#### In Re: Committee to Support American Values

TO: Juan-Carlos Planas, Esquire Law Offices of Juan-Carlos Planas, P.A. 2332 Galiano Street, 2nd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134

#### Case No.: FEC 22-269

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

#### NOTICE OF HEARING (CONSENT ORDERS (PUBLIC))

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **November 14, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.**, *or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard*, at the following location: **402 South Monroe Street**, **12 HOB**, **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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#### Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission October 31, 2023 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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

#### Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

v.

Agency Case No.: FEC 22-269 F.O. No.: FOFEC

Committee to Support American Values, Respondent.

#### **CONSENT FINAL ORDER**

Respondent, Committee to Support American Values, and the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) agree that this Consent Order resolves all of the issues between the parties in this case. The parties jointly stipulate to the following facts, conclusions of law, and order.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On August 29, 2022, a complaint was filed with the Commission alleging that Respondent violated Florida's election laws.

2. On June 5, 2023, the Commission entered an Order of Probable Cause finding there was probable cause to charge the Respondent with three counts of violating Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes.

3. Respondent has expressed a desire to enter into negotiations directed toward reaching a consent agreement.

4. Respondent and staff stipulate to the following facts:

a. Respondent was a political committee formerly registered with the Division of Elections.

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b. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing the committee's 2022 M1, 2022 M3, and 2022 P1 reports.

c. The 2022 M1 notice was 12 days late and the 2022 M3 and 2022 P1 notices were one day late.

d. The committee did not report accepting any contributions nor making any expenditures during the period in which it was registered as active with the Division of Elections.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

5. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this cause, pursuant to Section 106.26, Florida Statutes.

6. The Commission staff and the Respondent stipulate that staff can prove the facts in paragraph four above by clear and convincing evidence and to the Commission's ability to impose a civil penalty in this case.

#### ORDER

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

8. The Respondent shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs that are in any way associated with this case.

9. The Commission will consider this Consent Order at its next available meeting.

10. Respondent voluntarily waives the right to any further proceedings under Chapters 104, 106, and 120, Florida Statutes, and the right to appeal this Consent Order.

11. This Consent Order is enforceable under Sections 106.265 and 120.69, Florida

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Statutes. Respondent expressly waives any venue privileges and agrees that if enforcement of this Consent Order is necessary, venue shall be in Leon County, Florida, and Respondent shall pay all fees and costs associated with enforcement.

12. Payment of the civil penalty by cashier's check, or money order, good for at least 120 days, or attorney trust account check, is a condition precedent to the Commission's consideration of this Consent Order.

#### PENALTY

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission finds that the Respondent violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, and imposes a civil penalty in the amount of \$50.

Therefore, it is

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall remit to the Commission a civil penalty in the amount of **\$50**, inclusive of fees and costs. The civil penalty shall be paid cashier's check or money order, good for at least 120 days, or attorney trust account check. The civil penalty shall be payable to the Florida Elections Commission and sent to 107 West Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-1050.

Respondent hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Consent Order on  $M_{2}$  and  $M_{2}$   $M_{2}$   $M_{2}$ 

Juan-Carlos Planas, Esquire Law Office of Juan-Carlos Planas, P.A. 2332 Galiano Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134

Jennifer Wolf, Former Chair Committee to Support American Values 87095 Kipling Drive Yulee, FL 32097

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Commission staff hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Consent Order on

be elember 6, 2023

Stephanie J. Cunningham General Counsel Florida Elections Commission 107 West Gaines Street The Collins Building, Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

Approved by the Florida Elections Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting held

on \_\_\_\_\_, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Tim Vaccaro, J.D., Executive Director For Joni Alexis Poitier, Vice Chair Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Stephanie J. Cunningham, General Counsel Juan-Carlos Planas, Esq., Attorney for Respondent Division of Elections, Complainant

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In Re: Committee to Support American Values

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#### **ORDER CONTINUING CASE**

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its

regularly scheduled meeting on August 15, 2023, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Commission Staff requested that the matter be continued to finalize settlement

negotiations.

The Commission considered Staff's request. Staff's request was GRANTED.

THIS MATTER is continued until the next available meeting of the Florida Elections

Commission.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on August 15, 2023.

Tim Vaccaro, J.D., Executive Director For Joni Alexis Poitier, Vice Chair Florida Elections Commission

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

#### AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

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WEB PARTICIPATION: <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4391393799096818270</u>

AUDIO PARTICIPATION: 1 877 309 2074 ATTENDEE ACCESS CODE: 424-284-031

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Tim Vaccaro

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#### In Re: Committee to Support American Values

Case No.: FEC 22-269

TO: Jennifer Wolf, Chair 87095 Kipling Drive Yulee, FL 32097-7354

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

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#### **Donna Malphurs**

From:	Juan-Carlos Planas <jcplanas@planaslawfirm.com></jcplanas@planaslawfirm.com>
Sent:	Friday, July 7, 2023 2:36 PM
То:	Donna Malphurs
Subject:	NOA on FEC 22-269 COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT AMERICAN VALUES
Attachments:	NOA Committee to Support American Values.pdf

Good Afternoon:

Please see this NOA. We would like to resolve this as they raised NO money and as such, cannot lawfully be considered a PC. They missed the mail on this which is why they never went to the hearing.



Juan-Carlos Planas, Esq.Managing Partner, Law Office of Juan-Carlos Planas, P.A.T: 850.980.6542 | E: jcplanas@planaslawfirm.com2332 Galiano Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Coral Gables, Florida 33134

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#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

CASE NO.: FEC 22-269

IN RE, COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT AMERICAN VALUES

Respondent,

#### **NOTICE OF APPEARANCE AND DESIGNATION OF E-MAIL ADDRESS**

**COMES NOW,** Juan-Carlos Planas, Esq., and hereby enters this Notice of Appearance on behalf of Respondent, COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT AMERICAN VALUES, in the above-styled complaints, and as the attorney for said party, requests that all future pleadings, correspondence, notices, and other papers concerning this case be forwarded to his attention to the e-mails provided below.

Respectfully Submitted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023 by:

Law Firm of Juan-Carlos Planas, P.A. 2332 Galiano Street, 2nd Floor Coral Gables, FL 33134 (850) 980-6542

By: <u>s./ J.C. Planas</u> Juan-Carlos Planas, Esq. Fla. Bar No.: 156167 Email: jcplanas@planaslawfirm.com

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

v.

Case No.: FEC 22-269

Committee to Support American Values, Respondent.

#### **ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

**THIS MATTER** was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 16, 2023, in Tallahassee, Florida.

On March 29, 2023, 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 February 10, 2022, Committee to Support American Values 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 M1 Report.

#### Count 2:

On or about April 11, 2022, Committee to Support American Values 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 M3 Report.

#### Count 3:

On or about June 24, 2022, Committee to Support American Values 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 P1 Report.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on May 16, 2023.

Tin Vaccaro, J.D., Executive Director For Joni Alexis Poitier, Vice Chair Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Stephanie J. Cunningham, General Counsel Committee to Support American Values, 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 <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.

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#### In Re: Committee to Support American Values

**TO:** Jennifer Wolf, Chair 95201 Plum Loop Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

#### Case No.: FEC 22-269

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

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https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpdumuqTsqGt1MNuvpQBO15XPapAI_9zfC						
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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission May 2, 2023 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Re: Committee to Support American Values Case No.: FEC 22-269

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the referral in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7)**, **Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on March 8, 2023, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On August 29, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections ("Division"), alleging that Committee to Support American Values ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. (ROI Exhibit 2)<sup>1</sup>

3. By letter dated October 3, 2022, 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 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 following reporting periods:

- 2022 M1
- 2022 M3
- 2022 P1

4. By letter dated February 23, 2021, Kristi Reid Willis, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received its Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees forms. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1)

5. 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)

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

6. Pursuant to Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, in any reporting period during which a political committee 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 political committee is required to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.

7. The *Political Committee Handbook* references the statutory requirement regarding written notification and directs political committees to notify the Division by way of the Division's electronic filing system. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 2) The *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* shows the process through which to notify the Division. The user's guide instructs political committees to select the relevant reporting period and place a checkmark in a box titled "Waiver" to indicate the lack of reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibit 5, page 2)

8. 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 6, page 1)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2022 M1	1/1/22- 1/31/22	2/10/22	2/22/22	12
2022 M3	3/1/22-3/31/22	4/11/22	4/12/22	1
2022 P1	6/1/22-6/17/22	6/24/22	6/25/22	1

9. Jennifer Wolf, chairperson and treasurer for Respondent, stated that the notices were untimely due to a mix-up with the committees that she's involved with. Ms. Wolf also stated that she thought the committee was closed. (ROI Exhibit 7, page 1)

10. "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).

11. The facts set forth above show that Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods: 2022 M1, 2022 M3, and 2022 P1.

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 February 10, 2022, Committee to Support American Values 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 M1 Report.

#### Count 2:

On or about April 11, 2022, Committee to Support American Values 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 M3 Report.

#### Count 3:

On or about June 24, 2022, Committee to Support American Values 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 P1 Report.

Respectfully submitted on March 29, 2023.

Stephanie J. Cunningham General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 27 day of March 2023.

Tim Vaccaro Executive Director

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

#### **Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer**

#### Case Number: FEC 22-269

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:** Committee to Support American Values **Respondent's Atty:** N/A

Division of Elections (Division) Referral Filed: August 29, 2022

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 February 22, 2021. Jennifer Wolf 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 February 22, 2021. To review the Statement of Organization, refer to Exhibit 2.

4. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on the DS-DE 5 on February 23, 2021, 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 *Political Committee Handbook* discusses filing a waiver when there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant page of the *Handbook*, refer to Exhibit 4.

7. The *Political Committee Guide* discusses how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, the *Handbook* instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant pages from the *EFS User's Guide*, refer to Exhibit 5.

#### **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 reflecting the untimely filed notifications summarized below, refer to Exhibit 6.

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2022 P1	6/1/22-6/17/22	6/24/22	6/25/22	1
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9. Respondent did not respond to the referral.

10. On March 8, 2023, I called Respondent's Chairperson, Jennifer Wolf, for the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the referral. She stated that this was her first time working on a political committee, but she added that she is also currently involved with another committee. Ms. Wolf stated that the waivers at issue were untimely filed due to a mix-up in the committees with which she is involved. She stated that she thought this committee was closed and only found it was not closed when she received notification that the reports were past due. Ms. Wolf stated that she was informed about the *Political Committee Handbook*. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 7.

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SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:

Date: March 8, 2023\_

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION REPORT OF INVESTIGATION Committee to Support American Values -- FEC 22-269

	LIST OF EXHIBITS					
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits					
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 6 Form					
Exhibit 2	Statement of Organization					
Exhibit 3	Acknowledgement Letter					
Exhibit 4	Relevant pages from the Political Committee Handbook					
Exhibit 5	Relevant pages from the Political Committee EFS User's Guide					
Exhibit 6	Filing History					
Exhibit 7	Phone Log					

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

RON DESANTIS Governor

LAUREL M. LEE Secretary of State

February 23, 2021

Jennifer Wolf, Chairperson Committee to Support American Values 95201 Plum Loop Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034

Dear Ms. Wolf:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Committee to Support American Values**, which were placed on file in our office on February 22, 2021. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

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

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **March 10, 2021**. The report will cover the period of February 1-28, 2021 (2021 M2). 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: 79255

#### **Timely Filing**

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

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Jennifer Wolf, Chairperson February 23, 2021 Page Two

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 reports 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 <u>https://dos.myflorida.com/elections</u>. 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,

Area Willis

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

KRW/dlh

Enclosures

pc: Jennifer Wolf, Treasurer 463688 SR 200 Unit 1-540 Yulee, Florida 32097

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# Political Committee Handbook





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Any political committee required to file reports with a filing officer other than the Division must file reports on the 60<sup>th</sup> day immediately preceding the primary election and bi-weekly on each Friday thereafter through and including the 4<sup>th</sup> day immediately preceding the general election, with additional reports due on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> days before the primary election and the general election.

Unless the electronic filing requirements of Section <u>106.0705</u>, Florida Statutes, apply, reports shall be filed no later than 5 p.m. of the day designated. A report postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight of the day designated is deemed timely filed. A report received by the filing officer within five days after the designated due date that was delivered by the U.S. Postal Service is deemed timely filed unless it has a postmark indicating the report was mailed after the designated due date. A certificate of mailing obtained from and dated by the U.S. Postal Service at the time of mailing or a receipt from an established courier company, which bears a date on or before the date on which the report is due, is proof of mailing in a timely manner.

Reports filed with the Division through the <u>Electronic Filing System</u> (<u>EFS</u>) are due no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date.

(Sections <u>106.07</u>, <u>106.0705</u>, and <u>106.141</u>, Fla. Stat.; Chapter 11: Electronic Filing of Campaign Reports)

#### Penalty for Late Filing

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

(Section <u>106.07(8)</u>, Fla. Stat.)

#### **Notice of No Activity**

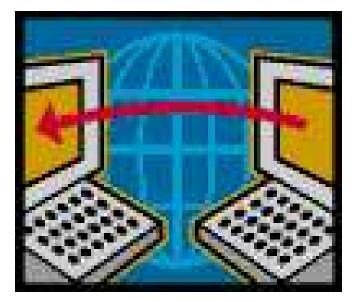
When there has been no reportable activity in the campaign account during a reporting period (no funds expended or received) the filing of the report is waived. However, the political committee **must notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being 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.

(Sections 106.07(7) and 106.0705, Fla. Stat.)

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Department of State Division of Elections

## Political Committee EFS User's Guide



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

EFS HELP LINE: 850-245-6280

January 2011

Rule 1S-2.017, F.A.C.

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The **Due Date** will automatically fill in based on the **Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates**.

If this report is for a special election, click the box next to **Special Election Report**. (If no special elections are scheduled this option will not be available.)

#### \*\*\*\*\***NOTE**\*\*\*\*\*

If this report is a waiver of report (no activity), click the 🗾 box next to Waiver.

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#### Florida Election System Reports

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**Committee to Support American Values** 

# **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. <u>About the Campaign Finance Data Base</u>. If all contributions for a reporting period are less than 1 dollar Then they may not be displayed.

		Contributions					
	Filing Period	Monetary	Loans	InKind	Expend	Other	Transfers
W	02/12/2021 - 02/28/2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	03/01/2021 - 03/31/2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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W	05/01/2021 - 05/31/2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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W	10/01/2021 - 10/31/2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	11/01/2021 - 11/30/2021	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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W	06/01/2022 - 06/17/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/18/2022 - 06/24/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	06/25/2022 - 07/01/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/02/2022 - 07/08/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/09/2022 - 07/15/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/16/2022 - 07/22/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	07/23/2022 - 07/29/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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W	08/06/2022 - 08/18/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/19/2022 - 08/19/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/20/2022 - 08/26/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	08/27/2022 - 09/02/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/03/2022 - 09/09/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/10/2022 - 09/16/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/17/2022 - 09/23/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	09/24/2022 - 09/30/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/01/2022 - 10/07/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/08/2022 - 10/14/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/15/2022 - 10/21/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
W	10/22/2022 - 10/28/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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W	11/02/2022 - 11/02/2022	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Query the Campaign Finance Data Base

[Department of State] [Division of Elections] [Candidates and Races] [Campaign Finance Information]

# FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG Case No.: FEC 22-269

**Respondent:** Committee to Support American Values Complainant: DOE

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**Summary:** I had telephone contact to inquire about complaint allegations. I was advised that this was her first-time working on a political committee; however, she stated that she has another committee that she's currently involved in as well. She told FEC staff that the reports were untimely filed due to a mix-up in the committees that she's involved with. She stated that she thought this PC was closed, and only found out that it wasn't when she received the notification that the reports were past due. She verified her contact information. I went over the process with her to contact the Division to have the PC officially closed. She stated that she would check her records once she got home to ensure that the correct PC is closed. She stated that she was informed about the calendar of reporting dates, and PC Handbook.

Entered by: CKO

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# **Florida Elections Commission**

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October 3, 2022

Jennifer Wolf, Chair Committee to Support American Values 95201 Plum Loop Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

# RE: Case No.: FEC 22-269; Respondent: Committee to Support American Values

Dear Ms. Wolf:

On August 29, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging 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 violation(s):

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 following reporting periods:

- 2022 M1
- 2022 M3
- 2022 P1

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 \$150</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, <u>you would not be required to admit or deny the allegation(s)</u> 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.

Jennifer Wolf October 3, 2022 Page 2 FEC 22-269

<u>Please contact Stephanie Cunningham by phone at (850) 922-4539, by email at</u> <u>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 your committee.

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 Taccaro

Tim Vaccaro Executive Director

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# DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

To FEC from Division of Elections

Name:	Committee to Support American Values
Account Number:	79255
Chairperson:	Jennifer Wolf
Treasurer:	Jennifer Wolf
<b>Registered Agent:</b>	Jennifer Wolf

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 repeated late filings or failure to notify 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, for the following reports:

2022 M1 2022 M3 2022 P1

- Committee to Support American Values (79255) is a political committee registered with the Division of Elections. On February 22, 2021, the committee filed the DSDE 5 and DSDE 6 with the Division appointing Jennifer Wolf as the chairperson and treasurer for the committee.
- The 2022 M1 campaign treasurer's report was due on February 10, 2022. Committee to Support American Values failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On February 22, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2022 M3 campaign treasurer's report was due on April 11, 2022. Committee to Support American Values failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On April 12, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt and letter.)

Committee to Support American Values (79255) Page Two

• The 2022 P1 campaign treasurer's report was due on June 24, 2022. Committee to Support American Values failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On June 25, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt and letter.)

Sent By: Donna S. Brown D5B Date: August 26, 2022

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Treasurer Report Status

Report: 2022 - M1 - 11	Print Date: 8/18/2022 8:20:23 AM			
Election: 2022 General Election				
Covers: 1/1/2022-1/31/2022	Amended Waiver			
Due: 2/10/2022				
Filed: 2/22/2022 10:24:03 AM	File Status: Filed Report			
Reviewed: 1/10/2022	Review Status: Reviewed			
	Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found			
File Method: Web Filed	Number of Detail Records			
Entry Method: Web Data Entry Pending Queued Items: <b>0</b>	Contributions: 0			
	Expenditures: 0			
	Fund Transfers: 0			
	Distributions: 0			

8/18/2022!



## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

March 1, 2022

Jennifer Wolf, Treasurer Committee to Support American Values 463688 SR 200 Unit 1-540 Yulee, FL 32097-2097

PAC 79255

Dear Ms. Wolf:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of February 10, 2022, was not filed until February 22, 2022. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Jennifer Wolf, Chairperson

Treasurer Report Status

Report: 2022 - M3 - 14	Print Date: 8/18/2022 8:20:41 AM		
Election: 2022 General Election			
Covers: 3/1/2022-3/31/2022	Amended Waiver		
Due: 4/11/2022			
Filed: 4/12/2022 12:44:55 AM	File Status: Filed Report		
Reviewed: 4/12/2022	Review Status: Reviewed		
	Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found		
File Method: Web Filed	Number of Detail Records		
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#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

May 9, 2022

Jennifer Wolf, Treasurer Committee to Support American Values 463688 SR 200 Unit 1-540 Yulee, FL 32097-2097

PAC 79255

Dear Ms. Wolf:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of April 11, 2022, was not filed until April 12, 2022. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

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Donna S. Brown, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Jennifer Wolf, Chairperson

Treasurer Report Status

Report: 2022 - P1 - 17	
	Print Date: 8/18/2022 8:21:43 AM
Election: 2022 General Election	
Covers: 6/1/2022-6/17/2022	Amended 🗹 Waiver
Due: 6/24/2022	
Filed: 6/25/2022 2:37:13 PM	File Status: Filed Report
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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Cord Byrd Secretary of State DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 19, 2022

Jennifer Wolf, Treasurer Committee to Support American Values 463688 SR 200 Unit 1-540 Yulee, FL 32097-2097

PAC 79255

Dear Ms. Wolf:

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Donna S. Brown, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Jennifer Wolf, Chairperson