Section 4.

PATRICK PALMER HAS Accepted
over 300,00 Dollars in Anonymous
Donations, however when he does
his report he inserts a name.

per Chapter 106, Florida states, no
anonymous contributions can be
accepted.

Go find me PATRICK PALMER
certifying a false report

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Palmer For Mayor of Valparaiso FL

\$830 raised of \$5,000 goal

9 donations

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This fundraiser is located near you



Anonymous
\$200 • 2 d



Thomas Jackley
\$50 • 12 d

[See all](#)



Patrick Palmer is organizing this fundraiser

The City of Valparaiso has been home to me for nearly my entire life. Over the many years the city has made progress in some areas, however it has been lacking in others. We have seen our population decline, our grocery store close, internet and television technologies fall behind and other essential services have simply disappeared. Lack of responsible leadership has contributed to wasteful spending and poor use of city resources. It is time we take a new approach to the way our city is run and enjoy the best we can build together. There is no reason why we cannot be a model city that attracts businesses and residents without losing our identity and core values. With your help and your vote, together we can create a better community for generations to come.

Given our strategic location to the world's largest military base, we have a unique opportunity to be good neighbors and shepherds of a mutually beneficial relationship. Many of us are either active duty, retired, or relatives of military personnel. By supporting our military personnel we honor our duty and sacrifice to others.

We have all seen how drastically things have changed over the last couple of years and we all have seen the challenges that are ever so present today. With sound stewardship and practical implementation we can thrive and enjoy our way of life. We should be looking to utilize grants to their fullest potential to modernize and update our city. Investing in our community is the best investment for our residents. Our families and our neighbors will be proud of what we can accomplish together.

Taking a well-planned approach to growth and infrastructure improvements we will ensure a better tomorrow for our loved ones and our wonderful city. Proactive leadership is key to our success. We can no longer afford to take the business as usual approach and expect to see the much needed improvements that we all so desperately want.

Donations (9)




Donate now

 Anonymous
\$200

 Thomas Jackley
\$50


 Jill Van Tassel
\$100

 Anonymous
\$100

Join this list. [Donate now](#)

 Mitchell Prever
\$10

 Laura Miller
\$150

 Jason Knepper
\$100

 Ryan Nieten
\$100

 Jennifer McClure

I humbly ask that you support me in this effort by contributing to my campaign fund for Mayor, City of Valparaiso. Please share this link

with your friends and family. Thank you for your support in advance. With your help, I will be the Mayor that the City of Valparaiso needs.

Please make a contribution today and vote for Patrick W. Palmer on Election Day.

Donate

Share

Organizer



Patrick Palmer
Organizer
Valparaiso, FL

Contact

Words of support

Please donate and share words of encouragement.

Created December 30, 2021

Other

Report fundraiser



#1 fundraising platform

More people start fundraisers on GoFundMe than on any other platform. [Learn how GoFundMe works.](#)



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COMMON MISTAKES MADE BY CANDIDATES AND CAMPAIGN TREASURERS

- ◆ Accepting anonymous contributions, such as passing the hat or selling tickets for fund raisers without getting the required information from contributors. *VIA*
- ◆ Failing to properly mark political disclaimers on political advertisements, campaign literature and ads. *Go fund me,*
- ◆ Accepting contributions prior to filing an Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository form with the appropriate filing officer.
- ◆ Filing Campaign Treasurer Reports late.
- ◆ Allowing unauthorized individuals to sign campaign reports.
- ◆ Showing a deficit in campaign contribution and expenditure reports.
- ◆ Taking contributions in excess of legal limitations.
- ◆ Failing to notify the filing officer of changes in treasurers, addresses or other required information.
- ◆ Making donations to charitable organizations from campaign funds before the candidate is elected, eliminated, withdrawn or elected unopposed.
- ◆ Accepting contributions to cover outstanding expenses after the election.

Anonymous Contributions

When a candidate receives an anonymous contribution it must be reported on the candidate's campaign treasurer's report as an anonymous contribution. A letter should be submitted to the filing officer explaining the circumstances surrounding the acceptance of the anonymous contribution.

The candidate cannot spend the anonymous contribution, but at the end of the campaign, the candidate must donate the amount to an appropriate entity under Section [106.141](#), Florida Statutes.

(Division of Elections Advisory Opinion [89-02](#))

In-Kind Contributions

In-kind contributions are anything of value made for the purpose of influencing the results of an election.

The **exceptions** are:

- Money;
- Personal services provided without compensation by individual volunteers;
- Independent expenditures, as defined in Section [106.011\(12\)](#), Florida Statutes; or
- Endorsements of three or more candidates by affiliated party committees or political parties.

*(Section [106.011](#), Fla. Stat.;
Division of Elections Advisory Opinion [04-06](#))*

Note: Any person who makes an in-kind contribution shall, at the time of making the contribution, place a fair market value on the contribution. In-kind contributions are subject to contribution limitations. Travel conveyed upon private aircraft shall be valued at the actual cost of per person commercial air travel for the same or a substantially similar route.

*(Sections [106.011](#) and [106.055](#), Fla. Stat.;
Division of Elections Advisory Opinion [09-08](#) (Aircraft Travel))*

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Patrick William Palmer

Name

(2) 266 Edge Avenue

Address (number and street)

Valparaiso, FL 32580

City, State, Zip Code

☐ Check here if address has changed

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[1253324]

Submitted on:

1/6/2022 20:27:16 (eastern)

(3) ID Number: 753

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

☒ Candidate Office Sought: Valparaiso Mayor

☐ Political Committee (PC)

☐ Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO)

☐ Party Executive Committee (PTY)

☐ Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications)

☐ Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded

☐ Check here if PTY has disbanded

☐ Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 12 / 1 / 2021 To 12 / 31 / 2021 Report Type: C1

☒ Original

☐ Amendment

☐ Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, , 500 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 500 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 150 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary

Expenditures \$, , 0 . 00

Transfers to

Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 0 . 00

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$, , 500 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$, , 0 . 00

(11) Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name)

☐ Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) ☐ Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

X

Signature

(Type name)

☐ Candidate ☐ Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X

Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Patrick William Palmer

(2) I.D. Number 753

(3) Cover Period 12/1/2021 through 12/31/2021

(4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation	(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
(6) Sequence Number						
12/31/2021 / /	Palmer, Patrick W 266 EDGE AVE VALPARAISO, FL 32580	I finance clerk	MU			\$500.00
1						
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Patrick William Palmer

(2) I.D. Number 753

12/1/2021 12/31/2021

(3) Cover Period / / through / /

(4) Page 1 of 0

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

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Submitted on:

1/21/2022 19:39:17 (eastern)

(1) Patrick William Palmer

Name

(2) 266 Edge Avenue

Address (number and street)

Valparaiso, FL 32580

City, State, Zip Code

☐ Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: 753

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☐ Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded

☐ Check here if PTY has disbanded

☐ Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 1 / 1 / 2022 To 1 / 14 / 2022 Report Type: C2

☒ Original

☐ Amendment

☐ Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, , 580 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 580 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 0 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, , 0 . 00

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 0 . 00

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$, , 1 , 080 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$, , 0 . 00

(11) Certification

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I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name)

☐ Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) ☐ Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

X

Signature

(Type name)

☐ Candidate ☐ Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X

Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Patrick William Palmer

(2) I.D. Number 753

1/1/2022

1/14/2022

(3) Cover Period / / through / /

(4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation	(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
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1/2/2022 / /	Miller, Laura 266 EDGE AVE VALPARAISO, FL 32580	I home care	MU	gofundme		\$150.00
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1/6/2022 / /	Pecteau, Richard 169 Enchanted way Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32549	I	MU	gofundme		\$100.00
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Patrick William Palmer

(2) I.D. Number 753

(3) Cover Period 1/1/2022 through 1/14/2022

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

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[1254498]

Submitted on:

2/5/2022 19:09:05 (eastern)

(1) Patrick William Palmer

Name

(2) 266 Edge Avenue

Address (number and street)

Valparaiso, FL 32580

City, State, Zip Code

☐ Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: 753

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

☒ Candidate Office Sought: Valparaiso Mayor

☐ Political Committee (PC)

☐ Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO)

☐ Party Executive Committee (PTY)

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☐ Check here if PTY has disbanded

☐ Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 1 / 15 / 2022 To 1 / 28 / 2022 Report Type: C3

☒ Original

☐ Amendment

☐ Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, , 50 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 50 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 0 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, , 692 . 81

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 692 . 81

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$, , 1 , 130 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$, , 692 . 81

(11) Certification

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(Type name)

☐ Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) ☐ Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

X

Signature

(Type name)

☐ Candidate ☐ Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X

Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Patrick William Palmer

(2) I.D. Number 753

1/15/2022

1/28/2022

(3) **Cover Period** _____ / _____ / _____ through _____

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(1) Name Patrick William Palmer

(2) I.D. Number 753

(3) Cover Period 1/15/2022 through 1/28/2022

(4) Page 1 of 1

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Candidate: Patrick William Palmer

Office: Valparaiso Mayor

Report Date: C3 (1/15/2022 - 1/28/2022)

Campaign Treasurer's Report - Itemized Contributions

Seq# Date	Contributor	Entity	Occupation Amend	Cont. Type	Amount
26/2022	Thomas Jackley 266 Glenview Ave VALPARAISO, FL 32580	Individual		Multiple Uniform Contributions	\$50.00
Total Contributions					\$50.00

Campaign Treasurer's Report - In-Kind Contributions

Seq# Date	Contributor	Entity	Occupation Amend	In-Kind Description	Amount
Total In-Kind Contributions					\$0.00

Campaign Treasurer's Report - Itemized Expenditures

Seq# Date	Vendor	Purpose	Exp. Type Amend	Amount
16/2022	Patrick Palmer 266 EDGE AVE VALPARAISO, FL 32580	100 signs and 6 car magnets	Monetary	\$511.13
16/2022	Patrick Palmer 266 EDGE AVE VALPARAISO, FL 32580	1000 door knockers	Monetary	\$161.01
16/2022	Patrick Palmer 266 EDGE AVE VALPARAISO, FL 32580	gofund me fees	Monetary	\$20.67
Total Expenditures				\$692.81

Campaign Treasurer's Report - Fund Transfers

Seq# Date	Institution	Transfer Type	Nature of Account Amend	Amount
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Campaign Treasurer's Report - Distributions

Seq# Date	Vendor	Purpose	Expenditure Related Exp. Amend	Amount
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Petty cash expenditures are realized when the funds are withdrawn for petty cash. Therefore, the referenced item is not included in the total.

~~Mr Palmer never noted the expenditure of the 100.00 for sign placement on any of this expense reports and has signs out.~~

~~He has gofund me fee's address as his. That is not the address for Go Fund me or where he paid the fee.~~

Mr Palmer it taking contributions labeled as anonymous ... so far two of them totaling 300 dollars.

COMPLAINT

The Commission's records and proceedings in a case are confidential until the Commission rules on probable cause. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the person against whom it is brought.

1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

Name: Janice Smith Work Phone: ()
Address: 1413 Menzel St Home Phone: (850) 376-5582
City: Valparaiso County: Okaloosa State: FL Zip Code: 32580

2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:

If you intend to name more than one individual or entity, please file multiple complaints. A person can be an individual, political committee, political party, electioneering communication organization, club, corporation, partnership, company, association, or other type of organization.

Name of individual or entity: Patrick Palmer
Address: 246 edge Ave Phone: (850) 376-5582
City: Valparaiso County: Okaloosa State: FL Zip Code: 32580

If individual is a candidate, list the office or position sought: Valp Mayor

Have you filed this complaint with the State Attorney's Office? (check one) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.271(2), F.S.? (check one) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.2715, F.S.? (check one) ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):

Please attach a **concise** narrative statement in which you list the provisions of the Florida Election Code that you believe the person named above may have violated. The Commission has jurisdiction only to investigate provisions of Chapter 104 and Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Please include the following items as part of your attached statement:

- The facts and actions that you believe support the violations you allege;
- The names/telephone numbers of persons whom you believe may be witnesses to the facts;
- A copy or picture of any political advertisement(s) you mention in your statement;
- A copy of each document you mention in your statement;
- An explanation of why you believe information you reference from websites is relevant; and
- Any other evidence supporting your allegations.

SEE REVERSE SIDE OF DOCUMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

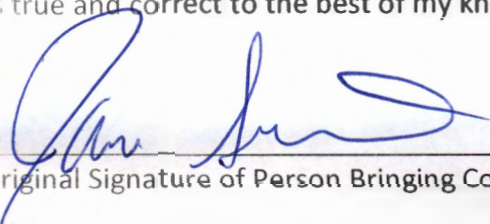
Any person who files a complaint while knowing that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes.

4. **OATH:**

STATE OF FLORIDA

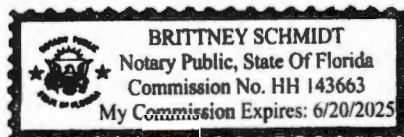
COUNTY OF OKALOOSA

I swear or affirm that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of
February, 2022
B. Schmidt

Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oaths or Notary Public



(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally Known _____ Or Produced Identification ☒

Type of Identification Produced _____

5. **IMPROPERLY COMPLETED COMPLAINT FORMS MAY BE RETURNED:**

- You **MUST** submit this completed complaint form in order to file a complaint.
- You **MUST** complete **ALL FOUR** of the above sections of this form. **DO NOT** leave any blanks.
- You **MUST** submit the **ORIGINAL** complaint form. Copied/faxed/mailed forms are returned.
- Each complaint can only be filed against **ONE PERSON** or **ENTITY**. If you wish to file against multiple parties, you **MUST** submit a complaint form **for each party** you wish to file against.
- **DO NOT** submit multiple complaint forms with one set of attachments applying to multiple complaints. You **MUST** attach **copies** of attachments **to each complaint** to which they apply.
- **MAKE SURE** the alleged violation(s) of **Chapters 104 or 106** occurred within the last **2 years**.
- **MAKE SURE** your complaint is **sworn** and there is **no defect** to the **notarization** in Section 4.

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~~Mr Palmer it taking contributions labeled as anonymous ... so far two of them totaling 300 dollars.~~

He is falsely completing reports and not putting all the information on them.

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Patrick William Palmer

Name

(2) 266 Edge Avenue

Address (number and street)

Valparaiso, FL 32580

City, State, Zip Code

☐ Check here if address has changed

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Submitted on:

1/6/2022 20:27:16 (eastern)

(3) ID Number: 753

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

☒ Candidate Office Sought: Valparaiso Mayor

☐ Political Committee (PC)

☐ Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO)

☐ Party Executive Committee (PTY)

☐ Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications)

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☐ Check here if PTY has disbanded

☐ Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 12 / 1 / 2021 To 12 / 31 / 2021 Report Type: C1

☒ Original

☐ Amendment

☐ Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, , 500 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 500 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 150 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, , 0 . 00

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 0 . 00

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$, , 500 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$, , 0 . 00

(11) Certification

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(Type name)

☐ Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) ☐ Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

X

Signature

(Type name)

☐ Candidate ☐ Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X

Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Patrick William Palmer (2) I.D. Number 753
 12/1/2021 through 12/31/2021
 (3) Cover Period 12/1/2021 / 12/31/2021 (4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation	(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
(6) Sequence Number						
12/31/2021 / /	Palmer, Patrick W 266 EDGE AVE VALPARAISO, FL 32580	I finance clerk	MU			\$500.00
1						
12/31/2021 / /	Palmer, Patrick 266 EDGE AVE VALPARAISO, FL 32580	I finance clerk	IK	75 campaign signs		\$150.00
2						
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Patrick William Palmer

(2) I.D. Number 753

12/1/2021 through 12/31/2021

(3) Cover Period / / through / /

(4) Page 1 of 0

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
(6) Sequence Number					
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

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Submitted on:

1/21/2022 19:39:17 (eastern)

(1) Patrick William Palmer

Name

(2) 266 Edge Avenue

Address (number and street)

Valparaiso, FL 32580

City, State, Zip Code

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(3) ID Number: 753

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

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☐ Party Executive Committee (PTY)

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☐ Check here if PTY has disbanded

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(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 1 / 1 / 2022 To 1 / 14 / 2022 Report Type: C2

☒ Original

☐ Amendment

☐ Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, , 580 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 580 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 0 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, , 0 . 00

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 0 . 00

(8) Other Distributions

\$, , 0 . 00

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$, 1 , 080 . 00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$, , 0 . 00

(11) Certification

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(Type name)

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X

Signature

(Type name)

☐ Candidate ☐ Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X

Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Patrick William Palmer

(2) I.D. Number 753

1/1/2022

1/14/2022

(3) Cover Period 1/1/2022 through 1/14/2022

(4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation	(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
1/3/2022 / /	Prever, Mitchell 3249 Scallion court Orlando, FL 32825	I	MU	gofundme donation.		\$10.00
1						
1/2/2022 / /	Miller, Laura 266 EDGE AVE VALPARAISO, FL 32580	I home care	MU	gofundme		\$150.00
2						
1/6/2022 / /	Fecteau, Richard 169 Enchanted way Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32549	I	MU	gofundme		\$100.00
3						
1/6/2022 / /	Nieten, Ryan 5 Cedar way Niceville, FL 32578	I	MU	gofundme		\$100.00
4						
1/6/2022 / /	Mcclung, Jennifer 760 McBrayer Rd Trlr 89 Clearfield, Ky 40313	I amazon	MU	gofundme		\$20.00
5						
1/13/2022 / /	Vantassel, Jill 268 Edge Ave VALPARAISO, FL 32580	I	MU	gofundme		\$100.00
6						
1/2/2022 / /	Knepper, Jason 693 Lakeside Circle Macon, GA 31098	I usaf air force reserve	MU	gofundme		\$100.00
7						
/ /						

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Patrick William Palmer

(2) I.D. Number 753

1/1/2022

1/14/2022

(3) Cover Period / / through / /

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Submitted on:
 2/5/2022 19:09:05 (eastern)

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Cover Period: From 1 / 15 / 2022 To 1 / 28 / 2022 Report Type: C3

☒ Original

☐ Amendment

☐ Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$, , 50 . 00

Loans \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 50 . 00

In-Kind \$, , 0 . 00

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$, , 692 . 81

Transfers to Office Account \$, , 0 . 00

Total Monetary \$, , 692 . 81

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\$, , 0 . 00

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

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1/15/2022

1/28/2022

(3) **Cover Period** / / through

(4) Page 1 of 1

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Patrick William Palmer

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1/15/2022

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1/16/2022 / /	Palmer, Patrick 266 EDGE AVE VALPARAISO, FL 32580	gofund me fees	MO		\$20.67
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