

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Blacks for DeSantis PAC

Case No.: FEC 23-152

TO: Blacks for DeSantis PAC
Robert Smith, Chair
817 East Conover Street
Tampa, FL 33603

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING (IH))

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on **December 3, 2025, at 1:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, via Webinar at: **Registration URL** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8443550463090426453>. **Webinar ID** 144-463-043
Audio Only 1 877 309 2074 -- 786-784-735.

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
November 7, 2025

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**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,**

Case No.: FEC 23-152

v.

**Blacks for DeSantis PAC,
Respondent.**

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ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting held on August 20, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom teleconferencing.

On October 7, 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 violation(s):

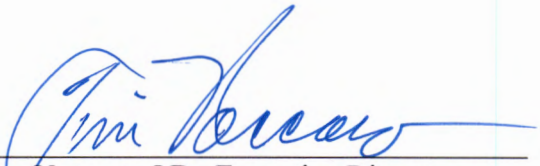
Count 1:

On or about January 10, 2023, Blacks for DeSantis PAC violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2022 M12 Report.

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

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


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

Copies furnished to:
Jeffrey J. Kelly, Assistant General Counsel
Blacks for DeSantis PAC, 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 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.

Third, you may request a formal hearing held before an administrative law judge in the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), if you dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to present evidence relevant to the violation(s) listed in this order, to cross-examine opposing witnesses, to impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence presented against you.

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

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

To request a hearing, please send a written request to the Commission Clerk, Donna Ann Malphurs. The address of the Commission Clerk is 107 W. Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050. The telephone number is (850) 922-4539. The Clerk will provide you with a copy of Chapter 28-106, *Florida Administrative Code*, and other applicable rules upon request. No mediation is available.

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NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION (PCD))

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
July 28, 2025

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

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

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
February 24, 2025

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NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION (PCD))

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **February 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **412 Knott Building, Pat Thomas Committee Room, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399**. Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

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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 **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes**, and **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on July 1, 2024, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On April 21, 2023, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections (“Division” or “Complainant”), alleging that Blacks for DeSantis PAC (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. Respondent’s Statement of Organization of Political Committee form (“DS-DE 5”) was filed on November 7, 2022. (ROI Exhibit 2)¹

3. By letter dated August 14, 2023, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provisions:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2022 M12 reporting period, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, during the 2022 M12 reporting period, as alleged in the complaint.

4. On November 7, 2022, Robert L. Smith, Chairperson for Respondent, filed an Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees form (“DS-DE 6”) appointing Anibal D. Cabrera as treasurer for the committee. (ROI Exhibit 1)

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

5. By letter dated November 9, 2022, Donna S. Brown, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent's chairperson and treasurer a letter acknowledging that the Division had received its Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees form. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1)

6. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms were available on its website and directed Respondent to print out the *Calendar of Reporting Dates* as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 2)

7. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida's election laws by failing to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed or by falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, for the 2022 M12 reporting period.

8. Respondent's 2022 M12 report was due to be filed by January 10, 2023; however, Respondent failed to timely file the report or notify the filing officer that no report would be filed. *See Compl.*

9. The Division sent two letters notifying Respondent that its 2022 M12 report had not been received. The letters also notified Respondent that it was still required to notify the Division if it had no reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibits 4-5) The letter sent by certified mail was confirmed delivered on March 20, 2023. (ROI Exhibit 5, page 2)

10. A subpoena was issued to Respondent's designated campaign depository to ascertain whether any financial activity occurred during the 2022 M12 reporting period, which began on December 1, 2022, and ended on December 31, 2022. (ROI Exhibit 5, page 1) However, the bank listed as the campaign depository could not locate any records for Respondent. (ROI Exhibit 7)

11. Respondent filed a notice of no financial activity for the 2022 M12 reporting period on January 10, 2024, which was 365 days past the due date. (ROI Exhibit 6, page 1)

12. Anibal D. Cabrera, treasurer for Respondent, was given multiple opportunities to respond but failed to do so. (ROI Exhibit 8)

13. As it appears that Respondent had no financial activity during the 2022 M12 reporting period, Respondent was required to notify the filing officer in writing that it would not be filing its 2022 M12 report on the prescribed reporting date but failed to do so. Since it appears Respondent had no reportable financial activity during the 2022 M12 reporting period, Respondent did not deliberately fail to include information in its 2022 M12 report in violation of Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

14. "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).

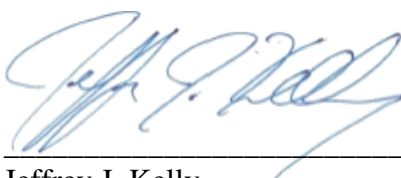
15. The facts set forth above show that Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. Respondent failed to timely file its 2022 M12 report or notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed. It appears that Respondent did not have any financial activity during the 2022 M12 reporting period; therefore, Respondent was required to notify the filing officer in writing that it would not be filing its 2022 M12 report on the prescribed reporting date but failed to do so. However, since there was no financial activity during the 2022 M12 reporting period, Respondent did not deliberately fail to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, in its 2022 M12 report in violation of Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes.

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

Count 1:

On or about January 10, 2023, Blacks for DeSantis PAC violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2022 M12 Report.

Respectfully submitted on October 7th, 2024.



Jeffrey J. Kelly
Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 7th day of October 2024.



Stephanie J. Cunningham
General Counsel

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Report of Investigation for Sections 106.07(7) and 106.19(1)(c), F.S.

Case Number: FEC 23-152

Sections 106.07(7) and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate or political committee that did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to notify timely the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed or failure to file a campaign report to reflect financial activity.

Respondent: Blacks for DeSantis PAC**Respondent's Atty:** N/A**Division of Elections (Division)****Referral Filed:** April 21, 2023**Respondent Type:** Political Committee**I. Preliminary Information:**

1. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division.
2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on November 7, 2022. Anibal D. Cabrera was appointed as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 6, refer to Exhibit 1.
3. A Statement of Organization (DS-DE 5) for the political committee was filed with the Division on November 7, 2022. To review the Statement of Organization, refer to Exhibit 2.
4. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on the DS-DE 6 on November 9, 2022, advising Respondent that all political committees 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 acknowledgement 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 *Political Committee 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 acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 3.
6. The Division sent correspondence to the address provided on the DS-DE 6 notifying Respondent that the following campaign report(s), or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, had not been filed: 2022 M12. The letter(s) included reference to the filing date(s) for the report(s). To review the failure to file correspondence, refer to Exhibit 4.
7. On March 13, 2023, the Division sent a letter marked "Final Notice" with delivery confirmation to the address provided on the DS-DE 6 notifying Respondent that the following campaign report(s), or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, had not been filed: 2022 M12. The letter was confirmed delivered on March 20, 2023. To review the letter marked "Final Notice" and delivery confirmation, refer to Exhibit 5.

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II. Alleged Violation of Sections 106.07(7), and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:

8. I investigated whether Respondent violated these sections of the election laws either by not notifying the filing officer, in writing, that no report would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making expenditures during the following reporting period(s) or by not filing campaign report(s) to reflect financial activity for the reporting period(s). To review the filing history, refer to Exhibit 6.

Report	Report Cover Period	Due Date	Report or Waiver Required	Exhibit 7 ¹
2022 M12	12/01/2022 – 12/31/2022	01/10/2023	Waiver ²	7

9. Respondent did not respond to the referral.

10. I attempted to contact Respondent's Treasurer on three occasions for the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the referral. As of the date of this report, neither my telephone calls nor email have been returned. Therefore, I am unable to ascertain whether Respondent's Treasurer has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and/or the *Political Committee Handbook*. To review the phone log and email, refer to Exhibit 8.

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:



Date: July 1, 2024

¹ I subpoenaed campaign account records from the designated campaign depository. The campaign depository provided notification declaring that it had no record of a campaign account and/or no records from the account during the relevant timeframe.

² Respondent ultimately filed a waiver of the 2022 M12 report on 1/10/24, which was 365 days late.

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Blacks for DeSantis PAC -- FEC 23-152

LIST OF EXHIBITS	
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APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR
POLITICAL COMMITTEES
(Sections 106.011(2) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

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ADDITIONAL FEES
FALL CLASS 1, FL

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

Initial Filing for: ☒ Primary Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

OFFICE USE ONLY

Re-filing to Change: ☐ Primary Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer ☐ Primary/Secondary Depository

1. Committee

Blacks For DeSantis PRC

2. Telephone

(813) 409-8465

3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

4. Email (optional)

5. Telephone (optional)

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6. Mailing Address

817 E. Conover St. Tampa FL 33603

7. Street Address

817 E. Conover St Tampa FL 33603

8. The following bank has been designated as the

☒ Primary Depository

☐ Secondary Depository

9. Name of Bank

Truist Bank

10. Street Address

1701 E 7th Ave

11. City

Tampa


12. State

FL

13. Zip Code

33603

14. Signature of Chairman

X 

15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type)

Anibal D. Cabrera

Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

I, ROBERT L. SMITH, do hereby accept the appointment as
(Please Print or Type)

treasurer or deputy treasurer for

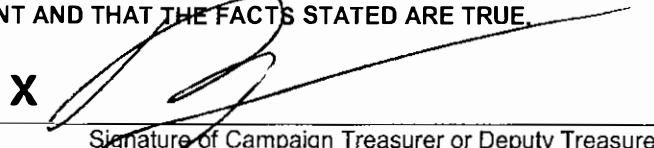
Blacks For DeSantis PRC
(Committee)

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S
ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED ARE TRUE.

10/1/2022

Date

X


Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION
OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE**

(PLEASE TYPE)

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ALL INFORMATION
TALLAHASSEE, FL

1. Full Name of Committee

Telephone

Blocks For DeSantis PAC

813-409-8465

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)

817 E Conover St, Tampa FL 33603

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)

817 E Conover St, Tampa FL 33603

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

Name of Affiliated or
Connected Organization

Mailing Address

Relationship

To Be Determined

3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee

Candidates & Issues, Statewide, Multiple Counties & Municipalities

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

Political

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

Full Name

Mailing Address

Committee Title or Position

Arnbal ID
Cabrera

817 E Conover St
Tampa, FL 33603

Treasurer

6. List by Name, Address and Position, Other Principal Officers, Including Officers and Members of the Finance Committee, If Any (include chairman's name)			
Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position	
Robert Smith	817 E Conover St Tampa FL 33603	Chairman	

7. List by Name, Address, Office Sought and Party Affiliation Each Candidate or Other Individual that this Committee is Supporting (if none, please indicate)			
Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party
To Be Determined			

8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting: To Be Determined
List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing: To Be Determined

9. If this Committee is Supporting the Entire Ticket of a Party, Give Name of Party
NONE

10. In the Event of Dissolution, What Disposition will be Made of Residual Funds?
Give to like minded state committees & or candidates

11. List all Banks, Safety Deposit Boxes, or Other Depositories Used for Committee Funds

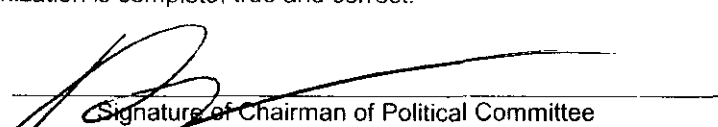
Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address
Trust Bank	1701 E 7th Ave Tampa, FL 33605

12. List all Reports Required to be Filed by this Committee with Federal Officials and the Names, Addresses and Positions of Such Officials, If Any

Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of Official	Mailing Address
N/A			

STATE OF Florida Hillsborough COUNTY

I, ROBERT L. SMITH, certify that the information in this Statement of Organization is complete, true and correct.

X  Signature of Chairman of Political Committee

10/1/2022 Date



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RON DESANTIS
Governor

CORD BYRD
Secretary of State

November 9, 2022

Robert Smith, Chairperson
Blacks for DeSantis PAC
817 East Conover Street
Tampa, FL 33603

Dear Mr. Smith:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Blacks for DeSantis PAC**, which were placed on file in our office on November 7, 2022. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **December 12, 2022**. The report will cover the period of November 4-30, 2022 (2022 M11). All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

EFS Access

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

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>
Identification Number: 83606

Timely Filing

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

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)



Robert Smith, Chairperson
November 9, 2022
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due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

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

Electronic Receipts

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

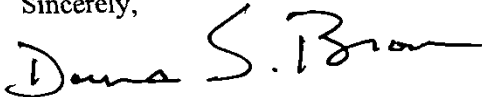
Instructions and Assistance

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

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

DSB/jb

Enclosures

pc: Anibal D. Cabrera, Treasurer



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

January 11, 2023

Robert Smith, Chairperson
Blacks for DeSantis PAC
817 East Conover Street
Tampa, FL 33603-3603

PAC 83606

Dear Mr. Smith:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was January 10, 2023.

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

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report:

\$50 per day for the first 3 days late

\$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late

If the required report immediately precedes a primary and general election, the automatic fine is \$500 for each late day.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Anibal D Cabrera, Treasurer



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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Final Notice

Delivery Confirmation:

USPS TRACKING # **9114 9022 0078 9644 8037 64**
& CUSTOMER RECEIPT
For Tracking or inquiries go to USPS.com
or call 1-800-222-1811.

March 13, 2023

Robert Smith, Chairperson
Blacks for DeSantis PAC
817 East Conover Street
Tampa, FL 33603-3603

PAC 83606

Dear Mr. Smith:

A recent review of the Division's records show that the Division has not yet received the below-referenced campaign treasurer's report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable, during the following cover period:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Cover Period</u>
2022	M12	12/1/22 - 12/31/22

The Division has previously notified you of the unfiled report or notification. Please file your report or notification. If the report is not filed within 7 days of receipt of this letter, the Division will refer this matter to the Florida Elections Commission, which may impose civil penalties of up to \$1000 per violation, apart from that automatic fine provisions of s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) that are applicable only to campaign finance reports.

As we stated in the prior notices, even if you now file the report or notification, the untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Anibal D Cabrera, Treasurer

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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Name:

Election:

Acct: Type:

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Committee Name: Blacks for DeSantis PAC**Account:** 83606

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
6/28/2024	P1A	6/27/2024						
6/21/2024	P1	6/27/2024	CLO	6	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/10/2024	Q2	6/10/2024						
4/10/2024	Q1	4/10/2024						
1/10/2024	Q4	1/10/2024						
10/10/2023	Q3	1/10/2024	CLO	92	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/10/2023	M6	7/10/2023						
6/12/2023	M5	6/12/2023						
5/10/2023	M4	5/10/2023						
4/10/2023	M3	4/11/2023	CLO	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
3/10/2023	M2	3/10/2023						
2/10/2023	M1	2/10/2023						
1/10/2023	M12	1/10/2024	PEN	365	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
12/12/2022	M11	1/10/2023	CLO	29	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00



Florida Department of State Division of Elections

Blacks for DeSantis PAC

Campaign Finance Activity

Note: The information presented below was obtained from the Committee's/Candidate's Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with the Division of Elections. [About the Campaign Finance Data Base.](#) If all contributions for a reporting period are less than 1 dollar Then they may not be displayed.

	Filing Period	Contributions			Expend	Other	Transfers
		Monetary	Loans	InKind			
W	11/04/2022 - 11/30/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	12/01/2022 - 12/31/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2023 - 01/31/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	02/01/2023 - 02/28/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/01/2023 - 03/31/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2023 - 04/30/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	05/01/2023 - 05/31/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/01/2023 - 06/30/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/01/2023 - 09/30/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/01/2023 - 12/31/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	01/01/2024 - 03/31/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	04/01/2024 - 05/31/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/01/2024 - 06/14/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/15/2024 - 06/21/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	All Dates (Totals)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Note: (E) indicates that report was filed electronically

X Indicates that detail has not been released

W Indicates that a waiver was filed and L Indicates that a loan report was filed

Select Detail Type

Contributions ▼

Select Sort Order

Date(Ascending) ▼

Select Output Type

Display On Screen ▼

Submit Query Now

[Query the Campaign Finance Data Base](#)

Date: September 13, 2023

CHARLES MELLOW
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
THE COLLINS BUILDING
107 WEST GAINES STREET
STE 224
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-1050

RE: BLACKS FOR DESANTIS PAC
SS-182087

- ☐ Enclosed please find the bank documents and/or video responsive to the subpoena.
- ☐ Enclosed please find partial bank documents in response to the Subpoena. The remaining documents to follow.
- ☐ CD password(s) will be mailed or faxed separately from CD(s). The disk(s) and/or password(s) may arrive within 2-3 days of each other.
- ☐ Signature card/Corporate Resolution not on file.
- ☐ The requested information is beyond the records retention period (7 years- Statements, Checks & Deposits, 5 years- Wire transfers, 5 years- CTR).
- ☐ The requested information is beyond the video retention period for this branch/ ATM.
- ☐ Account closed prior to requested date range.
- ☐ Invalid Account Number(s) / Invalid SSN.
- ☒ **Based upon the information provided, we are unable to locate records for BLACKS FOR DESANTIS PAC.**
- ☐ Designated person or entity cannot be confirmed. Please provide additional information via fax 844-234-9280 and we will renew our search (i.e., SSN, TIN, Account #, Address).
- ☐ OTHER –

.....
Truist Financial cannot comply with the Subpoena for Improper Service:

- ☐ District of Columbia: The subpoena must be served personally at any Truist Financial or by certified mail.
- ☐ Maryland: The subpoena must be served personally at any Truist Financial or by certified mail.
- ☐ Virginia: Subpoena must be served personally on the registered agent or at any Truist Financial.
- ☐ Incorrect bank served, should be served on _____.
- ☐ Other _____

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- ☐ ***Truist Financial does not hold any records for this individual(s). However, you may attempt to contact separate entities of the Truist family of companies.***

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
PHONE LOG
Case No.: FEC 23-149

Respondent: Blacks for DeSantis PAC

Complainant: Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** 09/13/2023; 02:11 p.m.
Name: Truist - Carly
Phone #: 910-272-4731
Summary: Returned phone call. Spoke with Carly in the subpoena department. I informed her that we did not have any additional identifying information to add to the subpoena.
Entered by: CM
2. **Date and time:** 05/07/2024; 11:17 a.m.
Name: Anibal Cabrera - Treasurer
Phone #: (813) 409-8465
Summary: Called (813) 409-8465, which is the number on the DSDE 6. Reached a voice message for "(813) 409-8465 is not available. The mailbox is full and cannot take any messages at this time." I was unable to leave a message. I followed up with an email to ThreeBridgesAdvisory@gmail.com.
Entered by: CM
3. **Date and time:** 05/08/2024; 09:44 a.m.
Name: Anibal Cabrera - Treasurer
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Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Entered by:
5. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Entered by:

RESPONDENT INTERVIEW MEMO – Call details at #

- Please explain reason why you failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on the date because you had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the reporting period **2022 M12**.
- Have you ever run for public office? If so, please name each office you ran for and state what year each election occurred.
- 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.
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Do you possess a copy of the *Political Committee Handbook*? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it? 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?

Charles Mellow

From: Microsoft Outlook
<MicrosoftExchange329e71ec88ae4615bbc36ab6ce41109e@myfloridalegal.com>
To: ThreeBridgesAdvisory@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:31 AM
Subject: Relayed: FEC 23-152

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Blacks for DeSantis PAC,

My name is Charles Mellow with the Florida Elections Commission. I have tried to reach your Chairperson or Treasurer at (813) 409-8465 to discuss case number FEC 23-152.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience at (850) 922-4539 or email me a specific day, phone number and time to call to discuss FEC 23-152.

Thank you,

Charles Mellow - Investigator
Florida Elections Commission - Office of the Attorney General
Collins Building - Room 212
107 W. Gaines Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-6596
Phone: (850) 922-4539
Charles.Mellow@myfloridalegal.com



Please note: Florida has a very broad public records law. Written communications to or from me regarding state business constitute public records and are available to the public and media upon request unless the information is subject to a specific statutory exemption. Therefore, your e-mail message may be subject to public disclosure.

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Florida Elections Commission

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

Telephone: (850) 922-4539 · Facsimile: (850) 921-0783

FEC@myfloridalegal.com · www.fec.state.fl.us



August 14, 2023

Robert Smith
c/o Anibal D. Cabrera
Blacks for DeSantis PAC
817 East Conover Street
Tampa, FL 33603

RE: Case No.: FEC 23-152; Respondent: Blacks for DeSantis PAC

Dear Mr. Smith:

On April 21, 2023, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that your committee 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(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the 2022 M12 reporting period.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, during the 2022 M12 reporting period.

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 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 your committee. Notice will be mailed to you and the Complainant at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(i)3., Florida Statutes, the Commission may enter into a consent agreement with a Respondent to settle a complaint prior to a finding of probable cause. If you are

Robert Smith
August 14, 2023
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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 **Charles Mellow**, the investigator assigned to this case, by phone at (850) 922-4539 or by email at Charles.Mellow@myfloridalegal.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Vaccaro", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

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**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
FEC NOTICE FORM**

To FEC from Division of Elections

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Name: Blacks for DeSantis PAC

Account Number: 83606

Chairperson: Robert Smith

Treasurer: Anibal D. Cabrera

Registered Agent: Anibal D. Cabrera

The Division of Elections hereby provides this notice to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to sections 106.07(8)(d), 106.22(7), and 106.25(2), Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, has occurred based upon the failure to file a report after notice or failure to file a notification to the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date as required by section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes.

The following report is outstanding after notification: 2022 M12

- Blacks for DeSantis PAC (83606) is a political committee registered with the Division of Elections. On November 7, 2022 the committee filed the DSDE 5 and DSDE 6 with the Division indicating that Robert Smith was the chairperson.
- The 2022 M12 campaign treasurer's report was due on January 10, 2023. On January 11, 2023, the Division mailed Blacks for DeSantis PAC notification that the 2022 M12 campaign treasurer's report had not been filed.
- On March 13, 2023, the Division mailed Blacks for DeSantis PAC final notification with delivery confirmation that the 2022 M12 report had not been filed. (See attached letter and delivery confirmation.)
- The committee did not notify the Division of Elections prior to or on the prescribed reporting date for the 2022 M12 report that no report was to be filed.
- As of April 19, 2023, Blacks for DeSantis PAC has not filed the 2022 M12 report.

Sent By: Donna S. Brown

Date: April 19, 2023

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March 13, 2023

Robert Smith, Chairperson
Blacks for DeSantis PAC
817 East Conover Street
Tampa, FL 33603-3603

PAC 83606

Dear Mr. Smith:

A recent review of the Division's records show that the Division has not yet received the below-referenced campaign treasurer's report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable, during the following cover period:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Cover Period</u>
2022	M12	12/1/22 - 12/31/22

The Division has previously notified you of the unfiled report or notification. Please file your report or notification. If the report is not filed within 7 days of receipt of this letter, the Division will refer this matter to the Florida Elections Commission, which may impose civil penalties of up to \$1000 per violation, apart from that automatic fine provisions of s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) that are applicable only to campaign finance reports.

As we stated in the prior notices, even if you now file the report or notification, the untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Anibal D Cabrera, Treasurer

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