

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Christopher Proia**

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**Case No.: FEC 22-239**

**TO:** Christopher Proia  
2252 Clifford Street  
Ft. Myers, FL 33901

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

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

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **August 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **Virtual Meeting via Webinar link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3863768971242962781> and Webinar ID 748-293-987.**

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**Tim Vaccaro**

Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
July 28, 2025

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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)**

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

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Executive Director  
Florida Elections Commission  
February 5, 2025

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**STATE OF FLORIDA  
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**Florida Elections Commission,  
Petitioner,**

**Case No.: FEC 22-239**

**v.**

**Christopher Proia,  
Respondent.**

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**ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

**THIS MATTER** was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 14, 2024, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On July 1, 2024, 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 violations:

**Count 1:**

On or about June 14, 2022, Christopher Proia violated Section 106.09(1)(b), Florida Statutes, when he accepted a cash contribution in excess of \$50.

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**Count 20:**

On June 24, 2022, Christopher Proia violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, when he certified that the campaign's 2022 P1 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

**Count 21:**

On July 8, 2022, Christopher Proia violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, when he certified that the campaign's 2022 P2 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

The Commission finds that there is **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on August 14, 2024.

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

Copies furnished to:  
Mattie T. Clay, Assistant General Counsel  
Christopher Proia, Respondent  
Division of Elections, Complainant

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING**

As the Respondent, you may elect to resolve this case in several ways. First, you may elect to resolve this case by consent order where you and Commission staff agree to resolve the violation(s) and agree to the amount of the fine. The consent order is then presented to the Commission for its

approval. To discuss a consent order, contact the FEC attorney identified in the Order of Probable Cause.

Second, you may request an informal hearing held before the Commission, if you do not dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have thirty (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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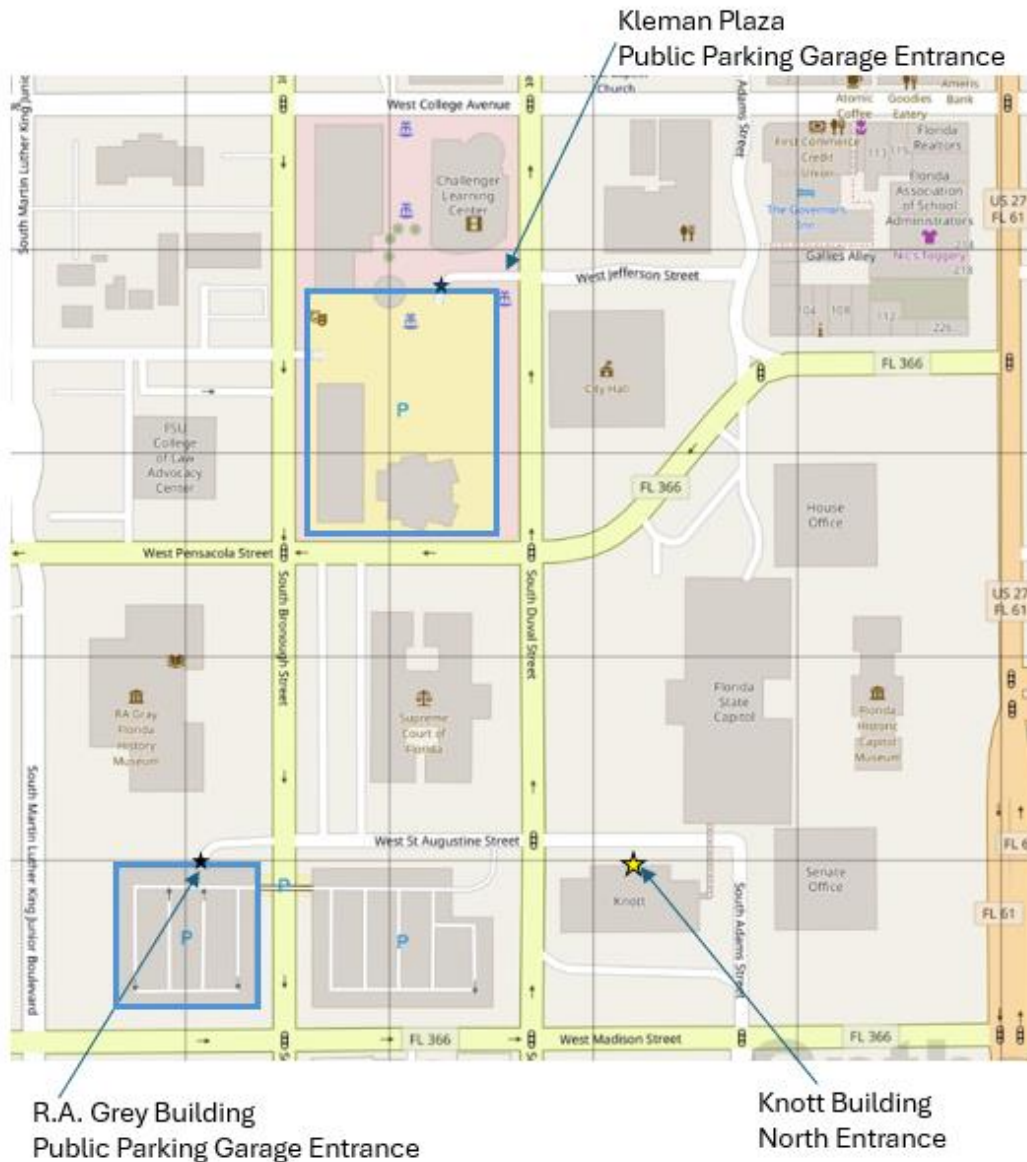
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## Florida Elections Commission Meeting - Augut 13-14, 2024, 412 Knott Building

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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 referral in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Sections 106.07(5) and 106.09(1)(b), Florida Statutes**, and that there is **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on February 13, 2024, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On August 29, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from the Florida Division of Elections (“Complainant” or “Division”) alleging that Christopher Proia (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
2. Respondent was a 2022 candidate for State Senator, District 27. (ROI Exhibit 1, page 1; ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)<sup>1</sup> Respondent was defeated in the general election held on November 8, 2022. (Attachment A, page 1)
3. Respondent’s Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository form (“DS-DE 9”) was filed on May 27, 2022, wherein Respondent appointed himself to serve as the campaign’s treasurer. (ROI Exhibit 1, page 2)
4. By letter dated February 2, 2023, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provisions:

**Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes:** Respondent, a 2022 candidate for State Senator, District 27, acting as his own treasurer, failed to timely make necessary amendments to the 2022 P1 and 2022 P2 campaign treasurer’s reports, as alleged in the complaint.

**Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes:** Respondent, a 2022 candidate for State Senator, District 27, may have certified the 2022 P1 campaign treasurer’s report was true, correct, and complete when it was not, based on reported cash contributions in excess of the \$50 per campaign limit, as alleged in the complaint.

**Section 106.09(1)(b), Florida Statutes:** Respondent, a 2022 candidate for State Senator, District 27, may have accepted one or

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



more cash contributions in excess of the \$50 per campaign limit, based upon contributions reported during the 2022 P1 reporting period, as alleged in the complaint.

5. By letter dated May 31, 2022, Donna S. Brown, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received his DS-DE 9 and that his name was placed on the 2022 active candidate list. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1)

6. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all candidates filing reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system (“EFS”) and provided Respondent with a user identification number and initial password to grant access to the EFS. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1) The letter further advised Respondent that all the Division’s publications and reporting forms were available on its website and directed Respondent to print out Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 2)

**Alleged Violation: Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes**

7. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida’s election laws by failing to make amendments to the campaign’s 2022 P1 and 2022 P2 Reports.

8. The campaign’s 2022 P1 Report was filed on June 24, 2022, and the campaign’s 2022 P2 Report was filed on July 8, 2022. (ROI Exhibit 8, pages 6 & 12) The reports were incomplete when filed. (ROI Exhibit 4, pages 1-7)

9. The Division sent five letters notifying Respondent that the campaign’s reports were incomplete and that Respondent was required to amend the reports within seven days of receipt of the notifications. (ROI Exhibit 4, pages 1, 6 & 8; ROI Exhibit 5, page 1; ROI Exhibit 6, page 1) Error Reports were attached to the notifications showing why each report was incomplete. (ROI Exhibit 4, pages 2-5, 7, 9-12; ROI Exhibit 5, pages 2-6; ROI Exhibit 6, pages 2-6)

10. Delivery confirmation was not verified; however, the Division’s website does not reflect that the letters were returned. (ROI Exhibit 7, pages 1-2; Attachment B, page 1)

11. Respondent did not specifically comment on whether he received the Division’s notices but stated that he did not keep up with contributions, rules, or any regulations about campaign financing. Respondent stated that he did not keep any records and did not take good notes about “who gave what,” so he was not able to provide corrections to the reports at issue. Respondent indicated that he did not familiarize himself with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, or the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. (ROI Exhibit 10, pages 2-3)

12. Pursuant to Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, the filing officer is required to notify the campaign treasurer by certified mail or mail requiring proof of delivery as to why the report is incomplete. Thereafter, the campaign treasurer has a duty to file an addendum to an incomplete report within seven days after receiving notice from its filing officer. This section of

law is clear that the “[f]ailure to file a complete report *after such notice* constitutes a violation of this chapter.” §106.07(2)(b)1., Fla. Stat. [Emphasis added.]

13. In the absence of direct evidence confirming Respondent’s receipt of the notices, it does not appear that Respondent violated Florida’s election laws when he failed to timely file an addendum to the campaign’s 2022 P1 and 2022 P2 Reports. The filing officer’s notification to Respondent was a condition precedent that was not met.

**Alleged Violation: Section 106.09(1)(b), Florida Statutes**

14. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida’s election laws by accepting several excessive cash contributions.

15. Under Section 106.09(1)(b), Florida Statutes, a candidate may not accept a cash contribution exceeding \$50 total per contributor per election. However, per Section 106.11(2), Florida Statutes, a contribution made through a bank account or debit card account may qualify as a bank check if cash is not received as part of the transaction.

16. The campaign’s 2022 P1 Report listed 19 cash contributions totaling \$1,840.00, which ranged from \$55 to \$100 per transaction. (ROI Exhibit 8, page 2)

17. A subpoena was issued to Respondent’s designated campaign depository to verify the financial activity that occurred during the relevant reporting period, i.e., June 1, 2022, to June 17, 2022. (ROI Exhibit 8, page 1)

18. Bank records show that Respondent made an opening cash deposit totaling \$60.00. A deposit from a money transfer service, Venmo, was also made, which totaled \$1,804.84. (ROI Exhibit 9, pages 1, 3 & 4)

19. Respondent stated that he did not keep records or good notes about “who gave what.” However, Respondent admitted that the contributions at issue were made in cash. He explained that the cash contributions were received at a small party event to raise money for his campaign. Respondent further explained that someone assisted him in collecting and holding the contributions until the campaign account was created. Respondent stated that he later received the cash contributions via a Venmo deposit. (ROI Exhibit 10, pages 2-3)

20. It appears from Respondent’s admission and self-reporting that he accepted 19 excessive cash contributions totaling \$1,840.00 though it is uncertain whether the number of contributions and amounts are accurate. What is verifiable is that Respondent received one \$1,804.84 Venmo deposit, which originated as cash per Respondent, and an additional \$60 cash contribution, which was not disclosed.

**Alleged Violation: Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes**

21. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida’s election laws by certifying that the campaign’s 2022 P1 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not based on



several excessive cash contributions. Further, Respondent certified that the campaign's 2022 P1 and 2022 P2 Reports were true, correct, and complete when they were not based on the identified omissions in the Division's Error Reports.

22. 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 as well as the date, full name, address, and occupation or purpose associated with each transaction.

23. The campaign's 2022 P1 Report was filed on the designated due date of June 24, 2022, and covered the period from June 1, 2022, to June 17, 2022. (ROI Exhibit 8, pages 1 & 6) The report listed 19 cash contributions totaling \$1,800.00, one ActBlue contribution totaling \$7.14, and two expenditures totaling \$1,808.77. (ROI Exhibit 8, pages 1-3) The report omitted the address for the 19 cash contributions and the date for one cash contribution. (ROI Exhibit 8, page 2) The date for one expenditure was omitted but later added. (ROI Exhibit 8, pages 3 & 6)

24. Bank records confirmed the expenditures but showed an opening cash deposit totaling \$60.00, a Venmo deposit totaling \$1,804.84, and one ActBlue deposit totaling \$6.64. (ROI Exhibit 9, pages 1 & 3)

25. The campaign's 2022 P2 Report was filed on the designated due date of July 8, 2022, and covered the period from June 18, 2022, to July 1, 2022. (ROI Exhibit 8, pages 7 & 12) The report listed one ActBlue contribution totaling \$179.48 that did not include a date or address. (ROI Exhibit 8, page 8)

26. Bank records showed five ActBlue deposits totaling \$114.59 and one unreported expenditure totaling \$19.25. (ROI Exhibit 9, page 1)

27. As of June 25, 2024, Respondent has not corrected the campaign's reports. (Attachment C, page 1)

28. Respondent stated that he did not keep any records and did not keep up with contributions, rules, or any regulations about campaign financing. Respondent stated that he did not take good notes about "who gave what," so he was not able to provide corrections to the reports at issue. Respondent indicated that he did not familiarize himself with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, or the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. (ROI Exhibit 10, pages 2-3)

29. It appears that Respondent certified that the campaign's 2022 P1 and 2022 P2 Reports were true, correct, and complete when they were not.

30. "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).

31. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a 2022 candidate for State Senator, District 27. Respondent did not violate Florida's election laws when he failed to timely file an addendum to the campaign's 2022 P1 and 2022 P2 Reports because the filing officer's notifications to Respondent were a condition precedent that was not met. Respondent accepted two excessive cash contributions. Finally, Respondent certified that the campaign's 2022 P1 and 2022 P2 Reports were true, correct, and complete when they were not.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes**, and that the Commission find **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating the following:

**Count 1:**

On June 8, 2022, Christopher Proia violated Section 106.09(1)(b), Florida Statutes, when he accepted a \$60 cash contribution.

**Count 2:**

On June 16, 2022, Christopher Proia violated Section 106.09(1)(b), Florida Statutes, when he accepted a \$1,804.84 cash contribution.

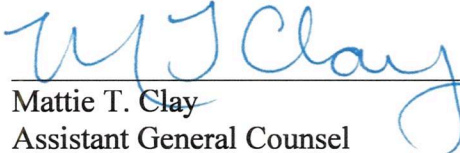
**Count 3:**

On June 24, 2022, Christopher Proia violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, when he certified that the campaign's 2022 P1 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

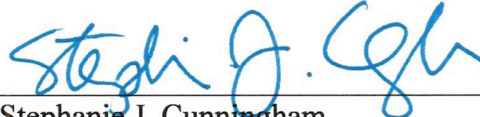
**Count 4:**

On July 8, 2022, Christopher Proia violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, when he certified that the campaign's 2022 P2 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

Respectfully submitted on July 1, 2024.

  
Mattie T. Clay  
Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 1st day of July 2024.

  
Stephanie J. Cunningham  
General Counsel



**Christopher Proia** ([Democratic Party](#)) ran for election to the [Florida State Senate](#) to represent [District 27](#). He lost in the general election on [November 8, 2022](#).

## Elections

### 2022

See also: [Florida State Senate elections, 2022](#)

### General election

#### General election for Florida State Senate District 27

Incumbent [Ben Albritton](#) defeated [Christopher Proia](#) in the general election for Florida State Senate District 27 on November 8, 2022.

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓ 	<a href="#">Ben Albritton</a> (R)	71.2	141,045
	<a href="#">Christopher Proia</a> (D)	28.8	56,940

**BP** [Incumbents](#) are **bolded and underlined**. The results have been certified. [Source](#)  
**C** = candidate completed the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection [survey](#).

Total votes: 197,985

If you are a candidate and would like to tell readers and voters more about why they should vote for you, [complete the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection Survey](#).

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### Democratic primary election

The Democratic primary election was canceled. [Christopher Proia](#) advanced from the Democratic primary for Florida State Senate District 27.

### Republican primary election

The Republican primary election was canceled. Incumbent [Ben Albritton](#) advanced from the Republican primary for Florida State Senate District 27.

### Campaign finance

2022 election (Jan. 1, 2021 - Dec. 31, 2022)			
Contributions	\$2,027	Expenditures	\$2,009
Number of unique contributors	21	Number of unique payees	3
Top Contributors		Top Payees	
Actblue Donations	\$179	Florida Department of State Division of Elections	\$1,782
Anita Parmer	\$100	Presto	\$200
Blaine Lindsey	\$100	United States Postal Service	\$27
Christina Hayden	\$100		
Diane Lampett	\$100		
Janine Dechristopher	\$100		
Joe Anto	\$100		
Kerri Fowler Black	\$100		
Laura Pascotto	\$100		
Lucinda Nunez	\$100		
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## Campaign themes

2022

### Ballotpedia survey responses

See also: [Ballotpedia's Candidate Connection](#)

Christopher Proia did not complete [Ballotpedia's 2022 Candidate Connection](#) survey.

## See also

### 2022 Elections



[What's on the ballot?](#)  
[U.S. Congress](#)  
[U.S. Congress special elections](#)  
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## Campaign Documents Search

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

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Proia, Christopher	CAN	05/27/22	Candidate Appt of Campaign Treasurer	<a href="#">PDF</a>	
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Florida Department of State  
Division of Elections

## Campaign Contributions

2022 General Election  
Christopher Proia (DEM)  
State Senator

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Rpt Yr	Rpt Type	Date	Amount	Contributor Name	Address	City State Zip	Occupation	Typ	InKind	Desc
2022	P2		179.48	ACTBLUE DONATIONS CANT FIGURE	MULTIPLE		ACTBLUE DONATIONS	X		ACTBLUE DONATIONS
2022	P1		100.00	AYERS WILLIAM				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	100.00	NUNEZ LUCINDA				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	100.00	PASCOTTO LAURA				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	100.00	BLACK KERRI FOWLER				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	100.00	LAMPETT DIANE				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	100.00	HOFFMAN STEPHANIE				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	55.00	MCBRIDE CHRISTINA				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	100.00	DECHRISTOPHER JANINE				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	100.00	WILCOX WILLIAM				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	100.00	HAYDEN CHRISTINA				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	100.00	PARMER ANITA				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	100.00	WALTER RACHEL				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	100.00	RUDING REBBECCA				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	100.00	ANTO JOE				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	100.00	LEONE NICHOLAS				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	100.00	LINDSEY BLATNE				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	85.00	PRINGLE DENISE				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	100.00	BOYD SHARON				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	100.00	BOYD SHONI				CAS		
2022	P1	06/14/2022	7.14	LEWIS FANNY	2697 BRIGHTSIDE COURT	CAPE CORAL, FL		X		ACT BLUE DONATION
			2,026.62							

21 Contribution(s) Selected

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## Campaign Expenditures

2022 General Election  
Christopher Proia (DEM)  
State Senator

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Rpt Yr	Rpt Type	Date	Amount	Expense Paid To	Address	City State Zip	Purpose	Typ Reimb
2022	P3		200.00	PRESTO	8585 COLLIER BLVD	NAPLES, FL 34114	LAKELAND TRIP, BANK STARTER FUNDS REPAYM	PCW
2022	P1	06/15/2022	1,781.82	DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION O	500 SOUTH BRONOUGH STREET	TALLAHASSEE, FL	QUALIFYING FEE	MON
2022	P1	06/15/2022	26.95	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	26150 OLD 41 ROAD	BONITA SPRING, FL	SHIPPING/ POSTAL	MON
			2,008.77					

3 Expenditure(s) Selected

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**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Case No.: FEC 22-239**

**Respondent:** Christopher Proia

**Complainant:** Division of Elections

On August 29, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) received a referral alleging that Respondent violated Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. Commission staff investigated whether Respondent violated the following statutes:

Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, failed to timely make necessary amendments to the 2022 P1 and 2022 P2 campaign treasurer reports; and

Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, may have certified the 2022 P1 campaign treasurer report was true, correct, and complete when it was not; and

Section 106.09(1)(b), Florida Statutes, may have accepted one or more cash contributions in excess of the \$50.00 per campaign limit, based upon contributions reported during the 2022 P1 reporting period.

**I. Preliminary Information:**

1. Respondent was a 2022 candidate for State Senate, District 27; he was defeated in the general election on November 8, 2022.

2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) was filed on May 25, 2022. Respondent was appointed as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 9, refer to Exhibit 1.<sup>1</sup>

3. Respondent filed a Statement of Candidate with the Division on May 25, 2022, 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. An acknowledgment letter was mailed to the address provided on the DS-DE 9 on May 31, 2022. The letter advised Respondent that all candidates filing reports with the Division are required to file by means of the Division's electronic filing system (EFS). Respondent was provided with a user identification number and initial password allowing access to the EFS.

5. The acknowledgment letter also advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*. The letter further advised that it was Respondent's responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. To review the acknowledgment letter, refer to Exhibit 3.

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<sup>1</sup> A duplicate form was subsequently filed on May 27, 2022.

## **II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes:**

6. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by failing to file amended report(s) for the following campaign treasurer report(s) after receiving notice from the filing officer: 2022 P1 and 2022 P2.

7. The Division sent correspondence to the address provided on the DS-DE 9 notifying Respondent that one or more campaign treasurer report(s) were incomplete. The correspondence included error report(s) referencing the following report(s): 2022 P1 and 2022 P2. To review the correspondence and errors report(s), refer to Exhibit 4.

8. On July 25, 2022, the Division sent a letter marked "Final Notice" with delivery confirmation to the address provided on the DS-DE 9 notifying Respondent that one or more campaign treasurer report(s) were incomplete. The letter included an error report referencing the following report(s): 2022 P1 and 2022 P2. However, delivery confirmation was not provided with the referral. Commission staff requested that the Division provide delivery confirmation, but in response Division staff indicated, "We've located the documents, but the delivery confirmation is missing." Division staff further indicated that they tried without success to pull a new delivery confirmation; "Unfortunately, information over six months old is no longer available on their site." On March 10, 2023, the Division sent another letter marked "Final Notice" to Respondent. However, the second "Final Notice" was not part of the referral, and it was sent several months after the referral was filed. To review the first "Final Notice" and error report(s), refer to Exhibit 5. To review the second "Final Notice" and error report(s), refer to Exhibit 6. To review emails with Division staff regarding delivery confirmation, refer to Exhibit 7.

9. As noted above, the "Final Notice" was sent on July 25, 2022. The referral was filed on August 29, 2022. By filing the referral, the Division affirmed that as of that date, the report(s) at issue had not been amended to correct all errors identified by the Division. However, the Division was unable to provide proof of delivery for the "Final Notice" sent on July 25, 2022. The "Final Notice" sent on March 10, 2023, was sent after the referral was filed. To review the report(s) at issue at issue, refer to Exhibit 8.

## **III. Alleged Violation of Sections 106.07(5) and 106.09(1)(b), Florida Statutes:**

10. I investigated whether Respondent violated these sections of the election laws by certifying that the 2022 P1 campaign treasurer report was true, correct, and complete when it was not, and accepting one or more cash contributions in excess of \$50.00 per campaign limit, based upon contributions reported during the 2022 P1 reporting period.

11. Respondent filed the 2022 P1 report on June 24, 2022. By filing the report, Respondent certified it was true, correct, and complete. In the report, Respondent disclosed receipt of 19 cash contributions, each from a different individual. The date of receipt for 18 of the contributions was June 14, 2022; no date was specified for the final cash contribution. Of the reported cash contributions, 17 were in the amount of \$100.00, one was in the amount of \$85.00, and one was in the amount of \$55.00. The 19 cash contributions thus totaled \$1,840.00. To review the 2022 P1 report, refer to Exhibit 8, pages 1-6.

12. I subpoenaed and reviewed bank records from the designated campaign depository. The account was opened on June 8, 2022, upon deposit of \$60.00 in cash. There is no record of another cash deposit in June 2022. However, the bank records show that an \$1804.84 deposit was made via Venmo on June 16, 2022. To review the bank records, refer to Exhibit 9.

13. Respondent did not respond to the referral.

14. I called Respondent in order to provide an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the referral. I asked Respondent if any of the cash contributions at issue in the 2022 P1 report were made via an online contribution platform such as ActBlue.<sup>2</sup> Respondent answered in the negative. Respondent admitted that the contributions at issue were made in cash. He explained that the cash contributions were received at a small party/event to raise money for his campaign. Respondent further explained that someone assisted him in collecting and holding the contributions until the campaign account was created. Respondent stated that he later received the cash contributions via a Venmo deposit. Respondent indicated that he did not keep any records and did not keep up with contributions, rules, or any regulations about campaign financing. Neither did he take good notes about “who gave what,” so he was not able to provide corrections to the reports at issue. Finally, Respondent indicated that he did not familiarize himself with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, or the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 10.

Respectfully submitted on February 13, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Courtenay H. Sheppard", written in a cursive style.

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Courtenay Harrold Sheppard  
Investigation Specialist

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<sup>2</sup> Several deposits were made via ActBlue in June 2022; Respondent stated he did not retain ActBlue statements.



**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**REPORT OF INVESTIGATION**  
**Christopher Proia -- FEC 22-239**

LIST OF EXHIBITS	
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 9
Exhibit 2	Statement of Candidate
Exhibit 3	Acknowledgment Letter
Exhibit 4	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Error Notices
Exhibit 5	Final Notice – 7/25/22
Exhibit 6	Final Notice – 3/10/23
Exhibit 7	Emails with Division Staff
Exhibit 8	2022 P1 and 2022 P2 reports
Exhibit 9	Bank Records
Exhibit 10	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

2022 MAY 25 PM 4:33

Division of Elections  
Tallahassee, FL

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)**

Christopher Proia

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

2252 Clifford St.  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

**4. Telephone**

(239) 384 4896

**5. E-mail address**

Christopher Proia, FL  
State Senate@gmail.com

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

FL State Senate - District 27

**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    ☒ Democratic    Party    candidate.

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

**10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer**

Christopher Proia

**11. Mailing Address**

2252 Clifford Street

**12. Telephone**

(239) 384 4896

**13. City**

Fort Myers

**14. County**

Lee

**15. State**

FL

**16. Zip Code**

33901

**17. E-mail address**

Christopher Proia, FL  
State Senate@gmail.com

**18. I have designated the following bank as my**

☒ Primary Depository

☐ Secondary Depository

**19. Name of Bank**

Edison National Bank

**20. Address**

2105 W. First Street

**21. City**

Fort Myers

**22. County**

Lee

**23. State**

Florida

**24. Zip Code**


33901

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**

05-25-2022

**26. Signature of Candidate**

X 

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

I, Christopher Proia, do hereby accept the appointment  
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:

☒ Campaign Treasurer.

☐ Deputy Treasurer.

05-25-2022 X

Date

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER  
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN  
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES  
(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

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FL State Senate - District 27

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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 ☒ Democratic Party candidate.

9. I have appointed the following person to act as my

☒ Campaign Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Christopher Proia

11. Mailing Address

2252 Clifford Street

12. Telephone

(239) 384 4896

13. City

Fort Myers

14. County

Lee

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

33901

17. E-mail address

Christopher Proia, FL  
State Senate@gmail.com

18. I have designated the following bank as my

☒ Primary Depository ☐ Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

Edison National Bank

20. Address

2105 W. First Street

21. City

Fort Myers

22. County

Lee

23. State

Florida

24. Zip Code

33901

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

05-25-2022

26. Signature of Candidate

X 

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

I, Christopher Proia, do hereby accept the appointment  
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as:

☒ Campaign Treasurer. ☐ Deputy Treasurer.

05-25-2022 X  
Date

  
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer Exhibit 1 Page 2 of 2

# STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

OFFICE USE ONLY

I, Christopher Proia  
candidate for the office of FL State Senate

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

RECEIVED

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

X



Signature of Candidate

05-25-2022

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)



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

**RON DESANTIS**  
Governor

**CORD BYRD**  
Secretary of State

May 31, 2022

Christopher Proia  
2252 Clifford Street  
Fort Myers, Florida 33901

Dear Mr. Proia:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Senator, which was placed on file in our office on May 27, 2022. Your name has been placed on the 2022 active candidate list.

### **Campaign Treasurer's Reports**

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **June 10, 2022**. The report will cover the period of May 1-31, 2022 (2022 M5). All candidates who 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 your user identification number. Enclosed are your confidential, filing credentials.

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

**Identification Number:** 80951

### **Timely Filing**

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

#### **Division of Elections**

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



Christopher Proia  
May 31, 2022  
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Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for 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 candidate and campaign treasurer, and such persons are subject to the provisions of Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

### **Instructions and Assistance**

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

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <https://dos.myflorida.com/elections>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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Enclosures





FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Cord Byrd**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 27, 2022

Christopher Proia  
2252 Clifford Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Re: CAN 80951

Dear Mr. Proia:

The Division of Elections has determined that one or more campaign reports are incomplete for the reasons noted in the attached error report.

Pursuant to Section 106.07(2), Florida Statutes, you have 7 days from receipt of this notice to file an amended report to correct errors or provide missing information. If the audit states that a written explanation is required, provide the division with a signed letter of explanation addressing the errors noted in the report(s). Your explanation should (1) reference the specific error(s) that occurred; (2) describe how you corrected the errors (example: refunded excess contribution and reported the refund in 2021 M8 report); and (3) list the report(s) and sequence number(s) that were amended to reflect the corrections. Please be advised that failure to supply this information within the time allowed may constitute a violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

If you need assistance in filing an amendment, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

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

Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

## Error Report

Candidate: Christopher Proia

Office: STS

Report: 2022 P1 (2) Covering Period: 6/1/22 - 6/17/22

Account: 80951

## Contributions

		Contributor		Contribution			
Seq	Date	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Type	Occupation	Type
2	06/14/22	PASCOTTO LAURA			I		CAS
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## Error Report

Candidate: Christopher Proia Office: STS  
 Report: 2022 P1 (2) Covering Period: 6/1/22 - 6/17/22 Account: 80951

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		*Cash Contributions May Not Exceed \$50 - Written Explanation Required							
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11	06/14/22	WALTER RACHEL			I				
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8	06/14/22	WILCOX WILLIAM			I				
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12	06/14/22	RUDING REBECCA			I				
		*Cash Contributions May Not Exceed \$50 - Written Explanation Required							
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13	06/14/22	ANTO JOE			I				
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Candidate: Christopher Proia

Office: STS

## Error Report

Report: 2022 P1 (2) Covering Period: 6/1/22 - 6/17/22

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20	06/14/22	LEWIS FANNY	2697 BRIGHTSIDE COURT	CAPE CORAL, FL			X
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16	06/14/22	PRINGLE DENISE					CAS
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17	06/14/22	BOYD SHARON					CAS
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## Error Report

Candidate: Christopher Proia

Office: STS

Report: 2022 P1 (2) Covering Period: 6/1/22 - 6/17/22

Account: 80951

		Contributor		Contribution				
Seq	Date	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Type	Occupation	Type	Amount
18	06/14/22	BOYD SHONI			I		CAS	\$100.00
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19		AYERS WILLIAM			I		CAS	\$100.00
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Cord Byrd**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 11, 2022

Christopher Proia  
2252 Clifford Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Re: CAN 80951

Dear Mr. Proia:

The Division of Elections has determined that one or more campaign reports are incomplete for the reasons noted in the attached error report.

Pursuant to Section 106.07(2), Florida Statutes, you have 7 days from receipt of this notice to file an amended report to correct errors or provide missing information. If the audit states that a written explanation is required, provide the division with a signed letter of explanation addressing the errors noted in the report(s). Your explanation should (1) reference the specific error(s) that occurred; (2) describe how you corrected the errors (example: refunded excess contribution and reported the refund in 2021 M8 report); and (3) list the report(s) and sequence number(s) that were amended to reflect the corrections. Please be advised that failure to supply this information within the time allowed may constitute a violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

If you need assistance in filing an amendment, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

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Error Report

Candidate: Christopher Proia

Office: STS

Report: 2022 P2 (3) Covering Period: 6/18/22 - 7/1/22

Account: 80951

Contributions

Contributor					Contribution					
Seq	Date	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Type	Occupation	Type	Amount	InKind Descrip	Amend
1		ACTBLUE DONATIONS CANT FIGURE OUT HOW TO UPLOAD	MULTIPLE	.	O	ACTBLUE DONATIONS	X	\$179.48	ACTBLUE DONATIONS	
*The Transaction Date Is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period										
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*No City Was Provided In The Address										
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Cord Byrd**

Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

**Second Notice**

July 11, 2022

Christopher Proia  
2252 Clifford Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Re: CAN 80951

Dear Mr. Proia:

On June 27, 2022, you were advised that one or more of your campaign treasurer's reports were incomplete and that you had 7 days to provide the requested information.

The Division's electronic filing system indicates that the required information has not been provided. Pursuant to Section 106.22, Florida Statutes, the Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of the failure to provide information required by Chapter 106. Accordingly, if the information requested in our prior notice is not received within 7 days of receipt of this letter, we will refer this matter to the Commission. A second copy of the error report is attached for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

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## Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

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## Error Report

Candidate: Christopher Proia

Office: STS

Report: 2022 P1 (2) Covering Period: 6/1/22 - 6/17/22

Account: 80951

## Contributions

## Contributor

## Contribution

Seq	Date	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Type	Occupation	Type	Amount	InKind Descrip	Amend
2	06/14/22	PASCOTTO LAURA			I		CAS	\$100.00		

\*Cash Contributions May Not Exceed \$50 - Written Explanation Required

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3	06/14/22	BLACK KERRI FOWLER			I		CAS	\$100.00		
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4	06/14/22	LAMPETT DIANE			I		CAS	\$100.00		
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## Error Report

Candidate: Christopher Proia

Office: STS

Report: 2022 P1 (2) Covering Period: 6/1/22 - 6/17/22

Account: 80951

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## Error Report

Candidate: Christopher Proia

Office: STS

Report: 2022 P1 (2) Covering Period: 6/1/22 - 6/17/22

Account: 80951

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		*The Value Supplied For Contribution Type Is Invalid									
16	06/14/22	PRINGLE DENISE			I		CAS	\$85.00			
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Error Report

Candidate: Christopher Proia

Office: STS

Report: 2022 P1 (2)

Covering Period: 6/1/22 - 6/17/22

Account: 80951

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Cord Byrd**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

**FINAL NOTICE**

**Delivery Confirmation:**

USPS TRACKING # **9114 9022 0078 9689 7757 12**  
& CUSTOMER RECEIPT For Tracking or Inquiries go to USPS.com  
or call 1-800-222-1811.

July 25, 2022

Christopher Proia  
2252 Clifford Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Re: CAN 80951

Dear Mr. Proia:

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If you need assistance in filing an amendment, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

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## Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

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## Error Report

Candidate: Christopher Proia

Office: STS

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## Error Report

Candidate: Christopher Proia

Office: STS

Report: 2022 P1 (2) Covering Period: 6/1/22 - 6/17/22

Account: 80951

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10	06/14/22	PARMER ANITA			I		CAS	\$100.00		
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13	06/14/22	ANTO JOE			I		CAS	\$100.00		
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## Error Report

Candidate: Christopher Proia

Office: STS

Report: 2022 P1 (2) Covering Period: 6/1/22 - 6/17/22

Account: 80951

Contributor				Contribution							
Seq	Date	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Type	Occupation	Type	Amount	InKind	Descrip	Amend
14	06/14/22	LEONE NICHOLAS			I		CAS	\$100.00			
		*Cash Contributions May Not Exceed \$50 - Written Explanation Required									
		*No Address Was Provided									
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15	06/14/22	LINDSEY BLAINE			I		CAS	\$100.00			
		*Cash Contributions May Not Exceed \$50 - Written Explanation Required									
		*No Address Was Provided									
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9	06/14/22	HAYDEN CHRISTINA			I		CAS	\$100.00			
		*Cash Contributions May Not Exceed \$50 - Written Explanation Required									
		*No Address Was Provided									
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20	06/14/22	LEWIS FANNY	2697 BRIGHTSIDE COURT	CAPE CORAL, FL	I		X	\$7.14		ACT BLUE DONATION	
		*The Value Supplied For Contribution Type Is Invalid									
16	06/14/22	PRINGLE DENISE			I		CAS	\$85.00			
		*Cash Contributions May Not Exceed \$50 - Written Explanation Required									
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17	06/14/22	BOYD SHARON			I		CAS	\$100.00			
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Covering Period: 6/1/22 - 6/17/22

Account: 80951

Contributor					Contribution				
Seq	Date	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Type	Occupation	Type	Amount	InKind Descrip
18	06/14/22	BOYD SHONI			I		CAS	\$100.00	
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## Expenditures

## Fund Transfers

## Other Distributions

Florida Department of State - Division of Elections  
Error Report

Date: Christopher Proia  
Report: 2022 P2 (3)  
Covering Period: 6/18/22 - 7/1/22

Office: STS  
Account: 80951

Contributions  
Seq 1

Name

ACTBLUE DONATIONS CANT  
FIGURE OUT HOW TO UPLOAD

- \*The Transaction Date Is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period
- \*The Value Supplied For Contribution Type Is Invalid
- \*No City Was Provided In The Address
- \*No State Was Provided In The Address

Contributor  
Address  
MULTIPLE

City/State/Zip

Type  
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Occupation  
ACTBLUE DONATIONS

Contribution  
Type  
X

Amount  
\$179.48

InKind Descrip  
ACTBLUE  
DONATIONS

Amend

Expenditures  
Fund Transfers  
Other Distributions



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

**FINAL NOTICE**

**Delivery Confirmation:**

USPS TRACKING #  
& CUSTOMER  
RECEIPT

**9114 9022 0085 2119 4520 61**  
For Tracking or inquiries go to [USPS.com](http://USPS.com)  
or call 1-800-222-1811.

March 10, 2023

Christopher Proia  
2252 Clifford Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Re: CAN 80951

Dear Mr. Proia:

You have previously been advised that one or more campaign treasurer's reports are incomplete for the reasons noted in the attached error report.

Pursuant to Section 106.07(2), Florida Statutes, you have 7 days from receipt of this letter to correct errors or provide missing information. If the audit states that a written explanation is required, provide the division with a signed letter of explanation addressing the errors noted in the report(s). Your explanation should (1) reference the specific error(s) that occurred; (2) describe how you corrected the errors (example: refunded excess contribution and reported the refund in 2021 M8 report); and (3) list the report(s) and sequence number(s) that were amended to reflect the corrections. Please be advised that if you fail to comply with this request, the Division will forward this matter to the Florida Elections Commission for further action. Section 106.265(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Florida Elections Commission to impose civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation.

If you need assistance in filing an amendment, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

## Error Report

Candidate: Christopher Proia

Office: STS

Report: 2022 P1 (2) Covering Period: 6/1/22 - 6/17/22

Account: 80951

## Contributions

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2	06/14/22	PASCOTTO LAURA			I		
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3	06/14/22	BLACK KERRI FOWLER			I		
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4	06/14/22	LAMPETT DIANE			I		
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5	06/14/22	HOFFMAN STEPHANIE			I		
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Candidate: Christopher Proia

Office: STS

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Account: 80951

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Office: STS

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Florida Elections Commission  
107 W. Gaines St., #224  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
(Ph:) 850-922-4539

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**From:** Brown, Donna S. <[Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2023 2:02 PM  
**To:** Courtney Harrold <[Courtney.Harrold@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:Courtney.Harrold@myfloridalegal.com)>  
**Cc:** Baker, Sheena T. <[Sheena.Baker@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Sheena.Baker@dos.myflorida.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Final Notice Delivery Confirmation re Acct# 80951 (candidate Christopher Proia)

Courtney,

We immediately tried to pull a new delivery confirmation. Unfortunately, information over six months old is no longer available on their site.

We are updating our procedures today to require the delivery confirmation to be pulled and imaged within the six-month period.

It looks like we will need to send another final notice. Let me know what you would like us to do.

Donna

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**From:** Courtney Harrold <[Courtney.Harrold@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:Courtney.Harrold@myfloridalegal.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2023 12:22 PM  
**To:** Brown, Donna S. <[Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com)>  
**Cc:** Baker, Sheena T. <[Sheena.Baker@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Sheena.Baker@dos.myflorida.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Final Notice Delivery Confirmation re Acct# 80951 (candidate Christopher Proia)

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

Good afternoon, Donna:

I've spoken with our deputy clerk about accessing the USPS website's delivery confirmation, as the "Final Notice" does include the tracking number. However, since we didn't create the label, we can't look it up.

Is this something that the Division could possibly look-up?

I know this is more legwork than the usual and if you're able access this information, it's not a rush job. Thus far, this candidate has avoided our certified service and misled the process server. Hence, I need some type of proof regarding this Final Notice.

As always, I appreciate whatever help you can provide. Please let me know if you have any questions for me, or another approach.

Thanks very much,

*Courtenay Harrold Sheppard*  
Investigation Specialist  
Florida Elections Commission  
107 W. Gaines St., #224  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
(Ph:) 850-922-4539

**Re: Final Notice Delivery Confirmation re Acct# 80951 (candidate Christopher Proia)**

Courtney Harrold <Courtney.Harrold@myfloridalegal.com>

Thu 3/9/2023 4:09 PM

To: Brown, Donna S. <Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com>

Cc: Baker, Sheena T. <Sheena.Baker@dos.myflorida.com>

Hi Donna:

Thanks for getting back to me so quickly on this one. At this stage, I don't think sending another Final Notice is necessary.

We had difficulty serving him with our correspondence and had to resort to a process server, so I have some thoughts about this one.

Either way, knowing about the delivery confirmation (or lack thereof) is still helpful.

Thanks again and have a good one,

*Courtenay Harrold Sheppard*

Investigation Specialist

Florida Elections Commission

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Tallahassee, FL 32399

(Ph:) 850-922-4539

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**From:** Brown, Donna S. <Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 9, 2023 3:57 PM

**To:** Courtney Harrold <Courtney.Harrold@myfloridalegal.com>

**Cc:** Baker, Sheena T. <Sheena.Baker@dos.myflorida.com>

**Subject:** RE: Final Notice Delivery Confirmation re Acct# 80951 (candidate Christopher Proia)

Courtney – We've located the documents, but the delivery confirmation is missing. At this point, do we need to send another final notice?

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**From:** Courtney Harrold <Courtney.Harrold@myfloridalegal.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 9, 2023 2:18 PM

**To:** Brown, Donna S. <Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com>

**Subject:** Final Notice Delivery Confirmation re Acct# 80951 (candidate Christopher Proia)

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

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

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**Re: Final Notice Delivery Confirmation re Acct# 80951 (candidate Christopher Proia)**

Courtney Harrold <Courtney.Harrold@myfloridalegal.com>

Thu 3/9/2023 3:26 PM

To: Brown, Donna S. <Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com>

Cc: Baker, Sheena T. <Sheena.Baker@dos.myflorida.com>

Thanks very much for your help. I appreciate it.

*Courtenay Harrold Sheppard*

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**From:** Brown, Donna S. <Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 9, 2023 2:53 PM

**To:** Courtney Harrold <Courtney.Harrold@myfloridalegal.com>

**Cc:** Baker, Sheena T. <Sheena.Baker@dos.myflorida.com>

**Subject:** RE: Final Notice Delivery Confirmation re Acct# 80951 (candidate Christopher Proia)

We'll have to pull the box and search for it. I'll send it as soon as we locate the documents.

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**From:** Courtney Harrold <Courtney.Harrold@myfloridalegal.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 9, 2023 2:34 PM

**To:** Brown, Donna S. <Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com>

**Subject:** Re: Final Notice Delivery Confirmation re Acct# 80951 (candidate Christopher Proia)

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

No, it was not attached. Sorry - I suppose I should have clarified that.

*Courtenay Harrold Sheppard*

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**From:** Brown, Donna S. <[Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 9, 2023 2:33 PM

**To:** Courtney Harrold <[Courtney.Harrold@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:Courtney.Harrold@myfloridalegal.com)>

**Subject:** RE: Final Notice Delivery Confirmation re Acct# 80951 (candidate Christopher Proia)

It was supposed to be part of the referral documents. Was it not attached?

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**From:** Courtney Harrold <[Courtney.Harrold@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:Courtney.Harrold@myfloridalegal.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 9, 2023 2:18 PM



**To:** Brown, Donna S. <[Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:Donna.Brown@dos.myflorida.com)>

**Subject:** Final Notice Delivery Confirmation re Acct# 80951 (candidate Christopher Proia)

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

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

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Good afternoon, Ms. Brown:

Could you please provide the delivery confirmation for the Final Notice that was sent to candidate, Christopher Proia (80951), on July 25, 2022? I've attached a copy of the Final Notice for quick review.

Thanks very much in advance for your help with this one.

Have a good one,

*Courtenay Harrold Sheppard*

Investigation Specialist

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

(1) Christopher Proia (2) 80951  
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 2252 Clifford Street Fort Myers FL 33901  
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 06/01/2022 To 06/17/2022 Report Type: P1

☐ Original ☒ Amendment ☐ Special Election Report

**(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT**

Cash & Checks \$1,847.14  
 Loans \$0.00  
*Total Monetary* \$1,847.14  
 In-Kind \$0.00

**(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT**

Monetary Expenditures \$1,808.77  
 Transfers to Office Account \$0.00  
*Total Monetary* \$1,808.77

**(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: Christopher Proia

Report: 2022 P1

Period: 06/01/2022 to 06/17/2022

\*\* 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	NUNEZ, LUCINDA	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 2	PASCOTTO, LAURA	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 3	BLACK, KERRI FOWLER	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 4	LAMPETT, DIANE	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 5	HOFFMAN, STEPHANIE	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 6	MCBRIDE, CHRISTINA	I		\$55.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 7	DECHRISTOPHER, JANINE	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 8	WILCOX, WILLIAM	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 9	HAYDEN, CHRISTINA	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 10	PARMER, ANITA	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 11	WALTER, RACHEL	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 12	RUDING, REBBECA	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 13	ANTO, JOE	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 14	LEONE, NICHOLAS	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 15	LINDSEY, BLAINE	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 16	PRINGLE, DENISE	I		\$85.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 17	BOYD, SHARON	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 18	BOYD, SHONI	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 19	AYERS, WILLIAM	I		\$100.00
		CAS		
* 20	LEWIS, FANNY	I		\$7.14
06/14/2022	2697 BRIGHTSIDE COURT CAPE CORAL, FL	X	ACT BLUE DONATION	

Name: Christopher Proia

Report: 2022 P1

Period: 06/01/2022 to 06/17/2022

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

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 06/15/2022	DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS 500 SOUTH BRONOUGH STREET TALLAHASSEE, FL	MON	QUALIFYING FEE	\$1,781.82
2 06/15/2022	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE 26150 OLD 41 ROAD BONITA SPRING, FL	MON	SHIPPING/ POSTAL	\$26.95 UPD
* 2	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE 26150 OLD 41 ROAD BONITA SPRING, FL	MON	SHIPPING/ POSTAL	\$26.95 ADD History 06/24/22

ID:

# CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED FUND TRANSFERS

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Name: Christopher Proia

Report: 2022 P1

Period: 06/01/2022

to 06/17/2022

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

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

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# CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED DISTRIBUTIONS

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Name: Christopher Proia

Report: 2022 P1

Period: 06/01/2022 to 06/17/2022

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

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

## Queued Items for 2022-P1

Account: 80951

STS 027 Christopher Proia

Rpt Seq: 2

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	80951	6/24/2022 5:52:08 PM	6/24/2022 5:52:08 PM
Recalc Pending Report Total	Processing Complete	80951	6/24/2022 6:44:41 PM	6/24/2022 6:44:41 PM
Recalc Pending Report Total	Processing Complete	80951	6/24/2022 7:04:22 PM	6/24/2022 7:04:22 PM
Recalc Pending Report Total	Processing Complete	80951	6/24/2022 7:09:40 PM	6/24/2022 7:09:40 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	80951	6/24/2022 7:10:52 PM	6/24/2022 7:10:52 PM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	80951	6/24/2022 7:14:04 PM	6/24/2022 7:14:04 PM
Recalc Pending Report Total	Processing Complete	80951	6/24/2022 7:15:56 PM	6/24/2022 7:15:56 PM
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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

(1) Christopher Proia (2) 80951  
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 2252 Clifford Street Fort Myers FL 33901  
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 06/18/2022 To 07/01/2022 Report Type: P2  
☒ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Special Election Report

**(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT**

Cash & Checks \$179.48  
 Loans \$0.00  
*Total Monetary* \$179.48  
 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**

**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

ID: 80951

## CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

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Name: Christopher Proia

Report: 2022 P2

Period: 06/18/2022 to 07/01/2022

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

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
		Type	In-Kind Description	Amend
* 1	ACTBLUE DONATIONS CANT FIGURE OUT HOW TO UPLOAD THE RECORDS MULTIPLE	O	ACTBLUE DONATIONS	\$179.48
		X	ACTBLUE DONATIONS	

Name: Christopher Proia

Report: 2022 P2

Period: 06/18/2022 to 07/01/2022

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

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

Name: Christopher Proia

Report: 2022 P2

Period: 06/18/2022 to 07/01/2022

\*\* 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

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Name: Christopher Proia

Report: 2022 P2

Period: 06/18/2022 to 07/01/2022

\*\* 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 2022-P2

Account: 80951

STS 027 Christopher Proia

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Fort Myers, FL 33906-1399  
(239) 466-1800



Date 6/30/22  
Account Number

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Christopher Proia For State Senate  
2252 Clifford St  
Fort Myers FL 33901

## DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Account Title: Christopher Proia For State Senate

Candidate Campaign Account

Account Number

Previous Balance

10 Deposits/Credits

5 Checks/Debits

Service Charge

Interest Paid

Ending Balance

1,986.25

1,828.20

.00

.00

158.05

Number of Enclosures

Statement Dates 6/08/22 thru 6/30/22

Days in the statement period

Average Daily Balance

Average Collected

2

6/30/22

23

620.46

620.46

## DEPOSITS AND ADDITIONS

6/08 Deposit		60.00
6/15 VERIFYBANK VENMO 1020668622465 PPD		.01
6/15 VERIFYBANK VENMO 1020668622468 PPD		.17
6/16 ACTBLUE ACTBLUE CCD ST-D306L5E703J7		6.64
6/16 CASHOUT VENMO 1020682703920 PPD		1,804.84
6/23 ACTBLUE ACTBLUE CCD ST-U0I1M9E1L1I3		47.92
6/24 ACTBLUE ACTBLUE CCD ST-S2R5R3C0K8J2		11.80
6/27 ACTBLUE ACTBLUE CCD ST-M6Y1L6K2I3D4		8.55
6/29 ACTBLUE ACTBLUE CCD ST-E3T9F8A1C8T1		31.13
6/30 ACTBLUE ACTBLUE CCD ST-P2Y2R1P7T4P8		15.19

## DEBITS AND WITHDRAWALS

6/15 POS DEB 1347 06/15/22 00226165 USPS PO 11090004		26.95-
26150 OLD 41 RD		
BONITA SPRING FL C#9241		
6/15 VERIFYBANK VENMO 1020668622373 WEB		.01-
1020668622373		
6/15 VERIFYBANK VENMO 1020668622428 WEB		.17-
1020668622428		
6/22 POS DEB 1952 06/21/22 19539609 OFFICE DE (COLLEGE CEN		19.25-
OFFICE DE (COLLEGE		
FT. MYERS FL C#9241		

Date 6/30/22  
Account Number

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Christopher Proia For State Senate  
2252 Clifford St  
Fort Myers FL 33901

Candidate Campaign Account

(Continued)

### SUMMARY BY CHECK NUMBER

Date	Check No	Amount
6/23	93	1,781.82

\* Indicates Break in Check Number Sequence

### DAILY BALANCE INFORMATION

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
6/08	60.00	6/22	1,825.28	6/27	111.73
6/15	33.05	6/23	91.38	6/29	142.86
6/16	1,844.53	6/24	103.18	6/30	158.05



NEW ACCOUNT DEPOSIT  
 DATE 6/8/2022  
 NAME Christopher Proia, for State Senate  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deposits may not be available for immediate withdrawal.

CASH	60	00
CHECKS LIST SINGLY		
TOTAL FROM OTHER SIDE		
TOTAL DEPOSIT	60	00

52350011 30112974

Amount \$60.00 Date 6/8/2022

Christopher Proia, for State Senate  
 2252 Clifford Street  
 Fort Myers, FL 33901  
 DATE 06-15-22  
 PAY TO THE ORDER OF Florida Dept of State; Division of Elections 1781.82  
One Thousand seven hundred eighty one 82/100 DOLLARS  
 MEMO Qualifying fee  
 06704301 30112974 80951

93  
 63-1430670  
 Security Features  
 Details on back.

Ck# 93 Amt \$1,781.82 Date 6/23/2022

DATE 6/8/2022  
NAME Christina - Paula Soto Smith  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Deposits may not be available for immediate withdrawal.

Check: 0 Amount: \$60.00 Date: 6/8/2022  
Run: 1001, Batch: 4, Seq: 153, Source: C21-Vertex

DATE		LIST CHECKS SINGLY OR ATTACH LIST	
		DOLLARS	CENTS
CASH COUNT			
100X			
50X			
20X			
10X			
5X			
1X			
CASH TOTAL			
CHECKS			
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
9			
10			
11			
TRANSFER TOTAL TO OTHER SIDE			

Check: 0 Amount: \$60.00 Date: 6/8/2022  
Run: 1001, Batch: 4, Seq: 153, Source: C21-Vertex

## Debit

**Bank:** EDISON NATIONAL BANK  
**Branch #:** 1003  
**Branch Name:** River District  
**Teller ID:** S35CNELSON  
**Drawer #:** 3006  
**Trans #:** 34  
**Misc:** TEN New Acct Dep,

AUXILIARY	R/T	ACCOUNT	PC/TC	AMOUNT
	5235-0008		90	\$60.00

Check: 0 Amount: \$60.00 Date: 6/8/2022  
Run: 1001, Batch: 4, Seq: 154, Source: C21-Vertex

⑆067014301⑆ 20220608  
EDISON NATIONAL BANK  
Drawer#/Trans#: 03006/0034  
HIN: 819432150000130

Check: 0 Amount: \$60.00 Date: 6/8/2022  
Run: 1001, Batch: 4, Seq: 154, Source: C21-Vertex

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**PHONE LOG**  
**Case No.: FEC 22-239**

**Respondent: Christopher Proia**

**Complainant: Division of Elections**

1. **Date and time:** 2/6/23 @ 2:07pm  
**Name:** June Howard w/ Edison National Bank  
**Phone #:** 239-466-1800  
**Summary:** I called Ms. Howard to confirm the bank's subpoena service preference. She stated that service via email was fine. She also provided the correct email address: [jhoward@edisonnationalbank.com](mailto:jhoward@edisonnationalbank.com)  
**Entered by:** CHS
2. **Date and time:** 4/4/23 @ 4:10pm  
**Name:** Christopher Proia  
**Phone #:** 239-384-4896  
**Summary:** I called Respondent and left a detailed message, including the case number, and requested a call-back. I reiterated that I wanted to speak about 22-239 and the 2022 P1 and P2 (specifically) and that I only needed about 10 minutes of his time.  
**Entered by:** CHS
3. **Date and time:** 4/5/23 @ 12:20pm  
**Name:** Christopher Proia  
**Phone #:** 239-384-4896  
**Summary:** I attempted to contact Resp; I reached the voicemail and left a detailed message, including the case number. I asked Respondent to return my call.  
**Entered by:** CHS
4. **Date and time:** 4/12/23 @ 10:18am  
**Name:** Christopher Proia  
**Phone #:** 239-384-4896  
**Summary:** After receiving a responsive email from Respondent, he contacted me via my direct office number. I conducted a brief phone interview (**see memo below**).  
**Entered by:** CHS
5. **Date and time:**  
**Name:**  
**Phone #:**  
**Summary:**  
**Entered by:**

**RESPONDENT INTERVIEW MEMO – Call details at #[239-384-4896]**

- Why were you unable to correct (and timely) amend the 2022 P1 (6/1 – 6/17/22) and 2022 P2 (6/18 – 7/1/22) campaign reports?
  - Respondent explained: “I’m just a blue collar guy.” He also elaborated that he did not keep any records and did not keep up with contributions, rules, or any regulations about campaign financing.
  - Also, he stated he did not take good notes about “who gave what,” so he was not able to provide corrections to the reports.
  - Last, he stated that he has not reached out to anyone who contributed or helped the campaign.
- Did you or someone else complete and file the 2022 P1 and 2022 P2 reports?
  - Respondent acted as his own treasurer. He explained that he couldn’t find an “actual treasurer,” but was told he was allowed to act as his own.
- You reported 20 cash contributions in the 2022 P1 campaign report. Were any of these contributions made via an online contribution platform, like ActBlue?
  - No.
- Were all these 2022 P1 contributions made in cash (i.e. hard currency)?
  - Yes.
  - Respondent explained that the cash contributions were received at a small party/event to raise money for his campaign. Also, it appears that these cash contributions were made prior to filing qualifying documents and opening a campaign depository.
  - Respondent explained that someone assisted him in collecting (and holding) the contributions until the campaign account was created. Later, Respondent stated that he received the cash contributions via Venmo.
  - **Note:** I asked Respondent to elaborate about who collected cash contributions and who generated the Venmo deposit. Respondent declined to provide the name of the individual.
- If you used an online contribution platform, can you provide these statements?
  - Respondent explained that he used ActBlue. However, he didn’t keep any of the statements. However, he suggested that I could contact ActBlue, as they’d definitely have the records.
- Did your address change during your campaign?
  - No.
- Were you ever notified that there were outstanding errors?
  - Yes. Respondent received notice about pending errors. He called the Division about these errors and the redistricting issue (Resp originally filed to run for District 27, but this later changed).
- Have you ever run for public office? If so, please name each office you ran for and state what year each election occurred.
  - No. This was Respondent’s first experience in politics.
- Have you ever been appointed to act as a campaign treasurer for a candidate? If so, please name each such candidate, the office each ran for, and state what year each election occurred.
  - No. Respondent explained that he attended some partisan events and was encouraged by a candidate to run for office. So he did.

- Have you ever held the office of chairperson, treasurer, or other similar position for a political committee or electioneering communications organization? If so, please name each committee, state the office you held for each, and state when you held each office.
  - No.
- Have you ever prepared or signed a campaign treasurer's report? If so, please state the name of the candidate or committee whose report you prepared or signed.
  - No.
- Do you possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
  - No.
- Do you possess a copy of the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
  - No.
- Did you receive any other materials from your filing officer? If so, please describe them.
  - Respondent does not recall receiving anything from the Division of Elections. However, he conceded that it was likely because he filed qualifying documents back in June 2022 and does not remember anything so far back.
- Do you have anything else to add for the Commission's consideration regarding the charges specified in the letter of legal sufficiency in this case?
  - Respondent reiterated that he's a blue-collar worker (truck driver) and this was his first foray into politics. He was very forthcoming about not keeping adequate records or familiarizing himself with the handbook or any materials provided by the Division.



# Florida Elections Commission

107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6596

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February 2, 2023

Christopher Proia  
2252 Clifford Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

**RE: Case No.: FEC 22-239; Respondent: Christopher Proia**

Dear Mr. Proia:

On August 29, 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(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes:** Respondent, a 2022 candidate for State Senator, District 27, acting as his own treasurer, failed to timely make necessary amendments to the 2022 P1 and 2022 P2 campaign treasurer's reports, as alleged in the complaint.

**Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes:** Respondent, a 2022 candidate for State Senator, District 27, may have certified the 2022 P1 campaign treasurer's report was true, correct, and complete when it was not, based on reported cash contributions in excess of the \$50 per campaign limit, as alleged in the complaint.

**Section 106.09(1)(b), Florida Statutes:** Respondent, a 2022 candidate for State Senator, District 27, may have accepted one or more cash contributions in excess of the \$50 per campaign limit, based upon contributions reported during the 2022 P1 reporting period, 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.



Christopher Proia  
February 2, 2023  
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FEC 22-239

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.

**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 **Courtenay Harrold Sheppard**, the investigator assigned to this case, by phone at (850) 922-4539 or by email at [Courtney.Harrold@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:Courtney.Harrold@myfloridalegal.com).

Sincerely,

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

Tim Vaccaro  
Executive Director

TV/jd

**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
FEC NOTICE FORM**

To FEC from Division of Elections

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**Candidate:** Christopher Proia**Account Number:** 80951**Treasurer:** Christopher Proia

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The Division of Elections hereby provides this notice to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to sections 106.22(7) and 106.25, Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, has occurred based upon a failure to file addendums after notice as required by section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, for the following report(s):

2022 P1

2022 P2

- Christopher Proia (80951) is a 2022 candidate for the office of State Senator.
- On May 27, 2022, Mr. Proia filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division appointing himself as treasurer.
- On June 27, 2022, the Division mailed Mr. Proia notification that the 2022 P1 campaign treasurer's report was incomplete.
- On July 11, 2022, the Division mailed Mr. Proia notification that the 2022 P1 and notification that the 2022 P2 campaign treasurer's reports were incomplete.
- On July 25, 2022, the Division mailed Mr. Proia final notification with delivery confirmation that one or more campaign treasurer's reports were incomplete. (See attached letter and delivery confirmation.)
- As of August 25, 2022, one or more campaign treasurer's reports remain incomplete.

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**Sent By:** Donna S. Brown *DSB***Date:** August 25, 2022

stb





FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

**Cord Byrd**  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

**FINAL NOTICE**

**Delivery Confirmation:**

USPS TRACKING # **9114 9022 0078 9689 7757 12**  
& CUSTOMER RECEIPT For Tracking or Inquiries go to USPS.com  
or call 1-800-222-1811.

July 25, 2022

Christopher Proia  
2252 Clifford Street  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Re: CAN 80951

Dear Mr. Proia:

You have previously been advised that one or more campaign treasurer's reports are incomplete for the reasons noted in the attached error report.

Pursuant to Section 106.07(2), Florida Statutes, you have 7 days from receipt of this letter to correct errors or provide missing information. If the audit states that a written explanation is required, provide the division with a signed letter of explanation addressing the errors noted in the report(s). Your explanation should (1) reference the specific error(s) that occurred; (2) describe how you corrected the errors (example: refunded excess contribution and reported the refund in 2021 M8 report); and (3) list the report(s) and sequence number(s) that were amended to reflect the corrections. Please be advised that if you fail to comply with this request, the Division will forward this matter to the Florida Elections Commission for further action. Section 106.265(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Florida Elections Commission to impose civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation.

If you need assistance in filing an amendment, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

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

Donna S. Brown, Chief  
Bureau of Election Records

Attachment







## Error Report

Candidate: Christopher Proia

Office: S

Report: 2022 P1 (2) Covering Period: 6/1/22 - 6/17/22

Account: 80

----- Contributor -----				----- Contribution -----			
<u>Seq</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City/State/Zip</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Type</u>
18	06/14/22	BOYD SHONI			I		CAS
*Cash Contributions May Not Exceed \$50 - Written Explanation Required *No Address Was Provided *No City Was Provided In The Address *No State Was Provided In The Address							
19		AYERS WILLIAM			I		CAS
*The Transaction Date Is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period *Cash Contributions May Not Exceed \$50 - Written Explanation Required *No Address Was Provided *No City Was Provided In The Address *No State Was Provided In The Address							

## Expenditures

## Fund Transfers

## Other Distributions

Expenditures  
Fund Transfers  
Other Distributions

Name  
Date  
1  
Contributor  
Covering Period: 6/18/22 - 7/1/22  
Multiple  
Address  
City/State/Zip  
Type  
Occupation  
ACTBLUE DONATIONS  
Amount  
Inkin  
ACTF  
DOW

Office: STS  
Account: 80951  
Amount: \$179.48  
Type: X  
Occupation: ACTBLUE DONATIONS  
Type: O

Florida Department of State - Division of Elections  
Error Report

Date: Christopher Proia  
Port: 2022 P2 (3)

Covering Period: 6/18/22 - 7/1/22

ACTBLUE DONATIONS CANT  
FIGURE OUT HOW TO UPLOAD  
The Transaction Date Is Either Before Or After The Report Coverage Period  
No Value Supplied For Contribution Type Is Invalid  
No City Was Provided In The Address  
No State Was Provided In The Address

## Queued Items for 2022-P1

Account: 80951

STS 027 Christopher Proia

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

(1) Christopher Proia (2) 80951  
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

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(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 06/01/2022 To 06/17/2022 Report Type: P1  
☐ Original ☒ Amendment ☐ Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks \$1,847.14  
 Loans \$0.00  
*Total Monetary* \$1,847.14  
 In-Kind \$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures \$1,808.77  
 Transfers to Office Account \$0.00  
*Total Monetary* \$1,808.77

(8) Other Distributions

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Report: 2022 P1

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Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	In-Kind Description	Amend
* 1	NUNEZ, LUCINDA	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 2	PASCOTTO, LAURA	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 3	BLACK, KERRI FOWLER	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 4	LAMPETT, DIANE	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 5	HOFFMAN, STEPHANIE	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 6	MCBRIDE, CHRISTINA	I		\$55.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 7	DECHRISTOPHER, JANINE	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 8	WILCOX, WILLIAM	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 9	HAYDEN, CHRISTINA	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 10	PARMER, ANITA	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 11	WALTER, RACHEL	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 12	RUDING, REBBECCA	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 13	ANTO, JOE	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 14	LEONE, NICHOLAS	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 15	LINDSEY, BLAINE	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 16	PRINGLE, DENISE	I		\$85.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 17	BOYD, SHARON	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 18	BOYD, SHONI	I		\$100.00
06/14/2022		CAS		
* 19	AYERS, WILLIAM	I		\$100.00
		CAS		
* 20	LEWIS, FANNY	I		\$7.14
06/14/2022	2697 BRIGHTSIDE COURT CAPE CORAL, FL	X	ACT BLUE DONATION	

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Date				Amend
1	DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF ELECTIONS	MON	QUALIFYING FEE	\$1,781.82
06/15/2022	500 SOUTH BRONOUGH STREET TALLAHASSEE, FL			
2	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	MON	SHIPPING/ POSTAL	\$26.95
06/15/2022	26150 OLD 41 ROAD BONITA SPRING, FL			UPD
* 2	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	MON	SHIPPING/ POSTAL	\$26.95
	26150 OLD 41 ROAD BONITA SPRING, FL			ADD History 06/24/22

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		Type	Related Expenditure	Amend

## Queued Items for 2022-P2

Account: 80951

STS 027 Christopher Proia

Rpt Seq: 3

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	80951	7/7/2022 9:30:09 PM	7/7/2022 9:30:09 PM
Delete Pending Report	Processing Complete	80951	7/7/2022 9:43:23 PM	7/7/2022 9:43:23 PM
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	80951	7/7/2022 9:45:54 PM	7/7/2022 9:45:54 PM
Delete Pending Report	Processing Complete	80951	7/7/2022 9:51:26 PM	7/7/2022 9:51:26 PM
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	80951	7/7/2022 10:01:04 PM	7/7/2022 10:01:04 PM
Delete Pending Report	Processing Complete	80951	7/7/2022 10:01:22 PM	7/7/2022 10:01:22 PM
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	80951	7/7/2022 10:05:31 PM	7/7/2022 10:05:31 PM
Delete Pending Report	Processing Complete	80951	7/7/2022 10:05:43 PM	7/7/2022 10:05:43 PM
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	80951	7/7/2022 10:06:30 PM	7/7/2022 10:06:30 PM
Delete Pending Report	Processing Complete	80951	7/7/2022 10:10:20 PM	7/7/2022 10:10:20 PM
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	80951	7/7/2022 10:32:01 PM	7/7/2022 10:32:01 PM
Delete Pending Report	Processing Complete	80951	7/7/2022 10:39:41 PM	7/7/2022 10:39:41 PM
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	80951	7/7/2022 10:46:12 PM	7/7/2022 10:46:12 PM
Recalc Pending Report Total	Processing Complete	80951	7/7/2022 11:39:21 PM	7/7/2022 11:39:21 PM
Recalc Pending Report Total	Processing Complete	80951	7/8/2022 9:33:17 PM	7/8/2022 9:33:17 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	80951	7/8/2022 9:34:06 PM	7/8/2022 9:34:06 PM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	stbaker	7/11/2022 8:15:54 AM	7/11/2022 8:15:54 AM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	stbaker	7/11/2022 8:19:46 AM	7/11/2022 8:19:47 AM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	stbaker	7/11/2022 8:19:58 AM	7/11/2022 8:19:58 AM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	stbaker	8/24/2022 4:16:20 PM	8/24/2022 4:16:20 PM

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

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Cover Period: From 06/18/2022 To 07/01/2022 Report Type: P2  
☒ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$179.48
Loans	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	<i>\$179.48</i>
In-Kind	\$0.00

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		Type	In-Kind Description	Amend
* 1	ACTBLUE DONATIONS CANT FIGURE OUT HOW TO UPLOAD THE RECORDS MULTIPLE	O	ACTBLUE DONATIONS	\$179.48
		X	ACTBLUE DONATIONS	



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		Type	Related Expenditure	Amend

**HISTORY NOTES**  
Christopher Proia - 80951

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
77327	6/29/2022 4:10:00 PM		kaford
Redesignating district not allowed after Qualifying Period is over:  Received request from candidate requesting for district to be changed from 27 to 33. Called candidate and advised that district changes are not allowed after qualifying period is over. Candidate understood and stated he would continue his campaign and remain in district 27. kaf			
77089	6/6/2022 11:25:00 AM		bnnorton
Called T @ 11:25am, gave him pin # and reminded T to file m5 report by 6.10.22			

Account/Seq 80951 2

Election/Type

20221108-GEN

Christopher Proia

CAN

Status/Reviewer	Mailed	Type/Recd	R E S P O N S E
SN stbaker	1st: 7/11/2022		
8/24/22 4:12 pm	2nd:	7/29/2022	
	3rd: 7/25/2022		

**NOTES:** 8/24/22 - No changes made to correct errors, no letter of explanation received, and no returned mail showing in Imaging. Processing FEC ref. -stb

7/25/22 - Added the audit from sequence #1 to this audit due to no changes being made. Sending the final notice for both sequences and closing this audit to ensure no confusion. -stb