

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Citizen's Awake Now**

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**Case No.: FEC 24-228**

**TO:** Francis A. Oakes, III, Chair  
2205 Davis Boulevard  
Naples, FL 34104

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE (AF))**

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86504722298?pwd=ysJgh3XhxvJnTepZhKKfhhHZIGk252.1> and entering the **Meeting ID: 865 0472 2298 and Passcode: 885875.**

Failure to appear in accordance with this notice will constitute a waiver of your right to participate in the hearing. Continuances will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**See further instructions on the reverse side.**

***Tim Vaccaro***

Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
May 30, 2025

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

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

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

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

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**Case No.: FEC 24-228**

**TO:** Francis A. Oakes, III, Chair  
2205 Davis Boulevard  
Naples, FL 34104

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

**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE (AF))**

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  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Citizen's Awake Now**

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**Case No.: FEC 24-228**

**TO:** Francis A. Oakes, III, Chair  
2205 Davis Boulevard  
Naples, FL 34104

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

**NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE (AF))**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **February 26, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **412 Knott Building, Pat Thomas Committee Room, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399**. Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

Failure to appear in accordance with this notice will constitute a waiver of your right to participate in the hearing. Continuances will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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***Tim Vaccaro***

Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
February 5, 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

Respondent may argue why the established facts in the Staff Recommendation do not support the violations charged in the Order of Probable Cause. At Respondent's request, the Commission may determine whether Respondent's actions in the case were willful. The Respondent may also address the appropriateness of the recommended fine. If Respondent claims that his limited resources make him unable to pay the statutory fine, *he must provide the Commission with written proof of his financial resources* at the hearing. A financial affidavit form is available from the Commission Clerk.

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**CASE REPORT**  
**Case Number: FEC-24-228**

**NAME:** CITIZENS AWAKE NOW, INC.

**DATE APPEAL RECEIVED:** 08/06/2024

**DATE REPORT DUE:** 06/10/2024 (2024 Q2)

**DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT:** 06/21/2024

**NUMBER OF DAYS LATE:** 11

**AMOUNT OF FINE:** \$4,150.00

**FINE BASED ON:**     NUMBER OF DAYS     25% OF RECEIPTS     25% OF EXPENDITURES

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$23,856.86

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$2,324.00

**DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION:** 06/17/2024 (Failure to File Ltr)

CANDIDATE [ ]	STATE [ X ]
PC [ X ]	DISTRICT [ ]
CCE [ ]	COUNTY [ ]
POLITICAL PARTY [ ]	CITY [ ]
ECO [ ]	

**SUMMARY:** Citizens Awake Now, Inc. is a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair is Francis A. Oakes III and its treasurer is Courtney Howard.

The PC is appealing the fine, claiming their "treasurer situation was in flux, and as of June 10, 2024, they did not have a PIN to file the report." According to Courtney Howard, the report was filed on June 21, 2024, after they received a temporary PIN. She also notes that she was not approved as the updated treasurer and issued a PIN until July 9, 2024. Ms. Howard has provided screenshots and emails to support the appeal.

- The 2024 Q2 Original Report covers the period from 04/01/24-05/31/24; it was due on 06/10/24.
- The 2024 Q2 Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created on 06/04/24 and filed on 06/21/24.
- Citizens Awake Now, Inc. reported receiving 3 contributions, while making 7 expenditures.
- The Division of Elections provided emails that pertain to Citizens Awake Now, Inc.'s 2024 Q2 report. The history notes also reference attempts to change the treasurer and/or request credentials on 02/13/24, 03/04/24, and 07/12/24.

**PRIOR CASES:** 23-206 (AF-NUC)

August 19, 2024

Alfie Oakes  
Chair, Citizens Awake Now  
2205 Davis Blvd.  
Naples, FL 34104

August 19, 2024

Florida Elections Commission  
107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**Re: FEC 24-228; Campaign Treasurer's Report due 6/10/24 (2024 Q2)**

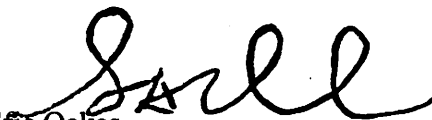
To Whom It May Concern,

This letter serves as a response to your correspondence dated August 14, 2024. In compliance with Section 106.07(8)(c) of the Florida Statutes, and in an effort to preserve the appeal of the automatic fine in relation to the Treasurer's Report due June 10, 2024 (2024 Q2), I offer this written statement confirming that Courtney Howard, the Treasurer of Citizens Awake Now (CAN), was representing me in her request to appeal said fine in her correspondence dated July 29, 2024.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Alfie Oakes  
Chair, Citizens Awake Now

**From:** [Br"Axeton Wims](#) on behalf of [Florida Elections Commission](#)  
**To:** [Br"Axeton Wims](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Case No. FEC: 24-228  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 27, 2024 12:47:34 PM  
**Attachments:** [8.19.24 Ltr re FEC24228.pdf](#)

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----- Forwarded by Br"Axeton Wims/OAG on 08/27/2024 12:47 PM -----

From: "Courtney Howard" <[courtney@chowardlaw.com](mailto:courtney@chowardlaw.com)>  
To: "Florida Elections Commission" <[FEC@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:FEC@myfloridalegal.com)>  
Cc: "Alfie Oakes ([alfie@oakesfarms.com](mailto:alfie@oakesfarms.com))" <[alfie@oakesfarms.com](mailto:alfie@oakesfarms.com)>  
Date: 08/19/2024 12:29 PM  
Subject: Case No. FEC: 24-228

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You have not previously corresponded with this sender.

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached, please find a letter from Alfie Oakes, Chair of Citizens Awake Now, in response to your correspondence dated August 14, 2024, regarding FEC 24-228 and the Campaign Treasurer's Report due on June 10, 2024 (2024 Q2).

If you require any additional information or have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

Courtney Howard  
Treasurer, Citizens Awake Now

Courtney Goldsworthy Howard, Esq.  
5200 Gulf Dr. Suite 104  
Holmes Beach, FL 34217  
Phone: 303-618-5300

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*(See attached file: 8.19.24 Ltr re FEC24228.pdf)*



# Florida Elections Commission

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August 14, 2024

Francis A. Oakes III, Chair  
Citizens Awake Now, Inc.  
2205 Davis Boulevard  
Naples, FL 34104

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**RE: Case No.: FEC 24-228; Campaign Treasurer's Report due 06/10/24 (2024 Q2)**

Dear Mr. Oakes:

The Florida Elections Commission received a letter from *Courtney Howard* appealing the fine assessed against your committee for failing to timely file a required report. However, Section 106.07(8)(c), Florida Statutes, provide that only the *candidate or chair* of a political committee, may appeal a fine assessed by a filing officer for the late filing of a campaign treasurer's report.

Therefore, to preserve your right to appeal the automatic fine, the Commission must receive your written statement confirming that the person who submitted the initial intent to appeal the fine, was representing you in that request. For your convenience, your signed statement can be submitted via email attachment to, [FEC@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:FEC@myfloridalegal.com).

If we do not hear from you within 14 days from the date of this letter, we will assume that the person signing the letter is neither your attorney nor your personal representative and that you have waived your right to appeal. The Commission will then enter a Default Final Order, ordering you to pay the fine assessed by your filing officer for failing to timely file your campaign treasurer's report.

I urge your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Donna Ann Malphurs*

Agency Clerk

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Enclosure: Letter of Appeal

cc: Division of Elections, Filing Officer w/enclosure  
Courtney Howard, Treasurer w/ enclosure

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July 29, 2024

Florida Elections Commission  
107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150

Florida Division of Elections  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronaugh Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

RE: Fine Letter June 28, 2024- Appeal per Rules 2B-1.005 and 2B-1.0055, Florida  
Administrative Code

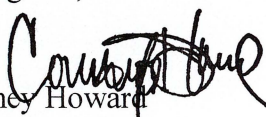
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the notice regarding the late filing of the campaign treasurer's report for PAC 79536.

Our treasurer situation was in flux, and as of June 10, 2024, we did not have a PIN to file the report. We submitted screenshots of our report to the DOE as soon as possible, which is enclosed for your review and consideration. When we were able to obtain a temporary PIN, the report was filed on June 21, 2024. I was not approved as the updated treasurer and issued a PIN until July 9, 2024.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration in this matter.

Best regards,

  
Courtney Howard  
Treasurer, CAN  
941-500-2370

Enclosures:

- Screenshots of report submission to DOE

CC:

- Florida Division of Elections
- Florida Elections Commission

**RE: Unable to File Report Due to Missing Treasurer's PIN 79536 CAN**

ElecRecords <ElecRecords@Dos.myflorida.com>

Tue 6/11/2024 9:07 AM

To: Courtney Howard <courtney@chowardlaw.com>

Good morning -

Save these screenshots and submit them with any appeals you make in the future if a fine or fines are levied.

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**From:** Courtney Howard <courtney@chowardlaw.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2024 8:51 AM

**To:** ElecRecords <ElecRecords@Dos.myflorida.com>

**Subject:** Unable to File Report Due to Missing Treasurer's PIN 79536 CAN

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

The attachments/links in this message have been scanned by Proofpoint.

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Dear Division of Elections,

I hope this message finds you well.

We are experiencing an issue with filing our report through the system due to the lack of a Treasurer's PIN. We have been in contact with your office over the last few days in an attempt to address it. To resolve this, we will overnight the DE-DS 6 form that was FedExed back in March, aiming to address this before the 2024 P1 deadline and ensure a permanent solution.

Meantime, you will be receiving 16 pages of documents over the course of 8 emails (including this one). These documents are screenshots of our report data from the system.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,

Courtney Howard  
Treasurer, CAN  
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**From:** Courtney Howard <[cmgoldsworthy@gmail.com](mailto:cmgoldsworthy@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 11, 2024 8:16:37 AM

**To:** Courtney Howard <[courtney@chowardlaw.com](mailto:courtney@chowardlaw.com)>

**Subject:** Report pp 1-2

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The table below lists campaign finance treasurer reports that have **NOT** been Filed with the Department of State, Division of Elections.

Select a report for further editing by clicking on the Sequence Number.

Seq	Report Year	Election ID	Report Type	Last Revised	Review Status	Completion Status	Amended
50	2024	20241105-GEN	Q2	06/06/2024	Reviewed	Complete Detail Records	N

Signed On As: 79536

Citizens Awake Now, Inc. (79536-PAC)

Home Campaign Account Sign Out Help

Report: 2024 - Q2 - 50      2024 General Election      Covers: 4/1/2024-5/31/2024      Due: 6/10/2024

Amendment       Waiver      Complete Status:       Start Date:   
 File Date:       Review Status:       End Date:   
 Status:       Last Review:      

# of Transactions:                        

Contributions		Total Amount	Expenditures		Total Amount
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Loans:		<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Transfers to Off Acct:		<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
Total Monetary:		<input type="text" value="23,856.86"/>	Total Monetary:		<input type="text" value="2,324.00"/>
In-Kind:		<input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Other Distributions:		<input type="text" value="0.00"/>

Review Messages

Created:       By:       Revised:       By:

**Note: Report approved for filing by chairperson on 6/6/2024**

Report: 2024 - Q2 - 50

Covers: 4/1/2024 - 5/31/2024

Due: 6/10/2024

Status: Reviewed

Contribution #:

1

Date:

4/9/2024

Amendment:

Not Amended

View Source:

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Last Name, Suffix:

BUIRSTI

First, Middle Name:

DESRE

Address:

7436 INSPIRA LN. # 2309

City:

NAPLES

State:

Florida

Zip:

34113

Contributor Type:

Individual

Contribution Type:

Check

Occupation/Business:

GRAPHIC DESIGN

In-kind Description:

Amount:

\$8,394.90

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Citizens Awake Now, Inc. (79536-PAC)

Account Sign Out Help

Report: 2024 - Q2 - 50 Covers: 4/1/2024 - 5/31/2024 Due: 6/10/2024 Status: Reviewed

Contribution #: 2 Date: 5/28/2024 Amendment: Not Amended View Source: 0

Last Name, Suffix: SCHNATTER

First, Middle Name: JOHN

Address: 1411 PARK RD.

City: LOUISVILLE State: Kentucky Zip: 40223

Contributor Type: Individual

Contribution Type: Check

Occupation/Business: BUSINESS OWNER

In-kind Description:

Amount: \$10,000.00

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Report: 2024 - Q2 - 50    Covers: 4/1/2024 - 5/31/2024    Due: 6/10/2024    Status: Reviewed

Contribution #: 3    Date: 5/13/2024    Amendment: Not Amended    View Source: 0

Last Name, Suffix: BUIRSTI

First, Middle Name: DESRE

Address: 7436 INSPIRA LN

City: NAPLES    State: Florida    Zip: 34113-

Contributor Type: Individual

Contribution Type: Check

Occupation/Business: GRAPHIC DESIGN

In-kind Description:

Amount: \$5,461.96

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Citizens Awake Now, Inc. (79536-PAC)

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Report: 2024 - Q2 - 50 Covers: 4/1/2024 - 5/31/2024 Due: 6/10/2024 Status: Reviewed

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Seq	Date	Contributor	Amount	Contributor Type	Contribution Type	Amend Type	Errors
1	04/09/2024	BUIRSTI, DESRE	\$8,394.90	I	CHE		0
2	05/28/2024	SCHNATTER, JOHN	\$10,000.00	I	CHE		0
3	05/13/2024	BUIRSTI, DESRE	\$5,461.96	I	CHE		0

Signed On As: 79536  
 Citizens Awake Now, Inc.(79536-PAC)

Home Campaign Account Sign Out Help

Report: 2024 - Q2 - 50 Covers: 4/1/2024 - 5/31/2024 Due: 6/10/2024 Status: Reviewed

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Seq	Date	Source	Amount	Purpose	Exp Type	Amend Type	Errors
1	04/08/2024	GOLDSWORTHY & ASSOCIATES PLLC	\$1,220.00	COMPLIANCE SERVICES	MON		0
2	04/16/2024	CMDI	\$500.00	CRM PLATFORM MONTHLY CHARGE	MON		0
3	04/26/2024	SHOPIFY	\$39.00	E COMMERCE PLATFORM SERVICE CHARGE	MON		0
4	04/29/2024	MAIL CHIMP	\$13.00	EMAIL SERVICES CHARGE	MON		0
5	05/14/2024	CMDI	\$500.00	CRM PLATFORM MONTHLY CHARGE	MON		0
6	05/29/2024	SHOPIFY	\$39.00	E COMMERCE PLATFORM SERVICE CHARGE	MON		0
7	05/28/2024	MAIL CHIMP	\$13.00	EMAIL SERVICES CHARGE	MON		0

ed On As: 79536

Citizens Awake Now, Inc. (79536-PAC)

Campaign Account Sign Out Help

Report: 2024 - Q2 - 50	Covers: 4/1/2024 - 5/31/2024	Due: 6/10/2024	Status: Reviewed
Expenditure #: 1	Date: 4/8/2024	Amendment: Not Amended	View Source: 0
Last Name, Suffix:	GOLDSWORTHY & ASSOCIATES PLLC		
First, Middle Name:			
Address:	5200 GULF DR. #104		
City:	HOLMES BEACH	State:	Florida
		Zip:	34217-
Expenditure Type:	Monetary		
Purpose:	COMPLIANCE SERVICES		
	For local offices enter the county or city and specific office sought in the Purpose field.		
Office:		Dist/Cir:	
		Grp/Seat:	
Amount:	\$1,220.00		
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Citizens Awake Now, Inc. (79536-PAC)

Account Sign Out Help

Report: 2024 - Q2 - 50 Covers: 4/1/2024 - 5/31/2024 Due: 6/10/2024 Status: Reviewed

Expenditure #: 2 Date: 4/16/2024 Amendment: Not Amended View Source: 0

Last Name, Suffix: CMDI

First, Middle Name:

Address: 1593 SPRING HILL RD.

City: TYSONS CORNER State: Virginia Zip: 22182-

Expenditure Type: Monetary

Purpose: CRM PLATFORM MONTHLY CHARGE

For local offices enter the county or city and specific office sought in the Purpose field.

Office: Dist/Cir: Grp/Seat:

Amount: \$500.00

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Report: 2024 - Q2 - 50      Covers: 4/1/2024 - 5/31/2024      Due: 6/10/2024      Status: Reviewed

Expenditure #:       Date:       Amendment:       View Source:

Last Name, Suffix:

First, Middle Name:

Address:

City:       State:       Zip:

Expenditure Type:

Purpose:

For local offices enter the county or city and specific office sought in the Purpose field.

Office:       Dist/Cir:       Grp/Seat:

Amount:

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Citizens Awake Now, Inc. (79536-PAC)

Campaign Account Sign Out Help

Report: 2024 - Q2 - 50 Covers: 4/1/2024 - 5/31/2024 Due: 6/10/2024 Status: Reviewed

Expenditure #: 4 Date: 4/29/2024 Amendment: Not Amended View Source: 0

Last Name, Suffix: MAIL CHIMP

First, Middle Name:

Address: 675 PONCE DE LEON AVE NE #5000

City: ATLANTA State: Georgia Zip: 30308

Expenditure Type: Monetary

Purpose: EMAIL SERVICES CHARGE

For local offices enter the county or city and specific office sought in the Purpose field.

Office: Dist/Cir: Grp/Seat:

Amount: \$13.00

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Citizens Awake Now, Inc. (79536-PAC)

Campaign Account Sign Out Help

Report: 2024 - Q2 - 50 Covers: 4/1/2024 - 5/31/2024 Due: 6/10/2024 Status: Reviewed

Expenditure #: 5 Date: 5/14/2024 Amendment: Not Amended View Source: 0

Last Name, Suffix: CMDI

First, Middle Name:

Address: 1593 SPRING HILL RD.

City: TYSONS CORNER State: Virginia Zip: 22182-

Expenditure Type: Monetary

Purpose: CRM PLATFORM MONTHLY CHARGE

For local offices enter the county or city and specific office sought in the Purpose field.

Office: Dist/Cir: Grp/Seat:

Amount: \$500.00

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Citizens Awake Now, Inc. (79536-PAC)

Campaign Account Sign Out Help

Report: 2024 - Q2 - 50    Covers: 4/1/2024 - 5/31/2024    Due: 6/10/2024    Status: Reviewed

Expenditure #:     Date:     Amendment:     View Source:

Last Name, Suffix:

First, Middle Name:

Address:

City:     State:     Zip:

Expenditure Type:

Purpose:

For local offices enter the county or city and specific office sought in the Purpose field.

Office:     Dist/Cr:     Grp/Seat:

Amount:

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Citizens Awake Now, Inc. (79536-PAC)

Campaign Account Sign Out Help

Report: 2024 - Q2 - 50 Covers: 4/1/2024 - 5/31/2024 Due: 6/10/2024 Status: Reviewed

Expenditure #: 6 Date: 5/28/2024 Amendment: Not Amended View Source: 0

Last Name, Suffix: SHOPIFY

First, Middle Name:

Address: 33 NEW MONTGOMERY ST. #750

City: SAN FRANCISCO State: California Zip: 94105

Expenditure Type: Monetary

Purpose: E COMMERCE PLATFORM SERVICE CHARGE

For local offices enter the county or city and specific office sought in the Purpose field.

Office: Dist/Cir: Grp/Seat:

Amount: \$39.00

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Report: 2024 - Q2 - 50      Covers: 4/1/2024 - 5/31/2024      Due: 6/10/2024      Status: Reviewed

Expenditure #:       Date:       Amendment:       View Source:

Last Name, Suffix:

First, Middle Name:

Address:

City:       State:       Zip:

Expenditure Type:

Purpose:

For local offices enter the county or city and specific office sought in the Purpose field.

Office:       Dist/Cir:       Grp/Seat:

Amount:

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Citizens Awake Now, Inc. (79536-PAC)

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Report: 2024 - Q2 - 50      2024 General Election      Covers: 4/1/2024-5/31/2024      Due: 6/10/2024

Amendment  Waiver      Complete Status:       Start Date:

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Review Messages

Created:       By:       Revised:       By:

**Note: Report approved for filing by chairperson on 6/6/2024**

July 29, 2024

Florida Elections Commission  
107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150

Florida Division of Elections  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronaugh Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

RE: Fine Letter June 28, 2024- Appeal per Rules 2B-1.005 and 2B-1.0055, Florida  
Administrative Code

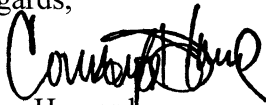
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the notice regarding the late filing of the campaign treasurer's report for PAC 79536.

Our treasurer situation was in flux, and as of June 10, 2024, we did not have a PIN to file the report. We submitted screenshots of our report to the DOE as soon as possible, which is enclosed for your review and consideration. When we were able to obtain a temporary PIN, the report was filed on June 21, 2024. I was not approved as the updated treasurer and issued a PIN until July 9, 2024.

Thank you for your understanding and consideration in this matter.

Best regards,



Courtney Howard  
Treasurer, CAN  
941-500-2370

Enclosures:

- Screenshots of report submission to DOE

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- Florida Division of Elections
- Florida Elections Commission

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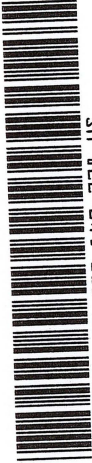


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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 28, 2024

Francis A. Oakes III, Chairperson  
Citizens Awake Now, Inc.  
2205 Davis Boulevard  
Naples, FL 34104

PAC 79536

Dear Mr. Oakes:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on June 10, 2024, was filed on June 21, 2024. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$4,150.00.

**You have 20 days from the receipt of this notice to either:**

1. Pay the fine to the Florida Division of Elections (For a candidate only, a fine is not an allowable campaign expenditure and must be paid from personal funds) at:

*Florida Division of Elections  
R.A. Gray Building, Room. 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-025011*

2. Appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission (See Rules 2B-1.005 and 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code) at:

*Florida Elections Commission  
107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150*

If you appeal, please send a copy also to the Florida Division of Elections so that you will not receive further notices from the Division about this matter.

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

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 17, 2024

Francis A. Oakes III, Chairperson  
Citizens Awake Now, Inc.  
2205 Davis Boulevard  
Naples, FL 34104

PAC 79536

Dear Mr. Oakes:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was June 10, 2024.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records



**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

(1) Citizens Awake Now, Inc. (2) 79536  
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 3021 Airport Pulling Road N. Naples FL 34105  
Address (number and street) City State Zip Code

Check box if address has changed since last report

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

Candidate (office sought):

Political Committee

Committee of Continuous Existence

Party Executive Committee

Check If PC has DISBANDED

Check If CCE has DISBANDED

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 04/01/2024 To 05/31/2024 Report Type: Q2

Original  Amendment  Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$23,856.86
Loans	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$23,856.86
In-Kind	\$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$2,324.00
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$2,324.00

(8) Other Distributions

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

Name of  Treasurer  Deputy Treasurer

X  
Signature

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

Name of  Candidate  Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X  
Signature

Name: Citizens Awake Now, Inc.

Report: 2024 Q2

Period: 04/01/2024 to 05/31/2024

**\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\***

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	In-Kind Description	Amend
1	BUIRSTI, DESRE	I	GRAPHIC DESIGN	\$8,394.90
04/09/2024	7436 INSPIRA LN. # 2309 NAPLES, FL 34113	CHE		
2	SCHNATTER, JOHN	I	BUSINESS OWNER	\$10,000.00
05/28/2024	1411 PARK RD. LOUISVILLE, KY 40223	CHE		
3	BUIRSTI, DESRE	I	GRAPHIC DESIGN	\$5,461.96
05/13/2024	7436 INSPIRA LN NAPLES, FL 34113	CHE		

Name: Citizens Awake Now, Inc.

Report: 2024 Q2

Period: 04/01/2024 to 05/31/2024

\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\*

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 04/08/2024	GOLDSWORTHY & ASSOCIATES PLLC 5200 GULF DR. #104 HOLMES BEACH, FL 34217	MON	COMPLIANCE SERVICES	\$1,220.00
2 04/16/2024	CMDI 1593 SPRING HILL RD. TYSONS CORNER, VA 22182	MON	CRM PLATFORM MONTHLY CHARGE	\$500.00
3 04/26/2024	SHOPIFY 33 NEW MONTGOMERY ST. #750 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105	MON	E COMMERCE PLATFORM SERVICE CHARGE	\$39.00
4 04/29/2024	MAIL CHIMP 675 PONCE DE LEON AVE NE #5000 ATLANTA, GA 30308	MON	EMAIL SERVICES CHARGE	\$13.00
5 05/14/2024	CMDI 1593 SPRING HILL RD. TYSONS CORNER, VA 22182	MON	CRM PLATFORM MONTHLY CHARGE	\$500.00
6 05/28/2024	SHOPIFY 33 NEW MONTGOMERY ST. #750 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105	MON	E COMMERCE PLATFORM SERVICE CHARGE	\$39.00
7 05/28/2024	MAIL CHIMP 675 PONCE DE LEON AVE NE #5000 ATLANTA, GA 30308	MON	EMAIL SERVICES CHARGE	\$13.00

Name: Citizens Awake Now, Inc.

Report: 2024 Q2

Period: 04/01/2024 to 05/31/2024

**\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\***

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Nature of Account	Amount Amend

ID:

**CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED DISTRIBUTIONS**

Name: Citizens Awake Now, Inc.

Report: 2024 Q2

Period: 04/01/2024 to 05/31/2024

**\*\* Records in Filed Report \*\***

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Recipient	Purpose	Amount
		Type	Related Expenditure	Amend

# Queued Items for 2024-Q2

Account: 79536

Citizens Awake Now, Inc.

Rpt Seq: 50

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	79536	6/4/2024 2:19:13 PM	6/4/2024 2:19:13 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	79536	6/6/2024 4:45:09 PM	6/6/2024 4:45:09 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	79536	6/6/2024 4:45:20 PM	6/6/2024 4:45:20 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	79536	6/6/2024 4:46:24 PM	6/6/2024 4:46:24 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	79536	6/6/2024 4:46:49 PM	6/6/2024 4:46:49 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	79536	6/21/2024 9:42:25 AM	6/21/2024 9:42:25 AM



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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

**Committee Name:** Citizens Awake Now, Inc.

Name:

**Account:** 79536

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
8/2/2024	P5	7/31/2024						
7/26/2024	P4	7/26/2024						
7/19/2024	P3	7/16/2024						
7/12/2024	P2A	7/10/2024						
7/5/2024	P2	7/1/2024						
6/28/2024	P1A	6/26/2024						
6/21/2024	P1	6/21/2024						
6/10/2024	Q2	6/21/2024	APP	11	\$4,150.00		\$4,150.00	\$0.00
4/10/2024	Q1	4/8/2024						
1/10/2024	Q4	1/19/2024	CLO	9	\$414.00		\$414.00	\$414.00
10/10/2023	Q3	10/10/2023						
7/10/2023	M6	7/9/2023						
6/12/2023	M5	6/12/2023						
5/10/2023	M4	5/10/2023						
4/10/2023	M3	4/10/2023						
3/10/2023	M2	3/9/2023						
2/10/2023	M1	2/10/2023						
1/10/2023	M12	1/10/2023						
12/12/2022	M11	12/3/2022						
11/4/2022	G6	11/8/2022	SNT	4	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$0.00
11/3/2022	D6	11/8/2022	PEN	5	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/2/2022	D5	11/2/2022						
11/1/2022	D4	10/31/2022						
10/31/2022	D3	10/31/2022						
10/30/2022	D2	10/31/2022	PEN	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/29/2022	D1	10/31/2022	CLO	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/28/2022	G5	10/21/2022						
10/21/2022	G4A	10/14/2022						
10/14/2022	G4	10/7/2022						
10/7/2022	G3	9/29/2022						
10/7/2022	G3A	9/30/2022						
9/23/2022	G2A	9/16/2022						
9/16/2022	G2	9/9/2022						
9/9/2022	G1A	9/9/2022						
9/2/2022	G1	8/28/2022						
8/26/2022	P7A	8/23/2022						
8/19/2022	P7	8/18/2022						
8/12/2022	P6	8/18/2022	CLO	6	\$257.25		\$257.25	\$257.25
8/5/2022	P5	8/4/2022						
7/29/2022	P4	7/28/2022						
7/22/2022	P3	7/19/2022						
7/15/2022	P2A	7/8/2022						
7/8/2022	P2	7/8/2022						
7/1/2022	P1A	7/8/2022	CLO	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00

FEC - Candidate/Committee Filing History Report

6/24/2022	P1	7/8/2022	APP	14	\$5,650.00	\$5,650.00	\$0.00
6/10/2022	M5	6/10/2022					
5/10/2022	M4	5/10/2022					
4/11/2022	M3	4/11/2022					
3/10/2022	M2	3/10/2022					
2/10/2022	M1	2/10/2022					
1/10/2022	M12	1/4/2022					
12/10/2021	M11	12/8/2021					
11/10/2021	M10	11/10/2021					
10/12/2021	M9	10/8/2021					
9/10/2021	M8	9/10/2021					
8/10/2021	M7	8/10/2021					
7/12/2021	M6	7/12/2021					



**HISTORY NOTES**  
Citizens Awake Now, Inc. - 79536

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
82855	7/26/2024 3:08:00 PM		tdsetzer
Appointment letter was mailed on 7/11/24. 2024 P4 has been filed.			
82627	7/12/2024 10:51:00 AM		DLAdams
RE: Called to provide Credentials to ms Howard but I had to leave a voicemail requesting a call back.			
80945	3/4/2024 2:46:00 PM	3/5/2024 9:17:49 AM	WNBrown
Re: DSDE06			
Received DSDE06 requesting to change treasurer. I am unable to complete this request because there is no letter of removal for the current treasurer on file. Called Mr. Relf Scott (current treasurer) and advised of this problem. He informed me that he would get the letter sent to us. Wb			
80735	2/13/2024 3:44:00 PM		tdsetzer
Scott Relf is no longer treasurer. The new treasurer is Courtney Howard and her number is 303-618-5300. There is no updated information in regards of the Primary Treasurer.			
75322	8/2/2021 12:26:00 PM		kaford
RE: Deputy Treasurer credentials			
Spoke with James Boatman and released his pin number to him via phone. kaf			
75255	7/19/2021 4:51:00 PM		kaford
RE: Late mailing of credentials			
Spoke with Scott Relf (treasurer) regarding the PAC's full name not being completely listed in Block 1 (Committee Name) of the DSDE-6 and another space on the form. "Citizens Awake Now" was listed instead of "Citizens Awake Now Inc". The abbreviation "Inc." was missing. Advised Mr. Relf of this and requested that he overnight the corrected DSDE-6. Mr. Relf advised that he would overnight the form tomorrow, June 24 so it would be received by BER on Friday, June 25th.			
On 6/28/2021, an amended DSDE-6 received. Staff from the PAC called and asked to speak with me. However, I was not in the office that day so another BER staff member confirmed that the DSDE-6 received and released the credentials to the PAC officers. I did not check Imaging in a timely fashion which resulted in the PAC's application packet along with the acknowledgment letter remaining at my workstation until 07/19/2021.			
The PAC officers had their credentials via phone release and the first EFS report due was filed on time on 7/12/2021. The credentials letters were mailed 7/22/2021. kaf			
75199	7/12/2021 3:19:00 PM		kaford
RE: Credentials - Citizens Awake Now, Inc.			
Scott Relf called to receive his credentials and I released them to him via phone. kaf			
75058	6/23/2021 4:50:00 PM		kaford
RE: Incomplete Application			
Spoke with Scott Relf (treasurer) regarding the PAC's full name not being completely listed in Block 1 (Committee Name) of the DSDE-6 and another space on the form. "Citizens Awake Now" was listed instead of "Citizens Awake Now Inc". The abbreviation "Inc." was missing. Advised Mr. Relf of this and requested that he overnight the corrected DSDE-6. Mr. Relf advised that he would overnight the form tomorrow, June 24 so it would be received by BER on Friday, June 25th. kaf			

**Chellman, Malcolm C.**

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**From:** Courtney Howard <courtney@chowardlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 20, 2024 3:41 PM  
**To:** ElecRecords  
**Subject:** Urgent: Treasurer's PIN Missing – Unable to File Reports Committee ID 79536 Citizens Awake Now

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

I am writing to confirm that I still do not have a Treasurer's PIN to file reports with the system. The executed forms and resolutions were submitted on Monday, June 17th. With the 2024 P1 report due tomorrow, we are still unable to file.

As a temporary measure, I will screenshot all the data in the system for this report, similar to what I did for the report filed last week. However, this issue needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

Please advise on how to proceed.

Regards,

Courtney Howard

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**From:** Courtney Howard <courtney@chowardlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2024 11:21:44 AM  
**To:** ElecRecords <ElecRecords@Dos.myflorida.com>  
**Cc:** James A. Boatman, Jr. <jab@boatmanricci.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Committee ID 79536 Citizens Awake Now

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To Whom It May Concern:

I hope this message finds you well.

My records indicate that the executed Change in Treasurer Form (DS-DE 6) was delivered to the Division of Elections office this morning. Could you please confirm receipt of this form at your earliest convenience?

Additionally, I require access to electronic filing as soon as possible. Your prompt confirmation and assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Best regards,

Courtney Howard  
Treasurer, CAN  
303-618-5300

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**From:** Courtney Howard <courtney@chowardlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 4:46:48 PM  
**To:** ElecRecords <ElecRecords@Dos.myflorida.com>  
**Cc:** James A. Boatman, Jr. <jab@boatmanricci.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Committee ID 79536 Citizens Awake Now

I sent that form in via FedEx with tracking in March. I will pull the receipt and send it to you. I have cc'd Mr. Boatman on this email as well. How can he retrieve his pin?

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**To:** Courtney Howard <courtney@chowardlaw.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Committee ID 79536 Citizens Awake Now

You are still not listed as a treasurer for this committee. James Boatman is an active deputy treasurer if he is still with your organization. His PIN gives you a treasurer's PIN to file the report if he and his PIN are available.

We need a DS-DE 6 filed to be able to make you a treasurer. Baring that, we cannot provide you with a treasurer PIN until we have received and processed a complete DS-DE 6.

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**From:** Courtney Howard <courtney@chowardlaw.com>  
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**To:** ElecRecords <ElecRecords@Dos.myflorida.com>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Committee ID 79536 Citizens Awake Now

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Hello-

We have a report due today and I cannot file it as I do not have a treasurer's code for filing. Please advise as soon as possible. Thank you.

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**From:** Courtney Howard <courtney@chowardlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 6, 2024 4:53:52 PM  
**To:** Brown, Donna S. <Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Committee ID 79536 Citizens Awake Now

Hello, Ms. Brown-

I am still not showing up as treasurer in the electronic filing system and I need to get set up to file Q2 report by Monday. Would you please direct me to the appropriate person to assist me with this?

Thank you,

Courtney

Courtney Goldsworthy Howard, Esq.  
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Holmes Beach, FL 34217  
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**From:** Courtney Howard <[courtney@chowardlaw.com](mailto:courtney@chowardlaw.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2024 3:01 PM  
**To:** Brown, Donna S. <[Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Committee ID 79536 Citizens Awake Now

Dear Ms. Brown,

Attached please find the consent resolution removing Mr. Relf as Treasurer for Citizens Awake Now, Inc. (CAN) and appointing myself as Treasurer. We have previously mailed in the DS-DE 6 form as required. This should complete the process to change the Treasurer.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Courtney Howard, Esq.  
Treasurer  
Citizens Awake Now, Inc.

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**From:** Brown, Donna S. <[Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024 1:20 PM  
**To:** Courtney Howard <[courtney@chowardlaw.com](mailto:courtney@chowardlaw.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Committee ID 79536 Citizens Awake Now

Ms. Howard,

A change in officer will require the resignation letter from the previous treasurer or a letter of removal from the committee signed by a current officer. The committee will also need to submit a new DS-DE 6 form (Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Depository for a Political Committee), with original signatures. This document cannot be accepted via fax or email.

For future reference, emails should be sent to [ElecRecords@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:ElecRecords@dos.myflorida.com) for purposes of processing.

Best regards,  
Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records  
Division of Elections  
R.A. Gray Bldg. Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
(850) 245-6280

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**From:** Courtney Howard <[courtney@chowardlaw.com](mailto:courtney@chowardlaw.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024 11:13 AM  
**To:** Brown, Donna S. <[Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com)>  
**Subject:** Committee ID 79536 Citizens Awake Now

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The attachments/links in this message have been scanned by Proofpoint.

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Please see the attached correspondence for the above committee. Thank you.

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June 12, 2024

Citizens Awake Now, Inc.  
Alfie Oakes  
4835 Immokalee Rd.  
Naples, FL 34110

Florida Division of Elections  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

Subject: Change of Treasurer for Citizens Awake Now, Inc (79536)

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally notify the Florida Division of Elections of a change in the treasurer for Citizens Awake Now, Inc (79536). Enclosed, please find the completed DS-DE 6 form designating Courtney Howard as the new treasurer, replacing Scott Relf.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please update your records accordingly and confirm receipt of this change.

Sincerely,



Alfie Oakes

Enclosure: DS-DE 6 Form



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

**RON DESANTIS**  
Governor

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Secretary of State

July 11, 2024

Courtney Howard, Treasurer  
Citizens Awake Now, Inc. (79536)  
6869 II Regalo Circle  
Naples, Florida 34109

Dear Ms. Howard:

Your appointment as campaign treasurer for **Citizens Awake Now, Inc.** was filed in this office on July 9, 2024. Enclosed is your confidential PIN number to access the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS) for submitting campaign treasurer's reports.

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <https://dos.myflorida.com/elections>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, *Political Committee Handbook, Calendar of Reporting Dates*, Rules 1S-2.017, and 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code.

If you have questions concerning your campaign account or the EFS, you may call the Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

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

Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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pc: Francis A. Oakes III, Chairperson

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Secretary of State

June 24, 2021

Francis A. Oakes III, Chairperson  
Citizens Awake Now, Inc.  
2205 Davis Boulevard  
Naples, Florida 34104

Dear Mr. Oakes:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Citizens Awake Now, Inc.**, which were placed on file in our office on June 23, 2021. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

### Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **July 12, 2021**. The report will cover the period of June 1-30, 2021 (2021 M6). All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

### EFS Access

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

**EFS Website Address:** <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>  
**Identification Number:** 79536

### Timely Filing

All reports must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the

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Francis A. Oakes III, Chairperson  
June 24, 2021  
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due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Any political committee failing to file a report on the designated due date is subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

### **Electronic Receipts**

The person submitting the report on the EFS will be issued an electronic receipt indicating and verifying the report was filed. Each campaign treasurer's report filed by means of the EFS is considered to be under oath by the chairperson and campaign treasurer, and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

### **Instructions and Assistance**

An online instruction guide is available to you on the EFS to assist with navigation, data entry, and submission of reports. The Division of Elections will also provide assistance to all users by contacting the EFS Help Desk at (850) 245-6280.

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Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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pc: Scott Relf, Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION  
OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE**

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**1. Full Name of Committee**

CITIZENS AWAKE NOW, INC.

Telephone

239-776-2076

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)  
3021 AIRPORT PULLING RD N  
SUITE 202  
NAPLES, FL 34105

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)  
3021 AIRPORT PULLING RD N  
SUITE 202  
NAPLES, FL 34105

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

Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization	Mailing Address	Relationship
NA		

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

Supporting or Opposing Statewide, legislative, multi-county candidates and/or issues.

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

Political

**5. Identify by Name, Address and Position, the Custodian of Books and Accounts (include treasurer's name)**

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
James A. Boatman, Jr., Esq.	3021 AIRPORT PULLING RD N SUITE 202 NAPLES, FL 34105	Director, Secretary
Scott Relf	6020 Autumn Oaks Ln, Naples, FL 34119	Director, Treasurer

<b>6. List by Name, Address and Position, Other Principal Officers, Including Officers and Members of the Finance Committee, If Any (include chairman's name)</b>			
Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position	
James Boatman Jr. Esq. Scott Relf Francis A. Oakes, III	3021 AIRPORT RD N #202 NAPLES 34105 6020 Autumn Oaks Naples FL 34119 2205 DAVIS BLVD Naples FL 34104	Director, Secretary Director, Treasurer (Exec Dir.) Director, President (Chairman)	
<b>7. List by Name, Address, Office Sought and Party Affiliation Each Candidate or Other Individual that this Committee is Supporting (if none, please indicate)</b>			
Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party
to be determined			
<b>8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting:</b> to be determined  <b>List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing:</b>			
<b>9. If this Committee is Supporting the Entire Ticket of a Party, Give Name of Party</b> NA			
<b>10. In the Event of Dissolution, What Disposition will be Made of Residual Funds?</b> Donate to an organization that is tax exempt per section 527.			
<b>11. List all Banks, Safety Deposit Boxes, or Other Depositories Used for Committee Funds</b>			
Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number		Mailing Address	
Centennial Bank [REDACTED]		4015 Naples Branch 3021 AIRPORT PULLING RD N NAPLES, FL 34105	
<b>12. List all Reports Required to be Filed by this Committee with Federal Officials and the Names, Addresses and Positions of Such Officials, If Any</b>			
Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of Official	Mailing Address
Form 8871 Form 1120POL Form 990, as may be required	Upon formation, annually May 15th	Internal Revenue Service	Ogden, UT 842
STATE OF <u>Florida</u> <u>Collier</u> COUNTY			
I, <u>Francis A. Oakes, III</u> , certify that the information in this Statement of Organization is complete, true and correct.			
<b>X</b> <u>[Signature]</u> Signature of Chairman of Political Committee		<u>6-16-21</u> Date	



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Re: Citizens Awake Now, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed the DS-DE 5, DS-DE 6 and DS-DE 41 for Citizens Awake Now, Inc. for filing. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

**BOATMAN RICCI**

James A. Boatman, Jr., Esq.  
For the Firm

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