

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann

Case No.: FEC 24-259

TO: Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann
12407 Kelso Road
Thonotosassa, FL 33592

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-24-259

NAME: **ASHLEY ELIZABETH HERRMANN**

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 08/16/2024

DATE REPORT DUE: 07/05/2024 (2024 P2)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 07/09/2024

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 4

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$454.34

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$800.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$1,817.37

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 07/08/2024 (Failure to File Ltr)

SUMMARY: Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann was a candidate for State Representative, District 49 in the 2024 elections. Ms. Herrmann was her own treasurer.

Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann is appealing the fine, claiming that her campaign financial information was entered; however, she was unable to reach the Division of Elections for assistance on July 5th due to the office being closed for the holiday. According to Ms. Herrmann, she did not have access to her PIN and was unable to retrieve the documents needed to file until Tuesday. She notes that the fine would cause financial hardship and requests consideration.

- The 2024 P2 Original Report covers the period from 06/15/24-06/28/24; it was due on 07/05/24.
- The 2024 P2 Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created on 07/05/24 and filed on 07/09/24.
- Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann reported receiving 1 contribution, while making 2 expenditures.
- The Division of Elections does not have any notes that pertain to Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann's 2024 P2 report.

PRIOR CASES: None.

From: [Donna Malphurs](#) on behalf of [Florida Elections Commission](#)
To: [Br"Axeton Wims](#)
Subject: Fw: Request to appeal fine
Date: Monday, August 19, 2024 9:35:50 AM

----- Forwarded by Donna Malphurs/OAG on 08/19/2024 09:35 AM -----

From: "Ashley Herrmann" <herrmannhd49@gmail.com>
To: "fec@myfloridalegal.com" <fec@myfloridalegal.com>
Cc: elecrecords@dos.myflorida.com
Date: 08/16/2024 02:43 PM
Subject: Request to appeal fine

This Message Is From an Untrusted Sender

You have not previously corresponded with this sender.

To the Florida Election Commission,

I wish to appeal the fine dated August 2 in the amount of \$454.34 associated with the Ashley Herrmann campaign - 86158.

On July 5th, I entered the information for my campaign financials as I am both candidate and treasurer. However, I was unable to access the pin number to submit. I tried calling the Division of Elections for help as directed by the website, however the office was closed for the July 4th holiday. I am pregnant and was watching my 3 year old when I tried to call Monday, but there was no answer. On Tuesday I was able to retrieve the document with the pin codes and submitted the report. I understand that there are due dates and fines for good reason, however the fine is very large, and would constitute a significant financial burden on me and my family. My financials are usually much smaller, even just submitting waivers some weeks. Please consider waiving the fine for this time, or reducing it substantially considering the holiday and weekend being involved.

All the best,
Ashley Herrmann



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Cord Byrd
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

August 2, 2024

Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann
Candidate for State Representative, District 49
Post Office Box 691
Thonotosassa, FL 33592-3592

CAN 86158

Dear Ms. Herrmann:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on July 5, 2024, was filed on July 9, 2024. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$454.34.

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

July 8, 2024

CAN 86158

Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann
Candidate for State Representative, District 49
Post Office Box 691
Thonotosassa, FL 33592-3592

Dear Ms. Herrmann:

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 5, 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

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

(1) Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann (2) 86158
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) Post Office Box 691 Thonotosassa FL 33592
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
☐ Committee of Continuous Existence
☐ Party Executive Committee
☐ Check If PC has DISBANDED
☐ Check If CCE has DISBANDED

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 06/15/2024 To 06/28/2024 Report Type: P2
☐ Original ☒ Amendment ☐ Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$800.00
Loans	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$800.00
In-Kind	\$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$1,817.37
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$1,817.37

(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: Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann

Report: 2024 P2

Period: 06/15/2024 to 06/28/2024

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
		Type	In-Kind Description	Amend
1 06/21/2024	SCHECTOR, LAURIE 4500 N SURF RD HOLLYWOOD, FL 33019	I CHE	ACTIVIST	\$800.00 UPD
* 1	SCHECTOR, LAURIE 4500 N SURF RD HOLLYWOOD, FL 33019	I CHE	ACTIVIST	\$800.00 History 07/09/24

ID: 86158

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

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Name: Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann

Report: 2024 P2

Period: 06/15/2024 to 06/28/2024

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 06/18/2024	FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE R.A. GRAY BUILDING, ROOM 316 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399	MON	QUALIFYING FEE	\$1,781.82
2 06/17/2024	FEDEX 3875 AIRWAYS, MODULE H3 DEPARTMENT 4634 MEMPHIS, TN 38116	MON	SHIPPING	\$35.55

Name: Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann

Report: 2024 P2

Period: 06/15/2024 to 06/28/2024

** 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: Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann

Report: 2024 P2

Period: 06/15/2024 to 06/28/2024

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

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

Queued Items for 2024-P2

Account: 86158

Rpt Seq: 3

STR 049 Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	86158	7/5/2024 2:43:38 PM	7/5/2024 2:43:38 PM
Recalc Pending Report Total	Processing Complete	86158	7/9/2024 9:57:13 PM	7/9/2024 9:57:13 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	86158	7/9/2024 10:03:53 PM	7/9/2024 10:03:53 PM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	86158	7/9/2024 10:04:27 PM	7/9/2024 10:04:28 PM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	86158	7/9/2024 10:05:34 PM	7/9/2024 10:05:34 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	86158	7/9/2024 10:07:05 PM	7/9/2024 10:07:06 PM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	86158	7/9/2024 10:07:35 PM	7/9/2024 10:07:35 PM



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Candidate/Committee Lookup

Name:

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Search

Reset

Candidate Name: Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann

Account: [86158](#)

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	7/28/2024	PEN	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/19/2024	P3	7/19/2024						
7/5/2024	P2	7/9/2024	APP	4	\$454.34		\$454.34	\$0.00
6/21/2024	P1	6/21/2024						
6/10/2024	Q2	6/21/2024	CLO	11	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00

HISTORY NOTES

#Type!

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RON DESANTIS
Governor

CORD BYRD
Secretary of State

May 31, 2024

Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann
Post Office Box 691
Thonotosassa, Florida 33592

Dear Ms. Herrmann:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Representative, which was placed on file in our office on May 30, 2024. Your name has been placed on the 2024 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **June 10, 2024**. The report will cover the period of April 1 - May 31, 2024 (2024 Q2). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

EFS Access

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

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>
Identification Number: 86158

Timely Filing

All reports filed 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 due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

Division of Elections
R.A. Gray Building, Suite 316 • 500 South Bronough Street • Tallahassee, Florida 32399
850.245.6240 • 850.245.6260 (Fax) • [DOS.MyFlorida.com/elections](https://dos.mylouisiana.com/elections)



Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann
May 31, 2024
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Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first 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 reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Electronic Receipts

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

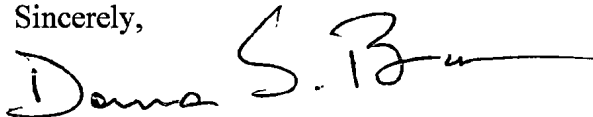
Instructions and Assistance

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

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

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna S. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

DSB/dla

Enclosures

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

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

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

HAND DELIVERED

RECEIVED

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2024 JUN 14 AM 9:49

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

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

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

(Please Print or Type Name)

Ashley, Elizabeth, Herrmann

3. Address (include PO Box or Street, City, State, Zip Code):

PO BOX 691

Thonotosassa, FL 33592

4. Telephone:

(863)225-3157

5. Candidate's Voter Registration #:

(not required for qualifying purposes)

6. Email Address:

herrmannhd49@gmail.com

7. Office Sought (include district, circuit, group, or seat #):

State Representative District 49

8. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check the box if applicable:

☐ I intend to run as a Write-In Candidate.

9. If a candidate for partisan office, check the box and fill in the name of the party as applicable: I intend to run as a

☐ Write-In Candidate. ☐ No Party Affiliation Candidate. ☒ Democrat Party candidate.

10. I have appointed the following person to act as my:

☒ Campaign Treasurer

☐ Deputy Treasurer

11. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer:

Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann (self)

12. Telephone:

(863)225-3157

13. Email Address:

herrmannhd49@gmail.com

14. Mailing Address:

PO BOX 691

15. City:

Thonotosassa

16. State:

FL

17. Zip Code:

33592

18. I have designated the following bank as my (check appropriate box): ☒ Primary Depository ☐ Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank:

Regions Bank

20. Address:

3021 Enterprise Rd

21. City:

East Clearwater

22. County:

Pinellas

23. State:

FL

24. Zip Code:

33759

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

25. Date: 6/13/24

26. Signature of Candidate:

X Ashley Herrmann

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

I, Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann

(Please Print or Type Name)

do hereby accept the appointment designated above as:

☒ Campaign Treasurer.

☐ Deputy Treasurer.

28. Date: 6/13/24

29. Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

X Ashley Herrmann



Florida Department of State Division of Elections

2024 General Election Ashley Elizabeth Herrmann (DEM) State Representative

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.](#)

	Filing Period	Contributions			Expend	Other	Transfers
		Monetary	Loans	InKind			
W	05/30/2024 - 05/31/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	06/01/2024 - 06/14/2024	1,500.00	800.00	0.00	23.17	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	06/15/2024 - 06/28/2024	800.00	0.00	0.00	1,817.37	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	06/29/2024 - 07/12/2024	55.00	0.00	0.00	0.84	0.00	0.00
W	07/13/2024 - 07/19/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	07/20/2024 - 07/26/2024	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	07/27/2024 - 08/02/2024	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.50	0.00	0.00
<input type="radio"/>	08/03/2024 - 08/15/2024	50.00	0.00	0.00	288.38	0.00	0.00
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	All Dates (Totals)	2,505.00	800.00	0.00	2,131.26	0.00	0.00

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

Select Detail Type

Contributions ▼

Select Sort Order

Date(Ascending) ▼

Select Output Type

Display On Screen ▼

Submit Query Now

[Query the Campaign Finance Data Base](#)

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