

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Carlos E. Surita**

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**Case No.: FEC 24-173**

**TO:** Carlos E. Surita  
301 McKay Drive  
Haines City, FL 33844

Sharon Lauther, City Clerk  
City of Haines City  
620 East Main Street  
Haines City, FL 33844

**NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE (AF))**

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on **December 3, 2025, at 9:30 am, or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, via Webinar at: **Registration URL** <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8443550463090426453>. **Webinar ID** 144-463-043  
**Audio Only** 1 877 309 2074 -- 786-784-735.

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  
November 7, 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-24-173**

**NAME:** **CARLOS SURITA**

**DATE APPEAL RECEIVED:** 07/16/2024

**DATE REPORT DUE:** 07/02/2024 (2024TR)

**DATE OF HAND DELIVERED RECEIPT:** 07/08/2024

**DATE FILING OFFICER RECEIVED REPORT:** 07/08/2024

**NUMBER OF DAYS LATE:** 6

**AMOUNT OF FINE:** \$1,650.00<sup>1</sup>

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

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$0

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$0

**DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION:** 07/10/2024 (Fine Ltr)

**SUMMARY:** Carlos Surita was a candidate for Haines City Commission, Seat 4 in the 2024 elections. Mr. Surita was his own treasurer.

Carlos Surita is appealing the fine, claiming that the contribution and expense report was submitted prior to the "election day." According to Mr. Surita, he was unaware that one of the forms had not been submitted. He explains that he was out of town during that time and was unable to meet the deadline. Additionally, he points out that the office was closed on July 4th and 5th, which caused further delays in filing.

- The 2024TR Original Report covers the period from 03/22/24-04/01/24; it was due on 07/02/24.
- The 2024TR Report shows that it was filed on 07/08/24.
- Carlos Surita reported receiving zero contributions, while making zero expenditures.
- The Haines City Clerk does not have any notes that pertain to Carlos Surita's 2024TR report.

**PRIOR CASES:** None.

**CORRECTION OF FINE:** \$0 (On 07/08/24, a waiver of report and a TR report showing zero activity was filed for the reporting period)

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<sup>1</sup>The fine is based on \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each day late.

**2B-1.005 Appeal of Fines Imposed by Filing Officers.**

(1) To appeal a fine imposed pursuant to section 106.04(8) or 106.07(8), F.S., the party against whom the fine is levied shall file a notice of appeal with the Commission, and a copy filed with the filing officer, within 20 days of the appealing party's receipt of notice that a fine is being imposed. The notice of appeal shall contain:

- (a) The name, address and telephone number of the appealing party;
- (b) A copy of the notice of imposition of fine issued by the filing officer; and,
- (c) A request for hearing if a personal appearance before the Commission is desired. If no hearing request is made, the appeal shall be decided solely on the documents submitted by the appealing party and Commission staff.

(2) Upon receipt of a timely notice of appeal, the Commission staff shall notify the appealing party that the appeal has been accepted. The appealing party shall have 20 days from acceptance of the appeal to submit any documents supporting the appeal. Any subsequent supplemental documents shall be filed no later than five business days before the hearing.

(3) The Commission shall uphold the fine imposed by the filing officer unless the appealing party demonstrates that the report was timely filed or that there were unusual or other circumstances beyond the control of the candidate or committee that caused the report to be filed late.

*Rulemaking Authority 106.26(1) FS. Law Implemented 106.04(8), 106.07(8) FS. History—New 9-14-86, Amended 10-19-86, Formerly 1D-1.005, Amended 1-11-99, 4-24-05, 6-2-13.*

**2B-1.0055 Late-filed Reports; Unusual Circumstances.**

(1) Unusual circumstances mean uncommon, rare or sudden events over which the actor has no control and which directly result in the failure to act according to the filing requirements. Unusual circumstances must occur within a time period that would clearly prevent the person legally responsible for filing the report from doing so in a timely manner. Unusual circumstances shall include, but are not limited to, the following circumstances:

(a) Natural disaster or other emergency that prevented timely filing. Evidence submitted shall include copies of newspaper reports or other documents from an independent and reliable source that document the nature, date, and location of the natural disaster or emergency.

(b) Death of the candidate or campaign treasurer or an immediate family member of the candidate or campaign treasurer. Evidence submitted shall include a copy of the death certificate, newspaper obituary, or funeral program or notice.

(c) Serious illness, disability or non-elective surgery of the candidate or campaign treasurer. Evidence submitted shall include a physician's certification on professional letterhead stationery that includes the dates of the illness, disability, or surgery; a statement regarding the period of time that the patient was incapacitated; and a statement that surgery, if any, was not elective. The period of incapacitation may also be shown by copies of hospital records reflecting the dates of hospitalization.

(d) Serious illness, disability or non-elective surgery of the candidate's or campaign treasurer's immediate family member. Evidence submitted shall include evidence of the candidate or treasurer's relationship to the family member, the location of the family member, and the reason the candidate or campaign treasurer's presence was required. Evidence submitted shall also include a physician's certification on professional letterhead stationery that includes the dates of the illness, disability or surgery; a statement regarding the period of time that the patient was incapacitated; a statement that surgery, if any, was not elective; and a statement that the patient required the care of a family member.

(e) Computer or equipment failure caused by events that could not have been anticipated and that made timely filing of the report impossible.



(f) The abrupt and unexpected loss of the campaign treasurer, over which the appealing party had no control. The loss of the campaign treasurer shall not constitute unusual circumstances if the appealing party failed to monitor the campaign treasurer's performance before his or her departure or if the appealing party failed to assure prompt preparation of the report after the treasurer's departure.

(g) Failure of the filing officer to e-mail, telephone, or mail a letter to the candidate, chairman of a political committee, or treasurer of a committee of continuous existence that a report is late no later than seven days after the report was due shall constitute unusual circumstances if the appealing party establishes that lack of notice clearly interfered with the timely filing of the report. The fine imposed by the filing officer shall be reduced to the amount that would have been imposed had the report been filed 13 days late.

(2) Unusual circumstances shall not include:

(a) Failure of the United States Postal Service or other mail delivery service to postmark an envelope, legibly postmark an envelope, or timely deliver mail.

(b) Failure of the sender to affix sufficient postage to a report that is being mailed.

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**From:** [Br"Axeton Wims](#) on behalf of [Florida Elections Commission](#)  
**To:** [Br"Axeton Wims](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Penalty Letter  
**Date:** Thursday, July 18, 2024 12:43:12 PM

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To: "fec@myfloridalegal.com" <[fec@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:fec@myfloridalegal.com)>  
Date: 07/16/2024 09:05 AM  
Subject: Fwd: Penalty Letter

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Mrs.Braxton, it was a pleasure speaking with you today . I attached and forward you the penalty letter. I apologize for any inconvenience. As per our conversation ,I mentioned I always comply with what was needed during my campaign reports. I submitted the contribution and expense report prior to election day. I was unaware of one form that was not completed, mistakes happen, just like the city made a mistake on the Election date. I was out of town when I was asked to go July 2, 2024 which was the deadline. I also could not go July 4th or 5th because the Haines City City Hall was closed. I am a small business owner and times are hard to come by, going through a hardship at this time. As I mentioned before , I would comply and ask for the city clerk assistance when needed. I deeply apologize for any inconvenience .

Thank you

Carlos E. Surita

[Charliesurita@gmail.com](mailto:Charliesurita@gmail.com)

407-361-1047

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From: **Sharon Lauther** <[Sharon.Lauther@hainescity.com](mailto:Sharon.Lauther@hainescity.com)>  
Date: Thu, Jul 11, 2024, 9:48 AM  
Subject: RE: Penalty Letter  
To: Carlos Surita <[charliesurita@gmail.com](mailto:charliesurita@gmail.com)>

Carlos: Click on this website for email and phone number info

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**Cc:** Carlos Surita <[CarlosSforcommissionerSeat4@gmail.com](mailto:CarlosSforcommissionerSeat4@gmail.com)>; Erica Sanchez <[erica.sanchez@hainescity.com](mailto:erica.sanchez@hainescity.com)>

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Good morning:

Please see the attached penalty letter regarding your late filing for you Campaign reports.

Should you have any question, do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

*Sharon Lauther, MMC*

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July 10, 2024

Carlos Surita

301 McKay Drive

Haines City, FL 33844

Dear Mr. Surita:

Your campaign treasurer's report, which was due July 2, 2024, was not filed until July 8, 2024. Section 106.07 (8)(b), Florida Statutes, provides that the fine shall be \$50 per day for the first 3 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. Since your report was filed on July 8, 2024, you are fined the amount of \$1650.00

The fine must be paid to the City of Haines City within 20 days of receipt of this notice unless appealed to the Florida Elections Commission. Please note that as a candidate, the fine is not an allowable campaign expenditure and must be paid from personal funds.

Section 106.07 (8)(c), Florida Statutes, provides for appealing or disputing the assessed fine by submitting a notice of appeal in writing within 20 days of the date of receipt of the notice of payment due stating any unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date. A failure to timely file such notice will constitute a waiver of the right of appeal.

Moreover, the notice of appeal must be accompanied by any and all supporting evidence you wish the Commission to consider in making its determination. Examples of such evidence that the Florida Elections Commission will consider are: (1) an affidavit attesting, in specific detail, to a timely mailing; (2) an affidavit or letter from the post office documenting a mailing problem; or (3) an affidavit or statement from an attending physician or a hospital bill, setting forth specific dates if there is a health-related reason as to why your report was not timely filed. If you fail to submit documentation or evidence demonstrating the unusual circumstances which prevented you from timely filing your report within the 20-day period stated above, no documentation or evidence submitted thereafter will be considered by the Florida Elections Commission.

You also have the right to a hearing before the Commission. However, if you desire a hearing before the Commission, you must request such hearing in the notice of appeal within 20 days of receipt of this notice. If no timely request for a hearing is made in your notice of appeal, you will be deemed to have waived your right to a hearing and the Commission's determination shall be based upon your written record.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or our office.

Sincerely,

Sharon Lauther

City Clerk

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**From:** Carlos Surita <carlossforcommissionerseat4@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 3, 2024 11:47 AM  
**To:** Sharon Lauther  
**Subject:** Re: FINAL REPORT DUE

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happy 4th i be there monday , report was completed before and account was closed , Erica has the paperwork,  
Thanks  
Carlos Surita  
407-361-1047

On Tue, Jul 2, 2024 at 11:02 AM Sharon Lauther <[Sharon.Lauther@hainescity.com](mailto:Sharon.Lauther@hainescity.com)> wrote:

Good morning:

Today is the LAST day to submit your final report. Please me mindful there is a Penalty for Late Filing

### Penalty for Late Filing

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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 3 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.

- For 90 day termination reports, the fine is \$50 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.

*Sharon Lauther, MMC*

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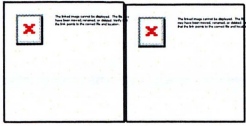
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Good morning I was at your office early today at 10 o'clock and you was unavailable also Erica. Like I mentioned before the report was done before election day. If you like scan email. The report to me I can review it. What if you like I can come back? If you set an appointment thank you carlos

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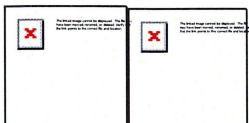
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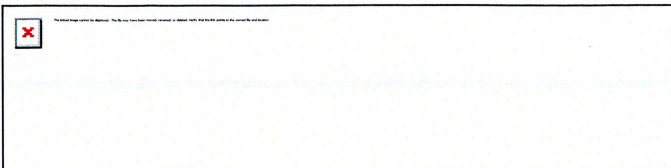
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# CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Carlos Surite

Name

(2) 301 McKay Dr.

Address (number and street)

Haines City FL 33844

City, State, Zip Code

☐ Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: 003

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*Rec'd 7/8/2024*

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

☒ Candidate Office Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Political Committee (PC)

☐ Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO)

☐ Party Executive Committee (PTY)

☐ Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications)

☐ Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded

☐ Check here if PTY has disbanded

☐ Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

## (5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 03 / 22 / 2024 To 04 / 01 / 2024 Report Type: FINAL

☐ Original

☐ Amendment

☐ Special Election Report

## (6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$ 0 , 00 , 00 . 00

Loans \$ 0 , 00 , 00 . 00

Total Monetary \$ 0 , 00 , 00 . 00

In-Kind \$ 0 , 00 , 00 . 00

## (7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$ 0 , 00 , 00 . 00

Transfers to Office Account \$ 0 , 00 , 00 . 00

Total Monetary \$ 0 , 00 , 00 . 00

## (8) Other Distributions

\$ 0 , 00 , 00 . 00

## (9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$ 1,962.25

## (10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$ 2,610.11

## (11) 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:

(Type name)

☐ Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) ☐ Treasurer ☐ Deputy Treasurer

X Carlos Surite  
Signature

(Type name)

☐ Candidate ☐ Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature



Recd. 7/8/2024

Carlos E. Surite

003

(3) Cover Period 03 / 22 / 2024 through

(4) Page \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

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Rec'd 7/8/2024

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Carlos E. Surita (2) I.D. Number 003

(3) Cover Period 03/22/2024 through 04/01/2024 (4) Page        of       

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
//	No Expenditures				
//					
//					
//					
//					
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# WAIVER OF REPORT

(Section 106.07(7), F.S.)

(PLEASE TYPE)

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Rec'd 7/8/2024

Carlos E. Surita

Name

Commission Seat #4

Office Sought

301 McKay Dr.

Address

Haines City

City

FL

State

33844

Zip Code

☒ Candidate

☐ Committee of Continuous Existence

☐ Electioneering Communication Organization

☐ Political Committee

☐ Party Executive Committee

☐ Check box if address has changed since last report.

☐ Check here if PC, CCE, or ECO has DISBANDED and will no longer file reports.

## TYPE OF REPORT (Check Appropriate Box)

### QUARTERLY REPORTS

☐ January

☐ April

☐ July

☐ October

### PRIMARY ELECTION

☐ 32nd day prior

☐ 18th day prior

☐ 4th day prior

### GENERAL ELECTION

☐ 46th day prior

☐ 32nd day prior

☐ 18th day prior

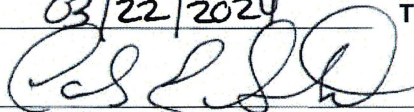
☐ 4th day prior

☒ TERMINATION REPORT

☐ SPECIAL ELECTION

## NOTIFICATION OF NO ACTIVITY IN CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD OF

X

03/22/2024  


Signature

THROUGH

04/01/2024

07/08/2024

Date

X

Signature

Date

## SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR:

### Candidates:

Candidate and Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer (s. 106.07(5), F.S.)

### Political Committees:

Chairman and Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer (s. 106.07(5), F.S.)

### Committees of Continuous Existence and Electioneering Communication Organizations:

Treasurer (s. 106.04(4)(c), F.S.)

### Party Executive Committees:

Treasurer and Chairman (s. 106.29(2), F.S.)

In any reporting period when there has been no activity in the account (no funds expended or received) the filing of the required report is waived. However, the filing officer must be notified in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed.



APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER  
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN  
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES

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

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

12/12/2023

Eden S

12:58 PM

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

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)

Carlos Esteban Surita

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

301 McKay Dr. Haines City FL  
33844

4. Telephone:

(407) 361-1047

5. Candidate's Voter Registration #:

122482334

(not required for qualifying purposes)

6. Email Address:

charliesurita@gmail.com

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

Haines City Commission  
Seat #4

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. ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Party candidate.

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

☒ Campaign Treasurer

☐ Deputy Treasurer

11. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer:

Carlos Esteban Surita

12. Telephone:

(407) 361-1047

13. Email Address:

charliesurita@gmail.com

14. Mailing Address:

301 McKay Dr.

15. City:

Haines City

16. State:

FL

17. Zip Code:

33844

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

19. Name of Bank:

Citizens Bank and Trust

20. Address:

36250 Highway 27, Haines City

21. City:

Haines City

22. County:

Polk

23. State:

FL

24. Zip Code:

33844

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:

12/12/2023

26. Signature of Candidate:

X

Carlos Esteban Surita

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

I, Carlos Esteban Surita do hereby accept the appointment designated above as:  
(Please Print or Type Name)

☒ Campaign Treasurer.

☐ Deputy Treasurer.

28. Date:

12/12/2023

29. Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

X

Carlos Esteban Surita



**STATEMENT OF  
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

12/13/23

4:43<sup>PM</sup> (ES)

I, Carlos Esteban Surita,

candidate for the office of City Commission Seat #4;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of  
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X



Signature of Candidate

12/13/2023

Date

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).

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2024 April Municipal Election

Election Date: 4/2/2024

(Website last updated at: 04/08/2024 9:53:54 am)

Registered Voters:	38,549
Ballots Counted:	5,739
Voter Turnout:	14.89%
Precincts Reporting:	
6 / 6	
Election Day:	Completely Reported
Vote By Mail:	Completely Reported

FINAL OFFICIAL RESULTS

Summary Results

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Participating Precincts Reporting:

1 / 1



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Choice	Percent	Votes
Yes for approval	31.43%	143

**No against approval****68.57%****312****455**

### ☆ Davenport Commissioner - Seat 1

Participating Precincts Reporting: 1 / 1



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Choice	Percent	Votes
Linda M. Robinson	71.29%	509
Timothy Scott Woodlee	28.71%	205
		714

### ☆ Davenport Commissioner - Seat 2

Participating Precincts Reporting: 1 / 1



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Choice	Percent	Votes
Jeremy Clark	57.52%	409
Christopher A. Lopez	42.48%	302
		711

### ☆ Haines City - City Commission, Seat 3

Participating Precincts Reporting: 2 / 2



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Choice	Percent	Votes
Joseph Burgos	28.27%	625
Jayne Hall	19.63%	434
Morris L. West	52.10%	1,152
		2,211

### ☆ Haines City - City Commission, Seat 4

Participating Precincts Reporting: 2 / 2



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Choice	Percent	Votes
Clarence Daniels	30.80%	672
Kim Downing	32.91%	718
Buster Raggs Sr	6.87%	150
Carlos Surita	29.42%	642
		2,182

### ☆ Lake Wales City Commissioner, Seat 2

Participating Precincts Reporting: 2 / 2



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Choice	Percent	Votes
Brandon Alvarado	42.13%	939
Crystal Higbee	15.57%	347
Daniel Williams	42.31%	943
		2,229

### ☆ Lake Wales City Commissioner, Seat 4

Participating Precincts Reporting: 2 / 2



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Detailed  
View

Choice	Percent	Votes
Carol Gillespie	57.40%	1,327
Danny Krueger	42.60%	985
		2,312



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2024 Haines City Run-off Election

Election Date: 4/30/2024

(Website last updated at: 05/03/2024 9:15:30 am)

Registered Voters:	18,686
Ballots Counted:	1,566
Voter Turnout:	8.38%
Precincts Reporting:	
2 / 2	
Election Day:	Completely Reported
Vote By Mail:	Completely Reported

FINAL OFFICIAL RESULTS

Summary Results

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Vote Type View:

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★ HC City Commission, Seat 4

Participating Precincts Reporting:

2 / 2

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View

Choice	Percent	Votes
Clarence Daniels	47.18%	737
Kim Downing	52.82%	825

1,562