### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: John Kevin Thorn		/	Case No.: FEC 22-079
TO:	John Kevin Thorn		Tappie Vilane
	5208 Admiral Halsey Road		Santa Rosa County SOE
	Milton, FL 32583		6495 Caroline Street, Suite F

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING (IH))

Milton, FL 32570

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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Florida Elections Commission November 7, 2025

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# STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

<b>v.</b>		Case No.:	FEC 22-079
John Kevin Thorn,			
Respondent.	,		
	/		

# **ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

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

On September 11, 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 November 10, 2021, John Kevin Thorn violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2021 M10 Report.

# Count 2:

On or about December 10, 2021, John Kevin Thorn violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2021 M11 Report.

# Count 3:

On or about January 10, 2022, John Kevin Thorn violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2021 M12 Report.

# Count 4:

On or about February 10, 2022, John Kevin Thorn violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2022 M1 Report.

### Count 5:

On or about March 10, 2022, John Kevin Thorn violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2022 M2 Report.

**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: Stephanie J. Cunningham, General Counsel John Kevin Thorn, Respondent Tappie Villane, 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 <u>consent order</u> 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 <u>informal hearing</u> held before the Commission, if you <u>do not</u> 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 <u>formal hearing</u> 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.

# STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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TO:	John Kevin Thorn 5208 Admiral Halsey Road	Tappie Villane, Supervisor of Election Santa Rosa County SOE's Office	ns
	Milton, FL 32583	6495 Caroline Street, Suite F	

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

Milton, FL 32570

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission July 28, 2025 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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# STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re:	John Kevin Thorn	/	Case No.: FEC 22-079
то:	John Kevin Thorn 5208 Admiral Halsey Road Milton, FL 32583		Tappie Villane 6495 Caroline Street, Suite F Milton, FL 32570

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

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

# Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission February 24, 2025

# STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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TO:	John Kevin Thorn 5208 Admiral Halsey Road	Tappie Villane 6495 Caroline Street, St	uite F
	Milton, FL 32583	Milton, FL 32570	unc 1

# 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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# STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: John Kevin Thorn	Case No.: 1	FEC 22-079
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### STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the sworn complaint in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7)**, **Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on March 28, 2024, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

- 1. On March 24, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a sworn complaint from Tappie Villane, Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections ("Complainant"), alleging that John Kevin Thorn ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
- 2. Respondent was a 2022 candidate for Santa Rosa County School Board, District 1. (ROI Exhibit 3)<sup>1</sup>
- 3. By letter dated June 16, 2023, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provision:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2022 candidate for Santa Rosa County School Board, District 1, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

- 2021 M10
- 2021 M11
- 2021 M12
- 2022 M1
- 2022 M2
- 4. On June 16, 2021, Respondent acknowledged that he had been provided access to read the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. (ROI Exhibit 3) Additionally, Respondent acknowledged that he was notified how to obtain a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and the *Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. (ROI Exhibit 6)

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as "ROI."

- 5. Pursuant to Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, in any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds, made any contributions, or expended any reportable funds, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. However, the candidate is required to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.
- 6. The *Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook* references the statutory requirement regarding written notification and directs candidates to notify their filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date. (ROI Exhibit 8, page 2)
- 7. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods, as set forth in the table below. (ROI Exhibit 10)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2021 M10	10/1/21- 10/31/21	11/10/21	3/20/22	130
2021 M11	11/1/21-11/30/21	12/10/21	3/20/22	100
2021 M12	12/1/21- 12/31/21	1/10/22	3/20/22	69
2022 M1	1/1/22- 1/31/22	2/10/22	3/20/22	38
2022 M2	2/1/22-2/28/22	3/10/22	3/20/22	10

- 8. Respondent stated that he believed his campaign was closed out. He stated that he had a lot on his plate at the time. (ROI Exhibit 11) Respondent withdrew his candidacy on March 18, 2022, after the notices of no activity at issue were due. (ROI Exhibit 1)
- 9. "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).
- 10. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a 2022 candidate for Santa Rosa County School Board, District 1. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the 2021 M10, 2021 M11, 2021 M12, 2022 M1, and 2022 M2 reporting periods.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find

probable cause to charge Respondent with violating the following:

## Count 1:

On or about November 10, 2021, John Kevin Thorn violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2021 M10 Report.

### Count 2:

On or about December 10, 2021, John Kevin Thorn violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2021 M11 Report.

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# Count 4:

On or about February 10, 2022, John Kevin Thorn violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2022 M1 Report.

## Count 5:

On or about March 10, 2022, John Kevin Thorn violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when he failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that he would not be filing his 2022 M2 Report.

Respectfully submitted on September 11, 2024.

Stephanie J. Cunningham

General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September 2024.

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

# Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer

Case Number: FEC 22-079

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate or political committee that did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to timely notify the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed.

**Respondent:** John Kevin Thorn **Respondent's Atty:** N/A

Complainant: Tappie Villane, Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections Complaint Filed: March 24, 2022

Respondent Type: Candidate

### I. Preliminary Information:

- 1. Respondent was a 2022 candidate for Santa Rosa County School Board, District 1; he withdrew on March 18, 2022. Respondent was a first-time candidate. To review the withdrawal letter, refer to Exhibit 1.
- 2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) was filed with the Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections (SOE) on July 16, 2021. Respondent was appointed as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 9, refer to Exhibit 2.
- 3. A Statement of Candidate was filed with the SOE on July 16, 2021, 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 3.
- 4. On July 16, 2021, SOE staff sent Respondent a letter enclosing log-in credentials with instructions for accessing the Candidate Finance System. SOE staff stated, "I will be happy to go over this process if you need me to." To review the letter, refer to Exhibit 4.
- 5. The SOE attested in an affidavit that Respondent was provided copies of or links to Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* on August 10, 2021. Respondent signed a form acknowledging receipt of links to the Division of Elections' website for Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. The form also acknowledged that Respondent was informed of campaign treasurer report due dates. To review the affidavit, refer to Exhibit 5. To review the acknowledgment, refer to Exhibit 6. To review the Calendar of Reporting Dates, refer to Exhibit 7.
- 6. The *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* discusses filing a waiver when there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant page of the *Handbook*, refer to Exhibit 8.
- 7. SOE staff sent Respondent numerous emails reminding him about each of the reporting dates at issue and notifying him of his obligation to file by those due dates. To review the emails, refer to Exhibit 9.

# II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:

8. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by not timely notifying the filing officer, in writing, that no report(s) would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making expenditures during the following reporting period(s). To review Respondent's filing history and waivers reflecting the untimely filed notifications summarized below, refer to Exhibit 10.

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<sup>9.</sup> Respondent did not respond to the complaint.

10. I called Respondent for the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the complaint. Respondent stated that he thought he had closed out his campaign but obviously he forgot to do some basic/minor things that resulted in him being involved with this complaint. He denied purposely doing anything wrong. He stated that his wife forced him to withdraw from the campaign due to him having "a million other things to do on my plate." He verified that he was informed about the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* and other election materials on the Division of Elections' website. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 11.

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**Date:** March 28, 2024

# FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

# REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

John Kevin Thorn -- FEC 22-079

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# To The BOARD OF ELECTIONS:

I, John Kein Thorn, do hereby withdraw from the 2022 District I School Board race effective immediately. Wank you much for all of your assistance.

John Klirin Thorn

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# 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



1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):   Initial Filing of Form   Re-filing to Change:   Treasurer/Deputy   Depository   Office   Party   State, zip   Code   5208   Advancation   Factor   Fact			
2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)  John Keu'n Thorn  4. Telephone  5. E-mail address  (SSD) 572-1975  THORN BGBG Qool on  6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)  Chool Board District  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:  Write-In No Party Affiliation  Party candidate.  9. I have appointed the following person to act as my Campaign Treasurer  DELEASA DEE BETTIS  11. Mailing Address  12. Telephone			
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5641 NORTHROP KD			
13. City 14. County 15. State 16. Zip Code 17. E-mail address			
MILTON SANTA ROSA FL 32570			
18. I have designated the following bank as my Primary Depository Secondary Depository			
19. Name of Bank  20. Address			
21. City 22. County 23. State 24. Zip Code			
A State South Ress FL 32.570			
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 26. Signature of Candidate			
July 19, 2021 X /huhu/hu/hu			
27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)			
, John Kevin Thorn , do hereby accept the appointment			
(Please Print or Type Name)			
designated above as: Campaign Treasurer / Deputy Treasurer.			
X /// K //			
Date Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer			

# STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)
(Please print or type)

Signature of Candidate



candidate for the office of School Board District +;
have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

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).

DS-DE 84 (05/11)



# Tappie A. Villane Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections

6495 Caroline Street Ste F Milton FL 32570-4592 www.VoteSantaRosa.com

July 16, 2021

Phone: (850) 983-1900

Fax: (850) 983-1829

John Kevin Thorn 2022 School Board Campaign 5208 Admiral Halsey Road Milton FL 32570

Dear Mr. Thorn:

Enclosed are copies of your campaign documents that were turned in today by Greg Fink. I would like to meet with you to go over the campaign packet and petition procedures here in Santa Rosa County and for you to sign the Pre-File form. Just call me prior to coming in to make sure I am available. I take lunch each day from 11 to 12.

I also require an email address for Deleasa to send your campaign report reminder notices. Your first campaign report is due on or before August 10, 2021. Enclosed is the password letter with your ID number and PIN along with instructions for getting on the Candidate Finance System. I will be happy to go over this process if you need me to.

The Appointment form that names Deleasa as Campaign Treasurer is not filled out properly. She was supposed to sign at the bottom accepting the appointment of Campaign Treasurer. I am enclosing a blank form for her to fill out.

If you have any questions, please call me at (850) 983-1903. Looking forward to meeting you both soon.

Sincerely,

Tami McGowin
Candidate Qualifying

**Enclosures** 

Copy to: Deleasa Dee Bettis, 5641 Northrop Rd, Milton FL 32570

# AFFIDAVIT OF FILING OFFICER Case Number: FEC 22-079

# STATE OF FLORIDA County of Santa Rosa

# Tappie A. Villane, being duly sworn, says:

- 1. This affidavit is made upon my personal knowledge.
- 2. I am of legal age and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am currently employed by Santa Rosa Co. Supervisor of Elections as Supervisor of Elections.
- 3. Please provide copies of the listed items from the following candidate's campaign file: **John Kevin Thorn**.

Check	TEM
$\checkmark$	The Statement of Candidate form for the 2022 campaign.
✓	Appointments of Treasurers and Designation of Campaign Depository form (Form DS-DE 9) for the <b>2022</b> campaign.
V	Campaign treasurer's reports, waivers, and amendments for the 2022 campaign.
	Addendum requests and proof of compliance for the 2022 campaign.
N/A	The candidate's and campaign treasurers' acknowledgment whereby candidates and treasurers declare, under penalties of perjury, electronically filing a CTR is same as signing the report under oath, and to have certified the correctness of the report in accordance with sections 106.07(5) or 106.29(2), Florida Statutes, as applicable; such as an Application and Acknowledgement of Electronic Filing Information form (if applicable).
	Form(s) for all campaigns whereby candidate acknowledges receipt of instructions and/or campaign materials.  8/10/21
N/A	All checks issued by the candidate's campaign to your office (qualifying fee, maps, etc.). Please do <u>not</u> redact the bank routing and account numbers.

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

Check	TIEM	DATE
	A Compilation of The Election Laws of the State of Florida	8/10/21
	Chapter 104, Florida Statutes	8/10/21
	Chapter 106, Florida Statutes	8/10/21

	V		npaign Treasurer Handbook. Please provide ublication. 2020	8/10/21
	V	Other:1	Reporting Dates	8/10/21
5. <i>Ha</i>			Florida Statutes, and the Candidate & Campese publications are provided to the candidate.	paign Treasurer
	<b>\</b>	packet includes lin	t, or similar material, is given to the candidate lks to the Division of Elections' website, or our re available for review.	. The candidate r website, where
	0	Publications are p candidate.	provided on a CD or thumb/flash drive that	is given to the
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we the she	re attended candidate, cets from the d outline or	by the candidate, al list his/her name and workshops/training PowerPoint present	No. If yes, please list all workshops/training ong with the date of attendance. If a staff membed position. If available, please attach a copy of generation of the workshops/seminars.	aber attended for fany attendance
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Any local publications relative to the Election laws that may have been provided by your office in lieu of the *Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook* published by the Division of Elections. If your office published the item(s), please send a copy of the item(s) with the affidavit.

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

C	or campaign treasurer of a political comm	f John Kevin Thorn having been named as a chairperson nittee (PC or PAC) or electioneering communications on? Yes or No. If yes, please list the name(s) of
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c t p p	concerning a provision of Chapter 106, Flow he 2022 campaign? V Yes or No. I person, in writing, or by telephone and the solutions provide copies of records documenting the	staff have any conversations with John Kevin Thorn orida Statutes, relative to 106.07(7), at any time during if yes, please indicate whether the conversation was in subject matter of the conversation. If applicable, please discussion.
e E	Emailed: 2022 Reporting Schedule on 12/2/	21. Letter Mailed Certified: Late Campaign Reports on 3/2/22.
_ , E	Email Received on 3/18/22 - Letter of Withdo	rawal. Rec'd Mail 3/22/22: Original Letter of Withdrawal.
• Sent Email 10/20/21; 1 12/10/21; 1	SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATI CCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLED S Reminding Candidate to File Reports: 1/10/21; 11/12/21; 11/18/21; 12/8/21; 2/2/21; 1/4/22; 2/3/22; 3/1/22; 3/9/22; 18/22; 5/10/22	Signature of Affiant  Print or type name of Affiant on line above.  Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 31 st day of
		Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public  Personally Known or Produced Identification Produced:  October 1, 2023.  Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public  WHO 1, 2023.  **H D87499  Personally Known or Produced Identification Produced:
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# Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections

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John K. Thorn

School Board, Dist 1

Candidate Name and Office Seeking

Candidate Received Instructions and/or materials on the following:

Received web address (below) for Candidate Handbook online.
 At the Division of Elections website:

elpasa 824 @ gmail. com

Please list email address to be used for campaign report reminders.

https://dos.myflorida.com/media/702477/candidate-campaign-treasurer-handbook-2020.pdf

 Provided access to Florida Statutes Chapter 106 – Campaign Financing and Chapter 104 which refers to Violations and Penalties.

https://dos.myflorida.com/media/703582/2020-election-code-complete.pdf

- Informed of Online Campaign Reports and due dates. (Frequency of Campaign Reports will change will send updated Schedule) ID, Password and Pin Numbers will be sent through US Mail.
- Contributions: Limit is \$1,000 aggregate to include check, cash and in-kind per election cycle; \$50 Cash Limit (also includes candidate); Contributions from joint checking account is from the person who signed the check. Each contribution, no matter how small shall include address and if over \$100 must include specific occupation (cannot list business owner or sales, etc. must list specific type of business. Interest from campaign account is considered a contribution from the bank. Also, contributions/loans from candidates must be listed. If over \$100, must list occupation. Cannot list occupation as "candidate").
- Expenditures: All transactions should go through campaign account. Must list address and purpose for each expenditure.

 Informed Candidate of the requirement that all printed materials should contain Political Disclaimers, samples are included in handbooks.

Sign Ordinances are on our website.

Candidate (or Representative) Signature and Date

Due Date of Statement of Candidate Form (if not turning in at pre-filing)

Due Date of First Campaign Report

For use in Santa Rosa County (Updated 11/19/20)



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# 2021-2022

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# **Calendar of Reporting Dates**

# Campaign Reporting Requirements for Local Candidates

Reports shall be filed on the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the end of each calendar month from the time the campaign treasurer is appointed per Florida Statutes 106.07 (1).

Cover Period	Report Code	Due Date
11/1/20 - 11/30/20	2020 M11	12/10/20
12/1/20 – 12/31/20	2020 M12	1/11/21
1/1/21 - 1/31/21	2021 M1	2/10/21
2/1/21 - 2/28/21	2021 M2	3/10/21
3/1/21 – 3/31/21	2021 M3	4/12/21
4/1/21 – 4/30/21	2021 M4	5/10/21
5/1/21 – 5/31/21	2021 M5	6/10/21
6/1/21 – 6/30/21	2021 M6	7/12/21
7/1/21 – 7/31/21	2021 M7	8/10/21 √
8/1/21 – 8/31/21	2021 M8	9/10/21 √
9/1/21 - 9/30/21	2021 M9	10/12/21 √
10/1/21 - 10/31/21	2021 M10	11/10/21 √
11/1/21 – 11/30/21	2021 M11	12/10/21 🗸
12/1/21 – 12/31/21	2021 M12	1/10/22

### Penalty for Late Filing

Any candidate or committee failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total contributions or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for pre-election reports, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total contributions or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. For Termination Reports the fine is \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total contributions or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Note: Candidates must dispose of all funds in the campaign account and file a Termination Report within 90 days after having withdrawn, become unopposed, eliminated or elected to office.



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# August 23, 2022 Primary Calendar of Reporting Dates

Phone: (850) 983-1900 Fax: (850) 983-1829

# Campaign Reporting Requirements for Local Candidates & Committees

Primary Election Reports must be filed by all candidates even if their name will only appear on the General Election Ballot.

- Reports shall be filed on the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the end of each calendar
- Reports must be filed on the 60<sup>th</sup> day immediately preceding the Primary;
  - · Reports must be filed biweekly on each Friday thereafter;
- Additional reports must be filed on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> days before the Primary.

<b>Cover Period</b>	Report Code	Due Date
10/1/21 - 10/31/21	2022 M10	11/10/21
11/1/21 - 11/30/21	2022 M11	12/10/21
12/1/21 - 12/31/21	2022 M12	1/10/22
1/1/22 - 1/31/22	2022 M1	2/10/22
2/1/22 - 2/28/22	2022 M2	3/10/22
3/1/22 - 3/31/22	2022 M3	4/11/22
4/1/22 - 4/30/22	2022 M4	5/10/22
5/1/22 - 5/31/22	2022 M5	6/10/22
6/1/22 - 6/17/22	2022 P1	6/24/22
6/18/22 - 7/1/22	2022 P2	7/8/22
7/2/22 - 7/15/22	2022 P3	7/22/22
7/16/22 - 7/22/22	2022 P4	7/29/22
7/23/22 - 7/29/22	2022 P5	8/5/22
7/30/22 - 8/5/22	2022 P6	8/12/22
8/6/22 - 8/18/22	2022 P7	8/19/22
Teri	mination Reports	
4/30/22 - 7/28/22 After April Qualifying	2022 TR-JQ	7/28/22
6/18/22 — 9/15/22 After June Qualifying	2022 TR-Q	9/15/22
8/19/22 - 11/21/22 Primary Election	2022 TR-P	11/21/22

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# Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook

Florida Department of State Division of Elections R. A. Gray Building, Room 316 500 South Bronough Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250 850.245.6280



(Rev. 10/03/2019)

# **Notice of No Activity**

In any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds or made any expenditures, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. **However, the candidate must notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date**. (A notice of no activity filed with the Division must be filed electronically using the <u>EFS</u>.) The next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed.

(Section 106.07, Fla. Stat.)

# **Special Election Reports**

When a special election is called to fill a vacancy in office, campaign treasurer reports shall be filed with the filing officer on the dates set by the Florida Department of State pursuant to Section 100.111, Florida Statutes. The reports are only to include contributions and expenditures related to the special election.

The candidate must notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date if no funds were received or no expenditures made during the special election reporting period.

# **Incomplete Reports**

Although the Division's <u>Electronic Filing System</u> will allow a candidate to file an incomplete report, an incomplete report is not in compliance with the Florida Statutes.

If a candidate or campaign treasurer files a report that is deemed incomplete, they will be notified by the filing officer by certified mail, or by another method using a common carrier that provides a proof of delivery as to why the report is incomplete. The candidate or campaign treasurer must file an addendum to the incomplete report within seven days of notification. The addendum must include all necessary information to complete the report. Failure to file a complete report after notice constitutes a violation of <a href="#">Chapter 106</a>, Florida Statutes.

(Section 106.07(2), Fla. Stat.)

# **Reporting Total Sums**

Each campaign treasurer's report required by <u>Chapter 106</u>, Florida Statutes, shall contain the total sums of all loans, in-kind contributions, and other receipts by or for such candidate, and total sums of all expenditures made by such candidate during the reporting period. The reporting forms shall be designed to elicit separate totals for in-kind contributions, loans, and other receipts.

(Section 106.07, Fla. Stat.)

# M10 Finance Report Due on or before 11/10/21

Tami McGowin <TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov> Wed 10/20/2021 1:25 PM

Bcc: srpe.office@srpeducators.com <srpe.office@srpeducators.com>; Jonathan Cole <Gatorbaiter10@yahoo.com>; Dekom. <martin.dekom@gmail.com>; Wes Siler courtney.allyse@gmail.com>; Rickie Cotton <rickiecotton2010@gmail.com>; Courtney.allyse@gmail.com <Courtney.allyse@gmail.com>; Linda Sanborn lindasanborn138@gmail.com>; John.clinton.candidate@gmail.com>; LtCol rock USMC ret <ppeters009@gmail.com>; mitzipeters@mchsi.com <mitzipeters@mchsi.com>; Jeff@jeffates.com <Jeff@jeffates.com>; amy@jeffates.com</mi><amy@jeffates.com>; JThorn0606@aol.com <JThorn0606@aol.com>; Debra Eddington <eddington828@att.net>; Debraeddington828@gmail.com <Debraeddington828@gmail.com <hsteele@hotmail.com>; laurendjarrett@gmail.com</hd>

# Reminder of Campaign Report - Due before midnight on 11/10/21!

Candidates and Political Committees: Please be aware that your *Campaign Report (M10)* is due on or before midnight 11/10/21. The covered period is 10/1/21 through 10/31/21.

If you have not already submitted your report, please do so on or before the deadline.

<u>PENALTY FOR LATE FILING</u>: Per F.S. 106.07 (8)(b), you are subject to a fine of \$50.00 per day for each late date, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.

Thank you,

Tamú McGowinv Santa Rosa County Election's Staff 6495 Caroline Street Ste F Milton FL 32570-4592 (850) 983-1903 tamim@santarosa.fl.gov

# Campaign Report Due before midnight tonight

Tami McGowin < Tami M@santarosa.fl.gov>

Wed 11/10/2021 8:44 AM

Wanted to send a reminder that your campaign report (M10) is due **before midnight tonight**.

<u>PENALTY FOR LATE FILING</u>: Per F.S. 106.07 (8)(b), you are subject to a fine of \$50.00 per day for each late date, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.

Thank you,

Tamú McGowíw Santa Rosa County Election's Staff 6495 Caroline Street Ste F Milton FL 32570-4592 (850) 983-1903 tamim@santarosa.fl.gov

# **Campaign Report Late**

Tami McGowin < TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov>
Fri 11/12/2021 8:06 AM
To: JThorn0606@aol.com < JThorn0606@aol.com>

Mr. Thorne:

Please submit your M10 campaign report as soon as possible, as it was due on November 10th. Your fine will be determined upon receipt.

Thank you,

Tomú McGowin Santa Rosa County Election's Staff 6495 Caroline Street Ste F Milton FL 32570-4592 (850) 983-1903 tamim@santarosa.fl.gov

# Fw: Campaign Report Late

Tami McGowin < Tami M@santarosa.fl.gov>

Thu 11/18/2021 3:09 PM

To: JThorn0606@aol.com <JThorn0606@aol.com>

Mr. Thorne:

Your M10 Campaign Report is now 8 days late. Please submit your report as soon as possible.

<u>PENALTY FOR LATE FILING</u>: Per F.S. 106.07 (8)(b), you are subject to a fine of \$50.00 per day for each late date, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.

Thank you,

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Florida has a very broad Public Records Law. Virtually all written communications to or from Santa Rosa County Personnel are public records available to the public and media upon request. E-mail sent or received on the county system will be considered public and will only be withheld from disclosure if deemed confidential pursuant to State Law.

From: Tami McGowin

Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 8:06 AM

To: JThorn0606@aol.com < JThorn0606@aol.com>

Subject: Campaign Report Late

Mr. Thorne:

Please submit your M10 campaign report as soon as possible, as it was due on November 10th. Your fine will be determined upon receipt.

Thank you,

Tamú McGowinv Santa Rosa County Election's Staff 6495 Caroline Street Ste F Milton FL 32570-4592

# Campaign Report due before midnight on 12/10/21 & Past Due M10 Report

Tami McGowin <TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov>

Wed 12/8/2021 10:50 AM

To: JThorn0606@aol.com < JThorn0606@aol.com >

Cc: Tappie Villane <villane@santarosa.fl.gov>

Mr. Thorne:

I wanted to send a reminder that your M11 campaign report is due **before midnight on December 10, 2021**.

Also, after repeated emails and our telephone conversation on November 30th, we have yet to receive your M10 Campaign Report that was due on November 10, 2021. In addition to fines that are possibly accruing, we are required to notify the Florida Elections Commission for repeat late report violations. *So please submit your M10 report today!* 

<u>PENALTY FOR LATE FILING</u>: Per F.S. 106.07 (8)(b), you are subject to a fine of \$50.00 per day for each late date, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.

Thank you,

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# Campaign Report due before midnight

Tami McGowin < TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov>
Fri 12/10/2021 3:19 PM

Bcc: hsteele@hotmail.com <hsteele@hotmail.com>; laurendgarrett@gmail.com <laurendgarrett@gmail.com>; JThorn0606@aol.com <JThorn0606@aol.com>

# Campaign Report due before midnight tonight!

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From: Tami McGowin

Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 10:41 AM

Subject: Campaign Report due before midnight on 12/10/21

Wanted to send a reminder that your campaign report is due **before midnight on December 10, 2021**.

<u>PENALTY FOR LATE FILING</u>: Per F.S. 106.07 (8)(b), you are subject to a fine of \$50.00 per day for each late date, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.

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# New Reporting Schedules Attached 💥

# Tami McGowin < TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov>

Thu 12/2/2021 4:27 PM

🛭 2 attachments (1 MB)

2022 Primary Reporting Schedule.pdf; 2022 General Reporting Schedule.pdf;

Please find the new reporting schedules attached.

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From: Tami McGowin

**Sent:** Thursday, <u>December 2</u>, 2021 4:25 PM **Subject:** Campaign Report Due 12-10-21

# Reminder of Campaign Report - Due before midnight on 12/10/21!

Candidates and Political Committees: Please be aware that your *Campaign Report (M11)* is due on or before midnight 11/10/21. The covered period is 11/1/21 through 11/30/21.

If you have not already submitted your report, please do so on or before the deadline.

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#### Campaign Report due on or before 1/10/22

Tami McGowin <TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov>

Tue 1/4/2022 7:28 AM

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#### Reminder of Campaign Report - Due before midnight on 1/10/22!

Candidates and Political Committees: Please be aware that your *Campaign Report (M12)* is due on or before midnight 1/10/22. The covered period is 12/1/21 through 12/31/21.

If you have not already submitted your report, please do so on or before the deadline.

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#### **M1 Report Reminder Notice**

Tami McGowin < Tami M@santarosa.fl.gov>

Thu 2/3/2022 8:51 AM

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#### Reminder of Campaign Report - Due before midnight on 2/10/22!

Candidates and Political Committees: Please be aware that your *Campaign Report (M1)* is due on or before midnight 2/10/22. The covered period is 1/1/22 through 1/31/22.

If you have not already submitted your report, please do so on or before the deadline.

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#### Campaign Report Due 3/10/22

Tami McGowin < TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov>

Tue 3/1/2022 8:49 AM

#### Reminder of Campaign Report - Due before midnight on 3/10/22!

Candidates and Political Committees: Please be aware that your *Campaign Report (M2)* is due on or before midnight 3/10/22. The covered period is 2/1/22 through 2/28/22.

If you have not already submitted your report, please do so on or before the deadline.

<u>PENALTY FOR LATE FILING</u>: Per F.S. 106.07 (8)(b), you are subject to a fine of \$50.00 per day for each late date, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.

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#### Don't Forget to File Your M2 Report Before Midnight Tomorrow

Tami McGowin <TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov> Wed <u>3/9/2022</u> 3:25 PM

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# FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

**Case No.: FEC 22-079** 

Respondent: John Kevin Thorn Complainant: Tappie Villane, SOE

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**Name:** Respondent **Phone** #: (850) 572-1975

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**Entered by:** CKO

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Name: Tappie Villane—Filing Officer

**Phone** #: (850) 983-1900

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I left a message to return my call.

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Name: Tappie Villane—Filing Officer

**Phone** #: Unavailable

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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



June 16, 2023

John Kevin Thorn 5208 Admiral Halsey Road Milton, FL 32583

RE: Case No.: FEC 22-079; Respondent: John Kevin Thorn

Dear Mr. Thorn:

On March 24, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging 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 violation(s):

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2022 candidate for Santa Rosa County School Board, District 1, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because he had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during following reporting periods:

- 2021 M10
- 2021 M11
- 2021 M12
- 2022 M1
- 2022 M2

However, prior to an investigation, you have the option to <u>resolve your case now by</u> signing a minor violation consent order and <u>paying a fine of \$250</u>, per Rule 2B-1.003, Florida Administrative Code, <u>rather than the potential \$1,000 per violation</u> provided for in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes.

If you sign the consent order, you would not be required to admit or deny the allegation(s) in the complaint, but you would be required to immediately correct the violation, if feasible.

The signed consent order would then be considered by the Commission at its next available meeting and would constitute final action by the Commission once it is accepted and approved by the Commission. You and the Complainant will receive notice at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

John Kevin Thorn June 16, 2023 Page 2 FEC 22-079

<u>Please contact Stephanie Cunningham by phone at (850) 922-4539, by email at Stephanie.Cunningham@myfloridalegal.com</u>, or at the address listed above, to accept this minor violation consent order.

If you choose not to resolve this case by consent order, an investigation will be conducted, the Commission will hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violation(s) occurred and, if so, the amount of fine to be imposed upon you.

Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you notify us of a new address.

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

Sincerely.

Executive Director

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# **Tappie A. Villane**Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections

6495 Caroline Street Ste F Milton FL 32570-4592 www.VoteSantaRosa.gov Phone: (850) 983-1900 Fax: (850) 983-1829

March 18, 2022

# Complaint Against John K. Thorn – Candidate for School Board Member, District 1 for Non-Compliance to Election Code 106.07, failure to file required campaign reports

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Greg Fink brought in pre-filing paperwork for John K. Thorn to run for Santa Rosa County School Board Member, District 1 for the 2022 Election year. The same day, Tami McGowin sent a letter to John Thorn to come in and go over the packet for filing campaign reports, collecting contributions, making expenditures, collecting petitions, and general candidate information.

Mr. John Thorn came in on August 10, 2021, to go over the candidate packet. Tami McGowin informed him that the paperwork for the Deputy Campaign Treasurer is not correct and that Deleasa Bettis is not his Deputy Campaign Treasurer because she did not sign the paperwork. She went over the checklist with Mr. Thorn, and he signed that the information was discussed. See attached.

On November 30, 2021, at 8:10 am Tami McGowin spoke to John K. Thorn via telephone regarding his late report. He stated that he had just returned from Memphis, TN, late the previous night because he had 2 deaths in the last 3 ½ weeks. He stated that he would file his late report. No reports have been filed since October 12, 2021.

On December 16, 2021, at 12:53 pm, Tami McGowin called Deleasa Bettis, in an attempt to get the required reports filed, and she stated that she will get John Thorn the message to file the late reports. No reports have been filed since October 12, 2021.

Report reminder notices are emailed to all pre-filed candidates prior to the due date. Copies are included. No response from candidate, John Thorn.

On January 12, 2022, Tappie Villane (Supervisor of Elections) reached out via email to Greg Fink hoping that he would contact John Thorn and motivate him to file his reports, but we had no response from either Greg Fink or John Thorn. No reports have been filed since October 12, 2021.

On March 2, 2022, a certified letter was sent to John Thorn and Deleasa Bettis. We received the signed receipt back from Delease Bettis on March 3, 2022, but as of the date of this letter, no response or signed receipt from John Thorn.

There was one more email sent to Mr. Thorn giving him one more opportunity to file his campaign reports because we were filing a complaint with the Florida Elections Commission. No response.

Tami McGowin - Candidate Qualifying Officer

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

#### COMPLAINT

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

PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:
Name: Tappie Villane, Supervisor of Elections  Address: 6495 Caroline Street Ste F  Home Phone: (850) 983-1900  Home Phone: (9850) 983-1900
Address: 6495 Caroline Street Ste F Home Phone: ( ) Ala
City: Milton County: Santa Rosa State: FL Zip Code: 32570-1829
PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:
If you intend to name more than one individual or entity, please file multiple complaints. A person can be an individual, political committee, political party, electioneering communication organization, club, corporation, partnership, company, association, or other type of organization.
Name of individual or entity: John Kevin Thorn
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If individual is a candidate, list the office or position sought: School Board, District 1
Have you filed this complaint with the State Attorney's Office? (check one)
Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.271(2), F.S.? (check one) Yes 🖊 No
Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.2715, F.S.? (check one) Yes 🗸 No
ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):
Please attach a <u>concise</u> narrative statement in which you list the provisions of the Florida Election Code that you believe the person named above may have violated. The Commission has jurisdiction only to investigate provisions of Chapter 104 and Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. <u>Please include the following items as part of your attached statement:</u>
<ul> <li>The facts and actions that you believe support the violations you allege;</li> <li>The names/telephone numbers of persons whom you believe may be witnesses to the facts;</li> <li>A copy or picture of any political advertisement(s) you mention in your statement;</li> <li>A copy of each document you mention in your statement;</li> <li>An explanation of why you believe information you reference from websites is relevant; and</li> </ul>

#### SEE REVERSE SIDE OF DOCUMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

Any other evidence supporting your allegations.

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

4. <u>OATH:</u>		
STATE OF FLO	DRIDA	
COUNTY OF	Santa Rosa	

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

Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

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Type of Identification	

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

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



# Tappie A. Villane Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections

6495 Caroline Street Ste F Milton FL 32570-4592 www.VoteSantaRosa.gov



Phone: (850) 983-1900

Fax: (850) 983-1829

March 2, 2022

Certified Mail: 7018 2290 0001 1291 6704

John Kevin Thorn School Board, Dist 1 Campaign 5208 Admiral Halsey Road Milton FL 32583

Dear Mr. John Thorn:

You pre-filed as a candidate on July 16, 2021, and at that time you signed the DS-DE 84 Form stating that you understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, which includes filing campaign reports. You have failed to file your campaign reports since November of 2021. The next campaign report is due on or before March 10, 2022. Late reports are subject to fines as laid out in Chapter 106.07.

We are required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of your repeated late filing and the commission will start an investigation. Please go ahead and file your late reports and if you wish to withdraw as a candidate, write a letter stating that you wish to withdraw as a candidate from the School Board, District 1 race, sign, date and have delivered to our office. From the time we receive your letter of withdrawal, you will then have 90 days to file your final campaign report.

We are also sending a copy of this letter to Deleasa Bettis because she is listed on your forms.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Tami at 850-983-1903.

Sincerely,

Tappie Villane Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections

**Enclosures** 

cc: Deleasa Dee Bettis 5641 Northrop Road Milton FL 32570

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#### Important Report Information and other information

Tami McGowin < TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov>
Fri 3/11/2022 12:54 PM

To: JThorn0606@aol.com < JThorn0606@aol.com>

#### John Kevin Thorne:

The date to file the M2 Campaign Report is now past. If you intend to withdraw as a candidate, you must still file your campaign reports until we receive your letter of withdrawal. To withdraw the following steps must be taken:

- 1 File campaign reports right away
- 2 Submit a note/letter stating that you are withdrawing as a candidate. It must be dated, signed and the original sent to our office. It will not be in effect until it is clocked in at our office.
- 3 Then you must file your Termination Report (TR). Instructions will be sent.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions.

#### Thank you,

Tamú McGowúv Santa Rosa County Election's Staff 6495 Caroline Street Ste F Milton FL 32570-4592 (850) 983-1903 tamim@santarosa.fl.gov

#### Don't Forget to File Your M2 Report Before Midnight Tomorrow

Tami McGowin < TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov>

Wed 3/9/2022 3:25 PM

 $Bcc: \ Jeff@jeffates.com < Jeff@jeffates.com >; \ \underline{JThorn0606@aol.com} \\$ 

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#### Reminder of Campaign Report - Due before midnight on 3/10/22!

Candidates and Political Committees: Please be aware that your *Campaign Report (M2)* is due on or before midnight 3/10/22. The covered period is 2/1/22 through 2/28/22.

If you have not already submitted your report, please do so on or before the deadline.

<u>PENALTY FOR LATE FILING</u>: Per F.S. 106.07 (8)(b), you are subject to a fine of \$50.00 per day for each late date, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.

#### Thank you,

Tamú McGowin Santa Rosa County Election's Staff 6495 Caroline Street Ste F Milton FL 32570-4592 (850) 983-1903 tamim@santarosa.fl.gov

#### Campaign Report Due 3/10/22

Tami McGowin < TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov>

Tue 3/1/2022 8:49 AM

Bcc: srpe.office@srpeducators.com <srpe.office@srpeducators.com>; tony.dickson187@gmail.com
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Candidates and Political Committees: Please be aware that your *Campaign Report (M2)* is due on or before midnight 3/10/22. The covered period is 2/1/22 through 2/28/22.

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#### **M1 Report Reminder Notice**

Tami McGowin < TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov>

Thu 2/3/2022 8:51 AM

Bcc: srpe.office@srpeducators.com <srpe.office@srpeducators.com>; tony.dickson187@gmail.com
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#### Reminder of Campaign Report - Due before midnight on 2/10/22!

Candidates and Political Committees: Please be aware that your *Campaign Report (M1)* is due on or before midnight 2/10/22. The covered period is 1/1/22 through 1/31/22.

If you have not already submitted your report, please do so on or before the deadline.

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#### **Candidate reports**

Tappie Villane <villane@santarosa.fl.gov> Wed 1/12/2022,3:48 PM

To: gregfink40@gmail.com <gregfink40@gmail.com> Cc: Tami McGowin <TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov> Greg Fink is the person that initially brought in pre-filing paperwork for John Thorn. We tried to see if he would get Mr. Thorn to respond. He did not respond.

Good afternoon Greg and Happy New Year! I am reaching out to you regarding John Kevin Thorn. I believe you are working with him on his campaign for School Board, District 1. Tami has contacted him multiple times, along with his Campaign Treasurer Deleasa Bettis, but unfortunately we have not received a campaign report since he filed a waiver for the September 2021 report. Therefore, we are missing reports from October, November, and December.

Tami will be sending him a certified letter regarding the delinquency of these reports, but I thought I would also reach out to you and make you aware of the situation.

Tappie A. Villane
Supervisor of Elections, Santa Rosa County
(850) 983-1900 (P)
(850) 983-1829 (F)
votesantarosa.gov

#### Campaign Report due on or before 1/10/22

Tami McGowin < Tami M@santarosa.fl.gov>

Tue 1/4/2022 7:28 AM

Bcc: cpohlmann@bellsouth.net <cpohlmann@bellsouth.net>; srpe.office@srpeducators.com <srpe.office@srpeducators.com>; Jonathan Cole <Gatorbaiter10@yahoo.com>; Dekom. <martin.dekom@gmail.com>; Wes Siler cpreservenavarre@gmail.com>; Linda Sanborn lindasanborn138@gmail.com>; JThorn0606@aol.com <JThorn0606@aol.com>; Debra Eddington <eddington828@gmail.com>; hsteele@hotmail.com <hsteele@hotmail.com>; laurendjarrett@gmail.com>

#### Reminder of Campaign Report - Due before midnight on 1/10/22!

Candidates and Political Committees: Please be aware that your *Campaign Report (M12)* is due on or before midnight 1/10/22. The covered period is 12/1/21 through 12/31/21.

If you have not already submitted your report, please do so on or before the deadline.

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Thank you,

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6495 Caroline Street Ste F
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tamim@santarosa.fl.gov

#### Campaign Report due before midnight

Tami McGowin < TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov>

Fri 12/10/2021 3:19 PM

Bcc: hsteele@hotmail.com <hsteele@hotmail.com>; laurendgarrett@gmail.com <laurendgarrett@gmail.com>; JThorn0606@aol.com <JThorn0606@aol.com>

#### Campaign Report due before midnight tonight!

#### Thank you,

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From: Tami McGowin

Sent: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 10:41 AM

Subject: Campaign Report due before midnight on 12/10/21

Wanted to send a reminder that your campaign report is due **before midnight on December 10, 2021**.

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#### New Reporting Schedules Attached 💥

#### Tami McGowin < Tami M@santarosa.fl.gov>

Thu 12/2/2021 4:27 PM

Bcc: Rickie Cotton <rickiecotton2010@gmail.com>; Courtney.allyse@gmail.com <Courtney.allyse@gmail.com>; Linda Sanborn lindasanborn138@gmail.com>; John.clinton.candidate@gmail.com <John.clinton.candidate@gmail.com>; LtCol rock USMC ret <ppeters009@gmail.com>; mitzipeters@mchsi.com <mitzipeters@mchsi.com>; Jeff@jeffates.com <Jeff@jeffates.com <Jeff@jeffates.com>; John.clinton.candidate@gmail.com>; Jeff@jeffates.com <Jeff@jeffates.com>; amy@jeffates.com <Jeff@jeffates.com</p>; John.clinton.candidate@gmail.com>; Jeff@jeffates.com; Jeff@jeffates.com; Debra Eddington <eddington828@att.net>; Debra Eddington <debraeddington828@gmail.com>; hsteele@hotmail.com <https://doi.org/10.1001/jeffates.com</p> candington828@att.net>; Debra Eddington <debraeddington828@gmail.com>; hsteele@hotmail.com candington828@att.net>; pebra Eddington <debraeddington828@gmail.com>; hsteele@hotmail.com candington828@att.net>; pebra Eddington <debraeddington828@gmail.com>; hsteele@hotmail.com candington828@att.net>; pebra Eddington <debraeddington828@gmail.com>; hsteele@hotmail.com candington828@gmail.com; pebra Eddington candington828@gmail.com candington828@gmail.com</

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2022 Primary Reporting Schedule.pdf; 2022 General Reporting Schedule.pdf;

Please find the new reporting schedules attached.

Thank you,

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From: Tami McGowin

Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 4:25 PM Subject: Campaign Report Due 12-10-21

#### Reminder of Campaign Report - Due before midnight on 12/10/21!

Candidates and Political Committees: Please be aware that your *Campaign Report (M11)* is due on or before midnight 11/10/21. The covered period is 11/1/21 through 11/30/21.

if you have not already submitted your report, please do so on or before the deadline.

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Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections

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# August 23, 2022 Primary Calendar of Reporting Dates

Phone: (850) 983-1900 Fax: (850) 983-1829

#### Campaign Reporting Requirements for Local Candidates & Committees

Primary Election Reports must be filed by all candidates even if their name will only appear on the General Election Ballot.

- Reports shall be filed on the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the end of each calendar
- Reports must be filed on the 60<sup>th</sup> day immediately preceding the Primary;
  - · Reports must be filed biweekly on each Friday thereafter;
- Additional reports must be filed on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> days before the Primary.

<b>Cover Period</b>	Report Code	Due Date
10/1/21 - 10/31/21	2022 M10	11/10/21
11/1/21 - 11/30/21	2022 M11	12/10/21
12/1/21 - 12/31/21	2022 M12	1/10/22
1/1/22 - 1/31/22	2022 M1	2/10/22
2/1/22 - 2/28/22	2022 M2	3/10/22
3/1/22 - 3/31/22	2022 M3	4/11/22
4/1/22 - 4/30/22	2022 M4	5/10/22
5/1/22 - 5/31/22	2022 M5	6/10/22
6/1/22 - 6/17/22	2022 P1	6/24/22
6/18/22 - 7/1/22	2022 P2	7/8/22
7/2/22 - 7/15/22	2022 P3	7/22/22
7/16/22 - 7/22/22	2022 P4	7/29/22
7/23/22 - 7/29/22	2022 P5	8/5/22
7/30/22 - 8/5/22	2022 P6	8/12/22
8/6/22 - 8/18/22	2022 P7	8/19/22
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4/30/22 - 7/28/22 After April Qualifying	2022 TR-JQ	7/28/22
6/18/22 — 9/15/22 After June Qualifying	2022 TR-Q	9/15/22
8/19/22 - 11/21/22 Primary Election	2022 TR-P	11/21/22

Penalty for Late Filing: Any candidate or committee failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total contributions or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for pre-election reports, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total contributions or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. For Termination Reports the fine is \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total contributions or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Note: Candidates must dispose of all funds in the campaign account and file a Termination Report within 90 days after having withdrawn, become unopposed, eliminated or elected to office.



#### Tappie A. Villane

#### Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections

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# November 8, 2022 General Calendar of Reporting Dates

Phone: (850) 983-1900 Fax: (850) 983-1829

#### Campaign Reporting Requirements for Local Candidates & Committees

- Reports shall be filed on the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the end of each calendar
- Reports must be filed on the 60<sup>th</sup> day immediately preceding the General;
  - Reports must be filed biweekly on each Friday thereafter;
- Additional reports must be filed on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> days before the General.
  - Reports must be filed 4 days prior to General.

Cover Period	Report Code	Due Date
8/19/22 - 9/2/22	2022 G1	9/9/22
9/3/22 - 9/16/22	2022 G2	9/23/22
9/17/22 - 9/30/22	2022 G3	10/7/22
10/1/22 - 10/7/22	2022 G4	10/14/22
10/8/22 - 10/14/22	2022 G5	10/21/22
10/15/22 - 10/21/22	2022 G6	10/28/22
10/22/22 - 11/3/22	2022 G7	11/4/22
Teri	mination Report	
11/4/22 - 2/6/23	2022 TR-G	2/6/23
For Political Co	mmittees Month	ly Reports
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12/1/22 - 12/31/22	2022 M12	1/10/23

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#### Campaign Report due before midnight on 12/10/21 & Past Due M10 Report

Tami McGowin < TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov>

Wed 12/8/2021 10:50 AM

To: JThorn0606@aol.com <JThorn0606@aol.com> Cc: Tappie Villane <villane@santarosa.fl.gov>

Mr. Thorne:

I wanted to send a reminder that your M11 campaign report is due **before midnight on December 10, 2021**.

Also, after repeated emails and our telephone conversation on November 30th, we have yet to receive your M10 Campaign Report that was due on November 10, 2021. In addition to fines that are possibly accruing, we are required to notify the Florida Elections Commission for repeat late report violations. *So please submit your M10 report today*!

<u>PENALTY FOR LATE FILING</u>: Per F.S. 106.07 (8)(b), you are subject to a fine of \$50.00 per day for each late date, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.

Thank you,

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#### Fw: Campaign Report Late

Tami McGowin < Tami M@santarosa.fl.gov>

Thu 11/18/2021 3:09 PM

To: JThorn0606@aol.com <JThorn0606@aol.com>

Mr. Thorne:

Your M10 Campaign Report is now 8 days late. Please submit your report as soon as possible.

<u>PENALTY FOR LATE FILING</u>: Per F.S. 106.07 (8)(b), you are subject to a fine of \$50.00 per day for each late date, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.

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From: Tami McGowin

Sent: Friday, November 12, 2021 8:06 AM

To: JThorn0606@aol.com < JThorn0606@aol.com>

Subject: Campaign Report Late

Mr. Thorne:

Please submit your M10 campaign report as soon as possible, as it was due on November 10th. Your fine will be determined upon receipt.

Thank you,

Tamú McGowúv Santa Rosa County Election's Staff 6495 Caroline Street Ste F Milton FL 32570-4592

#### **Campaign Report Late**

Tami McGowin <TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov>

Fri 11/12/2021 8:06 AM

To: JThorn0606@aol.com < JThorn0606@aol.com >

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Thank you,

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#### Campaign Report Due before midnight tonight

Tami McGowin < TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov> Wed 11/10/2021 8:44 AM

Wanted to send a reminder that your campaign report (M10) is due **before midnight tonight**.

<u>PENALTY FOR LATE FILING</u>: Per F.S. 106.07 (8)(b), you are subject to a fine of \$50.00 per day for each late date, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.

Thank you,

Tamú McGowúv Santa Rosa County Election's Staff 6495 Caroline Street Ste F Milton FL 32570-4592 (850) 983-1903 tamim@santarosa.fl.gov

#### M10 Finance Report Due on or before 11/10/21

Tami McGowin < TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov>

Wed 10/20/2021 1:25 PM

Bcc: srpe.office@srpeducators.com <srpe.office@srpeducators.com>; Jonathan Cole <Gatorbaiter10@yahoo.com>; Dekom. <martin.dekom@gmail.com>; Wes Siler cyreservenavarre@gmail.com>; Rickie Cotton <rickiecotton2010@gmail.com>; Courtney.allyse@gmail.com>; Linda Sanborn lindasanborn138@gmail.com>; John.clinton.candidate@gmail.com>; LtCol rock USMC ret cypeters009@gmail.com>; mitzipeters@mchsi.com <mitzipeters@mchsi.com>; Jeff@jeffates.com <Jeff@jeffates.com>; amy@jeffates.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gmail.com</mi>cypetraeddington828@gma

#### Reminder of Campaign Report - Due before midnight on 11/10/21!

Candidates and Political Committees: Please be aware that your *Campaign Report (M10)* is due on or before midnight 11/10/21. The covered period is 10/1/21 through 10/31/21.

If you have not already submitted your report, please do so on or before the deadline.

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Thank you,

Tamú McGowinv Santa Rosa County Election's Staff 6495 Caroline Street Ste F Milton FL 32570-4592 (850) 983-1903 tamim@santarosa.fl.gov

#### **Re: Florida Elections Commission**

Tami McGowin < TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov>
Fri 3/18/2022 8:44 AM

To: Deleasa Bettis <deleasa824@gmail.com> Cc: Tappie Villane <villane@santarosa.fl.gov>

#### Delease:

I appreciate you letting us know that you are trying to assist Mr. Thorn in filing his report, however, there is really nothing you can resolve in coming to our office. Your name is on the paperwork but since you never signed it, you were never his deputy treasurer. I have included in the information to the Florida Elections Commission that you were only named on the paperwork and since you never signed it, you were not legally the deputy treasurer. The only reason I was including you on some of the reminder notices was in hopes for you to prompt Mr. Thorn to file his reports.

So, in short, besides you asking Mr. Thorn to file, there is nothing you can do because you are not technically his deputy treasurer.

I really appreciate your help!

Thank you,

Tamú McGowinv Santa Rosa County Election's Staff 6495 Caroline Street Ste F Milton FL 32570-4592 (850) 983-1903 tamim@santarosa.fl.gov

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From: Deleasa Bettis <deleasa824@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2022 7:14 PM

To: Tami McGowin < TamiM@santarosa.fl.gov>

Cc: JThorn0606@aol.com <JThorn0606@aol.com>; Tappie Villane <villane@santarosa.fl.gov>

Subject: Re: Florida Elections Commission

Ms. McGowin,



# Tappie A. Villane

#### Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections

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6495 Caroline Street Ste F Milton FL 32570-4592 www.VoteSantaRosa.com



Phone: (850) 983-1900 Fax: (850) 983-1829

John K. Thorn

School Board, Dist 1

Candidate Name and Office Seeking

Candidate Received Instructions and/or materials on the following:

Received web address (below) for Candidate Handbook online.
 At the Division of Elections website:

elpasa 824 @ gmail. com

for campaign report reminders.

https://dos.myflorida.com/media/702477/candidate-campaign-treasurer-handbook-2020.pdf

 Provided access to Florida Statutes Chapter 106 – Campaign Financing and Chapter 104 which refers to Violations and Penalties.

https://dos.myflorida.com/media/703582/2020-election-code-complete.pdf

- Informed of Online Campaign Reports and due dates. (Frequency of Campaign Reports will change will send updated Schedule) ID, Password and Pin Numbers will be sent through US Mail.
- Contributions: Limit is \$1,000 aggregate to include check, cash and in-kind per election cycle; \$50
  Cash Limit (also includes candidate); Contributions from joint checking account is from the person
  who signed the check. Each contribution, no matter how small shall include address and if over \$100
  must include specific occupation (cannot list business owner or sales, etc. must list specific type of
  business. Interest from campaign account is considered a contribution from the bank. Also,
  contributions/loans from candidates must be listed. If over \$100, must list occupation. Cannot list
  occupation as "candidate").
- Expenditures: All transactions should go through campaign account. Must list address and purpose for each expenditure.

 Informed Candidate of the requirement that all printed materials should contain Political Disclaimers, samples are included in handbooks.

Sign Ordinances are on our website.

Candidate (or Representative) Signature and Date

Due Date of First Campaign Report

Due Date of Statement of Candidate Form (if not turning in at pre-filing)

For use in Santa Rosa County (Updated 11/19/20)



# **Tappie A. Villane**Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections

6495 Caroline Street Ste F Milton FL 32570-4592 www.VoteSantaRosa.com

July 16, 2021

Phone: (850) 983-1900

Fax: (850) 983-1829

John Kevin Thorn 2022 School Board Campaign 5208 Admiral Halsey Road Milton FL 32570

Dear Mr. Thorn:

Enclosed are copies of your campaign documents that were turned in today by Greg Fink. I would like to meet with you to go over the campaign packet and petition procedures here in Santa Rosa County and for you to sign the Pre-File form. Just call me prior to coming in to make sure I am available. I take lunch each day from 11 to 12.

I also require an email address for Deleasa to send your campaign report reminder notices. Your first campaign report is due on or before August 10, 2021. Enclosed is the password letter with your ID number and PIN along with instructions for getting on the Candidate Finance System. I will be happy to go over this process if you need me to.

The Appointment form that names Deleasa as Campaign Treasurer is not filled out properly. She was supposed to sign at the bottom accepting the appointment of Campaign Treasurer. I am enclosing a blank form for her to fill out.

If you have any questions, please call me at (850) 983-1903. Looking forward to meeting you both soon.

Sincerely,

Tami McGowin
Candidate Qualifying

**Enclosures** 

Copy to: Deleasa Dee Bettis, 5641 Northrop Rd, Milton FL 32570

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# Tappie A. Villane

# Santa Rosa County Supervisor of Elections

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2022 Candidate	Information Sheet
Name of Candidate	
John Kevin Iho	PW
Office Seeking	If Partisan Office list Party Affiliation
School BOARD District L	N/A
Address	
5208 Admiral Halse	cy Rd, Milton, FL 32583
E-Mail Address	Phone
JTHORN Ø6 Ø6@ adl. com	850 572 1975
DOB or Voter ID #	Occupation
06 June 1963	Retired
Campaign Treasurer (Name and Address)	
Kevin Thorn 5208	Admiral Halsey Rd Milton FL 3
E-Mail Address	Phone
JTHORN Ø656@ GOL. COM	850 572 1975
Deputy Treasurer (Name and Address)	
DELEASA BETTIS 5641 NO	PETHROP RD MILTON FL 325
E-Mail Address	Phone
	850 712 0823

# STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)
(Please print or type)

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candidate for the office of School Board District +;
have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

Signature of Candidate

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).

#### 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. OFFICE USE ONLY 1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES): X Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Treasurer/Deputy Depository Office 3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip 2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last) code) 5208 Adnital Halsey Rd Milton PL 32583 Keuin 4. Telephone (850) 572-1975 JTHORN 8686 Raolian 6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number) 7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable: Board District L 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 MAGES Write-In No Party Affiliation candidate. Party 9. I have appointed the following person to act as my Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer 10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer DELEASA DEE BETTIS 11. Mailing Address 12. Telephone 5641 NORTHROP 16. Zip Code 17. E-mail address 13. City 15. State MILTON 32570 FL Primary Depository Secondary Depository 18. I have designated the following bank as my 20. Address 19. Name of Bank 6650 Coroline St 24. Zip Code 21. City 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. 26. Signature of Candidate 25. Date 27. reasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block) , do hereby accept the appointment (Please Print or Type Name) designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

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9. I have appointed the following person to act as my	Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer
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John Kerin Thorax	
11. Mailing Address	12. Telephone
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18. I have designated the following bank as my	Primary Depository Secondary Depository
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## Tappie A. Villane

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# **Calendar of Reporting Dates**

#### Campaign Reporting Requirements for Local Candidates

Reports shall be filed on the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the end of each calendar month from the time the campaign treasurer is appointed per Florida Statutes 106.07 (1).

Cover Period	Report Code	Due Date
11/1/20 - 11/30/20	2020 M11	12/10/20
12/1/20 - 12/31/20	2020 M12	1/11/21
1/1/21 - 1/31/21	2021 M1	2/10/21
2/1/21 - 2/28/21	2021 M2	3/10/21
3/1/21 - 3/31/21	2021 M3	4/12/21
4/1/21 - 4/30/21	2021 M4	5/10/21
5/1/21 - 5/31/21	2021 M5	6/10/21
6/1/21 - 6/30/21	2021 M6	7/12/21
7/1/21 - 7/31/21	2021 M7	8/10/21
8/1/21 - 8/31/21	2021 M8	9/10/21
9/1/21 - 9/30/21	2021 M9	10/12/21
10/1/21 - 10/31/21	2021 M10	11/10/21
11/1/21 - 11/30/21	2021 M11	12/10/21
12/1/21 - 12/31/21	2021 M12	1/10/22

#### Penalty for Late Filing

Any candidate or committee failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total contributions or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for pre-election reports, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total contributions or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. For Termination Reports the fine is \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total contributions or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Note: Candidates must dispose of all funds in the campaign account and file a Termination Report within 90 days after having withdrawn, become unopposed, eliminated or elected to office.