STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Alexander R. Everts		Case No.: FEC 22-049
то:	Alexander R. Everts 5701 SE 22nd PL Ocala, FL 34480-5855	Angel Jacobs, City Clerk City of Ocala 110 SE Watula Avenue

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARINGS (IH))

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

Failure to appear in accordance with this notice will constitute a waiver of your right to participate in the hearing. Continuances will be granted only upon a showing of good cause.

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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:	Alexander R. Everts	Case No.: FEC 22-049
то:	Alexander R. Everts 5701 SE 22nd PL Ocala, FL 344805855	Angel Jacobs 110 SE Watula Avenue Ocala, FL 34471

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

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

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission February 24, 2025

STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Alexander R. Everts		Case No.: FEC 22-049
	nder R. Everts EE 22nd PL FL 344805855	Angel Jacobs 110 SE Watula Avenue Ocala, FL 34471

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING)

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **February 26, 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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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission February 5, 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

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

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v.		Case No.: FEC 22-049
Alexander R. Everts, Respondent.		
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ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On June 12, 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 September 17, 2021, Alexander R. Everts violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when he deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's 2021 G3 Report.

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Count 2:

On or about December 20, 2021, Alexander R. Everts 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 TR-G Report.

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

Tim Vaccaro, J.D., Executive Director

For Chad Mizelle, Chairman Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to: Stephanie J. Cunningham, General Counsel Alexander R. Everts, Respondent Angel Jacobs, 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.

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STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re	e: Alexander R. Everts	Case No.: FEC 22-04
TO:	Alexander R. Everts 5701 SE 22nd PL	Angel Jacobs 110 SE Watula Avenue
	Ocala, FL 344805855	Ocala, FL 34471

NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION (PCD))

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Executive Director Florida Elections Commission July 23, 2024 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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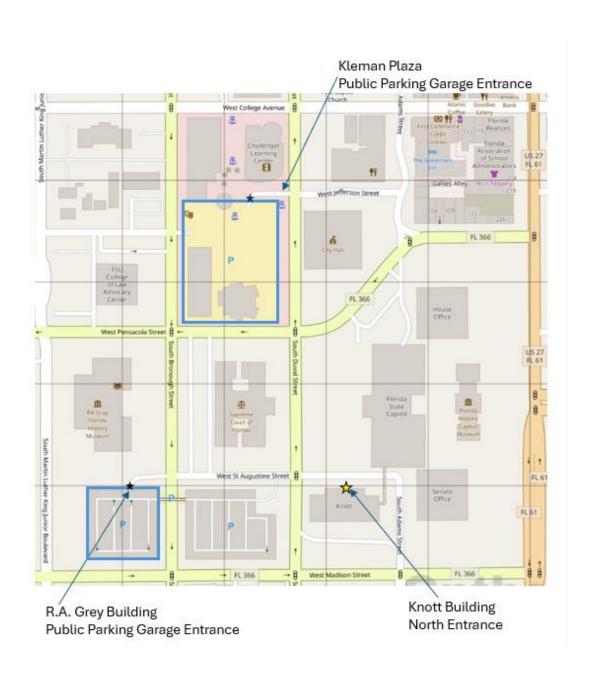
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Florida Elections Commission Meeting - Augut 13-14, 2024, 412 Knott Building

- Please enter the Knott Building at the North entrance as indicated below.
- Public parking is available at Kleman Plaza (entrance at West Jefferson Sreet/South Duval Street) and the R.A. Grey Building Garage (entrance at West St. Augustine Street/South Bronough Street).



STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re:	Alexander R.	Everts		Case No.:	FEC 22-049
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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 **Sections 106.07(7)**, and **106.19(1)(c)**, **Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on January 18, 2024, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

- 1. On February 25, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a sworn complaint from Angel Jacobs ("Complainant"), alleging that Alexander R. Everts ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
- 2. Respondent was a 2021 candidate for Ocala City Council, District 4. Respondent's Statement of Candidate form was filed on April 29, 2021. (ROI Exhibit 2)¹
- 3. By letter dated February 28, 2023, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provisions:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2021 candidate for Ocala City Council, District 4, 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 2021 G3 and 2021 TR-G reporting periods.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2021 candidate for Ocala City Council, District 4, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, during the 2021 G3 and 2021 TR-G reporting periods.

4. On April 29, 2021, Respondent acknowledged that he had been provided access to read the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. (ROI Exhibit 2) Additionally, Respondent's filing officer attested that he advised Respondent to download Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. (ROI Exhibit 4, pages 1 & 2)

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

- 5. On April 28, 2021, Respondent filed his Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form ("DS-DE 9") appointing himself as treasurer for his campaign. (ROI Exhibit 1)
- 6. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida's election laws by failing to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed or by falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, during 2021 G3 and 2021 TR-G reporting periods.
- 7. Respondent's 2021 G3 and 2021 TR-G reports were due to be filed by September 17, 2021, and December 20, 2021, respectively; however, Respondent failed to timely file the reports or notify the filing officer that no reports would be filed. See Compl. The filing officer sent a reminder email to Respondent prior to the designated due date for the 2021 G3 Report. The email reminder also notified Respondent that he was still required to notify the filing officer if he had no reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibit 6)
- 8. The filing officer emailed Respondent on four occasions and sent two letters by certified mail regarding the late 2021 G3 Report. (ROI Exhibit 7, pages 1-6) The October 6, 2021, letter was confirmed delivered. (ROI Exhibit 7, pages 6 & 7) The filing officer emailed Respondent and sent a letter by certified mail regarding the late 2021 TR-G Report. (ROI Exhibit 7, pages 1 & 8) The December 21, 2021, letter was confirmed delivered. (ROI Exhibit 7, pages 8-10)
- 9. A subpoena was issued to Respondent's designated campaign depository to ascertain whether any financial activity occurred during the relevant reporting periods, i.e., September 4, 2021 September 16, 2021; and September 17, 2021 December 20, 2021. (ROI Exhibit 5) Respondent's bank records show reportable financial activity during the 2021 G3 reporting period, but no reportable financial activity during the 2021 TR-G reporting period. (ROI Exhibit 8)
- 10. Respondent was given multiple opportunities to respond to Commission staff's investigation but failed to do so. (ROI Exhibit 9; ROI, p. 2, ¶¶9-10)
- 11. As it appears that Respondent had financial activity during the 2021 G3 reporting period, Respondent deliberately failed to include information in his 2021 G3 Report in violation of Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes. Additionally, as it appears that Respondent had no financial activity during the 2021 TR-G reporting period, Respondent was required to notify the filing officer in writing that he would not be filing his 2021 TR-G Report on the prescribed reporting date but failed to do so.
- 12. "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).

13. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a 2021 candidate for Ocala City Council, District 4. Respondent failed to timely file his 2021 G3 and 2021 TR-G reports or notify the filing officer that no reports would be filed. As it appears that Respondent had financial activity during the 2021 G3 reporting period, Respondent deliberately failed to include information in his 2021 G3 Report in violation of Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes. Additionally, as it appears that Respondent had no financial activity during the 2021 TR-G reporting period, Respondent was required to notify the filing officer in writing that he would not be filing his 2021 TR-G Report on the prescribed reporting date but failed to do so.

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 September 17, 2021, Alexander R. Everts violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when he deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's 2021 G3 Report.

Count 2:

On or about December 20, 2021, Alexander R. Everts 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 TR-G Report.

Respectfully submitted on June 12, 2024.

Stephanie J. Cunningham

General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this

__ day of June 2024.

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Executive Director

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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

Case Number: FEC 22-049

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

Respondent: Alexander R. Everts

Respondent's Atty: N/A

Complainant: Angel Jacobs, Ocala City

Clerk (City Clerk)

Complaint Filed: February 25, 2022

Respondent Type: Candidate

I. Preliminary Information:

1. Respondent was a 2021 candidate for Ocala City Council, District 4; he was defeated in the general election held on September 21, 2021. Respondent was a first-time candidate.

- 2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) was filed with the City Clerk on April 28, 2021. Respondent was appointed as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 9¹, refer to Exhibit 1.
- 3. Respondent filed a Statement of Candidate with the City Clerk on April 29, 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 2.
- 4. On July 15, 2021, Respondent filed an Acknowledgment of Electronic Filing Information with the City Clerk. Respondent acknowledged that all candidates filing reports with the City Clerk are required to file electronically via an electronic filing system (EFS). Respondent also acknowledged, "Campaign reports must be electronically filed not later than Midnight...of the day designated as required by law or they are deemed late-filed and will be subject to applicable penalties." On April 29, 2021, the City Clerk emailed Respondent log-in credentials for the EFS. To review the acknowledgement and email, refer to Exhibit 3.
- 5. In an affidavit, the City Clerk attested that Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and the *Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook* are available on their website. To review the affidavit, refer to Exhibit 4. To review the Calendar of Election Dates, refer to Exhibit 5.
- 6. On September 10, 2021, the City Clerk sent Respondent an email reminding him to file the 2021 G3 report by September 17, 2021. The email included the name of the report, the reporting period, and due date. Also, Respondent was informed that candidates with no campaign finance activity were required to file a waiver of report. To review the email, refer to Exhibit 6.
- 7. Between September 20, 2021, and January 21, 2022, the City Clerk sent Respondent several notices by email and certified mail notifying him that the following campaign report(s) had not been filed: 2021 G3 and TR-G. To review the failure to file correspondence and emails, refer to Exhibit 7.

¹ Chase Bank was identified as the campaign depository on the DS-DE 9; however, Respondent paid the qualifying fee for the Ocala municipal election campaign by a check issued on Mainstreet Community Bank of Florida. Bank records were obtained by subpoena from Mainstreet Community Bank of Florida.

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

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

Report	Report Cover Period	Due Date	Report or Waiver Required	Exhibit 8 ²
2021 G3	9/4/21-9/16/21	9/17/21	Waiver	8
2021 TR-G	9/17/21 – 12/20/21	12/20/21	Waiver	8

9. Respondent did not respond to the complaint.

10. I attempted to contact Respondent by email and by telephone for the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the complaint. As of the date of this report, neither my email nor telephone call have been returned. Therefore, I am unable to ascertain whether Respondent has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and/or the *Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook*. To review the phone log and email, refer to Exhibit 9.

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR: _Helen Hinson_____ Date: January 18, 2024

² As previously discussed, I subpoenaed campaign account records from Mainstreet Community Bank of Florida.

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

Alexander Everts -- FEC 22-049

LIST OF EXHIBITS			
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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

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officer before opening the campaign account. OFFICE USE ONLY 1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES): Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Treasurer/Deputy Depository 2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last) 3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip 924 NE 12 ALAVE Ocala, F1, 34470 7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if Ocala City Council, District 4 applicable: My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate. 8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a Write-In No Party Affiliation candidate. Party 9. I have appointed the following person to act as my Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer 10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer Alexander 12. Telephone 11. Mailing Address (352)593-2650 17. E-mail address 13. City 15, State 16. Zip Code Primary Depository Secondary Depository 18. I have designated the following bank as my 19. Name of Bank 20. Address 24. Zip Code 22. County 21. City Marion DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE. 25. Date 26. Signature of Candidate Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block) 27. , do hereby accept the appointment designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer. 128/21 Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

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

Signature of Candidate

OFFICE USE ONLY

CITY OF COTY CLERK

candidate for the office of Ocala City Council, District, 9
have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

(10, Giff Unit 1)

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).

City of Ocala Acknowledgement of Electronic Filing Information JUL 15 P 1: 26

Pursuant to Florida law, and at the request of the City Council, the City of Ocala has adopted Resolution No. 2013-40 regarding electronic filing requirements for RK campaign finance reports for local candidates and political committees. All of these entities are now required to file reports electronically with the City Clerk's Office of the City of Ocala via an Internet-based electronic filing system.

1. Sign-in Credentials.

Each candidate or political committee will be issued Sign-in Credentials, a log-in name and password, by the Marion County Supervisor of Elections to access ("sign-in") the system. The candidate or political committee is responsible for safeguarding this sign-in information and for notifying the City Clerk should this information be lost or become compromised.

Please note: Only one log-in name and password will be issued for both the candidate and treasurer (or committee chair and treasurer, as applicable).

2. PIN.

The sign-in credentials will serve as a PIN (personal identification number). *This PIN is considered the* same as *your signature on* a *paper filed report.'*

3. Reports.

Reports shall be completed and filed electronically through the Marion County Supervisor of Elections electronic filing system not later than Midnight (Eastern Time) of the day designated. When your report is electronically filed, the "Filing Submitted Page" may be printed and retained for your records as your "Electronic Filing Receipt".

4. Alternative Procedure for Inoperable Electronic Filing System.

In the event that the electronic filing system is inoperable on the date a report is due, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed not later than Midnight (Eastern Standard Time), of the first business day the electronic filing system becomes operable again. No fine will be levied during the period the electronic filing system was inoperable. A report shall be deemed filed through the electronic filing system upon the issuance of an electronic filing receipt indicating and verifying that the report was filed.

5. Reports Not Timely Filed.

If a required report is not filed timely, the relevant penalty sections in Chapter

106, Florida Statutes, shall apply. All reports filed via this system are considered to be under oath by the candidate and treasurer or chair and treasurer of a political committee and are subject to all relevant penalties in Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the following:

- Copy of this Acknowledgement
- Copy of Resolution No. 2013-40
- Copy of Section FS 106.0705 Electronic filing of campaign treasurer's reports

I also acknowledge that I understand the following:

- Campaign reports must be electronically filed not later than Midnight (Eastern Standard Time) of the day designated as required by law or they are deemed late-filed and will be subject to the applicable penalties.
- Any reports that I file through the electronic filing system are considered to be certified as to correctness within the meaning of Sections 106.07(5), Florida Statutes. Persons filing reports are subject to penalties as prescribed in Chapter106, Florida Statutes.

Finally, I acknowledge that I am responsible for protecting my sign-in credentials from disclosure and am solely responsible for all filings on the electronic filing system using these credentials. Furthermore, I acknowledge that I will notify the City Clerk of the City of Ocala immediately upon either losing these credentials or in the event they become compromised.

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Insert the Committee's name above Date: $\frac{1/(5/2)}{2}$, 2021		TY OLERK	
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Angel Jacobs

From:

Angel Jacobs

Sent:

Thursday, April 29, 2021 12:32 PM

To:

alex.everts@outlook.com

Subject:

FW: Alexander Everts

Attachments:

How to File Financial Reports Online_R2015.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please see below login credentials for financial reporting. I've also included the link and attached the guide.

https://www.votemarion.com/Campaigns/Candidates/Candidate-Login

From: Cristi Zaharias < CZaharias@votemarion.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2021 10:33 AM **To:** Angel Jacobs <AJacobs@ocalafl.org>

Subject: RE: Alexander Everts

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Good Morning Angel,

Alexander Everts has been added to Campaign Finance.

Candidate ID- 594 Password- 55AEv243 Candidate Pin- 0154 Treasurer Pin- 6357

Regards,

CRISTI ZAHARIAS

Marion County Election Center 981 NE 16th Street PO Box 289 Ocala, Florida 34478-0289

T: 352.620.3290 F: 352.620.3286

W: www.VoteMarion.gov

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING OFFICER Case Number: FEC 22-049

STATE OF FLORIDA County of Marion

Angel Jacobs, 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 City of Ocala as City Clerk.
- 3. Please provide copies of the listed items from the following candidate's campaign file: **Alexander R. Everts**.

Check	ITEM
	Statement of Candidate form(s) for any campaigns prior to the 2021 election campaign.
	Appointments of Treasurers and Designation of Campaign Depository forms (Form DS-DE 9) for any campaigns prior to the 2021 election campaign.
	2021 G3 and TR-G campaign treasurer's reports, and 2021 G3 and TR-G amendments for the 2021 election campaign
	Addendum requests and proof of compliance for the 2021 election campaign.
	Any correspondence regarding the 2021 G3 and TR-G
	The candidate's, campaign treasurers' and deputy treasurer's acknowledgment whereby candidates and treasurers declare, under penalties of perjury, electronically filing a CTR is the 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.
	Form(s) for all election campaigns whereby candidate acknowledges receipt of instructions and/or campaign materials
/	Unredacted copy of campaign check (such as payment of qualifying fee or voter list)

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

Check	ITEM	DATE
	A Compilation of The Election Laws of the State of Florida	on website.
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/	Chapter 106, Florida Statutes	1/

	V	Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook Please indicate revision date. 10-13-2019	on	web
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7. If your office offered one-on-one candidate training/candidate workshops/campaign skills/training seminars, etc., that were <u>not</u> attended by the candidate, please identify the date(s), time(s), and location(s) of these events, and provide copies of any related announcements/invitations/notices, PowerPoint presentation, syllabus and/ or outline, etc.

¹ Identify any local publications related to Florida's election laws that may have been provided to the candidate in lieu of or in addition to the *Candidate & Campaign Treasurer Handbook* published by the Division of Elections. If your office published a local publication(s), please send a copy (PDF) of the **Table of Contents** for any <u>lengthy</u> publication(s), or copies (PDFs) of the item(s), only if it's a <u>small</u> handout, with the affidavit. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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

B. Does your office have any record of Alexander R. Everts having sought elective office within your jurisdiction prior to the 2021 election campaign? Yes or No. If yes, please list the previous office(s) <he she=""> ran for, the date(s) of the election(s), and the result(s) of the election(s).</he>
Does your office have any record of Alexander R. Everts having been named as a chairperson and/or campaign treasurer of a political committee or electioneering communication organization within your jurisdiction? Yes or No. If yes, please list the name(s) of the committees and when he served as chairperson and/or campaign treasurer of a political committee or electioneering communication organization.
0. Did you or any member of your staff have any conversations with Alexander R. Everts oncerning a provision of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, at any time during <her his=""> 2021 election ampaign? Yes or No. If yes, please indicate whether the conversation was in person, in vriting, or by telephone and the subject matter of the conversation. If applicable, please provide opies documenting the discussion (email, fax, letter, memorandum, notes, phone log, etc.).</her>

I SWEAR OR AFFIRM THAT THE INFOR	MATION CONTAINED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS COMPLETE AND
ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOW	
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	Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this
	day of March, 2023. Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida
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2021 CALENDAR AND ELECTION DATES FOR CITY OF OCALA CANDIDATES

Available seats: Mayor

City Council, District 1 City Council, District 3 City Council, District 5

GENERAL ELECTION	SEPTEMBER 21, 2021
RUN-OFF ELECTION	NOVEMBER 16, 2021

QUALIFYING DATES

Mayor & City Council

Noon, July 12 – Noon, July 16, 2021

REPORTING DATES

Monthly Report Due Dates and Cover Periods 106.07(1) F.S.

Due Date	Report Code	Period Covered
February 10, 2021	2021 M1	01/01/2021 – 01/31/2021
March 10, 2021	2021 M2	02/01/2021 - 02/28/2021
April 12, 2021	2021 M3	03/01/2021 - 03/31/2021
May 10, 2021	2021 M4	04/01/2021 - 04/30/2021
June 10, 2021	2021 M5	05/01/2021 - 05/31/2021
July 12, 2021	2021 M6	06/01/2021 - 06/30/2021
August 10, 2021	2021 M7	07/01/2021 - 07/31/2021

Election Report Due Dates and Cover Periods

General Election Reports	Report Code	Period Covered
August 27, 2021	2021 G1	08/01/2021-08/20/2021
September 10, 2021	2021 G2	08/21/2021-09/03/2021
September 17, 2021	2021 G3	09/04/2021-09/16/2021

Termination Reports

TIME PERIOD		<u>DUE DATE</u>
Unopposed Candidates 07/01/2021 – 10/14/2021	TR-Q	October 14, 2021 (90 days after end of qualifying)
After General Election 09/17/2021 – 12/20/2021	TR-G	December 20, 2021

Angel Jacobs

From:

Angel Jacobs

Sent:

Friday, September 10, 2021 3:26 PM

To:

alex.everts@outlook.com

Subject:

financial report

Reminder! Thursday, September 16th is the cut-off for accepting contributions!

Your G3 financial report is due no later than midnight on Friday, September 17, 2021.

Report Code: 2021-G3

Report Period: 9/4/2021 - 9/16/2021

Due Date/Time: Friday, 9/17/2021 on or before Midnight (EST)

A candidate that has not received any contributions, nor has made any expenditures for the reporting period is required to file a Waiver Report.

Please file your report timely. Pursuant to §106.07(8)(b), fines will be assessed if your report is not filed by the deadline.

Angel B. Jacobs, CMC City Clerk City of Ocala 110 SE Watula Avenue Ocala, FL 34471 352-629-8403 (office) 352-629-5208 (fax)

Mission Statement

The City of Ocala provides fiscally responsible services consistent with the community's current and future expectations.

Angel Jacobs

From:

Angel Jacobs

Sent:

Friday, January 21, 2022 9:53 AM

To: Subject: alex.everts@outlook.com RE: G3 report not filed

Attachments:

Everts (2).pdf

Good morning Mr. Everts,

Our records show your 2021-G3 report and TR-G report as not filed. Failure to file the reports is a violation of chapter 106, F.S. Please see attached certified letter.

From: Angel Jacobs

Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:58 AM

To: alex.everts@outlook.com

Cc: Cristi Cerra < CCerra@votemarion.gov>

Subject: FW: G3 report not filed

Good morning Mr. Everts,

This is a follow up to my voicemail this morning. Our records show your 2021-G3 report as not filed. Please give me a call as soon as possible. It is important to get this report filed quickly. Failure to file your report is a violation of chapter 106, F.S.

From: Angel Jacobs

Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 4:03 PM

To: <u>alex.everts@outlook.com</u>
Subject: FW: G3 report not filed

Good afternoon Mr. Everts,

Your G3 report shows as not filed. The filing date was September 17th. Fines are being assessed daily until you file your report. Please give me a call if you have any questions. It is important that this report is filed as soon as possible.

Thank you for your immediate attention,

Angel B. Jacobs, CMC City Clerk City of Ocala 110 SE Watula Avenue Ocala, FL 34471 352-629-8403 (office) 352-629-5208 (fax)

Mission Statement

The City of Ocala provides fiscally responsible services consistent with the community's current and future expectations.

From: Angel Jacobs

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 3:41 PM

To: <u>alex.everts@outlook.com</u> Subject: G3 report not filed

Good afternoon Mr. Everts,

Please see attached report not filed notice for G3 report that was due September 17, 2021. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,

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Mission Statement

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City of Ocala

Office of the City Clerk 110 SE Watula Avenue Ocala, Florida 34471 (352) 629-8266 Office (352) 629-5208 Fax



TO:

Alexander Everts

FROM:

Angel B. Jacobs, City Clerk

RE:

Campaign Financial Report for period of 9/4/2021 to 9/16/2021 2021-G3

Date Due September 17, 2021

Date:

September 20, 2021

Our records indicate that you have not filed your campaign finance report required in Florida Statute 106.141. The filing date was September 17, 2021. Failure to file your report constitutes an apparent violation of chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

Statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report: \$50 for the first 3 days late \$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late

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

If we refer this matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission will investigate and may subsequently impose additional civil penalties pursuant to 106.265.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 629-8403, M-F, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Thank you for your prompt cooperation in this matter.

Angel B/Jacobs

City Clerk

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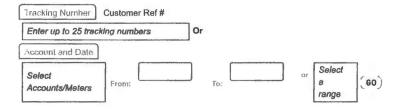
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City of Ocala

Office of the City Clerk 110 SE Watula Avenue Ocala, Florida 34471 (352) 629-8266 Office (352) 629-5208 Fax



TO:

Alexander Everts

FROM:

Angel B. Jacobs, City Clerk

RE:

Campaign Financial Report for period of 9/4/2021 to 9/16/2021 2021-G3

Date Due September 17, 2021

Date:

October 6, 2021

Our records indicate that you have not filed your campaign finance report required in Florida Statute 106.141. The filing date was September 17, 2021. Failure to file your report constitutes an apparent violation of chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

Statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report: \$50 for the first 3 days late \$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late

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Thank you for your prompt cooperation in this matter.

Angel B. Jacobs

City Clerk



Date Produced: 10/11/2021

CITY OF OCALA CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

The following is the delivery information for Certified Mail™ item number 7199 9991 7038 6102 2425. Our records indicate that this item was delivered on 10/08/2021 at 10:57 a.m. in OCALA, FL 34470. The scanned image of the recipient information is provided below.

Signature of Recipient:

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Sincerely, United States Postal Service

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City of Ocala

Office of the City Clerk 110 SE Watula Avenue Ocala, Florida 34471 (352) 629-8266 Office (352) 629-5208 Fax



TO:

Alexander Everts

FROM:

Angel B. Jacobs, City Clerk

RE:

Campaign Financial Report for period of 9/17/2021 - 12/20/2021 TR-G report

Date Due December 20, 2021

Date:

December 21, 2021

Our records indicate that you have not filed your termination campaign finance report required in Florida Statute 106.141. The filing date was December 20, 2021. Failure to file your report constitutes an apparent violation of chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

Statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report: \$50 for each day late

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

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Thank you for your prompt cooperation in this matter.

Angel B. Jacobs

City Clerk



Date Produced: 12/27/2021

CITY OF OCALA CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

The following is the delivery information for Certified Mail™ item number 7199 9991 7039 7684 0013. Our records indicate that this item was delivered on 12/24/2021 at 02:28 p.m. in OCALA, FL 34470. The scanned image of the recipient information is provided below.

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Address of Recipient:

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2481203 ALEXANDER R EVERTS CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT 924 NE 12TH AVE OCALA FL 34470 Date 9/24/21 Account Number Enclosures

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Thank you for choosing Mainstreet Community Bank of Florida!
Please contact a Customer Service Representative
if you have any questions regarding your statement.

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2500754 ALEXANDER R EVERTS CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT 924 NE 12TH AVE OCALA FL 34470 Date 10/25/21 Account Number Enclosures

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Thank you for choosing Mainstreet Community Bank of Florida!
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if you have any questions regarding your statement.

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Service Charge	.00		
Interest Paid	.00		
Ending Balance	712.97		

Daily Balance Information
Date Balance
9/27 712.97

* * * END OF STATEMENT * * *

2528021 ALEXANDER R EVERTS CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT 924 NE 12TH AVE OCALA FL 34470 Date 11/24/21 Account Number Enclosures

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if you have any questions regarding your statement.

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Daily Balance Information
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* * * END OF STATEMENT * * *

2545384 ALEXANDER R EVERTS CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT 924 NE 12TH AVE OCALA FL 34470

Date 12/24/21 Account Number Enclosures

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

Case No.: FEC 22-049

Respondent: Alexander R. Everts

Complainant: Angel Jacobs

1. **Date and time:** Wednesday, March 1, 2023; 2:23 pm **Name:** Complainant—Angel Jacobs, Ocala City Clerk

Phone #: 352-629-8403

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Entered by: HH

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Name: Respondent—Alexander Everts

Phone #: 352-398-2680

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Entered by: HH

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Name: Phone #: Summary: Entered by:

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Helen Hinson

From: Helen Hinson

Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 4:02 PM

To: alex.everts@outlook.com

Subject: CONFIDENTIAL CASE NO.: FEC 22-049

Importance: High

Alexander R. Everts 5701 SE 22nd Place Ocala. FL 34480-5855

Dear Mr. Everts:

Fines may be imposed by the Florida Elections Commission for violations of Florida's election laws between \$0.00 and \$1,000 per violation. I am the Investigator assigned to investigate alleged violations of Florida's election laws as follows:

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Please review the questions I've posed below and provide a response by email. (You may copy and paste the questions to your email and provide your response by email, as needed).

- Please explain why you failed to file the 2021 G3 report that was due September 17, 2021, after multiple requests by the Filing Officer.
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Thank you in advance for your assistance in resolving this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me by email at Helen.Hinson@myfloridalegal.com.

Regards,

Helen Hinson

Investigation Specialist Florida Elections Commission 107 W Gaines Street Collins Building, Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399-6596

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

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Florida Elections Commission

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February 28, 2023

Alexander R. Everts 5701 SE 22nd Pl Ocala, FL 34480-5855

RE: Case No.: FEC 22-049; Respondent: Alexander R. Everts

Dear Mr. Everts:

On February 25, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging that you violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violations:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 2021 candidate for Ocala City Council, District 4, 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 2021 G3 and 2021 TR-G reporting periods.

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When we conclude the investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to you at the above address. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will prepare and present a written Staff Recommendation (SR) to the Commission as to whether there is probable cause to charge you, the Respondent, with violating Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes. You will have an opportunity to respond to both the ROI and the SR. The Commission will then hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violations occurred and, if so, the amount of the fine to be imposed upon you. Notice will be mailed to you and the Complainant at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

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

Alexander R. Everts February 28, 2023 Page 2 FEC 22-049

interested in entering negotiations directed towards reaching a consent agreement to resolve this matter, please contact the Commission and request to speak with the attorney assigned to this case.

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

Pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, complaints, investigations, investigative reports, and other documents relating to an alleged violation of Chapters 104 or 106, Florida Statutes, are confidential until the Commission finds probable cause or no probable cause, unless the Respondent files a written waiver of confidentiality with the Commission. The confidentiality provision does not apply to the Complainant or the Respondent.

Should you retain counsel, your attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Commission before any member of the commission staff can discuss this case with him or her.

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

If you have additional questions, please contact **Helen Hinson**, the investigator assigned to this case, by phone at (850) 922-4539 or by email at Helen.Hinson@myfloridalegal.com.

Sincerely

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director

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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.

1.	PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:
	Name: Angel Jacobs, City Clerk Work Phone: (352) 629-8403
	Address: 110 SE Watula Ave Home Phone: () City: Ocala County: Marion State: FL Zip Code: 34471
2.	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: Alexander R. Everts
	Address: 924 NE 12th Ave Phone: () City: Ocala County: Marion State: FL Zip Code: 34470
	If individual is a candidate, list the office or position sought: City Council District 4
	Have you filed this complaint with the State Attorney's Office? (check one) Yes Vo
	Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.271(2), F.S.? (check one) Yes V
	Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.2715, F.S.? (check one) Yes 🗸 No
3.	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</u>
	following items as part of your attached statement:
	 The facts and actions that you believe support the violations you allege; The names/telephone numbers of persons whom you believe may be witnesses to the facts;
	 A copy or picture of any political advertisement(s) you mention in your statement;
	A copy of each document you mention in your statement;
	 An explanation of why you believe information you reference from websites is relevant; and Any other evidence supporting your allegations.

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.

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4. OATH:

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Marion

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

Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of

Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oaths or Notary Public

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Type of Identification Produced

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.



City of Ocala Clerk's Office

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STATEMENT

Violation of chapter 106.07 and 106.141

FACTS AND ACTIONS:

Alexander R. Everts, City Council District 4 candidate in the 2021 election cycle, failed to comply with 106.07 and 106.141 by not filing required campaign reports below:

Election Report Due Dates and Cover Periods

General Election Reports Due	Report Code	Period Covered
September 17, 2021	2021 G3	09/04/2021-09/16/2021
December 20, 2021	TR-G	09/17/2021-12/20/2021

Mr. Everts filed his Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) on April 28, 2021 and his Statement of Candidate (DS-DE 84) on April 29, 2021.

Multiple emails were sent as a notice of the due report.

Certified letters were mailed to Mr. Everts.

To date, Mr. Everts has not filed the required financial reports.

Several attempts have been made to contact Mr. Everts regarding the reports.

Contact information on file for Mr. Everts: Email: <u>alex.everts@outlook.com</u>
Telephone: (352) 598-2680 Address: 924 NE 12th Avenue

Ocala, FL 34470

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN **DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

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NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.	OFFICE USE ONLY
CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES): Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Tree	easurer/Deputy Depository Office Party
2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last) Alexander R. Events	3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code) 924 NE 124 Ave
4. Telephone 5. E-mail address (342) 598 2630 alex. everts 200 tock.	
6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number) Ocala City Council, District 4	7. If a candidate for a <u>nonpartisan</u> office, check if applicable: My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.
8. If a candidate for a <u>partisan</u> office, check block and fill in	n name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a
Write-In No Party Affiliation	Party candidate.
	Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer
10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer ALEXANDER R. EVENTS.	
11. Mailing Address 924 NE 12th Ave	12. Telephone (352) 593 - 2630
13. City Cala 14. County 15. State	16. Zip Code 17. E-mail address 34470 Wex-evengalout look. com
18. I have designated the following bank as my	Primary Depository Secondary Depository
Chase Bank	3045 SE 24th St
21. City Oca a 22. County Warion	23. State 24. Zip Code 34471
	FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.
25. Date 4/28/2021	X Oll V Gut
27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (1. Alexander R Even 3 (Please Print or Type Name)	fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block) , do hereby accept the appointment
designated above as:	Deputy Treasurer.
4/28/21 X	Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

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

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candidate for the office of Ocala City (suncil, District.4)
have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X My GM
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).

Angel Jacobs

From:

Angel Jacobs

Sent:

Friday, January 21, 2022 9:53 AM

To: Subject: alex.everts@outlook.com RE: G3 report not filed

Attachments:

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Good morning Mr. Everts,

Our records show your 2021-G3 report and TR-G report as not filed. Failure to file the reports is a violation of chapter 106, F.S. Please see attached certified letter.

From: Angel Jacobs

Sent: Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:58 AM

To: alex.everts@outlook.com

Cc: Cristi Cerra < CCerra@votemarion.gov>

Subject: FW: G3 report not filed

Good morning Mr. Everts,

This is a follow up to my voicemail this morning. Our records show your 2021-G3 report as not filed. Please give me a call as soon as possible. It is important to get this report filed quickly. Failure to file your report is a violation of chapter 106, F.S.

From: Angel Jacobs

Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 4:03 PM

To: <u>alex.everts@outlook.com</u>
Subject: FW: G3 report not filed

Good afternoon Mr. Everts,

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Thank you for your immediate attention,

Angel B. Jacobs, CMC City Clerk City of Ocala 110 SE Watula Avenue Ocala, FL 34471 352-629-8403 (office) 352-629-5208 (fax) From: Angel Jacobs

Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 3:41 PM

To: <u>alex.everts@outlook.com</u> Subject: G3 report not filed

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TO:

Alexander Everts

FROM:

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RE:

Campaign Financial Report for period of 9/4/2021 to 9/16/2021 2021-G3

Date Due September 17, 2021

Date:

September 20, 2021

Our records indicate that you have not filed your campaign finance report required in Florida Statute 106.141. The filing date was September 17, 2021. Failure to file your report constitutes an apparent violation of chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

Statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report: \$50 for the first 3 days late \$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late

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

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 629-8403, M-F, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Thank you for your prompt cooperation in this matter.

Angel B/Jacobs

City Clerk

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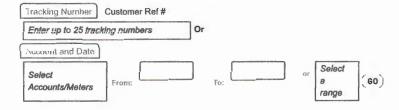
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Alexander Everts

FROM:

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Thank you for your prompt cooperation in this matter.

Angel B. Jacobs

City Clerk



Date Produced: 10/11/2021

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City of Ocala

Office of the City Clerk 110 SE Watula Avenue Ocala, Florida 34471 (352) 629-8266 Office (352) 629-5208 Fax



TO:

Alexander Everts

FROM:

Angel B. Jacobs, City Clerk

RE:

Campaign Financial Report for period of 9/17/2021 - 12/20/2021 TR-G report

Date Due December 20, 2021

Date:

December 21, 2021

Our records indicate that you have not filed your termination campaign finance report required in Florida Statute 106.141. The filing date was December 20, 2021. Failure to file your report constitutes an apparent violation of chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

Statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report: \$50 for each day late

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