

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Citizens for Cleaner Government

Case No.: FEC 24-267

TO: Elizabeth Benac, Chair
3917 Oak Grove Drive
Sarasota, FL 34243

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE (AF))

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **June 23, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard, via Zoom, at the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86504722298?pwd=ysJgh3XhXvJnTepZhKKfHbHZIGk252.1> and entering the **Meeting ID: 865 0472 2298** and **Passcode: 885875**.

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
May 30, 2025

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 **an appeal of an intent to revoke a registration**, of a Political Committee, Electioneering Communications Organization, or a Political Party, the Division of Elections has issued you a notice of intent, citing the reasons for which it intends to cancel your registration. By filing the appeal, you have asked the Commission to recommend that the Division's Notice of Intent be set aside. You are required to explain why you believe your registration should not be cancelled. Based upon the information you present, the Commission will issue a recommended order to the Division, in which it will either recommend that the Notice of Intent be set aside, or that the cancellation be upheld.

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
CASE REPORT
Case Number: FEC-24-267

NAME: **CITIZENS FOR CLEANER GOVERNMENT**

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 08/20/2024

DATE REPORT DUE: 07/19/2024 (2024 P3)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 07/22/2024

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 3

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$150.00

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$2,791.78

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$103.98

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 07/22/2024 (Failure to File Ltr)

SUMMARY: Citizens for Cleaner Government is a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair is Elizabeth Benac and its treasurer is Patsy Ugarte.

The PC is appealing the fine, claiming that they received incorrect information from the Division of Elections. According to Ms. Benac, she received credentials for an unfamiliar committee by mail and reached out to the Division to report the error. She notes that she was not provided with the correct PIN for her committee until after the report was due. Ms. Benac has provided documents to support the appeal.

- The 2024 P3 Original Report covers the period from 07/06/24-07/12/24; it was due on 07/19/24.
- The 2024 P3 Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created on 07/08/24 and filed on 07/22/24.
- Citizens for Cleaner Government reported receiving 14 contributions, while making 11 expenditures.
- The Division of Elections provided one note that pertains to Citizens for Cleaner Government's 2024 P3 report. On 07/19/24, DOE staff called Ms. Benac regarding credentials.

PRIOR CASES: NONE.

From: [Donna Malphurs](#) on behalf of [Florida Elections Commission](#)
To: [Br"Axeton Wims](#)
Subject: Fw: Late Fine for Campaign Treasurer Report due July 19, 2024 for PAC 88528, Citizens for Cleaner Government
Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 11:05:20 AM
Attachments: [attachment 1.pdf](#)

Please process

----- Forwarded by Donna Malphurs/OAG on 08/21/2024 11:04 AM -----

From: "Betsy Benac" <bbenac@hotmail.com>
To: "fec@myfloridalegal.com" <fec@myfloridalegal.com>
Date: 08/20/2024 05:30 PM
Subject: Late Fine for Campaign Treasurer Report due July 19, 2024 for PAC 88528, Citizens for Cleaner Government

This Message Is From an Untrusted Sender

You have not previously corresponded with this sender.

Dear Elections Commissioner:

Today I received a letter from the Division of Elections stating that our PAC, Citizens for Cleaner Government has been assessed a late fine of \$ 150.00. I just received the letter which is dated August 2, 2024, as it was forwarded to my out of state address. Therefore, please accept this email as my appeal of this fine, and I will follow with a written letter in the mail.

The reasons for our late filing was that the letter with the information for Citizens for Cleaner Government was mailed to me on July 18, 2024, and not received until well after the filing date of July 19, 2024. Prior to receipt of this correct, I received a letter from the Florida Division of Elections dated July 10 addressed to myself as chairperson for the Committee of the Islands (see attached). This was terribly confusing, as I have nothing to do with this PAC- and I called the Division of Elections to report their error.

Because we were given incorrect information, and it was after hours on Friday, July 19 when we did realized we did NOT have the correct PIN for Citizens for Cleaner Government (letter received AFTER the incorrect letter and the July 19 deadline)-we had to wait until Monday, July 22 to get the correct PIN. We immediately filed the report on July 22 once we had the correct PIN.

Therefore, we are appealing the fine. Please let me know if you need further information.
Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Benac, Chairperson Citizens for Cleaner Government PAC #88528
3917 Oak Grove Drive

Sarasota, FL. 34243

Phone no: 941-685-4209

Sent from my iPad(*See attached file: attachment 1.pdf*)



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RON DESANTIS
Governor

CORD BYRD
Secretary of State

July 10, 2024

Betsy Benac, Chairperson
Committee of the Islands, Inc. (74042)
3917 Oak Grove Drive
Sarasota, Florida 34243

Dear Ms. Benac:

Your appointment as chairperson for **Committee of the Islands, Inc.** was filed in this office on July 8, 2024. Enclosed are your confidential password and PIN number to access the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS). You will need to advise the treasurer and any deputy treasurers of the new password in order for them to have access to the EFS.

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*, Rules 1S-2.017, and 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code.

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

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

DSB/dla



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

August 2, 2024

Elizabeth Benac, Chairperson
Citizens for Cleaner Government
3917 Oak Grove Drive
Sarasota, FL 34243

PAC 88528

Dear Ms. Benac:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on July 19, 2024, was filed on July 22, 2024. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$150.00.

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,


Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

July 22, 2024

Elizabeth Benac, Chairperson
Citizens for Cleaner Government
3917 Oak Grove Drive
Sarasota, FL 34243

PAC 88528

Dear Ms. Benac:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was July 19, 2024.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report:
 - ⦿ \$50 per day for the first 3 days late
 - ⦿ \$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late
 - ⦿ If the required report immediately precedes a primary and general election, the automatic fine is \$500 for each late day.

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

- If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Patsy Ugarte, Treasurer

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

- (1) Citizens for Cleaner Government (2) 88528
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number
- (3) 3917 Oak Grove Drive Sarasota FL 34243
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 07/06/2024 To 07/12/2024 Report Type: P3

☒ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$2,791.78
Loans	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$2,791.78
In-Kind	\$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$103.98
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$103.98

(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: Citizens for Cleaner Government

Report: 2024 P3

Period: 07/06/2024

to 07/12/2024

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

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
		Type	In-Kind Description	
1	PARKER, NANCY 462 28TH AVENUE N ST PETERSBURG, FL 34704	I	RETIRED	\$26.35
07/08/2024		CHE		
2	LINDGREN, CHERI 825 HONEYFLOWER LOOP BRADENTON, FL 34212	I	HAIRDRESSER	\$52.40
07/08/2024		CHE		
3	BROWN, ROB 31355 PADDOCK PL MYAKKA CITY, FL 34251	I	RETIRED	\$52.40
07/08/2024		CHE		
4	BENNETT, MICHAEL 7056 HAWKS HARBOR CIRCLE BRADENTON, FL 34207	I	MEDIATOR	\$1,000.00
07/08/2024		CHE		
5	SEVERSON, LYNNE 437 PALM TREE DRIVE BRADENTON, FL 34210	I	HAIRDRESSER	\$50.00
07/08/2024		CHE		
6	LUH, LAWRENCE 214 147 STREET E BRADENTON, FL 34212	I	RETIRED	\$52.40
07/08/2024		CHE		
7	WRIGHT, CORY 2700 GULF DR. #204 HOLMES BEACH, FL 34217	I	ARTIST	\$26.35
07/08/2024		CHE		
8	ROGERS, ROBERT 208 HERITAGE ISLES WAY BRADENTON, FL 34212	I	ADMINISTRATOR	\$200.00
07/08/2024		CHE		
9	LANGMAN, TAMMIE 11310 AUTUMN LEAF WAY BRADENTON, FL 34212	I	ANALYST	\$52.40
07/08/2024		CHE		
10	STROUD, KIM 704 132ND STREET CIRCLE NW BRADENTON, FL 34212	I	HR DIRECTOR	\$104.48
07/08/2024		CHE		
11	LIBMAN, STEPHEN 4135 BLAKE LANE GLENVIEW, IL 60026	I	ATTORNEY	\$1,000.00
07/08/2024		CHE		
12	MORROW, CONSTANCE 3840 MARINERS WAY CORTEZ, FL 34215	I	RETIRED	\$100.00
07/08/2024		CHE		
13	POLLOCK, WARNER 8735 BACKSHORE LANE PARRISH, FL 34219	I	RETIRED	\$25.00
07/08/2024		CHE		
14	HUGHES, NANCY 14444 STIRLING DR LAKEWOOD RANCH, FL 34202	I	RETIRED	\$50.00
07/08/2024		CHE		

Name: Citizens for Cleaner Government

Report: 2024 P3

Period: 07/06/2024 to 07/12/2024

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

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 07/08/2024	ANEDOT 1340 POYDRAS ST STE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	SERVICE FEE	\$2.40
2 07/08/2024	ANEDOT 1340 POYDRAS ST STE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	SERVICE FEE	\$2.40
3 07/08/2024	ANEDOT 1340 POYDRAS ST STE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	SERVICE FEE	\$2.40
4 07/08/2024	ANEDOT 1340 POYDRAS ST STE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	SERVICE FEE	\$1.35
5 07/08/2024	ANEDOT 1340 POYDRAS ST STE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	SERVICE FEE	\$2.40
6 07/08/2024	ANEDOT 1340 POYDRAS ST STE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	SERVICE FEE	\$4.48
7 07/08/2024	ANEDOT 1340 POYDRAS ST STE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	SERVICE FEE	\$1.35
8 07/08/2024	ANEDOT 1340 POYDRAS ST STE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	SERVICE FEE	\$40.30
9 07/08/2024	ANEDOT 1340 POYDRAS ST STE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	SERVICE FEE	\$40.30
10 07/08/2024	ANEDOT 1340 POYDRAS ST STE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	SERVICE FEE	\$2.30
11 07/08/2024	ANEDOT 1340 POYDRAS ST STE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	SERVICE FEE	\$4.30

Name: Citizens for Cleaner Government

Report: 2024 P3

Period: 07/06/2024 to 07/12/2024

** Records in Filed Report **

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

Name: Citizens for Cleaner Government

Report: 2024 P3

Period: 07/06/2024 to 07/12/2024

** Records in Filed Report **

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

Queued Items for 2024-P3

Account: 88528

Citizens for Cleaner Government

Rpt Seq: 3

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	88528	7/8/2024 6:04:02 PM	7/8/2024 6:04:02 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	88528	7/8/2024 6:28:41 PM	7/8/2024 6:28:41 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	88528	7/8/2024 6:29:10 PM	7/8/2024 6:29:10 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	88528	7/8/2024 6:29:28 PM	7/8/2024 6:29:28 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	88528	7/12/2024 2:05:19 PM	7/12/2024 2:05:19 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	88528	7/12/2024 2:05:29 PM	7/12/2024 2:05:29 PM
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Recalc Pending Report Total	Processing Complete	88528	7/19/2024 6:25:13 PM	7/19/2024 6:25:13 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	88528	7/19/2024 6:25:50 PM	7/19/2024 6:25:50 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	88528	7/22/2024 9:11:47 AM	7/22/2024 9:11:48 AM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	88528	7/22/2024 9:21:19 AM	7/22/2024 9:21:19 AM
Recalc Filed Report Totals	Processing Complete	88528	7/22/2024 9:21:26 AM	7/22/2024 9:21:26 AM



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Committee Name: Citizens for Cleaner Government

Account: 88528

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
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	7/22/2024	SNT	3	\$150.00		\$150.00	\$0.00
7/12/2024	P2A	7/12/2024						
7/5/2024	P2	7/2/2024						

HISTORY NOTES
Citizens for Cleaner Government - 88528

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
82681	7/19/2024 10:54:00 AM		DLAdams
Called Miss Elizabeth regarding her credentials mr arnold said he will send her contact info via email when he gets some time in just a few minutes			
82594	7/10/2024 4:45:00 PM		DLAdams
RE: Ms Benac Said she will get another dsde sent in asoon as possibe			
82527	7/3/2024 11:26:00 AM		DLAdams
spoke with mr arnold regarding himn changing chair/ ra explaind to him a letter signed would be fine he said he will email those over as soon as possible			

Miller, Amanda L.

RECEIVED

From: Betsy Benac <bbenac@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 10:17 AM
To: ElecRecords
Cc: Patsy Ugarte
Subject: Correct Information for PC Citizens for Cleaner Government
2024 JUL 22 PM 3:04
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
Tallahassee, FL

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

Hello:

Thanks for all your efforts-I know that you are very busy. However, I note that the PC changes that were made did not change the PC phone no:-it should be 941-685-4209.

Also, I was told that because now that I am the chairperson for Citizens for Cleaner Government, that I would need to have a new Password to access the Division's Electronic Filing System. I was given a new PIN and temporary password this morning. When I tried to access the system-the Password did not work.

Our treasurer, Patsy Ugarte was initially unable to file the report this past Friday, utilizing the password that was in effect. Apparently, our request to make sure that we filed on time was granted, as the report has been successfully filed. I want to make sure if we need a new password to be able to insure that the reports are filed, that I am granted a new password.

Thanks,
Elizabeth Benac
Sent from my iPad

Chellman, Malcolm C.

From: Larry Arnold <larnoldzo6@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2024 1:04 PM
To: ElecRecords
Cc: Betsy Benac; Patsy Ugarte
Subject: Elizabeth Benac

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

Dear Mr. Adams,
Per your request, Mrs. Benac's phone number is 941-685-4209.
Her address is 3917 Oak Grove Dr., Sarasota, FL, 34243.
Have a great weekend!
Larry Arnold
Sent from my iPhone

RECEIVED
2024 JUL 19 PM 3:48
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

Miller, Amanda L.

RECEIVED

From: DivElections
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 8:42 AM
To: ElecRecords
Cc: DivElections
Subject: FW: Citizens for Cleaner Government ID# 88528
Attachments: Campaign Finance Filing Page.pdf; Error Page Wrong Chair PIN.png; 088528_3_0_Sum.pdf; 088528_3_0_Sum signed.pdf; 088528_3_0_Cont.pdf; 088528_3_0_Exp.pdf

2024 JUL 22 PM 3: 04
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

Please assist.

From: Patsy Ugarte <patsyugarte@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2024 7:14 PM
To: DivElections <DivElections@DOS.MyFlorida.com>; Betsy Benac <bbenac@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: Citizens for Cleaner Government ID# 88528

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCE

The attachments/links in this message have been scanned by Proofpoint.

RE: Citizens for Cleaner Government ID# 88528

Dear Mr. Adams,

Attached is our 3rd report for the time period 7/6/24 through 7/12/24 due at midnight on 7/19/24. When I attempted to file the report I was notified that the PIN number was incorrect (see attached) so I was unable to electronically file the report. Apparently, when you talked with Elizabeth Benac our Registered Agent and Chairperson this afternoon the PIN number was changed. We will contact you Monday (7/22/24) to obtain the new PIN number and file the report electronically. However, we ask that you record receipt of this report before the midnight deadline.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Patsy Ugarte
Treasurer
Citizens for Cleaner Government
(941) 920-5741

On Wed, Jul 17, 2024 at 3:16 PM Patsy Ugarte <patsyugarte@gmail.com> wrote:

RE: Citizens for Cleaner Government, ID# 88528 Change of Mailing Address and Appointment of Deputy Treasurer

To Whom It May Concern:

July 16, 2024, I sent an email requesting Elizabeth Benac be appointed as Chairperson. That was accomplished and shown on the attachment.

We also need the ***mailing address changed*** from 12225 Doris Rd., Parish, FL 34219 to ***3917 Oak Grove Drive, Sarasota, FL 34243 (which is the address of our current Registered Agent and Chairperson) (see attached Statement of Organization 7-5-24).***

Thanks in advance for your help,
Patsy Ugarte
Treasurer of Citizens for Cleaner Government
(941) 920-5741

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Patsy Ugarte** <patsyugarte@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jul 16, 2024 at 3:13 PM
Subject: Citizens for Cleaner Government ID# 88528
To: <DivElections@dos.myflorida.com>, Betsy Benac <bbenac@hotmail.com>

To Whom It May Concern:

As Treasurer of Citizens for Cleaner Government I request that Elizabeth Benac be appointed Chairman to replace Laurence E. Arnold. If you have any questions or comments please contact me.

Sincerely,
Patsy Ugarte
Treasurer
Citizens for Cleaner Government
(941) 920-5741

Below is contact information for Elizabeth Benac:

Elizabeth Benac
3917 Oak Grove Drive
Sarasota, FL 34243
bbenac@hotmail.com
941-685-4209

Pending Report Summary

Home Filings Transactions Print Queue Campaign Account Sign Out Help

Report: 2024 - P3 - 3		2024 General Election		Covers: 7/6/2024-7/12/2024		Due: 7/19/2024	
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment		<input type="checkbox"/> Waiver		Complete Status: Incomplete Detail Records		Start Date: 7/6/2024	
File Date:		Review Status: Updated - Needs Review		End Date: 7/12/2024			
Status: Data Entry		Last Review: 7/19/2024 6:25:49 PM		Begin Filing Process			
# of Transactions: 25		Review		Recalculate		Append File	
		Delete Report		Save			
Contributions		Total Amount		Expenditures		Total Amount	
Cash and Checks:		2,791.78		Monetary:		103.98	
Loans:		0.00		Transfers to Off Acct:		0.00	
Total Monetary:		2,791.78		Total Monetary:		103.98	
In-Kind:		0.00		Other Distributions:		0.00	
Review Messages							
Created: 7/8/2024 6:04:01 PM		By: 88528		Revised: 7/19/2024 6:32:00 PM		By: 88528	

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NOTE: A PIN is the same as your signature attesting under oath to the validity of the report. (s. 106.0705, FS)

Step 1: Enter the candidate/chairperson PIN.

Step 2: Select the 'Report Approved' button.

Report: 2024 - P3 - 3

Coverage Period: 7/6/2024-7/12/2024

Due: 7/19/2024

Review Status: Updated - Needs Review

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☐ Waiver

PIN for Candidate/Chairperson:
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Note: The following conditions have been found in this report.

It is recommended that they be corrected before filing the report.

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY**

(1) Citizens for Cleaner Government (2) 88528
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 12225 Doris Road Parrish FL 34219
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 07/06/2024 To 07/12/2024 Report Type: P3

☒ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$2,791.78
Loans	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	<i>\$2,791.78</i>
In-Kind	\$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$103.98
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	<i>\$103.98</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)

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Patsy Ugarte

Name of ☒ Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

x Patsy Ugarte
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: Citizens for Cleaner Government

Report: 2024 P3

Period: 07/06/2024 to 07/12/2024

**** Records in Pending Report ****

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	In-Kind Description	Amend
1	PARKER, NANCY	I	RETIRED	\$26.35
07/08/2024	462 28TH AVENUE N ST PETERSBURG, FL 34704	CHE		
2	LINDGREN, CHERI	I	HAIRDRESSER	\$52.40
07/08/2024	825 HONEYFLOWER LOOP BRADENTON, FL 34212	CHE		
3	BROWN, ROB	I	RETIRED	\$52.40
07/08/2024	31355 PADDOCK PL MYAKKA CITY, FL 34251	CHE		
4	BENNETT, MICHAEL	I	MEDIATOR	\$1,000.00
07/08/2024	7056 HAWKS HARBOR CIRCLE BRADENTON, FL 34207	CHE		
5	SEVERSON, LYNNE	I	HAIRDRESSER	\$50.00
07/08/2024	437 PALM TREE DRIVE BRADENTON, FL 34210	CHE		
6	LUH, LAWRENCE	I	RETIRED	\$52.40
07/08/2024	214 147 STREET E BRADENTON, FL 34212	CHE		
7	WRIGHT, CORY	I	ARTIST	\$26.35
07/08/2024	2700 GULF DR. #204 HOLMES BEACH, FL 34217	CHE		
8	ROGERS, ROBERT	I	ADMINISTRATOR	\$200.00
07/08/2024	208 HERITAGE ISLES WAY BRADENTON, FL 34212	CHE		
9	LANGMAN, TAMMIE	I	ANALYST	\$52.40
07/08/2024	11310 AUTUMN LEAF WAY BRADENTON, FL 34212	CHE		
10	STROUD, KIM	I	HR DIRECTOR	\$104.48
07/08/2024	704 132ND STREET CIRCLE NW BRADENTON, FL 34212	CHE		
11	LIBMAN, STEPHEN	I	ATTORNEY	\$1,000.00
07/08/2024	4135 BLAKE LANE GLENVIEW, IL 60026	CHE		
12	MORROW, CONSTANCE	I	RETIRED	\$100.00
07/08/2024	3840 MARINERS WAY CORTEZ, FL 34215	CHE		
13	POLLOCK, WARNER	I	RETIRED	\$25.00
07/08/2024	8735 BACKSHORE LANE PARRISH, FL 34219	CHE		
14	HUGHES, NANCY	I	RETIRED	\$50.00
07/08/2024	14444 STIRLING DR LAKEWOOD RANCH, FL 34202	CHE		

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1 07/08/2024	ANEDOT 1340 POYDRAS ST STE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	SERVICE FEE	\$2.40
2 07/08/2024	ANEDOT 1340 POYDRAS ST STE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	SERVICE FEE	\$2.40
3 07/08/2024	ANEDOT 1340 POYDRAS ST STE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	SERVICE FEE	\$2.40
4 07/08/2024	ANEDOT 1340 POYDRAS ST STE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	SERVICE FEE	\$1.35
5 07/08/2024	ANEDOT 1340 POYDRAS ST STE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	SERVICE FEE	\$2.40
6 07/08/2024	ANEDOT 1340 POYDRAS ST STE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	SERVICE FEE	\$4.48
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Chellman, Malcolm C.

From: DivElections
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 4:25 PM
To: ElecRecords
Cc: DivElections
Subject: FW: Citizens for Cleaner Government ID# 88528
Attachments: PAC Partially Updated info 7-17-24.png; Statement of Org of Pol Comm 7-5-24.pdf

Please assist.

From: Patsy Ugarte <patsyugarte@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 3:17 PM
To: DivElections <DivElections@DOS.MyFlorida.com>; Betsy Benac <bbenac@hotmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: Citizens for Cleaner Government ID# 88528

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The attachments/links in this message have been scanned by Proofpoint.

RE: Citizens for Cleaner Government, ID# 88528 Change of Mailing Address and Appointment of Deputy Treasurer

To Whom It May Concern:

July 16, 2024, I sent an email requesting Elizabeth Benac be appointed as Chairperson. That was accomplished and shown on the attachment.

We also need the **mailing address changed** from 12225 Doris Rd., Parish, FL 34219 to **3917 Oak Grove Drive, Sarasota, FL 34243 (which is the address of our current Registered Agent and Chairperson) (see attached Statement of Organization 7-5-24).**

Thanks in advance for your help,
Patsy Ugarte
Treasurer of Citizens for Cleaner Government
(941) 920-5741

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Patsy Ugarte <patsyugarte@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jul 16, 2024 at 3:13 PM
Subject: Citizens for Cleaner Government ID# 88528
To: <DivElections@dos.myflorida.com>, Betsy Benac <bbenac@hotmail.com>

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To Whom It May Concern:

As Treasurer of Citizens for Cleaner Government I request that Elizabeth Benac be appointed Chairman to replace Laurence E. Arnold. If you have any questions or comments please contact me.

Sincerely,
Patsy Ugarte
Treasurer
Citizens for Cleaner Government
(941) 920-5741

Below is contact information for Elizabeth Benac:

Elizabeth Benac
3917 Oak Grove Drive
Sarasota, FL 34243
bbenac@hotmail.com
941-685-4209

Committee Tracking System

Citizens for Cleaner Government

Type:Political Committee

Status:Active

Address:3917 Oak Grove Drive
Sarasota, FL 34243

Phone:(941)685-4209

Website:[88528](#)

Chairperson:Elizabeth Benac
3917 Oak Grove Drive
Sarasota, FL 34243

Treasurer:Patsy Ugarte
1906 21st St. W.
Palmetto, FL 34221

Registered Agent:Elizabeth Benac
3917 Oak Grove Drive
Sarasota, FL 34243

Purpose:

Affiliates:

Campaign Finance Activity

Campaign Documents

Campaign Documents Search

Forms are available in Adobe's Acrobat PDF format for viewing or printing at your site. Accessing documents in PDF format requires use of [Adobe's Acrobat Reader](#), which may be installed free of charge.

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Election Id	all	▼		
Office Desc		▼		
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Citizens for Cleaner Government	PAC	08/02/24	Fine Letter	PDF
Citizens for Cleaner Government	PAC	07/22/24	Miscellaneous	PDF
Citizens for Cleaner Government	PAC	07/22/24	Response to Officer Change	PDF
Citizens for Cleaner Government	PAC	07/22/24	Fail to File Letter	PDF
Citizens for Cleaner Government	PAC	07/22/24	Pin/Password Reset Request	PDF
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July 18, 2024

Elizabeth Benac, Chairperson
Citizens for Cleaner Government (88528)
3917 Oak Grove Drive
Sarasota, Florida 34243

Dear Ms. Benac:

Your appointment as chairperson for **Citizens for Cleaner Government** was filed in this office on July 16, 2024. Enclosed are your confidential password and PIN number to access the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS). You will need to advise the treasurer and any deputy treasurers of the new password in order for them to have access to the EFS.

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*, Rules 1S-2.017, and 1S-2.021, Florida Administrative Code.

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

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

DSB/asr

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pc: Patsy Ugarte, Treasurer

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June 27, 2024

Laurence E. Arnold, Chairperson
Citizens for Cleaner Government
12225 Doris Road
Parrish, Florida 34219

Dear Mr. Arnold:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Citizens for Cleaner Government**, which were placed on file in our office on June 26, 2024. 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 **July 5, 2024**. The report will cover the period of June 22 - June 28, 2024 (2024 P2). 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: 88528

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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Laurence E. Arnold, Chairperson
June 27, 2024
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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.

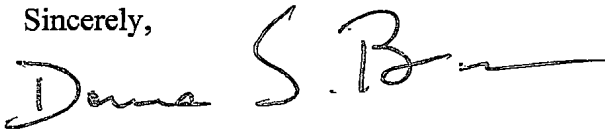
Instructions and Assistance

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.

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Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Donna S. Brown, Chief
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pc: Patsy Ugarte, Treasurer



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July 22, 2024

Elizabeth Benac, Chairperson and Deputy Treasurer
Citizens for Cleaner Government (88528)
3917 Oak Grove Drive
Sarasota, Florida 34243

Dear Ms. Benac:

Your appointment as chairperson and deputy treasurer for **Citizens for Cleaner Government** was filed in this office on July 18, 2024. Enclosed are your confidential password and PIN numbers to access the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS). You will need to advise any deputy treasurers of the new password in order for them to have access to the EFS.

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Sincerely,

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

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

DSB/cnh

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

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Initial Filing for: ☐ Primary Treasurer ☒ Deputy Treasurer

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

1. Committee
Citizens for Cleaner Government

2. Telephone
(941) 685-4209

3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer
Elizabeth Benac

4. Email (optional)
bbenac@hotmail.com

5. Telephone (optional)
(941) 685-4209

6. Mailing Address
3917 Oak Grove Dr., Sarasota, FL 34243

7. Street Address
3917 Oak Grove Dr., Sarasota, FL 34243

8. The following bank has been designated as the ☒ Primary Depository ☐ Secondary Depository

9. Name of Bank
First Southern Bank

10. Street Address
1825 Manatee Avenue West

11. City
Bradenton,

12. State
FL

13. Zip Code
34205

14. Signature of Chairman

X 

15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type)
Elizabeth Benac

Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

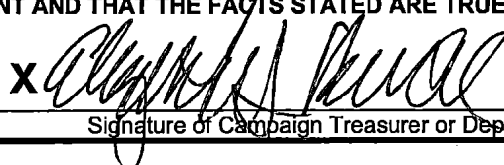
I, Elizabeth Benac, do hereby accept the appointment as
(Please Print or Type)

treasurer or deputy treasurer for Citizens for Cleaner Government
(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.

July 5, 2024

Date

X 

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

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

RE: Application for Organization of Political Committee
Citizens for Cleaner Government
PAC#: 88528

Dear Mr. Adams:

Laurence E. Arnold has decided to resign as Registered Agent and Chairman of this committee.

Attached are the following:

1. Statement of Organization of Political Committee Revision
2. Registered Agent Statement of Appointment Revision
3. Appointment of Campaign Deputy Treasurer
4. Organizational Chart Revision

If anything, else is needed please contact me.

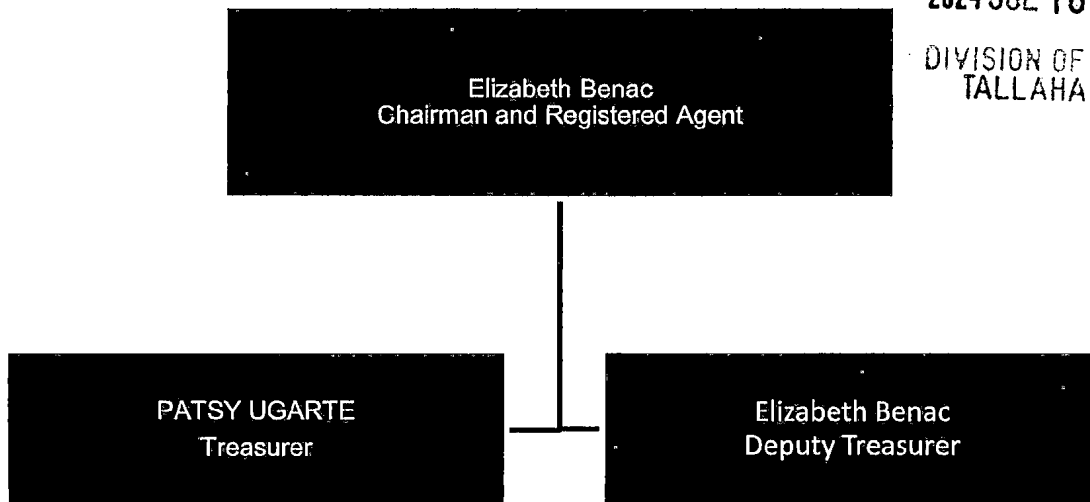
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STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

(PLEASE TYPE)

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1. Full Name of Committee

Citizens for Cleaner Government

Telephone

941-685-4209

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code): 3917 Oak Grove Drive, Sarasota, FL. 34243

Street Address (include city, state and zip code): 3917 Oak Grove Drive, Sarasota, FL. 34243

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

Name of Affiliated or Connected
Organization

Mailing Address

Relationship

None

2. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee

Political committee supporting or opposing statewide, legislative, multi-county candidates and/or issues and other activities not prohibited by Chapter 106 F.S.

3. 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

Patsy Ugarte

1906 21st Street West Palmetto, FL. 34221

Treasurer and Records Custodian

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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

Elizabeth Benac

3917 Oak Grove Drive, Sarasota, FL. 34243

Registered Agent and Chairperson

Patsy Ugarte

1906 21st Street W., Palmetto, FL 34221

Treasurer and Records Custodian

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?

Return donations or donate to an organization that is tax exempt per Section 527

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

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Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address
First Southern Bank	1825 Manatee Ave West, Bradenton, FL 34205

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	Upon Formation	Internal Revenue Service	Ogden, Utah
Form 1120 POL			
Form 990			

STATE OF Florida

Manatee

COUNTY

I, ELIZABETH BENJAC

certify that the information in this Statement of

Organization is complete, true and correct.

X

Elizabeth Benjac

Signature of Chairman of Political Committee

7/5/24

Date



Florida Department of State Division of Elections

Citizens for Cleaner Government

Campaign Finance Activity

Note: The information presented below was obtained from the Committee's/Candidate's Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with the Division of Elections. [About the Campaign Finance Data Base](#). If all contributions for a reporting period are less than 1 dollar Then they may not be displayed.

	Filing Period	Contributions			Expend	Other	Transfers
		Monetary	Loans	InKind			
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Note: ^(E) indicates that report was filed electronically

X Indicates that detail has not been released

W Indicates that a waiver was filed and **L** Indicates that a loan report was filed

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