

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Ryan Morales

Case No.: FEC 22-453

TO: Ryan Morales
11505 Pineloch Loop
Clermont, FL 34711

Division of Elections
500 S. Bronough Street
RA Gray Building, 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, **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.**

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Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
July 28, 2025

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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

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
February 5, 2025

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**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,**

Case No.: FEC 22-453

v.

**Ryan Morales,
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 April 26, 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 violations:

Count 1:

On August 20, 2020, Ryan Morales violated Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes, by making an expenditure for \$136.00 when there were insufficient funds to cover the expenditure in the campaign account.

Count 2:

On August 27, 2020, Ryan Morales violated Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes, by making an expenditure for \$16.91 when there were insufficient funds to cover the expenditure in the campaign account.

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Count 3:

On November 16, 2020, Ryan Morales violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, by certifying that the campaign's 2020 Termination Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

Count 4:

On November 16, 2020, Ryan Morales violated Section 106.19(1)(b), Florida Statutes, when he failed to report a contribution for \$14.31, which was required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's 2020 Termination Report.

Count 5:

On November 16, 2020, Ryan Morales violated Section 106.19(1)(b), Florida Statutes, when he failed to report a contribution for \$124.48, which was required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's 2020 Termination Report.

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

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



Tim Vaccaro, J.D., Executive Director
For Chad Mizelle, Chairman
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Mattie T. Clay, Assistant General Counsel
Ryan Morales, 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 thirty (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 thirty (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 thirty (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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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
July 23, 2024

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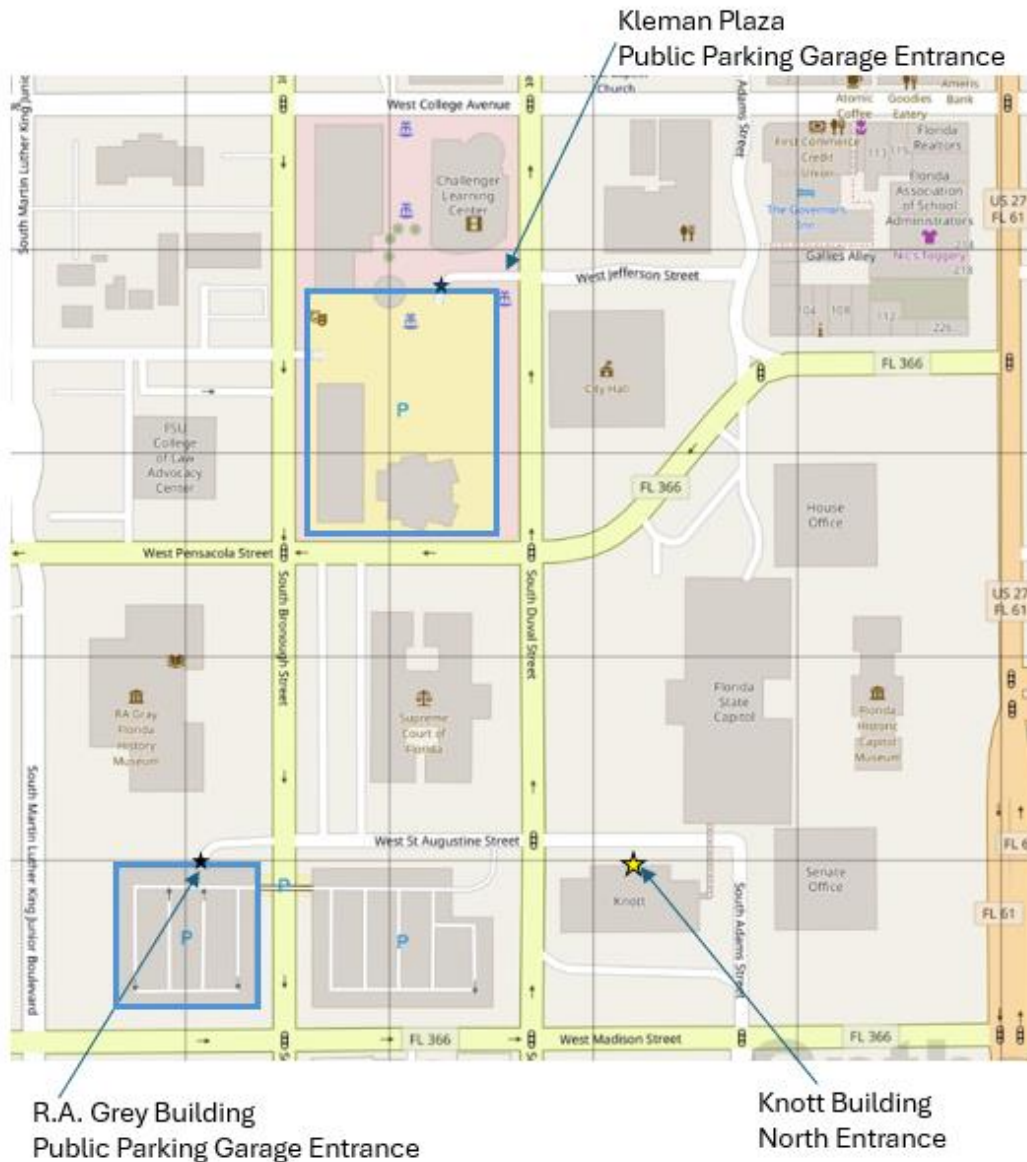
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Florida Elections Commission Meeting - Augut 13-14, 2024, 412 Knott Building

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
May 13, 2024

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Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
April 26, 2024

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the referral in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Sections 106.07(5), 106.19(1)(b), and 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes**, and **no probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on February 5, 2024, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

1. On October 28, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission (“Commission”) received a referral from the Florida Division of Elections (“Complainant” or “Division”) alleging that Ryan Morales (“Respondent”) violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent was a candidate for State Representative, District 32, in the 2020 election. Respondent’s Statement of Candidate form (“DS-DE 84”) was filed on April 2, 2019. (ROI Exhibit 2, page 1)¹ Respondent was defeated in the primary election held on August 18, 2020. (Attachment A, pages 3-4)

3. By letter dated April 17, 2023, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provisions:

Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2020 candidate for State Representative, District 32, may have certified one or more campaign treasurer’s reports were true, correct, and complete when they were not, based upon an apparent deficit after the 2020 TR report was filed, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(b), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2020 candidate for State Representative, District 32, may have failed to report one or more contributions required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, based upon an apparent deficit after the 2020 TR report was filed, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2020 candidate for State Representative, District 32, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by

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

Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, based upon an apparent deficit after the 2020 TR report was filed, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2020 candidate for State Representative, District 32, may have made or authorized one or more expenditures prohibited by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, based upon an apparent deficit after the 2020 TR report was filed, as alleged in the complaint.

4. On April 2, 2019, Respondent filed his Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates form (“DS-DE 9”) appointing Tom Alte to serve as treasurer for the campaign. (ROI Exhibit 1, page 1) Two months later, on June 3, 2019, Respondent appointed Javier Garcia to replace Tom Alte as treasurer. (ROI Exhibit 1, page 2) Respondent appointed himself to serve as the campaign’s deputy treasurer on May 28, 2020. (ROI Exhibit 1, page 3)

5. By letter dated April 3, 2019, Kristi Reid Willis, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent a letter acknowledging that the Division had received his DS-DE 9 and that his name was placed on the 2020 active candidate list. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1)

6. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all candidates filing reports with the Division are required to use the electronic filing system (“EFS”) and provided Respondent with a user identification number and initial password to grant access to the EFS. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 1) The letter further advised Respondent that all the Division’s publications and reporting forms were available on its website and directed Respondent to print out Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 2)

Alleged Violation: Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes

7. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida’s election laws by certifying that the campaign’s 2020 Termination Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

8. Respondent filed the 2020 Termination Report on the designated due date of November 16, 2020, which covered from August 14, 2020, to November 16, 2020. (ROI Exhibit 6, page 1; ROI Exhibit 7, page 1) Respondent disclosed 12 contributions totaling \$1,280.00 and 16 expenditures totaling \$2,937.24. (ROI Exhibit 6, pages 1-3) Of the contributions, two originated from Respondent and totaled \$1,064.00. (ROI Exhibit 6, pages 1-2)

9. Bank records confirmed most reported transactions. (ROI Exhibit 6, pages 2-3; ROI Exhibit 5, pages 1-2 & 9) Respondent’s omissions included an expenditure to Vantiv totaling \$14.31, its subsequent return due to insufficient funds, and a closing credit totaling \$124.48. (ROI Exhibit 5, pages 9 & 12)

10. As to Respondent’s two loans, Respondent labeled the transactions using the code “LOA” to imply check loans rather than “CAS” to indicate cash contributions. (ROI Exhibit 5, pages 6 & 8; ROI Exhibit 6, page 2; Attachment B, page 1) Bank records show that the transactions

were cash deposits, which exceeds the \$50.00 cash limit under Section 106.09(1), Florida Statutes. (ROI Exhibit 5, pages 6 & 8) However, it does not appear that EFS allows users to select two contribution types at the same time, such as “CAS” and “LOA,” so Respondent’s coding was technically permissible concerning Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes. (Attachment B, page 1)

11. Respondent stated via email that he was dealing with significant personal and financial challenges that were impacting his ability to respond. (ROI Exhibit 8, page 4) Respondent did not reply to Commission staff’s subsequent communications. (ROI Exhibit 8, pages 1 & 5-7)

12. Based on the above facts, it appears that Respondent certified that the campaign’s 2020 Termination Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

Alleged Violation: Section 106.19(1)(b), Florida Statutes

13. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida’s election laws by failing to report one or more contributions due to an apparent deficit balance of \$532.01 at the end of the reporting period. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 1)

14. Respondent’s bank records show two omitted deposits, which consisted of a returned payment totaling \$14.31 and a closing bank credit totaling \$124.48. (ROI Exhibit 5, pages 9 & 12) All other contributions were reported though Respondent’s acceptance of the contributions was improper under Sections 106.141(1) and (10), Florida Statutes.

15. Respondent did not reply to the investigation concerning the omitted contributions. (ROI Exhibit 8, pages 5-7)

16. Based on the above facts, it appears that Respondent failed to report two contributions that were required to be reported under Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

Alleged Violation: Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes

17. Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Florida’s election laws by making or authorizing expenditures prohibited by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, due to an apparent deficit balance at the end of the reporting period.

18. Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes, prohibits candidates from making or authorizing expenditures in violation of Section 106.11(4), Florida Statutes. Section 106.11(4), Florida Statutes, prohibits candidates from authorizing expenditures or signing checks drawn on the campaign account without sufficient funds on deposit in the campaign account.

19. Respondent’s bank records reflected a balance of \$121.88 on August 19, 2020. On August 20, 2020, the campaign account incurred a deficit balance of -\$50.12 following an expenditure for a staff lunch, which totaled \$136.00. (ROI Exhibit 5, page 2)

20. Seven additional expenditures dropped the account into a further deficit, which consisted of four automatic bank fees totaling \$144.00, two contribution platform fees totaling \$18.51, and one Facebook transaction totaling \$16.91. (ROI Exhibit 5, page 2 & 9-10)

21. The bank credited \$124.48 to the account on October 20, 2020, and closed the account with a zero balance. (ROI Exhibit 5, page 12)

22. Respondent did not reply to the investigation concerning the prohibited expenditures. (ROI Exhibit 8, pages 5-7)

23. Based on the above facts, it appears that Respondent made two prohibited expenditures for a staff lunch and Facebook purchase that were not covered by the amount of funds in the campaign account. Although prohibited expenditures occurred on six other occasions, the transactions consisted of fees that did not originate from the campaign account.

Alleged Violation: Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes

24. Regarding the Complainant's allegation that Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's report, insufficient evidence exists showing that Respondent's actions were deliberate. Although Respondent engaged in improper activities, Respondent either disclosed the improper activities or omitted activities that occurred automatically. Therefore, the alleged violations are more appropriately charged under Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

25. "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).

26. The facts set forth above show that Respondent was a 2020 candidate for State Representative, District 32. Respondent certified that the campaign's 2020 Termination Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not, failed to report contributions that were required to be reported under Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and made prohibited expenditures that were not covered by the amount of funds in the campaign account. Regarding the Complainant's allegation that Respondent falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's report, the alleged violations are more appropriately charged under Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes.

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

Count 1:

On August 20, 2020, Ryan Morales violated Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes, by making an expenditure for \$136.00 when there were insufficient funds to cover the expenditure in the campaign account.

Count 2:

On August 27, 2020, Ryan Morales violated Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes, by making an expenditure for \$16.91 when there were insufficient funds to cover the expenditure in the campaign account.

Count 3:

On November 16, 2020, Ryan Morales violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, by certifying that the campaign's 2020 Termination Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

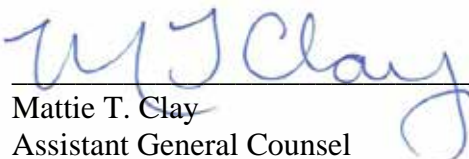
Count 4:

On November 16, 2020, Ryan Morales violated Section 106.19(1)(b), Florida Statutes, when he failed to report a contribution for \$14.31, which was required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's 2020 Termination Report.

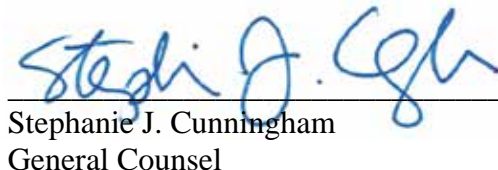
Count 5:

On November 16, 2020, Ryan Morales violated Section 106.19(1)(b), Florida Statutes, when he failed to report a contribution for \$124.48, which was required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's 2020 Termination Report.

Respectfully submitted on April 26, 2024.


Mattie T. Clay
Assistant General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this 26th day of April 2024.


Stephanie J. Cunningham
General Counsel

Ryan Morales ([Democratic Party](#)) ran for election for [Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services](#). He lost in the Democratic primary on [August 23, 2022](#).

Morales completed Ballotpedia's [Candidate Connection](#) survey in 2022. [Click here to read the survey answers](#).

In 2020, Morales participated in a [Candidate Conversation](#) hosted by Ballotpedia and EnCiv. Click [here](#) to view the recording.

Biography

Ryan Morales was born in New York City, New York. He earned an undergraduate degree in May 1997 after studying at William Paterson University from 1994 to 1997 and the Institute of Audio Research from 1995 to 1997. His professional experience includes working as a marketing consultant and web developer. Morales has served as a member of the Lake County Democratic Club and as a member of the South Lake Democratic Club. He previously served as vice president of the Lake County Democratic Hispanic Caucus 2019.^[1]

Elections

2022


See also: [Florida Agriculture Commissioner election, 2022](#)

General election

General election for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services

[Wilton Simpson](#) defeated [Naomi Blemur](#) in the general election for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services on November 8, 2022.

	Candidate	%	Votes
	 Wilton Simpson (R)	 59.3	4,510,644
	 Naomi Blemur (D) 	 40.7	3,095,786

BP There were no [incumbents](#) in this race. The results have been certified. [Source](#) Total votes: 7,606,430
 = candidate completed the Ballotpedia Candidate Connection [survey](#).



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Democratic primary election

Democratic primary for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services

[Naomi Blemur](#) defeated [Ryan Morales](#) and [Jacques Rene Gaillot, Jr.](#) in the Democratic primary for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services on August 23, 2022.

	Candidate	%	Votes
	 Naomi Blemur 	 50.4	699,275

[Ryan Morales](#)

30.3

420,609

[Jacques Rene Gaillot, Jr.](#)

19.4

268,863

BP There were no [incumbents](#) in this race. The results have been certified. [Source](#) Total votes: 1,388,747

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Republican primary election

Republican primary for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services

[Wilton Simpson](#) defeated [James Shaw](#) in the Republican primary for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services on August 23, 2022.

	Candidate	%	Votes
	 Wilton Simpson	64.7	1,048,775
	 James Shaw	35.3	571,957

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Campaign finance

2022 election (Jan. 1, 2021 - Dec. 31, 2022)			
Contributions	\$21,981	Expenditures	\$22,774
Number of unique contributors	340	Number of unique payees	297
Top Contributors		Top Payees	
Broadway Harewood	\$1,000	The Cuban Club	\$2,740
Jason Pizzo	\$1,000	Twilio Inc	\$1,579
Dekade	\$600	Yardsigns Wholesale	\$1,578
Cindy Stiles	\$535	Facebook Inc / Meta Platforms	\$1,181
Effie Antonatos	\$500	Circle K Stores Inc	\$992
Emilio Guerra	\$500	Self Storage Florida Discount	\$843
Emmitt Tyler	\$500	John Mestas	\$800
Marilyn Brooks	\$500	Jose Gonzalez	\$800
Rebekah Jones	\$500	Walmart Inc	\$678
Sanford Moret	\$500	4 over Printing	\$649
Top Loans		Phoneburner	\$597
Ryan Morales	04/28/2021	Shell Fuel Card	\$530
Ryan Morales	07/19/2022	Wave Corporation	\$400

Top Loans			Top Payees	
Ryan Morales	07/19/2022	\$850	Elliot Smith	\$400
Ryan Morales	05/03/2022	\$750	Ryan Morales	\$390
Ryan Morales	07/05/2022	\$170	Aosom	\$377
Ryan Morales	07/05/2022	\$140	Fuel Bjs	\$364
Ryan Morales	07/01/2022	\$45	Six Thirteen Originals	\$310
Ryan Morales	02/17/2021	\$30	Sign Depot Yardsigns Wholesale	\$300
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2020

See also: [Florida House of Representatives elections, 2020](#)

General election

General election for Florida House of Representatives District 32

Incumbent [Anthony Sabatini](#) defeated [Stephanie Dukes](#) in the general election for Florida House of Representatives District 32 on November 3, 2020.

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓ 	Anthony Sabatini (R)	55.7	63,164
	Stephanie Dukes (D)	44.3	50,226

BP Incumbents are **bolded and underlined**. The results have been certified. [Source](#) Total votes: 113,390
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Democratic primary election

Democratic primary for Florida House of Representatives District 32

[Stephanie Dukes](#) defeated [Ryan Morales](#) and [Linda Kero](#) in the Democratic primary for Florida House of Representatives District 32 on August 18, 2020.

	Candidate	%	Votes
✓ 	Stephanie Dukes	36.6	4,803
	Ryan Morales C	33.2	4,364
	Linda Kero	30.2	3,960

BP There were no [incumbents](#) in this race. The results have been certified. [Source](#) Total votes: 13,127 (100.00% precincts reporting)

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Watch the [Candidate Conversation](#) for this race!

Republican primary election

The Republican primary election was canceled. Incumbent [Anthony Sabatini](#) advanced from the Republican primary for Florida House of Representatives District 32.

Campaign finance

2020 election (Jan. 1, 2019 - Dec. 31, 2020)					
Contributions			Expenditures		
\$9,763			\$15,941		
Number of unique contributors			Number of unique payees		
266			185		
Top Contributors			Top Payees		
Carlos Alcantara		\$500	Audrey Wheeler		\$2,461
Joshua Dutton		\$500	Numero Inc		\$2,295
Kelli Johnson		\$500	Blue Tickets Consulting LLC		\$2,000
Maen Hussein		\$500	Florida Department of State Division of Elections		\$1,782
Maen Hussein		\$500	4over Inc		\$711
Robert Bean		\$500	Growler USA		\$620
Delpuma Consulting Group		\$300	Facebook Inc / Meta Platforms		\$509
Lorraine Perez		\$250	Blip		\$480
Tony Guerra		\$250	Delpuma Consulting Group		\$405
Christopher Donahue		\$200	Lake County Democratic Club		\$400
Top Loans			Irene Miller		\$250
Delpuma Consulting Group	11/25/2019	\$1,500	Sanmar Corp		\$249
Ryan Morales	08/14/2020	\$1,000	Grimco Inc		\$247
Ryan Morales	08/13/2020	\$1,000	Numero Inc		\$240
Ryan Morales	08/04/2020	\$600	Amazon		\$207
Ryan Morales	01/24/2020	\$500	Delpuma Printing		\$200
Ryan Morales	02/21/2020	\$400	Keith Delpercio		\$200
Tammy Morales	06/09/2020	\$330	Google Inc		\$194
Ryan Morales	07/10/2019	\$247	Regions Financial Corporation		\$159
Ryan Morales	08/19/2020	\$64	China Taste		\$155
Ryan Morales	07/29/2019	\$5			
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Endorsements

To view Morales' endorsements in the 2020 election, please [click here](#).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

- (1) Candidate's full name or name of the political committee (PC), electioneering communications organizations (ECO) or party executive committee (PTY).
- (2) The identification number assigned by the filing officer.
- (3) Cover period dates (e.g., 1/1/15 through 1/31/15). (See filing officer's reporting dates calendar for appropriate year and cover periods.)
- (4) Page numbers (e.g., 1 of 3).
- (5) Date contribution was RECEIVED (Month/Day/Year).
- (6) **Sequence Number** – Each detail line shall have a sequence number assigned to it. Sequence numbers are to be assigned within each reporting period and for each type of detail line. Thus the report type, detail line type, and sequence number will combine to uniquely identify a specific contribution, expenditure, distribution or fund transfer. This method of unique identification is required for responding to requests from the filing officer and for reporting amendments.
For example, a M1 report having 75 contributions would use sequence numbers 1 through 75. The next report (M2), comprised of 40 contributions would use sequence numbers 1 through 40. Contributions on amended M1 reports would begin with sequence number 76 and on amended M2 reports would begin with sequence number 41. See the *Amendment Type* instructions below.
- (7) Type full name and address of contributor (including city, state and zip code).
- (8) Enter the type of contributor using one of the following codes:
Occupation of contributor for **contributions over \$100 only**. (If a business, please indicate nature of business.)

I	Individual	
B	Business	(also includes corporations, organizations, groups, etc.)
E	Electioneering Communications Organizations	
F	Political Committee	(federal or state)
P	Political Parties	(includes federal, state and county executive committees)
O	Other	(e.g., candidate surplus funds to party, etc.)
S	Candidate to Self	

- (9) Enter Contribution Type using one of the following codes:

NOTE: Cash includes cash and cashier's checks.

Code	Description
CAS	Cash or Cashier's Check
CHE	Check
COF	Carryover Funds from Previous Campaign
INK	In-Kind
INT	Interest
LOA	Loan
MO	Money Order
MUC	Multiple Uniform Contributions
RCT	Other Receipts
REF	Refund (Negative Amount Only)

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Report of Investigation for Apparent Deficit in Campaign Account

Case Number: FEC 22-453

Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes, a candidate made or authorized one or more expenditure(s) prohibited by Chapter 106, F.S.

Sections 106.07(5), 106.19(1)(b), and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, a candidate certified campaign treasurer report(s) as true, correct, and complete when they were not, failed to report contribution(s) required to be reported by Chapter 106, F.S., and falsely reported or deliberately failed to include all information required by Chapter 106, F.S., in campaign treasurer report(s).

Respondent: Ryan Morales**Respondent's Atty:** N/A**Division of Elections (Division)****Referral Filed:** October 28, 2022**Respondent Type:** Candidate**Additional Section(s):** None**I. Preliminary Information:**

1. Respondent was a 2020 candidate for State Representative, District 32; he was defeated in the primary election held on August 18, 2020. Respondent was not a first-time candidate.

2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9) was filed on April 2, 2019. Tom Alte was appointed as campaign treasurer. On June 3, 2019, a second DS-DE 9 was filed appointing Javier Garcia as campaign treasurer. On May 28, 2020, a third DS-DE 9 was filed appointing Respondent as his own deputy treasurer. To review the DS-DE 9s, refer to Exhibit 1.

3. Respondent filed a Statement of Candidate with the Division on April 2, 2019, in which Respondent certified he had been provided access to read and understand Chapter 106, F.S. To review the Statement of Candidate, refer to Exhibit 2.

4. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on the DS-DE 9 on April 3, 2019. The letter advised Respondent that all candidates filing reports with the Division are required to file by means of the Division's electronic filing system (EFS). Respondent was provided with a user identification number and initial password allowing access to the EFS.

5. The acknowledgement letter also advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*. The letter further advised that it was Respondent's responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. To review the acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 3.

II. Alleged Violation of Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes:

6. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by making or authorizing one or more expenditure(s) prohibited by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

7. The Division's Sum of Contributions vs. Expenditures report showed an apparent deficit balance in the following reporting period(s): 2020 TR. To review the report, refer to Exhibit 4.

8. I reviewed bank records from the designated campaign depository covering the following reporting period(s): 2020 TR.¹ There were multiple instance(s) during that timeframe in which the campaign account balance was negative.

- On 8/20/20, a \$136.00 expenditure and \$36.00 overdraft item fee took the account to -\$50.12.
- On 8/26/20, a \$5.00 deposit took the account to -\$45.12.
- On 8/27/20, a \$16.91 expenditure and \$36.00 overdraft item fee took the account to -\$98.03.
- On 8/31/20, a \$6.75 deposit took the account to -\$91.28.
- On 9/1/20, a \$13.00 deposit took the account to -\$78.28.
- On 9/3/20, a \$4.20 expenditure took the account to -\$82.48.
- On 9/4/20, a \$36.00 overdraft item fee took the account to -\$118.48.
- On 9/9/20, a \$14.31 expenditure took the account to -\$132.79.
- On 9/10/20, a \$36.00 returned item fee took the account to -\$154.48.²
- Deposits on 9/22/20 and 9/30/20 and a bank closing credit on 10/20/20 zeroed out the account.

To review the bank statements reflecting the negative balances, refer to Exhibit 5.

9. Respondent did not respond to the referral.

III. Alleged Violation of Sections 106.07(5), 106.19(1)(b), and 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes:

10. I investigated whether Respondent violated these sections of the election laws by certifying that one or more campaign treasurer report(s) were true, correct, and complete when they were not, failing to report one or more contribution(s), and falsely reporting or deliberately failing to include information in one or campaign treasurer report(s) due to an apparent deficit balance in the following reporting period(s): 2020 TR.

11. I reviewed bank records from the designated campaign depository and compared them with campaign treasurer report(s) covering the following reporting period(s): 2020 TR.³ The results of my review are reflected in the table below. To review the bank records, refer to Exhibit 5. To review the campaign treasurer report(s), refer to Exhibit 6. To review Respondent's filing history, refer to Exhibit 7.


Comparison of Campaign Treasurer Report(s) with Bank Records

Report & Dates Due/Filed	Reporting Period & Document Filed	Information on Report	Information from Bank
2020 TR 11/16/2020 11/16/2020	8/14/20 – 11/16/20 Report	\$1,000.00 loan from Respondent on 8/14/20 \$64.00 loan from Respondent on 8/19/20	\$1,000.00 cash deposit on 8/14/20 \$64.00 cash deposit on 8/19/20

¹ I subpoenaed campaign account records from the designated campaign depository.

² On the same date, \$14.31 was credited to the account for a returned check.

³ The review was reflective of original reports filed and applicable bank records of deposits, debits, bank fees, and checks drawn on the campaign account, but it did not reflect activity associated with online contribution platforms where the investigation was unable to obtain records itemizing the sources of such contributions.

		Not Reported	\$14.31 expenditure to Vantiv Ecommerce on 9/9/20
		Not Reported	\$124.48 bank closing credit on 10/20/20
12. Respondent did not respond to the referral.			
<p>13. In response to my attempts to contact Respondent by telephone and email, he replied via email. He requested to communicate via email regarding the case. I emailed Respondent an affidavit posing pertinent questions about the referral and directions to complete it so he could have the opportunity to respond to allegations made in the referral. Respondent did not return the affidavit, nor did he continue the email conversation. Therefore, I am unable to ascertain whether Respondent has read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and/or the <i>Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook</i>. To review the phone log and emails, refer to Exhibit 8.</p>			
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR: _____ Date: <u>February 5, 2024</u></p>			

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
Ryan Morales – FEC 22-453

LIST OF EXHIBITS	
Exhibits #s	Description of Exhibits
Exhibit 1	Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 9)
Exhibit 2	Statement of Candidate (DS-DE 84)
Exhibit 3	Acknowledgement Letter
Exhibit 4	Sum vs. Contribution Report
Exhibit 5	Bank Records
Exhibit 6	2020 Termination Report (2020 TR)
Exhibit 7	Filing History
Exhibit 8	Phone Log

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

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying
officer before opening the campaign account.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

☒ Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: ☐ Treasurer/Deputy ☐ Depository ☐ Office ☐ Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

Ryan Morales

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

11307 Cypress Dr
Clermont, FL 34711

4. Telephone

(305) 401-1702

5. E-mail address

Ryan@RyanforFlorida.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

State Representative, District 32

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if 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 ☒ Democratic Party candidate.

9. I have appointed the following person to act as my ☒ Campaign Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Tom Alte

11. Mailing Address

PO Box 3591

12. Telephone

(217) 257-6998

13. City

St. Petersburg

14. County

Pinellas

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

33731

17. E-mail address

Tom@BlueTicketConsulting.com

18. I have designated the following bank as my

☒ Primary Depository ☐ Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

Regions Bank

20. Address

4289 S Hwy 27

21. City

Clermont

22. County

Lake

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

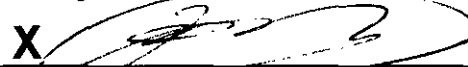
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UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date

3/30/19

26. Signature of Candidate

X 

27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

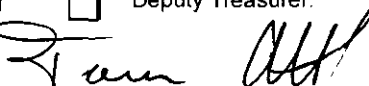
I, Tom Alte, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: ☒ Campaign Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer.

3/29/19

Date

X


Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

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

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

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1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

☐ Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: ☒ Treasurer/Deputy ☐ Depository ☐ Office ☐ Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

Ryan Morales

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

11307 Cypress Dr.
Clermont, FL 34711

4. Telephone

(305) 401-1702

5. E-mail address

Ryan@RyanforFlorida.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

State Representative, District 32

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if 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 ☒ Democratic Party candidate.

9. I have appointed the following person to act as my ☒ Campaign Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Javier Garcia

11. Mailing Address

12268 SW 18th Ter

12. Telephone

(201) 759-2664

13. City

Miami

14. County

Miami-Dade

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

33175

17. E-mail address

javig25@aol.com

18. I have designated the following bank as my ☒ Primary Depository ☐ Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

Regions Bank

20. Address

4289 S Hwy 27

21. City

Clermont

22. County

Lake

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24. Zip Code

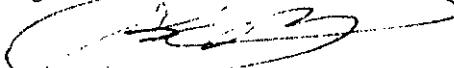
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UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date

5/24/19

26. Signature of Candidate

X 

27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Javier Garcia, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

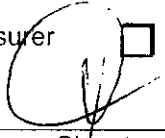
designated above as:

☒ Campaign Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer.

5/22/19

Date

X


Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

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DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

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

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2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

Ryan Morales

**3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip
code)**

10321 Alameda Alma Rd
Clermont, FL 34711

4. Telephone

(305) 401-172

5. E-mail address

ryan@ryanforflorida.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

FL House District 32

**7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if
applicable:**

☐ My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

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12. Telephone

(305) 401-1702

13. City

Clermont

14. County

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15. State

FL

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17. E-mail address

ryan@ryanforflorida.com

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19. Name of Bank

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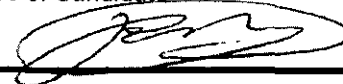
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25. Date

5/27/2020

26. Signature of Candidate

X



27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Ryan Morales, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: ☐ Campaign Treasurer ☒ Deputy Treasurer

5/27/2020

Date

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Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

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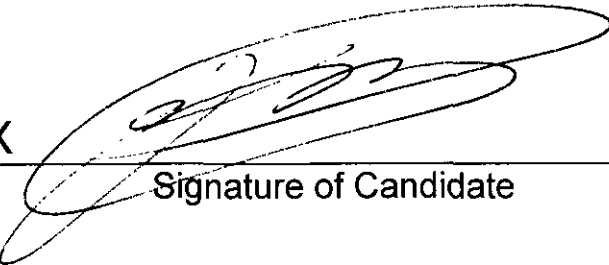
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I, Ryan Morales,

candidate for the office of State Representative, District 32 ;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X



Signature of Candidate

3/30/19

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).



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RON DESANTIS
Governor

LAUREL M. LEE
Secretary of State

April 3, 2019

Ryan Morales
11307 Cypress Drive
Clermont, Florida 34711

Dear Mr. Morales:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Representative, which was placed on file in our office on April 2, 2019. Your name has been placed on the 2020 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **May 10, 2019**. The report will cover the period of April 1-30, 2019 (2019 M4). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

EFS Access

Below is the web address to access the EFS and your user identification number. The enclosed sealed envelope contains your filing credentials.

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>
Identification Number: 74234

Timely Filing

All reports filed must be completed and filed through the EFS not later than midnight of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

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Ryan Morales
April 3, 2019
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Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Electronic Receipts

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

Instructions and Assistance

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

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <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: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristi Reid Willis".

Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRW/eal

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pc: Tom Alte, Treasurer

Sum of Contributions vs Expenditures

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Ryan Morales**74234****Date of last Contribution: 9/30/20****0 After 10/30/20**

Year	Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Running Total
2019	M4	\$355.00	\$0.00	\$355.00
	M5	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$705.00
	M6	\$215.00	\$840.00	\$80.00
	M7	\$1,049.00	\$951.64	\$177.36
	M8	\$90.00	\$107.02	\$160.34
	M9	\$30.00	\$23.92	\$166.42
	M10	\$435.00	\$195.00	\$406.42
	M11	\$1,655.00	\$58.26	\$2,003.16
	M12	\$20.00	\$1,808.34	\$214.82
2020	M1	(\$420.00)	\$77.64	(\$282.82)
	M2	\$490.00	\$482.26	(\$275.08)
	M3	\$70.00	\$27.34	(\$232.42)
	M4	\$93.71	\$166.46	(\$305.17)
	M5	\$345.00	\$441.58	(\$401.75)
	P1	\$2,418.00	\$146.51	\$1,869.74
	P2	\$1,263.00	\$2,760.65	\$372.09
	P3	\$368.00	\$1,120.67	(\$380.58)
	P4	\$200.00	\$91.99	(\$272.57)
	P5	\$2,579.00	\$1,498.72	\$807.71
	P6	\$78.85	\$517.83	\$368.73
	P7	\$2,444.26	\$1,687.76	\$1,125.23
	TR	\$1,280.00	\$2,937.24	(\$532.01)
Campaign Total:		\$15,408.82	\$15,940.83	



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LIFEGREEN BUSINESS CHECKING

August 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020

SUMMARY

Beginning Balance	\$776.26	Minimum Balance	\$98 -
Deposits & Credits	\$3,821.59 +	Average Balance	\$472
Withdrawals	\$4,597.13 -		
Fees	\$72.00 -		
Automatic Transfers	\$0.00 +		
Checks	\$20.00 -		
Ending Balance	\$91.28 -		

DEPOSITS & CREDITS

08/03	Card Credit Numero	5734 4154832690 CA 92618 4433	125.00
08/03	Número, Inc.	Número, IN Ryan Morales 2 ST-l6k9f5o3p6z5	197.82
08/04	Vantiv Ecommerce Funds Disb	Ryan Morales 2 27500787364445	10.00
08/04	Número, Inc.	Número, IN Ryan Morales 2 ST-X6y1o1c2k2h9	48.25
08/04	Deposit - Thank You		600.00
08/05	Vantiv Ecommerce Funds Disb	Ryan Morales 2 27500788997144	34.26
08/05	Número, Inc.	Número, IN Ryan Morales 2 ST-V6b8s2i3m2w8	91.67
08/06	Mobile Deposit-Avail Tonight		26.38
08/06	Número, Inc.	Número, IN Ryan Morales 2 ST-Y3c0u9u7i8r8	91.67
08/10	Vantiv Ecommerce Funds Disb	Ryan Morales 2 27500792984443	2.00
08/10	Número, Inc.	Número, IN Ryan Morales 2 ST-V2l9e7r2g1s2	9.65
08/10	Card Credit Audible	5968 Amzn.Com/Bill NJ 07102 4433	14.95
08/11	Número, Inc.	Número, IN Ryan Morales 2 ST-R7v8y2h9b8h9	106.15
08/12	Número, Inc.	Número, IN Ryan Morales 2 ST-U7r9v4p1g5b4	106.14
08/12	Vantiv Ecommerce Funds Disb	Ryan Morales 2 27500796355749	123.00
08/13	Deposit - Thank You		1,000.00
08/14	Vantiv Ecommerce Funds Disb	Ryan Morales 2 27500798902142	1.00
08/14	Deposit - Thank You		1,000.00
08/17	Número, Inc.	Número, IN Ryan Morales 2 ST-G9h3j5b3u6x7	9.65
08/17	Vantiv Ecommerce Funds Disb	Ryan Morales 2 27500800149849	100.00
08/18	Número, Inc.	Número, IN Ryan Morales 2 ST-E8m3k2n9u6k1	48.25
08/19	ATM Imaged Deposit		64.00
08/26	Vantiv Ecommerce Funds Disb	Ryan Morales 2 27500810150340	5.00
08/31	Número, Inc.	Número, IN Ryan Morales 2 ST-D4s8n8g4r6f1	6.75
Total Deposits & Credits			\$3,821.59

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WITHDRAWALS

08/03	Card Purchase Pdq 419	5814 813-2621206 FL 34711 4433	39.56
08/03	Card Purchase Numero	5734 Httpswww.Nume CA 92618 4433	884.17
08/03	Card Purchase Zoom.US	5968 888-799-9666 CA 95113 4433	16.13
08/05	Card Purchase Blip	7311 Orem UT 84058 4433	60.00
08/05	Card Purchase Facebk Axjrjtsa	7311 650-5434800 CA 94025 4433	15.07
08/06	Card Purchase 4over	2741 818-246-1170 CA 91204 4433	357.15
08/06	Card Purchase Google *Ads1944	5817 Cc Google.Com CA 94043 4433	193.93
08/06	Card Purchase China Taste	5812 Clermont FL 34711 4433	19.00
08/07	Card Purchase Dnh*godaddy.Com	4816 480-5058855 AZ 85260 4433	20.16
08/07	Card Purchase Jack S Barbeque	5812 352-3942673 FL 34715 4433	35.00
08/07	Card Purchase Audible*mf6pj92	5968 Amzn.Com/Bill NJ 07102 4433	14.95
08/07	PIN Purchase Racetrac 2399	5541 Winter Gardenfl 4433	8.94
08/10	Card Purchase Tst* San Jose O	5812 Clermont FL 34711 4433	33.63
08/10	Card Purchase Sq *J & T Smoke	5814 Leesburg FL 34788 4433	48.15
08/11	Vantiv Ecommerce Funds Disb Ryan Morales 2	27500794877744	8.60
08/12	Card Purchase MI Tierra	5814 Mascotte FL 34753 4433	31.00
08/13	Card Purchase Facebk Btm87uab	7311 650-5434800 CA 94025 4433	25.00
08/17	Card Purchase IN *Blue Ticket	7392 217-2576998 FL 33701 4433	1,275.00
08/17	Card Purchase IN *Blue Ticket	7392 217-2576998 FL 33701 4433	225.00
08/17	Card Purchase Facebk Mnv2ku2s	7311 650-5434800 CA 94025 4433	250.00
08/17	Venmo Payment Ryan Morales	3920470495	739.23
08/19	Card Purchase Blip	7311 Orem UT 84058 4433	40.00
08/19	Card Purchase Facebk 6y7qnu2s	7311 650-5434800 CA 94025 4433	104.55
08/20	Card Purchase China Taste	5812 Clermont FL 34711 4433	136.00
08/27	Card Purchase Facebk W38y2ueb	7311 650-5434800 CA 94025 4433	16.91

Total Withdrawals \$4,597.13

FEES

08/20	Paid Overdraft Item Fee	36.00
08/27	Paid Overdraft Item Fee	36.00

Total Fees \$72.00

CHECKS

Date	Check No.	Amount
08/03	1016	20.00

DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
08/03	139.22	08/11	359.62	08/19	121.88
08/04	797.47	08/12	557.76	08/20	50.12 -
08/05	848.33	08/13	1,532.76	08/26	45.12 -
08/06	396.30	08/14	2,533.76	08/27	98.03 -
08/07	317.25	08/17	154.18	08/31	91.28 -
08/10	262.07	08/18	202.43		



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**You may request account disclosures containing
terms, fees, and rate information (if applicable)
for your account by contacting any Regions office.**

Easy Steps to Balance Your Account

Checking Account		
1.	Write here the amount shown on statement for ENDING BALANCE	\$
2.	Enter any deposits which have not been credited on this statement.	\$ +
3.	Total lines 1 & 2	\$ =
4.	Enter total from 4a (column on right side of page)	\$ -
5.	Subtract line 4 from line 3. This should be your checkbook balance.	\$ =

4a List any checks, payments, transfers or other withdrawals from your account that are not on this statement.

Check No.	Amount	
	\$	
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	\$	
Total Enter in Line 4 at Left		

The law requires you to use "reasonable care and promptness" in examining your bank statement and any checks sent with it and to report to the Bank an unauthorized signature (i.e., a forgery), any alteration of a check, or any unauthorized endorsement. You must report any forged signatures, alterations or forged endorsements to the Bank within the time periods specified under the Deposit Agreement. If you do not do this, the Bank will not be liable to you for the losses or claims arising from the forged signatures, forged endorsements or alterations. Please see the Deposit Agreement for further explanation of your responsibilities with regard to your statement and checks. A copy of our current Deposit Agreement may be requested at any of our branch locations.

Summary of Our Error Resolution Procedures
In Case of Errors or Questions About Your Electronic Transfers
Telephone us toll-free at 1-800-734-4667
or write us at
Regions Electronic Funds Transfer Services
Post Office Box 413
Birmingham, Alabama 35201

Please contact Regions as soon as you can, if you think your statement is wrong or if you need more information about a transfer listed on your statement. We must hear from you no later than sixty (60) days after we sent the FIRST statement on which the problem or error appeared.

(1) Tell us your name and account number.

(2) Describe the error or the transfer you are unsure about and explain as clearly as you can why you believe it is an error or why you need more information.

(3) Tell us the dollar amount of the suspected error.

If you tell us verbally, we may require that you send us your complaint or question in writing within ten (10) business days.

We will determine whether an error occurred within ten (10) business days after we hear from you and will correct any error promptly. If we need more time, however, we may take up to forty-five (45) days to investigate your complaint or question (ninety (90) days for POS transactions or for transfers initiated outside of the United States). If we decide to do this, we will credit your account within ten (10) business days for the amount you think is in error. If, after the investigation, we determine that no bank error occurred, we will debit your account to the extent previously credited. If we ask you to put your complaint in writing and we do not receive it within ten (10) business days, we may not credit your account.

New Accounts- If an alleged error occurred within thirty (30) days after your first deposit to your account was made, we may have up to ninety (90) days to investigate your complaint, provided we credit your account within twenty (20) business days for the amount you think is in error. If we decide there was no error, we will send you a written explanation within three (3) business days after we finish our investigation. You may ask for copies of the documents that we used in our investigation.

FOR QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS STATEMENT OR FOR VERIFICATION OF A PREAUTHORIZED DEPOSIT, PLEASE CALL 1-800-REGIONS (734-4667) OR VISIT YOUR NEAREST REGIONS LOCATION.


ADJ - Adjustment
EB - Electronic Banking

RI - Return Item
NSF - Nonsufficient Funds


CR - Credit
APY - Annual Percentage Yield

SC - Service Charge
FWT - Federal Withholding Tax

OD - Overdrawn
*Break in Number Sequence

 REGIONS		Checking Credit			
Date/Time:	08/14/2020 2:57 P	Tran Name:	Commercial Checking Deposit	Total Amount:	1000.00
Bank/Branch#:	092 FL00337	EJ Tran Code:	TDCM1	Total Cash:	1000.00
Tran#/Proc Mode:	72 N	Pay To:		Total Check:	0.00
Teller#/User:	07 D7BD4	Account #:	0270825319	Cash Back:	0.00
		Customer Name:	RYAN MORALES 2020		
		Total Items:			
		Keyed Name:			
		TIN Zip:			
			⑆5000⑈2006⑆		
			0270825319⑈20⑈0000⑈00000⑈		

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 REGIONS		Cash In	
Date/Time:	08/14/2020 2:57 P	Tran Name:	Commercial Checking Deposit Amount: 1000.00
Bank/Branch#:	092 FL00337	EJ Tran Code:	TDCM1
Tran#/Proc Mode:	72 N	Branch Name:	CLERMONT
Teller#/User:	07 D7BD4	Cost Center #:	337100

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Electronic Credit

Date-Time: 2020-08-19 10:22:00 \$64.00

ATM Terminal ID: F3370

ATM Transaction Sequence: 006228

Card: 5536

Business Date: 20200819

Deposit Type: Checking Bank No: 092

Deposit Account: 0270825319

006228 5000-2006 0270825319 26



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Electronic Cash-In

Date-Time: 2020-08-19 10:22:00 \$64.00

ATM Terminal ID: F3370

ATM Transaction Sequence: 006228

Card: 5536

Business Date: 20200819

Deposit Type: Checking Bank No: 092

Deposit Account: 02

005025 5000-0022 110116



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LIFEGREEN BUSINESS CHECKING
September 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020

SUMMARY

Beginning Balance	\$91.28 -	Minimum Balance	\$154 -
Deposits & Credits	\$43.00 +	Average Balance	\$133 -
Withdrawals	\$18.51 -		
Fees	\$72.00 -		
Automatic Transfers	\$0.00 +		
Returned Checks	\$14.31 +		
Checks	\$0.00 -		
Ending Balance	\$124.48 -		

DEPOSITS & CREDITS

09/01	Vantiv Ecommerce Funds Disb Ryan Morales 2 27500815467046	13.00
09/22	Vantiv Ecommerce Funds Disb Ryan Morales 2 27500837190147	20.00
09/30	Vantiv Ecommerce Funds Disb Ryan Morales 2 27500846092342	10.00
Total Deposits & Credits		\$43.00

WITHDRAWALS

09/03	Actbluedonate 6175177600 Ryan Morales 2	4.20
09/09	Vantiv Ecommerce Funds Disb Ryan Morales 2 27500823662141	14.31
Total Withdrawals		\$18.51

FEES

09/04	Paid Overdraft Item Fee	36.00
09/10	Returned Item Fee	36.00
Total Fees		\$72.00

RETURNED CHECKS

09/10	Credit-Returned Ck#52040187562	14.31
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DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY

Date	Balance	Date	Balance	Date	Balance
09/01	78.28 -	09/09	132.79 -	09/22	134.48 -
09/03	82.48 -	09/10	154.48 -	09/30	124.48 -
09/04	118.48 -				

COVID RELIEF CHANGE: EXCESSIVE WITHDRAWAL/ITEM FEES ON SAVINGS/MONEY MARKET WILL BE REFUNDED AT CUSTOMER REQUEST ONLY BEGINNING WITH ACTIVITY APPEARING ON YOUR JANUARY 2021 STATEMENT. CD EARLY WITHDRAWAL PENALTIES WILL ONLY BE WAIVED AT CUSTOMER REQUEST BEGINNING 1-2-2021. ALL WAIVERS/REFUNDS ARE AT THE BANK'S DISCRETION. FOR MORE ON REGIONS' COVID RESPONSE, VISIT REGIONS.COM/CORONAVIRUS.



Regions Bank
Downtown ST Petersburg Office
510 Central Avenue
St Petersburg, FL 33701

RYAN MORALES 2020
10321 ALAMEDA ALMA RD
CLERMONT FL 34711-6348

ACCOUNT #

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LIFEGREEN BUSINESS CHECKING

October 1, 2020 through October 30, 2020

SUMMARY

Beginning Balance	\$124.48 -	Minimum Balance	\$124 -
Deposits & Credits	\$124.48 +	Average Balance	\$78 -
Withdrawals	\$0.00 -		
Fees	\$0.00 -		
Automatic Transfers	\$0.00 +		
Checks	\$0.00 -		
Ending Balance	\$0.00		

DEPOSITS & CREDITS

10/20	Bank Closing Credit	124.48
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DAILY BALANCE SUMMARY

Date	Balance
10/20	0.00

**PRICING FOR CERTAIN TREASURY MANAGEMENT
SERVICES AND ANALYZED DEPOSITORY
PRODUCTS IS CHANGING EFFECTIVE
JANUARY 1, 2021. CHANGES WILL BE
REFLECTED BEGINNING WITH THE JANUARY
ANALYSIS STATEMENT YOU WILL RECEIVE IN
FEBRUARY. TO VIEW ALL CHANGES, VISIT
REGIONS.COM/SPECIALMESSAGE. PLEASE
CONTACT YOUR TREASURY MGMT. OFFICER WITH
QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO YOUR ACCOUNT.**

For all your banking needs, please call 1-800-REGIONS (734-4667)
or visit us on the Internet at www.regions.com. (TTY/TDD 1-800-374-5791)



Thank You For Banking With Regions!
2020 Regions Bank Member FDIC. All loans subject to credit approval.

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Easy Steps to Balance Your Account

		Checking Account
1.	Write here the amount shown on statement for ENDING BALANCE	\$
2.	Enter any deposits which have not been credited on this statement.	\$ +
3.	Total lines 1 & 2	\$ =
4.	Enter total from 4a (column on right side of page)	\$ -
5.	Subtract line 4 from line 3. This should be your checkbook balance.	\$ =

4a List any checks, payments, transfers or other withdrawals from your account that are not on this statement.

Check No.	Amount	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
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	\$	
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	\$	
Total Enter in Line 4 at Left		

The law requires you to use "reasonable care and promptness" in examining your bank statement and any checks sent with it and to report to the Bank an unauthorized signature (i.e., a forgery), any alteration of a check, or any unauthorized endorsement. You must report any forged signatures, alterations or forged endorsements to the Bank within the time periods specified under the Deposit Agreement. If you do not do this, the Bank will not be liable to you for the losses or claims arising from the forged signatures, forged endorsements or alterations. Please see the Deposit Agreement for further explanation of your responsibilities with regard to your statement and checks. A copy of our current Deposit Agreement may be requested at any of our branch locations.

Summary of Our Error Resolution Procedures
In Case of Errors or Questions About Your Electronic Transfers
Telephone us toll-free at 1-800-734-4667
or write us at
Regions Electronic Funds Transfer Services
Post Office Box 413
Birmingham, Alabama 35201

Please contact Regions as soon as you can, if you think your statement is wrong or if you need more information about a transfer listed on your statement. We must hear from you no later than sixty (60) days after we sent the FIRST statement on which the problem or error appeared.

- (1) Tell us your name and account number.
- (2) Describe the error or the transfer you are unsure about and explain as clearly as you can why you believe it is an error or why you need more information.
- (3) Tell us the dollar amount of the suspected error.

If you tell us verbally, we may require that you send us your complaint or question in writing within ten (10) business days.

We will determine whether an error occurred within ten (10) business days after we hear from you and will correct any error promptly. If we need more time, however, we may take up to forty-five (45) days to investigate your complaint or question (ninety (90) days for POS transactions or for transfers initiated outside of the United States). If we decide to do this, we will credit your account within ten (10) business days for the amount you think is in error. If, after the investigation, we determine that no bank error occurred, we will debit your account to the extent previously credited. If we ask you to put your complaint in writing and we do not receive it within ten (10) business days, we may not credit your account.

New Accounts- If an alleged error occurred within thirty (30) days after your first deposit to your account was made, we may have up to ninety (90) days to investigate your complaint, provided we credit your account within twenty (20) business days for the amount you think is in error. If we decide there was no error, we will send you a written explanation within three (3) business days after we finish our investigation. You may ask for copies of the documents that we used in our investigation.

FOR QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS STATEMENT OR FOR VERIFICATION OF A PREAUTHORIZED DEPOSIT, PLEASE CALL 1-800-REGIONS (734-4667) OR VISIT YOUR NEAREST REGIONS LOCATION.

ADJ - Adjustment
EB - Electronic Banking

RI - Return Item
NSF - Nonsufficient Funds

CR - Credit
APY - Annual Percentage Yield

SC - Service Charge
FWT - Federal Withholding Tax

OD - Overdraw
*Break in Number Sequence

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

(1) Ryan Morales (2) 74234
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 10321 Alameda Alma Road Clermont FL 34711
Address (number and street) City State Zip Code
☐ Check box if address has changed since last report

(4) Check appropriate box(es):
☒ Candidate (office sought):
☐ Political Committee ☐ Check If PC has DISBANDED
☐ Committee of Continuous Existence ☐ Check If CCE has DISBANDED
☐ Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 08/14/2020 To 11/16/2020 Report Type: TR
☒ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$216.00
Loans	\$1,064.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$1,280.00
In-Kind	\$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$2,937.24
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$2,937.24

(8) Other Distributions

Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss.839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of ☐ Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

X
Signature

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of ☒ Candidate ☐ Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X
Signature

Name: Ryan Morales

Report: 2020 TR

Period: 08/14/2020 to 11/16/2020

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	In-Kind Description	Amend
1	TRIGG, ANN	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$1.00
08/14/2020	71 QUALLA HILLS ROAD WHITTIER, NC 28789	CHE		
2	HANSEN, MIKE	I	FREELANCE CONSULTANT	\$100.00
08/17/2020	874 SWAN LANE DEERFIELD, IL 60015	CHE		
3	DOUBLEDAY, CHARLES	I	SCIENTIST/COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	\$5.00
08/26/2020	617 WEST END AVE #10A NEW YORK, NY 10024	CHE		
4	MONAR, MARIA	I	MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST	\$10.00
09/01/2020	362 CENTRAL AVE. HAWTHORNE, NJ 07506	CHE		
5	BARACK, MAX	I	ATTORNEY	\$3.00
09/01/2020	2649 N. WAYNE COACH HOUSE CHICAGO, IL 60614	CHE		
6	MONAR, MARIA	I	MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST	\$10.00
09/30/2020	362 CENTRAL AVE. HAWTHORNE, NJ 07506	CHE		
7	FUREK, ANN	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$20.00
09/22/2020	3727 REGAL RIDGE CIR ROCKFORD, IL 61114	CHE		
8	SPEARS, DIANNA	I	IT MANAGER	\$10.00
08/17/2020	10725 POINT OVERLOOK DR CLERMONT, FL 34711	CHE		
9	PUERTO, ROSA	I	RETIRED	\$50.00
08/18/2020	1510 MISTY GLEN LN CLERMONT, FL 34711	CHE		
10	NIETO, IRVING	I	LAB TECHNICIAN	\$7.00
08/31/2020	3605 TURKEY CREEK ROAD PLANTY CITY, FL 33567	CHE		
11	MORALES RYAN	S	MARKETING DIRECTOR	\$64.00
08/19/2020	10321 ALAMEDA ALMA RD CLERMONT, FL 34711	LOA		
12	MORALES RYAN	S	MARKETING DIRECTOR	\$1,000.00
08/14/2020	10321 ALAMEDA ALMA RD CLERMONT, FL 34711	LOA		

Name: Ryan Morales

Report: 2020 TR

Period: 08/14/2020 to 11/16/2020

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 08/17/2020	NUMERO INC. 582 MARKET STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104	MON	NUMERO INC. PROCESSING FEES	\$0.35
2 08/18/2020	NUMERO INC. 582 MARKET STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104	MON	NUMERO INC. PROCESSING FEES	\$1.75
3 08/31/2020	NUMERO INC. 582 MARKET STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104	MON	NUMERO INC. PROCESSING FEES	\$0.25
4 08/17/2020	FACEBOOK 1 FACEBOOK WAY MENLO PARK, CA 94025	MON	AD PAYMENT	\$250.00
5 08/19/2020	FACEBOOK 1 FACEBOOK WAY MENLO PARK, CA 94025	MON	AD PAYMENT	\$104.55
6 08/27/2020	FACEBOOK 1 FACEBOOK WAY MENLO PARK, CA 94025	MON	AD PAYMENT	\$16.91
7 08/20/2020	CHINA TASTE 4335 S HWY 27 CLERMONT, FL 34711	MON	LUNCH WITH TEAM	\$136.00
8 08/19/2020	BLIP 1591 WEST 820 NORTH PROVO, UT 84601	MON	DIGITAL BILLBOARD	\$40.00
9 09/03/2020	ACT BLUE DONATE PO BOX 441146 SOMERVILLE, MA 02144	MON	ACTBLUE FEES	\$4.20
10 06/17/2020	BLUE TICKET CONSULTING PO BOX 16061 ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33733	MON	CONSULTING	\$1,275.00
11 08/17/2020	BLUE TICKET CONSULTING PO BOX 16061 ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33733	MON	CONSULTING	\$225.00
12 08/17/2020	WHEELER AUDREY 2879 ALAMEDA DEL NORTE EUSTIS, FL 32726	MON	CONSULTANT	\$739.23
13 08/20/2020	REGIONS BANK 510 CENTRAL AVE ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33701	MON	FEE NSF	\$36.00
14 08/27/2020	REGIONS BANK 510 CENTRAL AVE ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33701	MON	FEE NSF	\$36.00
15 09/04/2020	REGIONS BANK 510 CENTRAL AVE ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33701	MON	FEE OD	\$36.00
16 09/10/2020	REGIONS BANK 510 CENTRAL AVE ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33701	MON	FEE RETURNED ITEM	\$36.00

ID: .

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED FUND TRANSFERS

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Name: Ryan Morales

Report: 2020 TR

Period: 08/14/2020 to 11/16/2020

**** Records in Filed Report ****

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Nature of Account	Amount
				Amend

Name: Ryan Morales

Report: 2020 TR

Period: 08/14/2020 to 11/16/2020

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Recipient	Purpose	Amount
		Type	Related Expenditure	Amend



Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Name:

Candidate Name: Ryan Morales

Account: [74234](#)

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
11/16/2020	TR	11/16/2020						
8/14/2020	P7	8/14/2020						
8/7/2020	P6	8/6/2020						
7/31/2020	P5	7/30/2020						
7/24/2020	P4	7/21/2020						
7/17/2020	P3	7/17/2020						
7/3/2020	P2	7/2/2020						
6/19/2020	P1	6/18/2020						
6/10/2020	M5	6/9/2020						
5/11/2020	M4	5/11/2020						
4/10/2020	M3	4/10/2020						
3/10/2020	M2	3/10/2020						
2/10/2020	M1	2/7/2020						
1/10/2020	M12	1/10/2020						
12/10/2019	M11	12/10/2019						
11/12/2019	M10	11/12/2019						
10/10/2019	M9	10/10/2019						
9/10/2019	M8	9/10/2019						
8/12/2019	M7	8/13/2019	CLO	1	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$50.00
7/10/2019	M6	7/10/2019						
6/10/2019	M5	6/10/2019						
5/10/2019	M4	5/10/2019						

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
PHONE LOG
Case No.: FEC 22-453**

Respondent: Ryan Morales

Complainant: Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** November 7, 2023 @ 10:40 AM
Name: Ryan Morales - Respondent
Phone #: 305-401-1702
Summary: I attempted to call Respondent. The call went straight to their voicemail and their voicemail inbox was full. I was unable to leave a message.
Entered by: Brian Ayres
2. **Date and time:** November 8, 2023 @ 9:48 am
Name: Ryan Morales - Respondent
Phone #: 305-401-1702
Summary: Following an email I sent, I attempted to call Respondent. The call went straight to their voicemail and their voicemail inbox was full. I was unable to leave a message.
Entered by: Brian Ayres
3. **Date and time:**
Name:
Phone #:
Summary:
Entered by:

RESPONDENT INTERVIEW MEMO

- How did you let your campaign depository go into a deficit balance?
- Why were you unable to report your final expenditure in the 2020 TR period?
- Are you able to provide online contributions to assist in the investigation?
- What did you do to resolve your deficit with the bank and the Division of Elections?
- Have you ever run for public office? If so, please name each office you ran for and state what year each election occurred.
- Have you ever been appointed to act as a campaign treasurer for a candidate? If so, please name each such candidate, the office each ran for, and state what year each election occurred.

- Have you ever held the office of chairperson, treasurer, or other similar position for a political committee or electioneering communications organization? If so, please name each committee, state the office you held for each, and state when you held each office.
- Have you ever prepared or signed a campaign treasurer's report? If so, please state the name of the candidate or committee whose report you prepared or signed.
- What action have you taken to determine your responsibilities under Florida's election laws?
- Do you possess a copy of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- Do you possess a copy of the *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*? If so, when did you first obtain it? Have you read it?
- Did you receive any other materials from your filing officer? If so, please describe them.
- 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?

Brian Ayres

From: Brian Ayres
Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 9:33 AM
To: ryan@ryanforflorida.com
Subject: Florida Elections Commission - Case FEC 22-453

Importance: High

Good Morning Mr. Morales,

My name is Brian Ayres, I am an investigator for the Florida Elections Commission. I have been attempting to reach you to discuss the investigation into your 2020 campaign. However, your voicemail inbox is full and I cannot leave a message. Please call me back at **850-404-5616** so we can discuss the case, or email me back a time in which you are available for a phone call.

Respectfully,

Brian Ayres

Investigation Specialist
Florida Elections Commission
107 W Gaines St., #224
(850) 404-5616
Brian.Ayres@myfloridalegal.com

Brian Ayres

From: Ryan Morales <ryan@ryanforflorida.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2023 10:23 AM
To: Brian Ayres
Cc: ryan@ryanforflorida.com
Subject: Re: Florida Elections Commission - Case FEC 22-453

Subject: Response to Inquiry from Florida Elections Commission

Dear Mr. Ayres,

Thank you for reaching out and for your patience.

I must apologize for the difficulty you've experienced in trying to contact me. I have been dealing with significant personal challenges that have impacted my ability to respond in a timely manner. I am currently navigating severe mental health issues, including major depression, C-PTSD, and ADHD, which have unfortunately left me in a state of financial and personal incapacitation.

These challenges have regrettably hindered my capacity to address and resolve the matters pertaining to my 2022 campaign as diligently as I would have wished. My mental health has not shown improvement over the past year, which has compounded the difficulty in managing these responsibilities.

I am committed to resolving the outstanding issues with the Florida Elections Commission and would like to cooperate fully. However, I am currently struggling to do so effectively due to my mental state.

Could we possibly arrange for a meeting with the necessary support to ensure that I can navigate this process with the appropriate care and attention it requires? I would appreciate the option to communicate via email so I can respond without feeling the anxiety and pressure I am feeling when I talk to someone. I am trying really hard and it's been an issue I am dealing with my medical providers currently.

Your understanding and assistance in this matter are greatly appreciated as I work towards a resolution during this challenging time.

Respectfully,

Ryan Morales

Brian Ayres

From: Brian Ayres
Sent: Thursday, November 9, 2023 12:32 PM
To: Ryan Morales
Subject: Re: Florida Elections Commission - Case FEC 22-453

Good Morning Mr. Morales,

I would be happy to assist you and can communicate through email. I do have a handful of questions for this case and additional questions all investigations need. But I can send a PDF of these questions to you later today. If you would like to speak over the phone we can schedule a time on Monday or whenever you are best available to do so.

Respectfully,
Brian Ayres

Brian Ayres

From: Brian Ayres
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 2:36 PM
To: Ryan Morales
Subject: RE: Florida Elections Commission - Case FEC 22-453

Mr. Morales,

I wanted to inform you that at the end of the day, I will send out paperwork for you to fill out and complete. I do have to say that since a phone interview with these same questions is being replaced with this "Affidavit" this paperwork will need to be notarized by a notary and returned to me. That being said, if you change your mind and prefer to speak over the phone regarding these questions I will be more than happy to do so- fully understanding that if you need a break, or need to complete the interview over multiple calls, that can be done as well.

I will initially set up a three week deadline for this paperwork to completed, but if more time is needed please let me know.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will send the paperwork out in an hour or so.

Respectfully,

Brian Ayres

Investigation Specialist
Florida Elections Commission
107 W Gaines St., #224
(850) 404-5616
Brian.Ayres@myfloridalegal.com

Brian Ayres

From: Brian Ayres
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 3:32 PM
To: Ryan Morales
Subject: Florida Elections Commission - Affidavit
Attachments: 22-453_Affidavit to Respondent_11-14-23.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Per my previous email, attached is the document with questions needed for my investigation. These questions are regarding your 2020 campaign for State Representative, District 32. I am kindly requesting your response to this email when you receive this information so I know you are in possession of the document.

I understand you are requesting email communications and will do my best to respond to any question you have in a timely manner. Should you change your mind about filling these questions out, please let me know. If you prefer to speak over the phone about these questions, I will be able to do so whenever it is easiest and most convenient for you.

Respectfully,

Brian Ayres

Investigation Specialist
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107 W Gaines St., #224
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Florida Elections Commission

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April 17, 2023

Ryan Morales
10321 Alameda Alma Road
Clermont, FL 34711

RE: Case No.: FEC 22-453; Respondent: Ryan Morales

Dear Mr. Morales:

On October 28, 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(5), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2020 candidate for State Representative, District 32, may have certified one or more campaign treasurer's reports were true, correct, and complete when they were not, based upon an apparent deficit after the 2020 TR report was filed, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(b), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2020 candidate for State Representative, District 32, may have failed to report one or more contributions required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, based upon an apparent deficit after the 2020 TR report was filed, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2020 candidate for State Representative, District 32, may have falsely reported or deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, based upon an apparent deficit after the 2020 TR report was filed, as alleged in the complaint.

Section 106.19(1)(d), Florida Statutes: Respondent, a 2020 candidate for State Representative, District 32, may have made or authorized one or more expenditures prohibited by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, based upon an apparent deficit after the 2020 TR report was filed, as alleged in the complaint.

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

Ryan Morales
April 17, 2023
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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 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 **Brian Ayres**, the investigator assigned to this case, by phone at (850) 922-4539 or by email at Brian.Ayres@myfloridalegal.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Vaccaro", written over a light gray rectangular background.

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

TV/jd

**DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
FEC NOTICE FORM**

To FEC from Division of Elections

REC'D: FL ELECTIONS COM
28 OCT '22 PM 3:24

Candidate: Ryan Morales

Account Number: 74234

Treasurer: Javier Garcia

The Division of Elections hereby provides this notice to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to sections 106.22(7) and 106.25, Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, has occurred based upon a failure to file addendums after notice as required by section 106.07(2)(b)1., Florida Statutes, for the following report(s):

2020 TR

- Ryan Morales (74234) was a 2020 candidate for the office of State Representative.
- On April 2, 2019, Mr. Morales filed the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository with the Division appointing Tom Alte as treasurer.
- On June 3, 2019, Javier Garcia was appointed treasurer.
- On April 12, 2022, the Division mailed Mr. Morales notification that one or more campaign treasurer's reports were incomplete.
- On May 2, 2022, the Division mailed Mr. Morales notification that one or more campaign treasurer's reports were incomplete.
- On August 26, 2022, the Division mailed Mr. Morales final notification with delivery confirmation that one or more campaign treasurer's reports were incomplete. (See attached letter and delivery confirmation.)
- As of October 26, 2022, one or more campaign treasurer's reports remain incomplete.

Sent By: Donna S. Brown
Date: October 26, 2022
stb



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Cord Byrd
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

FINAL NOTICE

Delivery Confirmation:

USPS TRACKING # **9114 9022 0078 9689 7759 96**
& CUSTOMER RECEIPT For Tracking or inquiries go to USPS.com
or call 1-800-222-1811.

August 26, 2022

Javier Garcia, Treasurer for
Candidate Ryan Morales
12268 Southwest 18th Terrace
Miami, FL 33175

Re: CAN 74234

Dear Mr. Garcia:

You have previously been advised that one or more campaign treasurer's reports are incomplete for the reasons noted in the attached error report.

Pursuant to Section 106.07(2), Florida Statutes, you have 7 days from receipt of this letter to correct errors or provide missing information. If the audit states that a written explanation is required, provide the division with a signed letter of explanation addressing the errors noted in the report(s). Your explanation should (1) reference the specific error(s) that occurred; (2) describe how you corrected the errors (example: refunded excess contribution and reported the refund in 2021 M8 report); and (3) list the report(s) and sequence number(s) that were amended to reflect the corrections. Please be advised that if you fail to comply with this request, the Division will forward this matter to the Florida Elections Commission for further action. Section 106.265(1), Florida Statutes, authorizes the Florida Elections Commission to impose civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation.

If you need assistance in filing an amendment, please contact the Division's help line at (850) 245-6280.

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

Attachment

cc: Ryan Morales, Candidate

8/26/2022

Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Compliance Report

Candidate: Ryan Morales

Office: S

Report: 2020 TR (22) Covering Period: 8/14/20 - 11/16/20

Account: 74

Overall

<u>Statute</u>	<u>FAC</u>	<u>Description</u>
106.141, F		Reflects balance after termination report filed - written explanation re

Contributions

Expenditures

Fund Transfers

Other Distributions

Sum of Contributions vs Expenditures

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Ryan Morales**74234****Date of last Contribution: 9/30/20****0 After 10/30/20**

Year	Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Running Total
2019	M4	\$355.00	\$0.00	\$355.00
	M5	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$705.00
	M6	\$215.00	\$840.00	\$80.00
	M7	\$1,049.00	\$951.64	\$177.36
	M8	\$90.00	\$107.02	\$160.34
	M9	\$30.00	\$23.92	\$166.42
	M10	\$435.00	\$195.00	\$406.42
	M11	\$1,655.00	\$58.26	\$2,003.16
	M12	\$20.00	\$1,808.34	\$214.82
2020	M1	(\$420.00)	\$77.64	(\$282.82)
	M2	\$490.00	\$482.26	(\$275.08)
	M3	\$70.00	\$27.34	(\$232.42)
	M4	\$93.71	\$166.46	(\$305.17)
	M5	\$345.00	\$441.58	(\$401.75)
	P1	\$2,418.00	\$146.51	\$1,869.74
	P2	\$1,263.00	\$2,760.65	\$372.09
	P3	\$368.00	\$1,120.67	(\$380.58)
	P4	\$200.00	\$91.99	(\$272.57)
	P5	\$2,579.00	\$1,498.72	\$807.71
	P6	\$78.85	\$517.83	\$368.73
	P7	\$2,444.26	\$1,687.76	\$1,125.23
	TR	\$1,280.00	\$2,937.24	(\$532.01)
Campaign Total:		\$15,408.82	\$15,940.83	

Sum of Contributions vs Expenditures

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Ryan Morales

74234

Date of last Contribution: 9/30/20

0 After 10/30/20

Year	Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Running Total
2019	M4	\$355.00	\$0.00	\$355.00
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	M6	\$215.00	\$840.00	\$80.00
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Campaign Total:		\$15,408.82	\$15,940.83	

Tracking Number:

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Add to Informed Delivery (https://informedelivery.usps.com/)

Latest Update

Your item was delivered at the front door or porch at 1:57 pm on September 3, 2022 in MIAMI, FL 33175.

Delivered

Delivered, Front Door/Porch

MIAMI, FL 33175

September 3, 2022, 1:57 pm

See All Tracking History

Feedback

- Text & Email Updates
- USPS Tracking Plus®
- Product Information
- See Less ^

Track Another Package

Enter tracking or barcode numbers

Need More Help?

Queued Items for 2020-TR

Account: 74234

STR 032 Ryan Morales

Rpt Seq: 22

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	74234	9/30/2020 3:43:56 PM	9/30/2020 3:43:56 PM
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File Pending Report	Processing Complete	74234	11/16/2020 10:44:58 PM	11/16/2020 10:44:58 PM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	74234	11/16/2020 10:45:09 PM	11/16/2020 10:45:09 PM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	stbaker	10/25/2022 5:16:00 PM	10/25/2022 5:16:00 PM

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

- (1) Ryan Morales (2) 74234
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number
- (3) 10321 Alameda Alma Road Clermont FL 34711
Address (number and street) City State Zip Code
☐ Check box if address has changed since last report
- (4) Check appropriate box(es):
☒ Candidate (office sought):
☐ Political Committee ☐ Check If PC has DISBANDED
☐ Committee of Continuous Existence ☐ Check If CCE has DISBANDED
☐ Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 08/14/2020 To 11/16/2020 Report Type: TR
☒ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$216.00
Loans	\$1,064.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	<i>\$1,280.00</i>
In-Kind	\$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$2,937.24
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	<i>\$2,937.24</i>

(8) Other Distributions

Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss.839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of ☐ Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

X
Signature

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of ☒ Candidate ☐ Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X
Signature

Name: Ryan Morales

Report: 2020 TR

Period: 08/14/2020 to 11/16/2020

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	In-Kind Description	Amend
1	TRIGG, ANN	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$1.00
08/14/2020	71 QUALLA HILLS ROAD WHITTIER, NC 28789	CHE		
2	HANSEN, MIKE	I	FREELANCE CONSULTANT	\$100.00
08/17/2020	874 SWAN LANE DEERFIELD, IL 60015	CHE		
3	DOUBLEDAY, CHARLES	I	SCIENTIST/COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	\$5.00
08/26/2020	617 WEST END AVE #10A NEW YORK, NY 10024	CHE		
4	MONAR, MARIA	I	MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST	\$10.00
09/01/2020	362 CENTRAL AVE. HAWTHORNE, NJ 07506	CHE		
5	BARACK, MAX	I	ATTORNEY	\$3.00
09/01/2020	2649 N. WAYNE COACH HOUSE CHICAGO, IL 60614	CHE		
6	MONAR, MARIA	I	MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST	\$10.00
09/30/2020	362 CENTRAL AVE. HAWTHORNE, NJ 07506	CHE		
7	FUREK, ANN	I	NOT EMPLOYED	\$20.00
09/22/2020	3727 REGAL RIDGE CIR ROCKFORD, IL 61114	CHE		
8	SPEARS, DIANNA	I	IT MANAGER	\$10.00
08/17/2020	10725 POINT OVERLOOK DR CLERMONT, FL 34711	CHE		
9	PUERTO, ROSA	I	RETIRED	\$50.00
08/18/2020	1510 MISTY GLEN LN CLERMONT, FL 34711	CHE		
10	NIETO, IRVING	I	LAB TECHNICIAN	\$7.00
08/31/2020	3605 TURKEY CREEK ROAD PLANTY CITY, FL 33567	CHE		
11	MORALES RYAN	S	MARKETING DIRECTOR	\$64.00
08/19/2020	10321 ALAMEDA ALMA RD CLERMONT, FL 34711	LOA		
12	MORALES RYAN	S	MARKETING DIRECTOR	\$1,000.00
08/14/2020	10321 ALAMEDA ALMA RD CLERMONT, FL 34711	LOA		

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Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 08/17/2020	NUMERO INC. 582 MARKET STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104	MON	NUMERO INC. PROCESSING FEES	\$0.35
2 08/18/2020	NUMERO INC. 582 MARKET STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104	MON	NUMERO INC. PROCESSING FEES	\$1.75
3 08/31/2020	NUMERO INC. 582 MARKET STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104	MON	NUMERO INC. PROCESSING FEES	\$0.25
4 08/17/2020	FACEBOOK 1 FACEBOOK WAY MENLO PARK, CA 94025	MON	AD PAYMENT	\$250.00
5 08/19/2020	FACEBOOK 1 FACEBOOK WAY MENLO PARK, CA 94025	MON	AD PAYMENT	\$104.55
6 08/27/2020	FACEBOOK 1 FACEBOOK WAY MENLO PARK, CA 94025	MON	AD PAYMENT	\$16.91
7 08/20/2020	CHINA TASTE 4335 S HWY 27 CLERMONT, FL 34711	MON	LUNCH WITH TEAM	\$136.00
8 08/19/2020	BLIP 1591 WEST 820 NORTH PROVO, UT 84601	MON	DIGITAL BILLBOARD	\$40.00
9 09/03/2020	ACT BLUE DONATE PO BOX 441146 SOMERVILLE, MA 02144	MON	ACTBLUE FEES	\$4.20
10 06/17/2020	BLUE TICKET CONSULTING PO BOX 16061 ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33733	MON	CONSULTING	\$1,275.00
11 08/17/2020	BLUE TICKET CONSULTING PO BOX 16061 ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33733	MON	CONSULTING	\$225.00
12 08/17/2020	WHEELER AUDREY 2879 ALAMEDA DEL NORTE EUSTIS, FL 32726	MON	CONSULTANT	\$739.23
13 08/20/2020	REGIONS BANK 510 CENTRAL AVE ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33701	MON	FEE NSF	\$36.00
14 08/27/2020	REGIONS BANK 510 CENTRAL AVE ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33701	MON	FEE NSF	\$36.00
15 09/04/2020	REGIONS BANK 510 CENTRAL AVE ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33701	MON	FEE OD	\$36.00
16 09/10/2020	REGIONS BANK 510 CENTRAL AVE ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33701	MON	FEE RETURNED ITEM	\$36.00

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Name: Ryan MoralesReport: 2020 TRPeriod: 08/14/2020 to 11/16/2020**** Records in Filed Report ****

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Nature of Account	Amount
				Amend

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED DISTRIBUTIONS

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Name: Ryan Morales

Report: 2020 TR

Period: 08/14/2020 to 11/16/2020

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Recipient	Purpose	Amount
		Type	Related Expenditure	Amend

Account/Seq 74234 4

Election/Type

20201103-GEN

Ryan Morales

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Status/Reviewer	Mailed	Type/Recd	R E S P O N S E	
SN stbaker	1st: 4/12/2022	RSP	WRI	4/21/2022
10/24/22 2:22 pm	2nd: 5/2/2022	9/3/2022	WRI	9/8/2022
	3rd: 8/26/2022			

NOTES: 10/24/22 - Still have deficit balance issues after TR was filed and has not updated EFS to support what was written in the letter of explanation. Ref to FEC 10/26/22. -stb

9/8/22 - Received a second letter of explanation stating that the deficit balance of \$531.01 can be classified as a Candidate extra expenditure covered with his personal funds, however, no change has been made to clear the deficit. -stb

8/29/2022 - Reports 2019 M12, 2020 M1, 2020 M5, 2020 P6, and 2020 P7 are not enforceable due to date reports filed being over 2 years, however, the 2020 TR (filed 11/16/2020) still shows a deficit balance on the account. Sending final notice for the 2020 TR. -stb

4/26/22 - Changes were made to correct some issues, however, there are still errors on this audit and the \$32.01 deficit balance has now become a \$967.99 balance after changes were made. Taking audit out of Hold status and if all corrections are not made, will send the next audit notice when processing after qualifying ends. -stb

4/21/22 - Received a request for a callback from Treasurer, Javier Garcia, regarding if the letter of explanation required can be emailed in. Ms. Tracie Stezner, Regulatory Specialist, spoke to him and advised him that it could be and verified the email address for that letter to be sent. He stated all other errors listed have been corrected. Placing in Hold status until I can review changes made. -stb

HISTORY NOTES
Ryan Morales - 74234

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
69262	6/9/2020 5:25:00 PM		mzortiz
Contacted Candidate Ryan Morales, Already had his Credentials. MO 6/9/2020			
67423	12/11/2019 8:45:00 AM		ejrowlette
Re: Email sent to treasurer javig25@yahoo.com Mr. Garcia, Please send in a signed written explanation telling what efforts have been done on your part to search for this company's address, Wordpress Soft; otherwise, it will be referred to the Florida Election Commission next week. (12/16/19 – Monday) See below email previously sent for fax and/or email in which to send letter. Erika Rowlette Regulatory Specialist III Mr. Garcia, You or the candidate need to send a signed written explanation telling what efforts have been done on your part to search for this company's address, Wordpress Soft. This letter may be attached to an email and sent to: Elecrecords@dos.myflorida.com Or fax: 850-245-6260. Make it attention to Kristi Willis, Bureau Chief of Election Records. Erika Rowlette Regulatory Specialist III Bureau of Election Records			
67339	12/6/2019 10:05:00 AM		ejrowlette
Re: Audit issue and email back to treasurer After consulting with Ms. Kristi concerning the lack of address for Wordpress Soft company, she advised that the candidate and treasurer do more research. I emailed the following email back to the treasurer. See below: Mr. Garcia, After speaking with the Bureau Chief, she advised you to do some research. I found a Wordpress Customer Service Number. See below. Hoping this helps. (Attached a screen shot of a google page with a customer service # of 1-917-300-0312 for Wordpress.) Erika Rowlette			
67336	12/5/2019 4:02:00 PM		ejrowlette
Re: Email response to treasurer javig25@yahoo.com Mr. Garcia, I will share this information with the Bureau Chief tomorrow and will get back with you. Erika Rowlette Regulatory Specialist III			

HISTORY NOTES
Ryan Morales - 74234

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
67335	12/5/2019 4:01:00 PM		ejrowlette
Re: Email from treasurer audit			
Javier Alonso Garcia <javig25@yahoo.com>			
Erika,			
Good Afternoon. I have called Florida Division of Elections and have communicated that this vendor has no address. In file attached you will see the response given to Candidate Ryan Morales. Wordpress soft claims to be an online-only store with no physical address.			
Please let us know how to proceed?			
67334	12/5/2019 4:00:00 PM		ejrowlette
Re: Email sent to can and treasu. Audit			
ryan@ryanforflorida.com			
javig25@yahoo.com			
Attention Mr. Ryan Morales, Candidate (74234):			
The Division of Elections is sending this email to inform you there are errors which need your attention on your 2019 M7, 2019 M8, and 2019 M9			
Campaign treasurer's reports. The remaining audit issues are attached to this email.			
If the errors are not corrected by Monday, December 9, 2019, this issue will be sent to the Florida Election Commission.			
Erika Rowlette			
Regulatory Specialist III			
Bureau of Election Records			
65430	6/4/2019 8:48:00 AM		dlhoward
06/04/2019 - I made phone contact with Mr. Javier Garcia and released to him his Confidential Pin number since being appointed Campaign Treasurer. DLH			
65361	5/30/2019 4:48:00 PM		jcsoria
Re: No treasurer			
I called and left a voicemail for Mr. Morales reminding him that he needed to appoint a new treasurer as we had received his previous treasurer's resignation. I advised Mr. Morales that the next filing date was 6/10/19 and that he would not be able to file without a treasurer.			