

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,**

v.

**Agency Case No.: FEC 22-094
F.O. No.: FOFEC <#>**

**Citizens for the Advancement of Ocoee,
Respondent.**

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CONSENT FINAL ORDER

Respondent, Citizens for the Advancement of Ocoee, and the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) agree that this Consent Order resolves all of the issues between the parties in this case. The parties jointly stipulate to the following facts, conclusions of law, and order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On May 4, 2022, a complaint was filed with the Commission alleging that Respondent violated Florida's election laws.
2. On September 12, 2025, the Commission entered an Order of Probable Cause finding there was probable cause to charge the Respondent with two counts of violating Section 106.143(1)(c), Florida Statutes, and one count of violating Section 106.03(4), Florida Statutes.
3. Respondent has expressed a desire to enter into negotiations directed toward reaching a consent agreement.
4. Respondent and staff stipulate to the following facts:
 - a. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Orange County Supervisor of Elections.

b. Respondent paid for and published two political advertisements that did not include a proper disclaimer. The advertisements contained a disclaimer identifying the committee's name but lacked the specific statutory language and the address of the committee.

c. On or around March 9, 2021, Respondent supported George Oliver's 2021 candidacy for City of Ocoee Commissioner, District 4. Respondent failed to timely file an amended DS-DE 5 disclosing its support of candidate, George Oliver.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this cause, pursuant to Section 106.26, Florida Statutes.

6. The Commission staff and the Respondent stipulate that staff can prove the facts in paragraph four above by clear and convincing evidence and to the Commission's ability to impose a civil penalty in this case.

ORDER

7. The Respondent and the staff of the Commission have entered into this Consent Order freely and voluntarily and upon advice of counsel.

8. The Respondent shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs that are in any way associated with this case.

9. The Commission will consider this Consent Order at its next available meeting.

10. Respondent voluntarily waives the right to any further proceedings under Chapters 104, 106, and 120, Florida Statutes, and the right to appeal this Consent Order.

11. This Consent Order is enforceable under Sections 106.265 and 120.69, Florida

Statutes. Respondent expressly waives any venue privileges and agrees that if enforcement of this Consent Order is necessary, venue shall be in Leon County, Florida, and Respondent shall pay all fees and costs associated with enforcement.

12. Payment of the civil penalty by cashier's check, or money order, good for at least 120 days, or attorney trust account check, is a condition precedent to the Commission's consideration of this Consent Order.

PENALTY

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission finds that the Respondent violated Sections 106.143(1)(c), and 106.03(4), Florida Statutes, and imposes a civil penalty in the amount of \$450.

Therefore, it is

ORDERED that the Respondent shall remit to the Commission a civil penalty in the amount of **\$450**, inclusive of fees and costs. The civil penalty shall be paid cashier's check or money order, good for at least 120 days, or attorney trust account check. The civil penalty shall be payable to the Florida Elections Commission and sent to 107 West Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-1050.

Respondent hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Consent Order on

Nov. 25, 2025



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Commission staff hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Consent Order on

December 2, 2025.



Stephanie J. Cunningham
General Counsel
Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street
The Collins Building, Suite 224
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Approved by the Florida Elections Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting held
on _____, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Tim Vaccaro, J.D., Executive Director
For Joseph S. Van de Bogart, Chair
Florida Elections Commission

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Mark Herron, Esq., Attorney for Respondent
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AMOUNT

*****\$450.00

PAY

*** FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY & 00/100 DOLLARS

Florida Elections Commission

TO THE
ORDER OF

CITIZENS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF

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