

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Peace River Valley Citrus Growers
Association PAC**

Case No.: FEC 22-344

TO: Leonard Lempenau, Chair
2150 Northeast Roan Street
Arcadia, FL 34266

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARINGS (IH))

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **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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See further instructions on the reverse side.

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
October 31, 2023

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September 6, 2023

Peace River Valley Citrus Association PAC
Leonard Lempenau, Chair
2150 NE Roan Street
Arcadia, FL 34266

RE: Case No.: FEC 22-344; Respondent: Peace River Valley Citrus Association PAC

Dear Mr. Lempenau:

The Florida Elections Commission at its August 15, 2023, virtual meeting was unable to hear this case. Therefore, this case has been rescheduled for its next meeting, which is scheduled for November 14-15, 2023, in Tallahassee. A notice of hearing indicating the exact date and time will be mailed approximately 14 days before the hearing.

If you have any questions, please contact us at the number listed above or at fec@myfloridalegal.com.

Sincerely,

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director

TV/dm

cc: Division of Elections, Complainant

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500 South Bronough Street, Room 316
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WEB PARTICIPATION: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4391393799096818270>

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

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
August 1, 2023

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,

Case No.: FEC 22-344

v.

Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association
PAC,
Respondent.

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ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting 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, Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2022 M1 Report.

Count 2:

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Count 3:

On or about May 10, 2022, Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2022 M4 Report.

Count 4:

On or about June 10, 2022, Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2022 M5 Report.

Count 5:

On or about June 24, 2022, Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2022 P1 Report.

Count 6:

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Count 7:

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Count 10:

On or about August 5, 2022, Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2022 P5 Report.

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



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

Copies furnished to:
Stephanie J. Cunningham, General Counsel
Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC, Respondent
Division of Elections, Complainant

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING

As the Respondent, you may elect to resolve this case in several ways. First, you may elect to resolve this case by consent order where you and Commission staff agree to resolve the violation(s) and agree to the amount of the fine. The consent order is then presented to the Commission for its approval. To discuss a consent order, contact the FEC attorney identified in the Order of Probable Cause.

Second, you may request an informal hearing held before the Commission, if you do not dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to make written or oral arguments to the Commission concerning the legal issues related to the violation(s) and the potential fine. At the request of Respondent, the Commission will consider and determine willfulness at an informal hearing. Otherwise, live witness testimony is unnecessary.

Third, you may request a formal hearing held before an administrative law judge in the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), if you dispute any material fact in the Staff

Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to present evidence relevant to the violation(s) listed in this order, to cross-examine opposing witnesses, to impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence presented against you.

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Case No.: FEC 22-344

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 February 28, 2023, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On September 14, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections (“Division” or “Complainant”), alleging that Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
2. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. (ROI Exhibit 1)¹
3. By letter dated January 6, 2023, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provision:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a 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 M4
- 2022 M5
- 2022 P1
- 2022 P1A
- 2022 P2
- 2022 P2A
- 2022 P4
- 2022 P5

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

4. By letter dated April 19, 2018, Kristi Reid Willis, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent’s chairperson and treasurer a letter acknowledging that the Division had received its Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees form. (ROI Exhibit 2)

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 2)

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 3, 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 4, 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 5, page 1)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2022 M1	01/01/22 – 01/31/22	02/10/22	02/14/22	4
2022 M3	03/01/22 – 03/31/22	04/11/22	04/13/22	2
2022 M4	04/01/22 – 04/30/22	05/10/22	05/19/22	9
2022 M5	05/01/22 – 05/31/22	06/10/22	07/19/22	39
2022 P1	06/01/22 – 06/17/22	06/24/22	07/19/22	25
2022 P1A	06/18/22 – 06/24/22	07/01/22	07/19/22	18
2022 P2	06/25/22 – 07/01/22	07/08/22	07/19/22	11
2022 P2A	07/02/22 – 07/08/22	07/15/22	07/19/22	4
2022 P4	07/16/22 – 07/22/22	07/29/22	08/07/22	9
2022 P5	07/23/22 – 07/29/22	08/05/22	08/07/22	2

9. Emma Keller, Acting Executive Director for Respondent, stated that the previous executive director, Kate Shaw, did not provide any information to the Division to update their records, nor did she provide passwords necessary to log into various websites. As to why the relevant notices were not timely filed, Ms. Keller stated that it was thought that the previous executive director had reporting under control. (ROI Exhibit 6, pages 1 & 2)

10. Roy Petteway, Former President for Respondent, confirmed that the former executive director did not update records nor maintain reporting requirements with the Division. (ROI Exhibit 6, pages 1 & 2)

11. “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).

12. 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, 2022 M4, 2022 M5, 2022 P1, 2022 P1A, 2022 P2, 2022 P2A, 2022 P4, and 2022 P5.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find probable cause to charge Respondent with violating the following:

Count 1:

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it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2022 P5 Report.

Respectfully submitted on March 29, 2023.



Stephanie J. Cunningham
General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 29th day of March 2023.



Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer

Case Number: FEC 22-344

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: Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC

Respondent's Atty: N/A

Division of Elections (Division)

Referral Filed: September 14, 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 September 4, 1998.¹ On April 17, 2018, a DS-DE 6 was filed appointing Lynn Shelfer as campaign treasurer. To review the DS-DE 6, refer to Exhibit 1.

3. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on the DS-DE 6 on April 19, 2018, 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 new user identification number and password allowing access to the EFS.

4. The acknowledgement letter also advised Respondent that all 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 2.

5. 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 3.

6. The *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* discusses how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, the *EFS User's Guide* instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant page(s) from the *EFS User's Guide*, refer to Exhibit 4.

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

7. 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 5.

¹ Respondent's initial DS-DE 6 and Statement of Organization (DS-DE 5), and the Division's initial acknowledgment letter are no longer available due to the Division's schedule for the retention of records (10-year limit).

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2022 M1	01/01/22 – 01/31/22	02/10/22	02/14/22	4
2022 M3	03/01/22 – 03/31/22	04/11/22	04/13/22	2
2022 M4	04/01/22 – 04/30/22	05/10/22	05/19/22	9
2022 M5	05/01/22 – 05/31/22	06/10/22	07/19/22	39
2022 P1	06/01/22 – 06/17/22	06/24/22	07/19/22	25
2022 P1A	06/18/22 – 06/24/22	07/01/22	07/19/22	18
2022 P2	06/25/22 – 07/01/22	07/08/22	07/19/22	11
2022 P2A	07/02/22 – 07/08/22	07/15/22	07/19/22	4
2022 P4	07/16/22 – 07/22/22	07/29/22	08/07/22	9
2022 P5	07/23/22 – 07/29/22	08/05/22	08/07/22	2

8. Respondent did not respond to the referral.

9. On January 19, 2023, and February 8, 2023, Commission staff called Respondent for the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the referral. The phone line was disconnected. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 6.

10. On February 27, 2023, Commission staff called a number found to be associated with Respondent. Commission staff spoke to Emma Keller, the current Executive Director of Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association. Ms. Keller was asked if Lynn Shelfer, the current Treasurer of record, or any other officer of record on the Division’s website were available, and she indicated that all officers of record are no longer with the PAC. Ms. Keller explained that the previous Executive Director, Kate Shaw, had not updated any information with the Division of Elections. Ms. Keller also stated that she was not provided login credentials, passwords, or access to the Division’s website when she became Executive Director in August 2022, and she did not know how to file or update records with the Division of Elections. She provided Commission staff with the number for Roy Petteway, the previous President of the Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association. Commission staff called the number, and Mr. Petteway stated that Kate Shaw, who was Executive Director from approximately 2018 until early-to-mid 2022, was believed to have been reporting and updating records with the Division of Elections, but it was discovered that she had not. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 6.

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR: *Helen Hinson* **Date:** February 28, 2023

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Peace River Valley Citrus Grower's Association PAC -- FEC 22-344

LIST OF EXHIBITS	
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 6
Exhibit 2	Division's acknowledgement letter
Exhibit 3	Relevant page(s) of the <i>Political Committee Handbook</i>
Exhibit 4	Relevant page(s) of the <i>Political Committee EFS User's Guide</i>
Exhibit 5	Filing History
Exhibit 6	Phone Log

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

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
SECRETARY OF STATE

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

OFFICE USE ONLY

Original Appointment of Treasurer Reappointment of Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

1. Committee or Organization <u>Peele River Valley Citrus Growers Association</u>		2. Telephone <u>(863) 494-0041</u>	
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer <u>Lynn Sheifer</u>		4. Email (optional) <u>()</u>	
5. Telephone (optional) <u>()</u>			
6. Mailing Address <u>2150 N.E. Roan Street, Arcadia, FL 34266</u>			
7. Street Address <u>2150 N.E. Roan Street, Arcadia, FL 34266</u>			
8. The following bank has been designated as the <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Depository			
9. Name of Bank <u>First State Bank of Arcadia</u>		10. Street Address <u>400 N Brevard Ave.</u>	
11. City <u>Arcadia</u>		12. State <u>FL</u>	13. Zip Code <u>34266</u>
14. Signature of Chairman <u>X [Signature]</u>		15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type) <u>LENNY LEMBAU</u>	

Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

I, Lynn Sheifer, do hereby accept the appointment as
(Please Print or Type)
treasurer or deputy treasurer for Peele River Valley Citrus Growers Association
(Committee or Organization)

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

4.3.18
Date

X [Signature]
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

RICK SCOTT
Governor

KEN DETZNER
Secretary of State

April 19, 2018

Lynn Shelfer, Treasurer
Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC (29841)
2150 Northeast Roan Street
Arcadia, Florida 34266

Dear Ms. Shelfer:

Your appointment as treasurer for **Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC** was filed in this office on April 17, 2018. Enclosed is a security envelope containing your confidential pin number to access the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS) for submitting campaign treasurer's reports.

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

If you have questions concerning your campaign account or the EFS, you may call (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Reid Willis".

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRW/jcs

Enclosures

pc: Leonard Lempenau, Chairperson

Political Committee Handbook



Florida Department of State
Division of Elections
R. A. Gray Building, Room 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250
850.245.6240

(Rev. 3/15/2018)

Unless the electronic filing requirements of Section [106.0705](#), 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 5 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 [Electronic Filing System \(EFS\)](#) are due no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date. (See [Chapter 11, Electronic Filing of Campaign Reports.](#))
(Sections [106.07](#), [106.0705](#), and [106.141](#), F.S.)

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 period covered by the late report.

(Section [106.07\(8\)](#), F.S.)

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. The political committee shall notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date. The next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed.

(Section [106.07](#), F.S.)

A notice of no activity filed with the Division must be filed electronically using the Division's [electronic filing system](#).

(Section [106.0705](#), F.S.)

Special Election Reports

When a special election is called to fill a vacancy in office, all political committees making contributions or expenditures to influence the results of the special election shall file campaign treasurers' reports with the filing officer on the dates set by the Department of State pursuant to Section [100.111](#), F.S.

When an election is called for an issue to appear on the ballot at a time when no candidates are scheduled to appear on the ballot, all political committees making contributions or expenditures in support of or in opposition to such issue shall file reports on the 18th and 4th days prior to such election.

Committees are to include on the special election campaign treasurer's reports only

**Department of State
Division of Elections**

Political Committee EFS User's Guide



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Division of Elections
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250**

EFS HELP LINE: 850-245-6280

January 2011

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

DS-DE 110B (eff. 01/11)

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**.

Election Cycle: 2010 General Election
Report Type: F2 2010
Coverage Period: 7/17/2010 7/30/2010 Due Date: 08/06/2010
 Special Election Report Waiver

Click at the bottom of the screen. A **Report Detail** screen (view only) will appear. This screen will not indicate any activity until individual detail data is entered, saved and a review is performed.

Report: 2010 - G4 - 27 2010 General Election Covers: 10/16/2010-10/28/2010 Due: 10/29/2010
 Amendment Waiver Complete Status: Incomplete Detail Records
File Date: Review Status: Not Reviewed
Status: Data Entry Last Review:
of Transactions: 0

Contributions	Total Amount	Expenditures	Total Amount
Cash and Checks:	0.00	Monetary:	0.00
Loans:	0.00	Transfers to Off Acct:	0.00
Total Monetary:	0.00	Total Monetary:	0.00
In-Kind:	0.00	Other Distributions:	0.00

Review Messages

Created: 10/26/2010 11:41:25 AM By: 50552 Revised: 10/26/2010 11:41:25 AM By: 50552



Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Committee Name: Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC

Name:

Account: 29841

Election:

2022 Election

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
1/10/2023	M12		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
12/12/2022	M11		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/4/2022	G6		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/3/2022	D6		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/2/2022	D5		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/1/2022	D4		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/31/2022	D3		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/30/2022	D2		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/29/2022	D1		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/28/2022	G5		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/21/2022	G4A		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/14/2022	G4		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/7/2022	G3		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/7/2022	G3A		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/23/2022	G2A		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/16/2022	G2		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/9/2022	G1A		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/2/2022	G1		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/26/2022	P7A		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/19/2022	P7		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/12/2022	P6	8/7/2022						
8/5/2022	P5	8/7/2022	CLO	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/29/2022	P4	8/7/2022	CLO	9	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/22/2022	P3	7/19/2022						
7/15/2022	P2A	7/19/2022	CLO	4	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/8/2022	P2	7/19/2022	CLO	11	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/1/2022	P1A	7/19/2022	CLO	18	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/24/2022	P1	7/19/2022	CLO	25	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/10/2022	M5	7/19/2022	CLO	39	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
5/10/2022	M4	5/19/2022	PEN	9	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
4/11/2022	M3	4/13/2022	CLO	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
3/10/2022	M2	3/10/2022						
2/10/2022	M1	2/14/2022	CLO	4	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
1/10/2022	M12	1/17/2022	CLO	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
12/10/2021	M11	1/4/2022	CLO	25	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/10/2021	M10	11/21/2021	CLO	11	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/12/2021	M9	10/5/2021						
9/10/2021	M8	9/15/2021	CLO	5	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/10/2021	M7	8/10/2021						
7/12/2021	M6	7/20/2021	CLO	8	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/10/2021	M5	6/7/2021						
5/10/2021	M4	5/3/2021						

4/12/2021	M3	4/13/2021	CLO	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3/10/2021	M2	3/15/2021	CLO	5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2/10/2021	M1	2/16/2021	CLO	6	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1/11/2021	M12	1/29/2021	CLO	18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12/10/2020	M11	12/9/2020					
11/10/2020	M10	11/6/2020					
10/30/2020	G6	11/6/2020	CLO	7	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/29/2020	D6	11/6/2020	CLO	8	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/28/2020	D5	11/6/2020	CLO	9	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/27/2020	D4	11/6/2020	CLO	10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/26/2020	D3	10/26/2020					
10/25/2020	D2	10/26/2020	CLO	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/24/2020	D1	10/26/2020	CLO	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/23/2020	G5	10/20/2020					
10/16/2020	G4A	10/12/2020					
10/9/2020	G4	10/7/2020					
10/2/2020	G3A	10/1/2020					
9/25/2020	G3	10/1/2020	CLO	6	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9/18/2020	G2A	9/14/2020					
9/11/2020	G2	9/14/2020	CLO	3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
9/4/2020	G1A	8/31/2020					
8/28/2020	G1	8/24/2020					
8/21/2020	P7A	8/24/2020	CLO	3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8/14/2020	P7	8/24/2020	CLO	10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
8/7/2020	P6	8/3/2020					
7/31/2020	P5	7/30/2020					
7/24/2020	P4	7/17/2020					
7/17/2020	P3	7/17/2020					
7/10/2020	P2A	7/6/2020					
7/3/2020	P2	7/6/2020	CLO	3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6/26/2020	P1A	7/6/2020	CLO	10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6/19/2020	P1	6/17/2020					
6/10/2020	M5	6/8/2020					
5/11/2020	M4	5/11/2020					
4/10/2020	M3	4/13/2020	CLO	3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3/10/2020	M2	3/10/2020					
2/10/2020	M1	2/13/2020	CLO	3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
1/10/2020	M12	1/8/2020					
12/10/2019	M11	12/9/2019					
11/12/2019	M10	11/12/2019					
10/10/2019	M9	10/9/2019					
9/10/2019	M8	9/5/2019					
8/12/2019	M7	8/12/2019					
7/10/2019	M6	7/2/2019					
6/10/2019	M5	6/10/2019					
5/10/2019	M4	5/9/2019					
4/10/2019	M3	4/9/2019					
3/11/2019	M2	3/11/2019					
2/11/2019	M1	2/10/2019					
1/10/2019	M12	1/9/2019					
12/10/2018	M11	12/10/2018					

11/2/2018	G7	11/1/2018						
11/1/2018	D6	11/1/2018						
10/31/2018	D5	10/31/2018						
10/30/2018	D4	10/31/2018	CLO	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/29/2018	D3	10/29/2018						
10/28/2018	D2	10/27/2018						
10/27/2018	D1	10/27/2018						
10/26/2018	G6	10/25/2018						
10/25/2018	G4	10/10/2018						
10/19/2018	G5	10/16/2018						
10/5/2018	G3	10/2/2018						
9/28/2018	G2A	9/25/2018						
9/21/2018	G2	9/18/2018						
9/14/2018	G1A	9/12/2018						
9/7/2018	G1	9/6/2018						
8/31/2018	P7A	8/30/2018						
8/24/2018	P7	8/23/2018						
8/17/2018	P6	8/16/2018						
8/10/2018	P5	8/9/2018						
8/3/2018	P4	8/3/2018						
7/27/2018	P3	7/23/2018						
7/20/2018	P2A	7/16/2018						
7/13/2018	P2	7/12/2018						
7/6/2018	P1A	7/5/2018						
6/29/2018	P1	6/28/2018						
6/11/2018	M5	6/4/2018						
6/11/2018	SG3	1/9/2019						
5/10/2018	M4	5/3/2018						
4/27/2018	SG2	1/9/2019	CLO	257	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
4/10/2018	M3	4/3/2018						
3/27/2018	SG1	1/9/2019	CLO	288	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
3/12/2018	M2	3/8/2018						
2/16/2018	SP2	1/9/2019	CLO	327	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
2/12/2018	M1	2/5/2018						
1/10/2018	M12	1/9/2018						
12/11/2017	M11	12/7/2017						
11/13/2017	M10	11/6/2017						
10/10/2017	M9	10/6/2017						
9/22/2017	M8	9/7/2017						
8/10/2017	M7	8/3/2017						
7/10/2017	M6	7/3/2017						
6/12/2017	M5	6/8/2017						
5/10/2017	M4	5/10/2017						
4/10/2017	M3	4/10/2017						
3/11/2017	M2	3/10/2017	CLO	0	\$250.00		\$250.00	\$250.00
2/10/2017	M1	2/9/2017						
1/10/2017	M12	1/20/2017	CLO	10	\$525.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
12/12/2016	M11	12/7/2016						
11/4/2016	D6	11/3/2016						
11/4/2016	G7	11/3/2016						
11/2/2016	D5	11/1/2016						

11/1/2016	D4	11/1/2016						
10/31/2016	D3	10/30/2016						
10/30/2016	D2	10/30/2016						
10/29/2016	D1	10/30/2016	CLO	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/28/2016	G6	10/28/2016						
10/21/2016	G5	10/17/2016						
10/14/2016	G4	10/13/2016						
10/7/2016	G3	10/5/2016						
9/30/2016	G2A	9/28/2016						
9/23/2016	G2	9/20/2016						
9/16/2016	G1A	9/14/2016						
9/9/2016	G1	9/8/2016						
9/2/2016	P7A	8/29/2016						
8/26/2016	P7	8/25/2016						
8/19/2016	P6	8/19/2016						
8/12/2016	P5	8/8/2016						
8/5/2016	P4	8/2/2016						
7/29/2016	P3	7/29/2016						
7/22/2016	P2A	7/19/2016						
7/15/2016	P2	7/12/2016						
7/8/2016	P1A	7/8/2016						
7/1/2016	P1	6/27/2016						
6/10/2016	M5	6/2/2016						
5/10/2016	M4	5/4/2016						
4/11/2016	M3	4/4/2016						
3/10/2016	M2	3/2/2016						
2/10/2016	M1	2/9/2016						
1/11/2016	M12	1/4/2016						
12/10/2015	M11	12/7/2015	CLO	0	\$175.00		\$175.00	\$175.00
11/10/2015	M10	11/2/2015						
10/13/2015	M9	10/1/2015						
9/10/2015	M8	9/4/2015						
8/10/2015	M7	8/12/2015	FOI	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/10/2015	M6	7/13/2015	FOI	3	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/10/2015	M5	6/10/2015						
5/11/2015	M4	5/5/2015						
4/10/2015	M3	4/6/2015						
3/10/2015	M2	3/2/2015						
2/10/2015	M1	2/11/2015	FOI	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
1/12/2015	M12	1/5/2015						
12/10/2014	M11	12/10/2014						
11/10/2014	M10	11/3/2014						
10/31/2014	G7	10/30/2014						
10/30/2014	D6	10/30/2014						
10/29/2014	D5	10/28/2014						
10/28/2014	D4	10/27/2014						
10/27/2014	D3	10/27/2014						
10/26/2014	D2	10/27/2014	CLO	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/25/2014	D1	10/27/2014	CLO	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/24/2014	G6	10/24/2014						
10/17/2014	G5	10/16/2014						

10/10/2014	G4	10/9/2014						
10/3/2014	G3	9/29/2014						
9/26/2014	G2A	9/26/2014						
9/19/2014	G2	9/19/2014						
9/12/2014	G1A	9/9/2014						
9/5/2014	G1	9/5/2014						
8/29/2014	P7A	8/27/2014						
8/22/2014	P7	8/22/2014						
8/15/2014	P6	8/12/2014						
8/8/2014	P5	8/8/2014						
8/1/2014	P4	7/29/2014						
7/25/2014	P3	7/25/2014						
7/18/2014	P2A	7/15/2014						
7/11/2014	P2	7/8/2014						
7/4/2014	P1A	7/3/2014						
6/27/2014	P1	6/26/2014						
6/10/2014	M5	6/10/2014						
5/12/2014	M4	5/6/2014						
4/10/2014	M3	4/4/2014						
3/10/2014	M2	3/11/2014	CLO	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
2/10/2014	M1	2/5/2014						
1/10/2014	M12	1/2/2014						
12/10/2013	M11	12/10/2013						
11/12/2013	M10	11/12/2013						
10/10/2013	Q3	10/3/2013						
7/10/2013	Q2	7/10/2013						
4/10/2013	Q1	4/5/2013						
1/10/2013	Q4	1/10/2013						
11/2/2012	G4	11/2/2012						
10/19/2012	G3	10/19/2012						
10/5/2012	G2	10/5/2012						
9/21/2012	G1	9/21/2012						
8/10/2012	F3	8/10/2012						
7/27/2012	F2	7/24/2012						
7/13/2012	F1	7/9/2012						
4/10/2012	Q1	4/9/2012						
1/10/2012	Q4	1/10/2012						
10/11/2011	Q3	10/10/2011						
7/11/2011	Q2	7/6/2011						
4/11/2011	Q1	4/11/2011						
1/10/2011	Q4	1/10/2011						
10/29/2010	G4	10/29/2010						
10/15/2010	G3	10/12/2010						
10/1/2010	G2	9/27/2010						
9/17/2010	G1	9/14/2010						
8/20/2010	F3	8/20/2010						
8/6/2010	F2	8/3/2010						
7/23/2010	F1	7/20/2010						
4/12/2010	Q1	4/5/2010						
1/11/2010	Q4	1/9/2010						
10/13/2009	Q3	10/8/2009						

7/10/2009	Q2	7/6/2009						
4/10/2009	Q1	4/23/2009	CLO	13	\$427.50		\$427.50	\$427.50
1/12/2009	Q4	1/12/2009						
10/31/2008	G4	10/31/2008						
10/17/2008	G3	10/13/2008						
10/3/2008	G2	9/29/2008						
9/19/2008	G1	9/19/2008						
8/22/2008	F3	8/22/2008						
8/8/2008	F2	8/4/2008						
7/25/2008	F1	7/21/2008						
4/10/2008	Q1	4/9/2008						
1/10/2008	Q4	1/2/2008						
10/10/2007	Q3	10/11/2007	CLO	1	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$25.00
7/10/2007	Q2	7/2/2007						
4/10/2007	Q1	4/9/2007						
1/10/2007	Q4	1/10/2007						
11/3/2006	G4	11/9/2006	CLO	6	\$125.00		\$125.00	\$125.00
10/20/2006	G3	10/17/2006						
10/6/2006	G2	10/17/2006	CLO	11	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/22/2006	G1	9/22/2006						
9/1/2006	F3	9/1/2006						
8/18/2006	F2	8/17/2006						
8/4/2006	F1	8/4/2006						
7/10/2006	Q2	7/10/2006						
4/10/2006	Q1	4/5/2006						
1/10/2006	Q4	1/5/2006						
10/11/2005	Q3	10/7/2005						
7/11/2005	Q2	7/11/2005						
4/11/2005	Q1	4/11/2005						
1/10/2005	Q4	1/8/2005						
10/29/2004	G4	10/25/2004						
10/15/2004	G2	10/1/2004						
10/15/2004	G3	10/13/2004						
9/17/2004	G1	10/20/2005	CLO	398	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
8/27/2004	F3	8/27/2004						
8/13/2004	F2	8/12/2004						
7/30/2004	F1	7/30/2004						
7/12/2004	Q2	7/8/2004						
4/12/2004	Q1	4/2/2004						
1/12/2004	Q4	1/13/2004	CLO	1	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$50.00
10/10/2003	Q3	10/10/2003						
10/3/2003	SG4	10/3/2003						
9/19/2003	SG3	9/19/2003						
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8/22/2003	SF2	8/22/2003						
8/8/2003	SF1	8/8/2003						
7/10/2003	Q2	7/3/2003						
4/10/2003	Q1	4/9/2003						
1/10/2003	Q4	1/8/2003						
11/1/2002	G4	10/28/2002						
10/18/2002	G3	10/11/2002						

10/4/2002	G2	9/26/2002						
9/20/2002	G1	9/17/2002						
9/6/2002	F3	8/28/2002						
8/23/2002	F2	8/19/2002						
8/9/2002	F1	8/8/2002						
7/10/2002	Q2	7/3/2002						
4/10/2002	Q1	4/5/2002						
1/10/2002	Q4	1/10/2002						
10/10/2001	Q3	10/10/2001						
7/10/2001	Q2	7/6/2001						
4/10/2001	Q1	5/1/2001	CLO	21	\$48.75	\$48.75	\$48.75	
1/10/2001	Q4	1/5/2001						
11/3/2000	G3	2/23/2001	CLO	112	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
10/20/2000	G2	10/19/2000						
9/29/2000	S3	9/26/2000						
9/15/2000	S2	9/12/2000						
9/1/2000	F3	9/1/2000						
8/18/2000	F2	8/30/2000	CLO	19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
8/4/2000	F1	8/7/2000	CLO	3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
7/10/2000	Q2	7/6/2000						
4/10/2000	Q1	4/6/2000						
1/10/2000	Q4	1/7/2000						
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7/12/1999	Q2	7/6/1999						
4/12/1999	Q1	4/8/1999						
1/11/1999	Q4	1/12/1999	CLO	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	
10/30/1998	G3	10/26/1998						
10/16/1998	G2	10/13/1998						
9/25/1998	S3	9/26/1998	CLO	4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
9/11/1998	S2	9/4/1998						

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
PHONE LOG
Case No.: FEC 22-344**

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Name: Respondent's Chair—Leonard Lempenau
Phone #: 863-494-0061
Summary: I called the contact number provided on the Division's website for Respondent and a recording said the number was no longer in service.
Entered by: HH

2. **Date and time:** February 8, 2023 a@ 9:51 AM
Name: Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC
Phone #: 863-494-0061
Summary: I called the number associated with Respondent according to the Division Records twice. Both times the call was unsuccessful, and the phone number is disconnected. All numbers found on the DS-DE 6 & DS-DE 41. **Note: Notice of revocation is in Division document depository.*
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Name: Roy Petteway – ex president
Phone #: 863-781-3984

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RESPONDENT INTERVIEW MEMO – Call details at #3

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- Did you receive any other materials from your filing officer? If so, please describe them.

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- Do you have anything else to add for the Commission's consideration regarding the charges specified in the letter of legal sufficiency in this case?

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January 6, 2023

Leonard Lempenau, Chair
Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC
2150 Northeast Roan Street
Arcadia, FL 34266

RE: Case No.: FEC 22-344; Respondent: Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC

Dear Mr. Lempenau:

On September 14, 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 M4
- 2022 M5
- 2022 P1
- 2022 P1A
- 2022 P2
- 2022 P2A
- 2022 P4
- 2022 P5

However, prior to an investigation, you have the option to **resolve your case now by signing a minor violation consent order and paying a fine of \$500**, per Rule 2B-1.003, Florida Administrative Code, **rather than the potential \$1,000 per violation** provided for in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes.

Leonard Lempenau
January 6, 2023
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If you sign the consent order, you would not be required to admit or deny the allegation(s) in the complaint, but you would be required to immediately correct the violation, if feasible.

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

Please contact Stephanie Cunningham by phone at (850) 922-4539, by email at Stephanie.Cunningham@myfloridalegal.com, 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,

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

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

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**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
FEC NOTICE FORM**

To FEC from Division of Elections

REC'D: FL ELECTIONS COM
14 SEP '22 PM 3:35

Name: Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC
Account Number: 29841
Chairperson: Leonard Lempenau
Treasurer: Lynn Shelfer
Registered Agent: Fran Becker

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 M4
2022 M5	2022 P1	2022 P1A
2022 P2	2022 P2A	2022 P4
2022 P5		

- Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC (29841) is a political committee registered with the Division of Elections. On September 4, 1998 the committee filed the DSDE 5 and DSDE 6 with the Division indicating that Rory Dubin was the chairperson and Barbara was the treasurer for the committee.
- On January 12, 2017, the committee appointed Leonard Lempenau chairperson of the committee.
- On April 17, 2018, the committee appointed Lynn Shelfer treasurer of the committee.
- The 2022 M1 campaign treasurer's report was due on February 10, 2022. Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On February 14, 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. Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On April 13, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2022 M4 campaign treasurer's report was due on May 10, 2022. Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On May 19, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt.)
- The 2022 M5 campaign treasurer's report was due on June 10, 2022. Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On July 19, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt.)
- The 2022 P1 campaign treasurer's report was due on June 24, 2022. Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On July 19, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt.)
- The 2022 P1A campaign treasurer's report was due on July 1, 2022. Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On July 19, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2022 P2 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 8, 2022. Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On July 19, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt.)
- The 2022 P2A campaign treasurer's report was due on July 15, 2022. Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On July 19, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2022 P4 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 29, 2022. Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On August 7, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
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Sent By: Donna S. Brown *DSB*

Date: September 9, 2022

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Treasurer Report Status

ID: **29841** Name: **Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC**

Report: 2022 - M1 - 294

Print Date: **8/18/2022 8:23:10 AM**

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 1/1/2022-1/31/2022

Amended Waiver

Due: 2/10/2022

Filed: **2/14/2022 8:54:07 AM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **2/14/2022**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurel M. Lee
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

March 1, 2022

Lynn Shelfer, Treasurer
Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC
2150 Northeast Roan Street
Arcadia, FL 34266-4266

PAC 29841

Dear Ms. Shelfer:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of February 10, 2022, was not filed until February 14, 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 so 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: Leonard Lempenau, Chairperson



Treasurer Report Status

ID: **29841** Name: **Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC**

Report: 2022 - M3 - 297

Print Date: **8/18/2022 8:23:40 AM**

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 3/1/2022-3/31/2022

Amended Waiver

Due: 4/11/2022

Filed: **4/13/2022 5:14:46 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **4/13/2022**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

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Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Leonard Lempenau, Chairperson

 Treasurer Report Status

ID: **29841** Name: **Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC**

Report: 2022 - M4 - 298

Print Date: **8/18/2022 8:24:16 AM**

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 4/1/2022-4/30/2022

Amended Waiver

Due: 5/10/2022

Filed: **5/19/2022 6:12:44 AM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **5/19/2022**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'

Treasurer Report Status

ID: **29841** Name: **Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC**

Report: 2022 - M5 - 299

Print Date: **8/18/2022 8:24:44 AM**

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 5/1/2022-5/31/2022

Amended Waiver

Due: 6/10/2022

Filed: **7/19/2022 6:16:26 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **7/19/2022**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'



Treasurer Report Status

ID: **29841** Name: **Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC**

Report: 2022 - P1 - 300

Print Date: **8/18/2022 8:23:55 AM**

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 6/1/2022-6/17/2022

Amended Waiver

Due: 6/24/2022

Filed: **7/19/2022 6:17:57 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **7/19/2022**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'

Treasurer Report Status

ID: **29841** Name: **Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC**

Report: 2022 - P1A - 301

Print Date: **8/18/2022 8:22:54 AM**

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 6/18/2022-6/24/2022

Amended Waiver

Due: 7/1/2022

Filed: **7/19/2022 6:18:22 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **7/19/2022**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

August 26, 2022

Lynn Shelfer, Treasurer
Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC
2150 Northeast Roan Street
Arcadia, FL 34266-4266

PAC 29841

Dear Ms. Shelfer:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of July 1, 2022, was not filed until July 19, 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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Bureau of Election Records

cc: Leonard Lempenau, Chairperson

Treasurer Report Status

ID: **29841** Name: **Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC**

Report: 2022 - P2 - 302

Print Date: **8/18/2022 8:24:31 AM**

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 6/25/2022-7/1/2022

Amended Waiver

Due: 7/8/2022

Filed: **7/19/2022 6:18:47 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **7/19/2022**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

To Print Report: Right Click Mouse and Select 'Print'

Treasurer Report Status

ID: **29841** Name: **Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC**

Report: 2022 - P2A - 303

Print Date: **8/18/2022 8:23:25 AM**

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 7/2/2022-7/8/2022

Amended Waiver

Due: 7/15/2022

Filed: **7/19/2022 6:19:13 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **7/19/2022**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

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PAC 29841

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Bureau of Election Records

cc: Leonard Lempenau, Chairperson

 **Treasurer Report Status**

ID: **29841** Name: **Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC**

Report: 2022 - P4 - 305

Print Date: **8/18/2022 8:25:02 AM**

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 7/16/2022-7/22/2022

Amended Waiver

Due: 7/29/2022

Filed: **8/7/2022 2:22:37 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **8/7/2022**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

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August 9, 2022

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PAC 29841

Dear Ms. Shelfer:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of July 29, 2022, was not filed until August 7, 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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Treasurer Report Status

ID: **29841** Name: **Peace River Valley Citrus Growers Association PAC**

Report: 2022 - P5 - 306

Print Date: **8/18/2022 8:22:38 AM**

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 7/23/2022-7/29/2022

Amended Waiver

Due: 8/5/2022

Filed: **8/7/2022 2:23:00 PM**

File Status: **Filed Report**

Reviewed: **8/7/2022**

Review Status: **Reviewed**

Detail Complete: **No Detail Records Found**

File Method: Web Filed

Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: **0**

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

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