

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Friends of Paula

Case No.: FEC 25-056

TO: Joel Davis, Chair
215 West Donegan Avenue
Kissimmee, FL 34741

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE (AF))

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **April 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, at the following location: via Webinar at: **Registration URL** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/17181422935246175>, **Webinar ID 325-697-827**.

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

This hearing will be conducted pursuant to Section 106.25, Florida Statutes, which governs your participation as follows:

If you are the Respondent, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission. However, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless you request to be heard or the Commission requests that your case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, your case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are the Complainant, you may attend the hearing, but you will *not* be permitted to address the Commission. In addition, some cases (including those in which consent orders or recommendations for no probable cause are being considered) may be decided by an *en masse* vote and, unless the Respondent requests to be heard or the Commission requests that the case be considered separately on the day of the hearing, the case will *not* be individually heard.

If you are an Appellant, and you have requested a hearing, you may attend the hearing, and you or your attorney will have *5 minutes* to present your case to the Commission.

Please be advised that both confidential and public cases are scheduled to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission on this date. As an Appellant, Respondent or Complainant in one case, you will *not* be permitted to attend the hearings on other confidential cases.

The Commission will electronically record the meeting. Although the Commission's recording is considered the official record of the hearing, the Respondent may provide, at his own expense, a certified court reporter to also record the hearing.

If you require an accommodation due to a disability, contact Donna Ann Malphurs at (850) 922-4539 or by mail at 107 West Gaines Street, The Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, at least 5 days before the hearing.

See further instructions on the reverse side.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
March 27, 2026

Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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

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

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

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

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

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

**FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
CASE REPORT**

Case Number: FEC 25-056

NAME: FRIENDS OF PAULA

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 01/16/2025

DATE REPORT DUE: 10/18/2024 (2024 G4A)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 10/25/2024

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 7

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$450.73

FINE BASED ON: () NUMBER OF DAYS () 25% OF RECEIPTS (X) 25% OF EXPENDITURES

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$0

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$1,802.93

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 11/13/2024 (Fine Ltr)

SUMMARY: Friends of Paula was a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair and treasurer was Joel Davis.

According to Mr. Davis, he wished to appeal before the Commission. No further information was provided.

- The 2024 G4A Original Report covered the period from 10/05/24-10/11/24; it was due on 10/18/24.
- The 2024 G4A Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created and filed on 10/18/24.¹
- Friends of Paula reported receiving zero contributions while making 8 expenditures.
- FEC staff was advised, "The committee filed a notice of no activity (waiver) on 10/18/24. A waiver is not a report. On 10/25/24, the committee filed a report showing \$1,802.93 of activity. The fine is based on 25% of the activity."
- The Division of Elections does not have any notes that pertain to Friends of Paula's 2024 G4A Report.

PRIOR CASES: FEC 25-017 (AF-DEFAULT); FEC 23-295 (AF-NUC); FEC 23-294 (AF-NUC); FEC 23-293 (AF-NUC); FEC 23-292 (AF-NUC)

¹ The filing discussed in this bullet refers to the waiver that reflected zero activity.

CANDIDATE []	STATE [X]
PC [X]	DISTRICT []
CCE []	COUNTY []
POLITICAL PARTY []	CITY []
ECO []	

STAFF MEMORANDUM

This matter is scheduled as an appeal of an automatic fine imposed by the Division of Elections (“Division” or “Filing Officer”) against Friends of Paula (“Appellant”) following the late filing of the 2024 G4A Report pursuant to Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes.

Appellant was a political committee registered with the Division. Appellant’s registration was canceled on November 6, 2025, due to unpaid fines. Prior to its revocation, Appellant submitted an appeal of the Division’s automatic fine, which was received by the Florida Elections Commission on January 16, 2025.

Appellant’s 2024 G4A Report was due on October 18, 2024, and covered the one-week period from October 5, 2024, to October 11, 2024. Appellant submitted a notice of no report (“waiver”) for the 2024 G4A reporting period pursuant to Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, on the designated due date of October 18, 2024. On October 25, 2024, Appellant filed the 2024 G4A Report under Section 106.07(1), Florida Statutes. The report reflected eight expenditures totaling \$1,802.93. Pursuant to Section 106.07(8)(b), Florida Statutes, the Division assessed a fine of \$450.73 based on twenty-five (25) percent of the committee’s expenses.

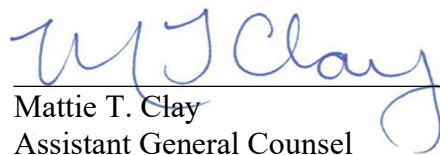
The Commission’s objective for automatic fine appeals is to determine whether the aggrieved party’s report was timely filed and, if not, whether the party demonstrated unusual circumstances, or other circumstances, that caused the report to be late. § 106.07(8)(c), Fla. Stat.; Fla. Admin. Code R. 2B-1.005(3); *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook* (2024), page 77. The timely submission of a waiver filed under Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, does not qualify as a timely report filed under Section 106.07(1), Florida Statutes. However, Section 106.07(8)(c), Florida Statutes, states that an aggrieved party may appeal the fine “based upon, but not limited to, unusual circumstances” with Rule 2B-1.005(3) of the Florida Administrative Code narrowing

the Commission's lens to circumstances beyond the party's control. The Commission shall consider any mitigating or aggravating circumstances under Section 106.265(3), Florida Statutes.

Unusual circumstances are rare or sudden events that directly prevented the party from timely filing. Fla. Admin. Code R. 2B-1.0055(1). Examples of unusual circumstances include natural disasters and emergencies; death, illness, disability, or necessary surgery of the candidate, treasurer, or immediate family thereof; and unanticipated technological failures. Most of the subsections enumerate corroborative evidence that the aggrieved party needs to provide for the claim, such as a newspaper article, death certificate, or a physician's certification on professional letterhead. Fla. Admin. Code R. 2B-1.0055(1)(a)-(d). The Division's Advisory Opinion, DE 91-02 (1991), specifies that, "before the FEC may label these occurrences as 'unusual circumstances,' the FEC must determine that the persons involved took all steps necessary to ensure that a timely report was filed."

The committee did not provide an explanation or documentation with its appeal showing why the report was late. The undersigned provided written notice to Appellant's sole officer, Joel Davis, informing him of the deficiency and an opportunity to cure despite the expiration of time under Rule 2B-1.005(2). As of April 8, 2026, Appellant has not responded or provided supplemental information.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mattie T. Clay". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mattie T. Clay
Assistant General Counsel
Florida Elections Commission

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Ms. Mattie T. Clay
Assistant General Counsel
Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street
The Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-6596

REC'D: FL ELECTIONS COM
16 JAN '25 PM 3:31

Good morning Ms. Clay.

My name is Joel C. Davis, I am the Chairman of the Friends of Paula Political Committee (83624). As you may be aware the Committee recently (December 19, 2024) received a letter implementing a fine for late filing regarding the required financial reports for October 18, 2024, that was filed October 25, 2024.

In addition to making the Commission aware that I take the late filing of this report seriously, I would like to appeal the fines for the stated filing period.

I am available to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Joel C Davis, Chairman

Friends of Paula, P.C.

FriendsofPaulaFL@gmail.com

215 W. Donegan Avenue, Kissimmee FL 34741

407-908-3467



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

November 13, 2024

Joel Davis, Chairperson
Friends of Paula
215 West Donegan Avenue
Kissimmee, FL 34741-4741

PAC 83624

Dear Mr. Davis:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on October 18, 2024, was filed on October 25, 2024. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$450.73.

You have 20 days from the receipt of this notice to either:

1. Pay the fine to the Florida Division of Elections (For a candidate only, a fine is not an allowable campaign expenditure and must be paid from personal funds) at:

*Florida Division of Elections
R.A. Gray Building, Room. 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-025011*

2. Appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission (See Rules 2B-1.005 and 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code) at:

*Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150*

If you appeal, please send a copy also to the Florida Division of Elections so that you will not receive further notices from the Division about this matter.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna S. Brown".

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

USPS TRACKING # **9488 8178 9820 3243 6152 00**

FOR TRACKING GO TO [USPS.COM](https://usps.com)

Final Notice
Delivery Confirmation:

December 19, 2024

Joel Davis, Chairperson
Friends of Paula
215 West Donegan Avenue
Kissimmee, FL 34741-4741

PAC 83624

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Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

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

(1) Friends of Paula (2) 83624
 Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 215 West Donegan Avenue Kisimmee FL 34741
 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 10/05/2024 To 10/11/2024 Report Type: G4A

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$0.00
Loans	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$0.00
In-Kind	\$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$1,802.93
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$1,802.93

(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

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Name: Friends of Paula

Report: 2024 G4A

Period: 10/05/2024 to 10/11/2024

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

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Contributor	Occupation	Amount Amend
		Type	In-Kind Description	

Name: Friends of Paula

Report: 2024 G4A

Period: 10/05/2024 to 10/11/2024

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 10/07/2024	CONSTANT CONTACT 1601 TRAPELO ROAD WALTHAM, ME	MON	MARKETING	\$13.00 ADD
2 10/07/2024	PUBLIX 1951 S NARCOOSSEE RD ST CLOUD, FL	MON	DONATION GIFT CARD FOR HURRICANE HELENE	\$207.95 ADD
3 10/07/2024	ALIANZA CENTER INC. 932 E OSCEOLA PKWY KISSIMMEE, FL	MON	SILENT AUCTION DONATION	\$150.00 ADD
4 10/07/2024	ALIANZA CENTER INC. 932 E OSCEOLA PKWY KISSIMMEE, FL	MON	SILENT AUCTION DONATION	\$930.00 ADD
5 10/07/2024	ST CLOUD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 1200 NEW YORK AVE ST CLOUD, FL	MON	SILENT AUCTION DONATION	\$256.00 ADD
6 10/08/2024	FAT BOYS 2912 13TH ST ST CLOUD, FL	IEI	MEETING WITH FIRST RESPONDERS	\$152.72 ADD
7 10/08/2024	MAGAZINES CONNECT 3601 N DIXIE HWY BAY 14 BOCA RATON, FL	MON	NEWS SUBSCRIPTION	\$9.95 ADD
8 10/10/2024	DOLLAR TREE, (Office: STR 047) 100 E 13TH ST ST CLOUD, FL	CAN	CAMPAIGN MATERIALS	\$83.31 ADD

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED FUND TRANSFERS

Name: Friends of Paula

Report: 2024 G4A

Period: 10/05/2024 to 10/11/2024

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

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

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED DISTRIBUTIONS

Name: Friends of Paula

Report: 2024 G4A

Period: 10/05/2024 to 10/11/2024

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

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

Queued Items for 2024-G4A

Account: 83624

Friends of Paula

Rpt Seq: 30

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	83624	10/18/2024 11:11:00 AM	10/18/2024 11:11:00 AM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	83624	10/18/2024 11:11:06 AM	10/18/2024 11:11:06 AM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	83624	10/18/2024 11:11:39 AM	10/18/2024 11:11:39 AM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	83624	10/25/2024 10:57:16 AM	10/25/2024 10:57:16 AM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	83624	10/25/2024 11:24:18 AM	10/25/2024 11:24:19 AM
Recalc Pending Report Total	Processing Complete	83624	10/25/2024 11:24:47 AM	10/25/2024 11:24:47 AM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	83624	10/25/2024 11:51:58 AM	10/25/2024 11:51:58 AM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	83624	10/25/2024 11:56:09 AM	10/25/2024 11:56:09 AM

Filed Campaign Treasurer's Report

**Friends of Paula
83624 - PAC**

Elect ID: **20241105-GEN**
Report: **2024 G4A (30)**

From: **10/5/2024** Amd: **Y** Wvr: **O**
To: **10/11/2024** Cmpl: **COM**

Filed: **FIL** 10/18/2024 11:11:39
Reviewed: **AUD** 10/25/2024 11:51:58

Original Report

Submitted: 10/18/2024 11:11:39

Filed Campaign Treasurer's Report

**Friends of Paula
83624 - PAC**

Elect ID: **20241105-GEN**
Report: **2024 G4A (30)**

From: **10/5/2024** Amd: **Y** Wvr: **O** Filed: **FIL** 10/18/2024 11:11:39
To: **10/11/2024** Cmpl: **COM** Reviewed: **AUD** 10/25/2024 11:51:58

Amended Report

Submitted: 10/25/2024 11:56:09

EXPENDITURES

Seq Date	Name	Address	Type	Office Purpose	Errors Amd	Amount
10/7/2024	1 CONSTANT CONTACT	1601 TRAPELO ROAD WALTHAM ME	MON	MARKETING	0 ADD	\$13.00
10/7/2024	2 PUBLX	1951 S NARCOOSSEE RD ST CLOUD FL	MON	DONATION GIFT CARD FOR HURRICANE HELENE	0 ADD	\$207.95
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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Committee Name: Friends of Paula

Account: 83624

Name:

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
1/10/2025	Q4	1/13/2025						
11/1/2024	G6		SNT	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/31/2024	D6		PEN	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/30/2024	D5		PEN	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/29/2024	D4		PEN	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/28/2024	D3		PEN	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/27/2024	D2		PEN	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/26/2024	D1		PEN	0	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/25/2024	G5	10/25/2024						
10/18/2024	G4A	10/18/2024	SNT	7	\$450.73		\$450.73	\$0.00
10/11/2024	G4	10/11/2024						
10/4/2024	G3A	10/4/2024						
9/27/2024	G3	9/27/2024						
9/20/2024	G2A	9/20/2024						
9/13/2024	G2	9/13/2024						
9/6/2024	G1A	9/5/2024						
8/30/2024	G1	8/29/2024						
8/23/2024	P7A	8/21/2024						
8/16/2024	P7	8/16/2024						
8/9/2024	P6	8/9/2024						
8/2/2024	P5	8/2/2024						
7/26/2024	P4	7/25/2024						
7/19/2024	P3	7/19/2024						
7/12/2024	P2A	7/8/2024						
7/5/2024	P2	7/1/2024						
6/28/2024	P1A	7/1/2024	CLO	3	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/21/2024	P1	7/1/2024	FEC	10	\$500.00		\$500.00	\$0.00
6/10/2024	Q2	6/10/2024						
4/10/2024	Q1	4/8/2024						
1/10/2024	Q4	1/5/2024						
10/10/2023	Q3	11/10/2023	SNT	31	\$5,767.34		\$5,767.34	\$0.00
7/10/2023	M6	10/31/2023	APP	113	\$2,049.16		\$2,049.16	\$0.00
6/12/2023	M5	10/31/2023	APP	141	\$2,054.38		\$2,054.38	\$0.00
5/10/2023	M4	10/30/2023	APP	173	\$1,121.19		\$1,121.19	\$0.00
4/10/2023	M3	10/31/2023	APP	204	\$11,000.00		\$11,000.00	\$0.00
3/10/2023	M2	3/2/2023						
2/10/2023	M1	2/1/2023						
1/10/2023	M12	1/4/2023						
12/12/2022	M11	12/10/2022						

HISTORY NOTES
Friends of Paula - 83624

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Orginally Recorded By
78596	12/28/2022 11:49:00 AM		jmbarreiros
<p>12/28: Spoke w Mr. Davis (Chair). He was not available for help but will call back either this afternoon or tomorrow to get help w M11 report. JB</p>			
78589	12/27/2022 3:40:00 PM		jmbarreiros
<p>12/27: Chair (J Davis) called to get help with his filling. He received a COR14 for incomplete filling of M11 report. He was having trouble seeeing the screen in full so I asked if we could touch base at a later time to see if we could resolve issue. He left his cell #. I attempted to return his call and got a message saying mailbox was full. JB</p>			



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

RON DESANTIS
Governor

CORD BYRD
Secretary of State

November 21, 2022

Joel Davis, Chairperson
Friends of Paula
215 West Donegan Avenue
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Dear Mr. Davis:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Friends of Paula**, which were placed on file in our office on November 18, 2022. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **December 12, 2022**. The report will cover the period of November 4-30, 2022 (2022 M11). All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

EFS Access

Below is the web address to access the EFS and the committee's user identification number. Enclosed are the committee's confidential, filing credentials.

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>
Identification Number: 83624

Timely Filing

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

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Joel Davis, Chairperson
November 21, 2022
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due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

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

Electronic Receipts

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

Instructions and Assistance

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

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

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

DSB/jb

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR
POLITICAL COMMITTEES**
(Sections 106.011(2) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

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CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

Initial Filing for: Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

Re-filing to Change: Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer Primary/Secondary Depository

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1. Committee FRIENDS OF PAULA		2. Telephone (407)892-3885	
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer Joel Davis		4. Email (optional)	
5. Telephone (optional) (407)892-3885		6. Mailing Address 215 W. Donegan Ave Kissimmee, FL 34741	
7. Street Address 215 W. Donegan Ave Kissimmee, FL 34741			
8. The following bank has been designated as the <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Depository			
9. Name of Bank Bank of America		10. Street Address 4300 13th Street	
11. City St. Cloud		12. State FL	13. Zip Code 34769
14. Signature of Chairman X 		15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type) Joel Davis	

Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

I, **JOEL DAVIS**, do hereby accept the appointment as
(Please Print or Type)
 treasurer or deputy treasurer for **FRIENDS OF PAULA**
(Committee)

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

11/9/22
Date

X 
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Fine for Late Filing

Florida Statutes 106.07 (8) (a), (b) & (c)

Any candidate or political committee failing to file a report on the designated date shall be subject to a fine. In the case of a candidate, the fine shall be paid only from personal funds of the candidate.


The fine shall be assessed by the filing officer at the following rate:

\$50 per day for the first three days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report; **however, for the reports immediately preceding each 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.**

Reports must be filed no later than midnight, of the day designated; however, any report postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight of the date report is due, is considered to be filed on time. A certificate of mailing obtained from the U.S. Postal Service or a receipt from an established courier company, dated on or before the report is due, also is acceptable. Postage meter stamp showing the date stamped by the meter are not acceptable.

Upon determining that a report is late, the filing officer shall immediately notify the candidate or Chairman of the political committee. The fine shall be paid to the filing officer within 20 days of receipt of the notice unless appeal is made to the Florida Elections Commission, in which case the candidate or chairman of the political committee shall, within the 20-day period, notify the filing officer in writing of his or her intention to bring the matter to commission.

I hereby acknowledge notification of the above statute.



Candidate or Chairman

11/9/22

Date

Supervisor or Deputy

Date

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

(PLEASE TYPE)

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FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

1. Full Name of Committee
FRIENDS OF PAULA

Telephone
407-892-3885

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)
215 W. Donegan Ave
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)
215 W. Donegan Ave
Kissimmee, FL 34741

2. Affiliated or Connected Organizations (includes other committees of continuous existence and political committees)

Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization	Mailing Address	Relationship
N/A		

3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee

Statewide political committee to support or oppose candidates for state-wide, legislative, multi-county, county or municipal office and other activities not prohibited by Chapter 106, Florida State Statutes.

4. Nature of Organization or Organization's Special Interest (e.g., medical, legal, education, etc.)

Political

5. Identify by Name, Address and Position, the Custodian of Books and Accounts (include treasurer's name)

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
Joel Davis	215 W. Donegan Ave Kissimmee, FL 34741	Treasurer

6. List by Name, Address and Position, Other Principal Officers, Including Officers and Members of the Finance Committee, If Any (include chairman's name)

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
Joel Davis	215 W. Donegan Ave Kissimmee, FL 34741	Chairperson

7. List by Name, Address, Office Sought and Party Affiliation Each Candidate or Other Individual that this Committee is Supporting (if none, please indicate)

Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party
To Be Determined...			

8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting: To Be Determined...

List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing: To Be Determined...

9. If this Committee is Supporting the Entire Ticket of a Party, Give Name of Party

N/A

10. In the Event of Dissolution, What Disposition will be Made of Residual Funds?

contribute to candidates, political committees, political parties or other activities not prohibited by law.

11. List all Banks, Safety Deposit Boxes, or Other Depositories Used for Committee Funds

Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address
Bank of America	4300 13th Street St. Cloud, FL 34769

12. List all Reports Required to be Filed by this Committee with Federal Officials and the Names, Addresses and Positions of Such Officials, If Any

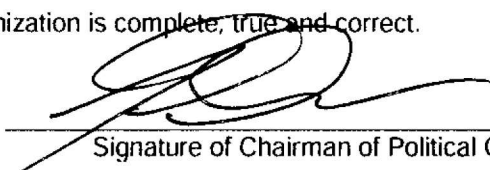
Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of Official	Mailing Address
Form 8871 Form 1120POL Form 990, as may be required	Upon Formation, March 15th annually May 15th annually	Internal Revenue Service	Ogden, UT 84201

STATE OF FLORIDA OSCEOLA COUNTY

I, Joel Davis, certify that the information in this Statement of

Organization is complete, true and correct.

X


Signature of Chairman of Political Committee

11/9/22
Date

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DIVISION OF
ELECTIONS,

Petitioner,

v.

FRIENDS OF PAULA (83624),

Respondent.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Final Order No. DOS 25- 25 DE

FINAL ORDER

The Florida Department of State, Division of Elections (the "Division"), pursuant to Section 106.03(7), Florida Statutes, and Rule 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code, promulgated thereunder, hereby enters its Final Order canceling the registration of Friends of Paula ("Respondent") as a political committee in the State of Florida. The Division, being fully advised as to the premises, finds and orders as follows:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Rule 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code, establishes procedures for the Division to cancel the registration of political committees for, among other reasons, when "the committee or organization has an unpaid fine or civil penalty imposed under Chapter 106, F.S., which has become final, meaning all appeals regarding the imposition of the fine or civil penalty have been exhausted or the time for such appeals has passed."

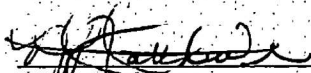
FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a registered political committee with the Division of Elections. Respondent's registration number is 83624.
2. On September 16, 2025, the Division mailed an Initial Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration (attached and incorporated by reference) to the most recent address on file for Respondent's chairperson and registered agent. The notice stated that Respondent had failed to pay the fines in the amount of \$16,224.73 imposed for the late filing of the 2023 M3, 2023 M4, 2023 M5 and 2023 M6 campaign treasurer's reports and as affirmed in a final order issued by the Florida Elections Commission on June 23, 2025 (attached and incorporated by reference). The Initial Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration informed Respondent of the opportunity to provide documentation to the Division to show why the Respondent's registration should not be canceled.
3. The Initial Notice of Intent was not returned as being undeliverable and Respondent did not respond to the Initial Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration.
4. On October 6, 2025, the Division mailed Respondent's registered agent a Final Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration (attached and incorporated by reference). The notice informed Respondent of the right to a hearing and advised that if a request for a hearing was not made within 15 days of the date of the notice, the right to a hearing would be waived and final action taken by the Division.
5. Respondent did not respond or otherwise timely request a hearing.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing and a complete review of the record, it is ORDERED that Respondent's registration as a political committee with the Florida Department of State, Division of Elections, is hereby CANCELED.

DONE AND ORDERED at Tallahassee, Florida, this 6 day of November, 2025.



Maria J. Matthews, Director
Division of Elections

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

This Order constitutes final agency action. Judicial review may be sought pursuant to Section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by filing a notice of appeal in the First District Court of Appeal, and a copy with the clerk of the Department of State. Such notice must be filed within 30 calendar days of the date indicated in the Certificate of Service.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of the foregoing Final Order was hand-delivered to the Agency Clerk, Department of State, R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250 and that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order was mailed on this 1 day of November, 2025, by certified U.S. mail to Joel Davis, Registered Agent, Friends of Paula, 215 West Donegan Avenue, Kissimmee, Florida 34741.



Ashley E. Davis
General Counsel
Florida Department of State
Florida Bar No. 48032
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399