

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Community First

Case No.: FEC 24-147

TO: Vincent T. Brown, Esquire
The Brown Law Group, LLC
847 NW 119th Street, Suite 202
North Miami, FL 33168

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.

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Division of Elections
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE (AF))

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

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Community First

Case No.: FEC 24-147

TO: Vincent T. Brown, Esquire
The Brown Law Group, LLC
847 NW 119th Street, Suite 202
North Miami, FL 33168

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, **February 26, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **412 Knott Building, Pat Thomas Committee Room, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399**. Due to heightened security access requirements, please bring only essential items into the building and plan to arrive early to allow for delays coming through security.

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.

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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.

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See further instructions on the reverse side.

Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
February 5, 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 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-24-147

NAME: **COMMUNITY FIRST**

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 07/08/2024

DATE REPORT DUE: 06/10/2024 (2024 Q2)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 06/27/2024

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 17

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$7,150.00

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$38,500.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$11,151.22

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 06/17/2024 (Failure to File Ltr)

SUMMARY: Community First is a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair is Vincent T. Brown, Esq. and its treasurer is Andrea Ford.

The PC is appealing the fine, claiming that severe flooding in the area during the time the report was due caused considerable disruption and hardship. According to Mr. Brown, the unexpected event made it challenging to maintain normal business operations. He states that other reports were submitted on schedule and requests a waiver of the fine due to the circumstances.

- The 2024 Q2 Original Report covers the period from 04/01/24-05/31/24; it was due on 06/10/24.
- The 2024 Q2 Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created on 06/26/24 and filed on 06/27/24.
- Community First reported receiving 14 contributions, while making 6 expenditures.
- The Division of Elections does not have any notes that pertain to Community First's 2024 Q2 report.

PRIOR CASES: None.

August 1, 2024

Florida Elections Commissions
107 West Gaines Street
Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

Re: ID Number: 84148 Late Filing Fees

To Whom It May Concern:

I hope this letter reaches you in good health. I am writing to kindly request your consideration for waiving the late fees associated with the 2024 Q2 filing report. Our community has recently faced severe flooding (during the time the report was due) leading to considerable disruption and hardship. This unexpected event made it challenging to maintain normal business operations.

Before the incident, all our reports were consistently submitted on schedule. Your understanding and assistance in this matter would significantly ease the difficulties brought on by these circumstances

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vincent T. Brown", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Vincent T. Brown
Community First

From: [Donna Malphurs](#) on behalf of [Florida Elections Commission](#)
To: [Br"Axeton Wims](#)
Subject: Fw: Consideration for Waiving Fees
Date: Friday, August 2, 2024 3:58:53 PM
Attachments: [FEC.pdf](#)

Please process Appeal. Thanks.

----- Forwarded by Donna Malphurs/OAG on 08/02/2024 03:58 PM -----

From: "Vincent Brown" <vtblaw@bellsouth.net>
To: "fec@myfloridalegal.com" <fec@myfloridalegal.com>
Date: 08/01/2024 10:28 AM
Subject: Consideration for Waiving Fees

This Message Is From an Untrusted Sender

You have not previously corresponded with this sender.

Greetings,

Please consider the enclosed document.

Thank you,

Vincent T. Brown, Esq. The Brown Law Group, LLC 847 NW 119th Street, Suite 202 North Miami, FL 33168 305-688-7500 / 305-688-7501 (fax) www.thebrownlawgroup.net This e-mail is intended only for the individual(s) or entity(s) named within the message. This e-mail might contain legally privileged and confidential information. If you properly received this e-mail as a client or retained expert, please hold it in confidence to protect the attorney-client or work product privileges. Should the intended recipient forward or disclose this message to another person or party, that action could constitute a waiver of the attorney-client privilege. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the agent responsible to deliver it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any review, dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is prohibited by the sender and to do so might constitute a violation of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, 18 U.S.C. section 2510-2521. If this communication was received in error we apologize for the intrusion. Please notify us by reply e-mail and delete the original message without reading same. Nothing in this e-mail shall, in and of itself, create an attorney-client relationship with the sender. *(See attached file: FEC.pdf)*



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Cord Byrd
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 28, 2024

Vincent T Brown, Chairperson
Community First
Post Office Box 681966
Miami, FL 33168-3168

PAC 84148

Dear Mr. Brown:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on June 10, 2024, was filed on June 27, 2024. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$7,150.00.

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

Cord Byrd
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 17, 2024

Vincent T Brown, Chairperson
Community First
Post Office Box 681966
Miami, FL 33168-3168

PAC 84148

Dear Mr. Brown:

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 June 10, 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: Andrea Forde, Treasurer

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

- (1) Community First (2) 84148
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number
- (3) Post Office Box 681966 Miami FL 33168
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 04/01/2024 To 05/31/2024 Report Type: Q2
☒ Original ☐ Amendment ☐ Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$38,500.00
Loans	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$38,500.00
In-Kind	\$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$11,151.22
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$11,151.22

(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: Community First

Report: 2024 Q2

Period: 04/01/2024

to 05/31/2024

**** 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	501 RE CO, LLC	B	REAL ESTATE	\$5,000.00
04/16/2024	154 ISLA DORADA BLVD CORAL GABLES, FL 33143	CHE		
2	SWEET, ERIC	I	PAINTING CONTRACTOR	\$2,000.00
04/16/2024	1366 NW 54TH STREET MIAMI, FL 33142	CHE		
3	FERNANDEZ, GEORGE	I	ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR-CEO	\$2,000.00
04/18/2024	14100 SW 182ND AVE MIAMIA, FL 33196	CHE		
4	PINEDA, NORGE	I	CONTRACTOR	\$2,000.00
04/16/2024	8154 NORTHWEST 67TH STREET MIAMI, FL 33166	CHE		
5	RAYON, LEONARDO	I	VICE PRESIDENT	\$1,000.00
04/16/2024	301 EAST 10TH AVENUE HIALEAH, FL 33010	CHE		
6	THE DEVELOPMENT FIRM	B	DEVELOPER	\$500.00
04/22/2024	1951 NW 7TH AVE MIAMI, FL 33136	CHE		
7	CMS INTERNATIONAL GROUP CORP	B	CONTRACTOR	\$1,000.00
04/22/2024	3333 NW 168TH STREET MIAMI GARDENS, FL 33056	CHE		
8	MODIS ARCHITECTS LLC	B	ARCHITECT	\$1,000.00
04/22/2024	4955 SW 75TH AVE MIAMI, FL 33155	CHE		
9	RUDG LLC	B	CONTRUCTION	\$7,500.00
04/22/2024	2850 TIGERTAIL AVE. SUITE 800 MIAMI, FL 33133	CHE		
10	RELATED URBAN CONSTRUCTION LLC	B	CONSTRUCTION	\$7,500.00
04/22/2024	2850 TIGERTAIL AVE. SUITE 800 MIAMI, FL 33133	CHE		
11	ALOSNO, GIOVANNY	I	ROOFING	\$1,000.00
04/22/2024	7050 NORTHWEST 42ND STREET MIAMI, FL 33166	CHE		
12	BROWN, LEIGHTON	I	REAL ESTATE	\$2,000.00
04/22/2024	4381 SW 134TH AVE DAVIE, FL 33330	CHE		
13	SIRLIN, MORGAN	I	PERSONAL	\$5,000.00
04/22/2024	3800 NE 1ST AVE MIAMI, FL 33137	CHE		
14	TRIPLE HHH CONSTRUCTION	B	CONSTRUCTION	\$1,000.00
04/22/2024	585 NW 49TH STREET MIAMI, FL 33127	CHE		

Name: Community First

Report: 2024 Q2

Period: 04/01/2024

to 05/31/2024

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

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 04/16/2024	ANEDOT INC 1340 POYDRAS STREET, SUITE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	TRANSACTION PROCESSING FEE	\$80.30
2 04/18/2024	ANEDOT INC 1340 POYDRAS STREET NEW ORLEANS, FL 70112	MON	TRANSACTION PROCESSING FEE	\$200.90
3 04/22/2024	ANEDOT INC 1340 POYDRAS STREET, SUITE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	TRANSACTION PROCESSING FEE	\$320.90
4 04/24/2024	BYG STRATEGIES INC 722 ALEDO AVENUE CORAL GABLES, FL 33134	MON	CONSULTING	\$10,305.00
5 04/27/2024	ANEDOT INC 1340 POYDRAS STREET, SUITE 1770 NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112	MON	TRANSACTION PROCESSING FEE	\$202.30
6 05/02/2024	BANK OF AMERICA 9499 NE 2ND AVE MIAMI SHORES, FL 33138	MON	BANK CHARGE	\$41.82

Name: Community First

Report: 2024 Q2

Period: 04/01/2024 to 05/31/2024

** Records in Filed Report **

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

Name: Community First

Report: 2024 Q2

Period: 04/01/2024 to 05/31/2024

** 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-Q2

Account: 84148

Community First

Rpt Seq: 4

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	84148	6/26/2024 9:14:58 AM	6/26/2024 9:14:58 AM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	84148	6/27/2024 9:42:10 AM	6/27/2024 9:42:10 AM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	84148	6/27/2024 9:59:15 AM	6/27/2024 9:59:15 AM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	84148	6/27/2024 10:00:32 AM	6/27/2024 10:00:32 AM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	84148	6/27/2024 10:05:23 AM	6/27/2024 10:05:23 AM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	84148	6/27/2024 10:08:36 AM	6/27/2024 10:08:36 AM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	84148	6/27/2024 10:09:08 AM	6/27/2024 10:09:08 AM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	84148	6/27/2024 10:10:10 AM	6/27/2024 10:10:10 AM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	84148	6/27/2024 10:12:22 AM	6/27/2024 10:12:22 AM


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Committee Name: Community First**Account:** 84148

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
7/5/2024	P2	7/2/2024						
6/28/2024	P1A	6/27/2024						
6/21/2024	P1	6/27/2024	CLO	6	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/10/2024	Q2	6/27/2024	SNT	17	\$7,150.00		\$7,150.00	\$0.00
4/10/2024	Q1	4/10/2024						
1/10/2024	Q4	1/9/2024						
10/10/2023	Q3	10/10/2023						

HISTORY NOTES
Community First - 84148

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
80056	10/10/2023 2:51:00 PM		DLHoward
Re: Confidential Credentials			
I released the confidential credentials to Mr. Vincent Brown over the phone. DLH			
80031	10/10/2023 8:39:00 AM		DLHoward
Re: Treasurer PIN			
I released the treasurers PIN to Ms. Andrea Forde over the phone. DLH			



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RON DESANTIS
Governor

CORD BYRD
Secretary of State

September 8, 2023

Vincent T. Brown, Chairperson
Community First
Post Office Box 681966
Miami, Florida 33168

Dear Mr. Brown:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Community First**, which were placed on file in our office on September 8, 2023. 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 **October 10, 2023**. The report will cover the period of July 1 - September 30, 2023 (2023 Q3). 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: **84148**

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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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.

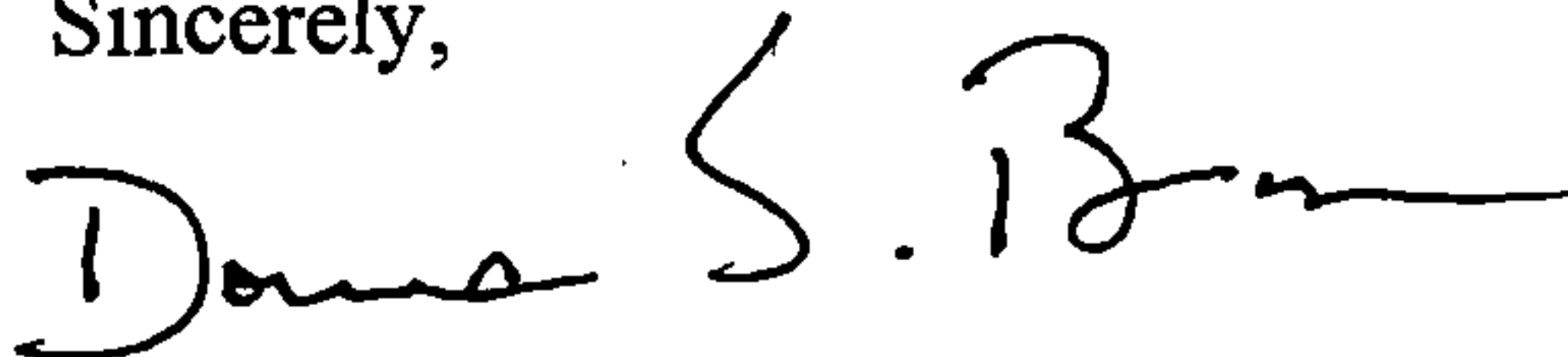
Instructions and Assistance

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

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Enclosures

pc: Andrea Forde, Treasurer

**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

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

1. Committee
Community First

2. Telephone
(786) 587-8740

3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer
Andrea Forde

4. Email (optional)
andreaforde12@gmail.com

5. Telephone (optional)
(786) 587-8740

6. Mailing Address
PO Box 681966, Miami, FL 33168

7. Street Address
847 NW 119th Street, Ste. 202, Miami FL 33168

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

9. Name of Bank
Bank of America

10. Street Address
9499 NE 2nd Avenue

11. City
Miami Shores

12. State
FL

13. Zip Code
33138

14. Signature of Chairman

X 

15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type)

Vincent T. Brown

Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

I, Andrea Forde, do hereby accept the appointment as
(Please Print or Type)

treasurer or deputy treasurer for

Community First
(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.

5/21/23
Date

X


Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

H.E.H. & ASSOCIATES

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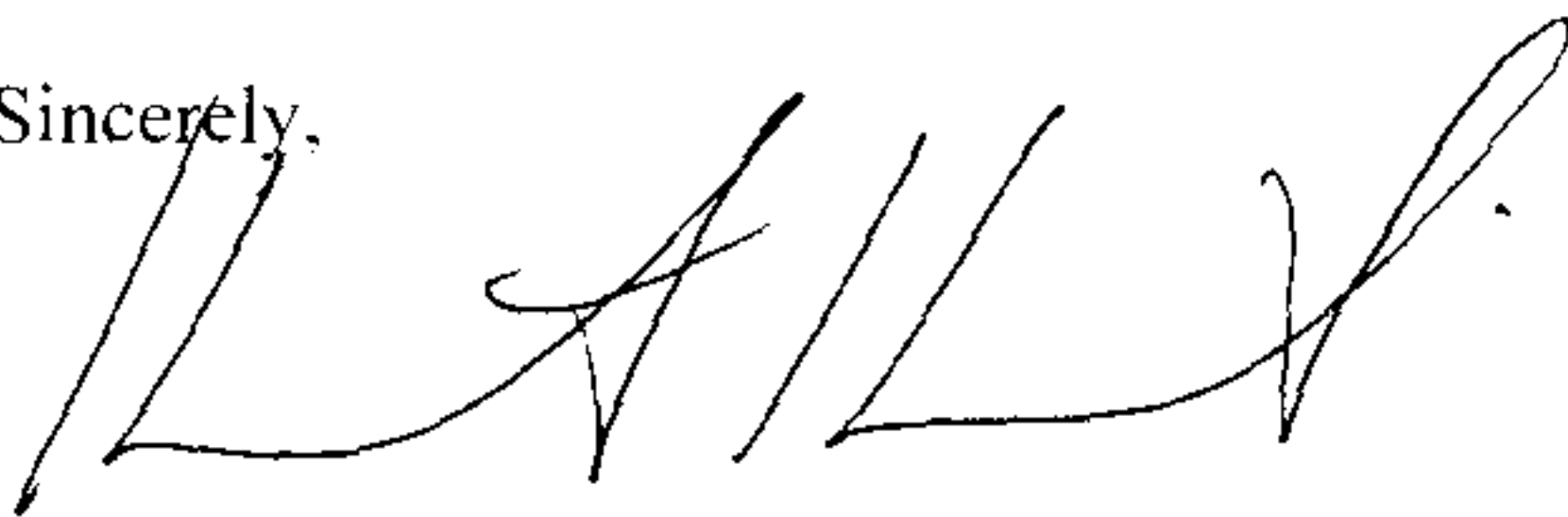
Re: Statement of Organization of Political Committee (Community First)

Records Department:

Please be advised that our firm represents Community First, a political committee in the state of Florida. Please find attached the Statement of Organization of Political Committee, the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees.

I respectfully request that said forms and organization be filed and recorded. If there are any questions and/or concerns regarding said filing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Humberto E. Hernandez, J.D.
H.E.H. & Associates
Governmental Affairs & Public Relations

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

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TALLAHASSEE FL

1. Full Name of Committee
Community First

Telephone
786-587-8740

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)
PO Box 681966, Miami, FL 33168

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)
847 NW 119th Street, Ste. 202, Miami FL 33168

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

Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization	Mailing Address	Relationship
None	None	None

3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee

State Wide - Candidate and Valid Issues for State, County and Municipal Elections

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

Political & Educational

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
Andrea Forde	PO Box 681966, Miami, FL 33168	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	
Vincent T. Brown	PO Box 681966, Miami, FL 33168	Chair - Registered Agent	
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
None	None	None	None
8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting: TBD			
List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing: TBD			
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?			
Donated to Charitable Non-Profit Organizations TBD			
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 Account No.: TBA		9499 NE 2nd Ave, Miami Shores, FL 33138	
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 and at Closing	Internal Revenue Service	Ogden, UT 84201
STATE OF <u>FLORIDA</u> <u>Miami-Dade</u> COUNTY I, <u>VINCENT T. BROWN</u> , certify that the information in this Statement of Organization is complete, true and correct. X <u>[Signature]</u> <u>5-19-23</u> Signature of Chairman of Political Committee Date			

Committee Tracking System

Community First

Type:Political Committee

Status:Active

Address:Post Office Box 681966

Miami, FL 33168

Phone:(786)587-8740

Chairperson:Vincent T Brown

Treasurer:Andrea Forde

847 Northwest 119th Street

Suite 202

Miami, FL 33168

Registered Agent:Vincent T Brown

847 Northwest 119th Street

Suite 202

Miami, FL 33168

Purpose:

Affiliates:

Campaign Finance Activity

Campaign Documents

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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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Community First	PAC	06/28/24	Fine Letter	PDF
Community First	PAC	06/17/24	Fail to File Letter	PDF
Community First	PAC	09/08/23	Change of Address / Officers	PDF
Community First	PAC	09/08/23	Acknowledgment Letter	PDF
Community First	PAC	08/07/23	Registered Agent Appointment	PDF
Community First	PAC	07/19/23	PAC Statement of Organization	PDF
Community First	PAC	07/19/23	PAC Appt of Campaign Treasurer	PDF