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In Re: Gilchrist County Tea Party, Inc. /

Case No.: FEC 14-305

F.O. No.: FOFEC 15-010W

CONSENT ORDER

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a non-profit corporation that is registered with the Division of Corporations.

2. On September 18, 2014, the Commission received a sworn complaint alleging that Respondent violated the following section of the Florida Election Code on one occasion:

Section 106.1439(1), Florida Statutes: Respondent, Gilchrist County Tea Party, Inc., failed to include the statutorily required disclaimer on an electioneering communication, as alleged in the complaint.

3. No other legally sufficient violation of Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, was alleged in the complaint.

4. Respondent against whom the complaint was filed has not been notified of an allegation of the same violation before the conduct about which the complaint was filed.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this

cause, pursuant to Section 106.26, Florida Statutes.

6. The Commission considers the allegation(s) contained in the complaint a minor violation, pursuant to Rule 2B-1.003, Florida Administrative Code.

7. Respondent neither admits nor denies that he violated Section 106.1439(1), Florida Statutes.

ORDER

8. Respondent and the staff of the Commission have entered into this Consent Order voluntarily and upon advice of counsel.

9. Respondent shall pay his own attorney fees and costs that are in anyway associated with this case.

10. Respondent understands that before the Consent Order is final agency action, it is must be approved by the Commission. The Commission will consider the Consent Order at its next available meeting.

11. Respondent voluntarily waives the right to any further proceedings under Chapters 106 and 120, Florida Statutes, and the right to appeal the Consent Order.

12. Respondent will carefully review Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and avoid any future violation of the chapter.

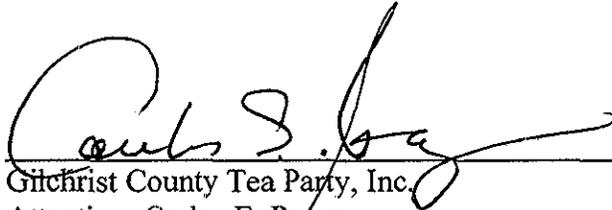
13. Respondent agrees to correct immediately, if feasible, the violations alleged in the complaint.

14. If the Commission does not receive the signed Consent Order and the fine payment by the close of business on December 24, 2014, the staff withdraws this offer of settlement and will proceed with an investigation of the allegations in the complaint.

15. Respondent shall remit to the Commission a civil penalty in the amount of \$250. The civil penalty shall be paid by cashier's check, money order, or attorney trust account check.

and be valid for 120 days from the date of its issuance. The civil penalty shall be made payable to the Florida Elections Commission and sent to 107 West Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050.

Respondent hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Consent Order on 12/7/, 2014.



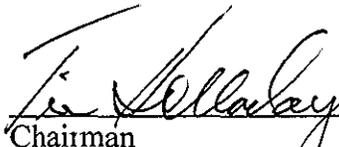
Gilchrist County Tea Party, Inc.
Attention: Carlos E. Perez
5229 N.E. 54 Place
High Springs, FL 32643

The **Commission staff** hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Consent Order on December 12, 2014.



Amy McKeever Toman, Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street
Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

Approved by the Florida Elections Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 24-25, 2015.



Chairman
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Amy Toman, Executive Director
Gilchrist County Tea Party, Inc., Respondent
Cloud Haley, Complainant

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REMITTER GILCHRIST COUNTY TEA PARTY

PAY EXACTLY **250 AND 00/100 DOLLARS
TO THE
ORDER OF FLORIDA ELECTION COMMISSION

\$250.00

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Joanna D. Duffy #1019
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