#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re:	<b>Polk County Voters League</b>	Case No.:	FEC 22-280
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**TO:** Randolph H. Barnes, Chair 906 Hammock Shave Drive Lakeland, FL 33809

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

#### NOTICE OF HEARING (INFORMAL HEARING (IH))

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on **December 3, 2025**, **at 1:00 pm**, *or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard*, via Webinar at: **Registration URL**<a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8443550463090426453">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8443550463090426453</a>. **Webinar ID** 144-463-043 **Audio Only** 1 877 309 2074 -- 786-784-735.

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director Florida Elections Commission November 7, 2025 Please refer to the information below for further instructions related to your particular hearing:

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#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Florida Elections Commission, Petitioner,

v. Case No.: FEC 22-280

Polk County Voters League,
Respondent.

#### ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") at its meeting held on August 20, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom teleconferencing.

On September 5, 2024, Staff recommended to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated. The facts articulated in Staff's Recommendation are adopted by reference and incorporated herein. Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation(s):

#### Count 1:

On or about February 10, 2022, Polk County Voters League violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2022 M1 Report.

#### Count 2:

On or about June 24, 2022, Polk County Voters League violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2022 P1 Report.

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On or about July 1, 2022, Polk County Voters League violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2022 P1A Report.

#### Count 4:

On or about July 8, 2022, Polk County Voters League violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when it failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that it would not be filing its 2022 P2 Report.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Florida Elections Commission on August 20, 2025.

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

Copies furnished to: Stephanie J. Cunningham, General Counsel Polk County Voters League, Respondent Division of Elections, Complainant

#### **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING**

As the Respondent, you may elect to resolve this case in several ways. First, you may elect to resolve this case by <u>consent order</u> where you and Commission staff agree to resolve the violation(s) and agree to the amount of the fine. The consent order is then presented to the Commission for its approval. To discuss a consent order, contact the FEC attorney identified in the Order of Probable Cause.

Second, you may request an <u>informal hearing</u> held before the Commission, if you <u>do not</u> dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to make written or oral arguments to the Commission concerning the legal issues related to the violation(s) and the potential fine. At the request of Respondent, the Commission

will consider and determine willfulness at an informal hearing. Otherwise, live witness testimony is unnecessary.

Third, you may request a <u>formal hearing</u> held before an administrative law judge in the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), if you dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to present evidence relevant to the violation(s) listed in this order, to cross-examine opposing witnesses, to impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence presented against you.

If you do not elect to resolve the case by consent order or request a formal hearing at the DCAH or an informal hearing before the Commission within 30 days of the date this Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission, the case will be sent to the Commission for a formal or informal hearing, depending on whether the facts are in dispute. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order.

To request a hearing, please send a written request to the Commission Clerk, Donna Ann Malphurs. The address of the Commission Clerk is 107 W. Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050. The telephone number is (850) 922-4539. The Clerk will provide you with a copy of Chapter 28-106, *Florida Administrative Code*, and other applicable rules upon request. No mediation is available.

#### STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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**TO:** Randolph H. Barnes, Chair 906 Hammock Shave Drive Lakeland, FL 33809

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

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#### NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION (PCD))

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **August 20, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.**, *or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard*, at the following location: **Virtual Meeting Session Two via Zoom link:** <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/o8eHKJsYRgmtfmAzZNft5A">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/o8eHKJsYRgmtfmAzZNft5A</a>.

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Tim Vaccaro

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то:	Randolph H. Barnes, Chair 906 Hammock Shave Drive Lakeland, FL 33809	Division of Elections 500 S. Bronough Street, Room 316 Tallahassee, FL 32399

#### NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION (PCD))

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 Ke	: Polk County Voters League	Case No.: FEC 22-280	
TO:	Randolph H. Barnes, Chair PO Box 6495	Division of Elections 500 S. Bronough Street, Room	m 316
	Lakeland, FL 33807	Tallahassee, FL 32399	

#### NOTICE OF HEARING (PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION (PCD))

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **February 27, 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.

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November 1, 2024

Florida Elections Commission 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050

RE: Case No.: FEC 22-280: Respondent: Polk County Voters League

Dear Ms. Cunningham,

I have received your information regarding this case in reference to the late filing of Reports 2022M1, 2022P1, 2022 P1A and 2022 P2.

As pointed out in your correspondence item # 10 that Attorney Larry Hardaway died on September 9, 2021. Mr. Hardaway, a friend, was a one-man operation and after his death the organization was in disarray. His wife was grieving and charged with closing his office. After we went through the files, we discovered that the report needed to be filed. After his death I volunteered to chair the organization. Joyce volunteered to be the treasurer and others volunteered to fill positions and carry on with Larry's mission. It was a period of discovery and grief for the organization.

Please consider this situation, his death, as reasonable cause to waive the penalties.

Sincerely,

Randolph Barnes, President

Polk County Voters League

P.O. BOX 6495 Laxeland, FC 33807



Florida Elections Commission 107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050

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From: Stephanie Cunningham
To: rbarnes8@aol.com

Subject:22-280: Polk County Voters LeagueDate:Thursday, October 10, 2024 10:50:00 AM

#### Mr. Barnes:

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Please let me know if you would like to see the proposed minor violation consent order. If the committee opts to file a response, please file by October 31st.

#### Thank you.

Stephanie J. Cunningham
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October 10, 2024

Randolph Barnes, Chair Polk County Voters League PO Box 6495 Lakeland, FL 33807

RE: Case No.: FEC 22-280; Respondent: Polk County Voters League

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Stephanie J. Cunningham General Counsel

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#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION

Pursuant to Section 106.25(4)(c), Florida Statutes, undersigned staff counsel files this written recommendation for disposition of the referral in this case recommending that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with violating **Section 106.07(7)**, **Florida Statutes**. Based upon a thorough review of the Report of Investigation submitted on January 8, 2024, the following facts and law support this staff recommendation:

- 1. On September 7, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission ("Commission") received a referral from the Department of State, Division of Elections ("Division" or "Complainant"), alleging that Polk County Voters League ("Respondent") violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
  - 2. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. (ROI Exhibit 2)<sup>1</sup>
- 3. By letter dated November 8, 2022, the Executive Director notified Respondent that Commission staff would investigate the following statutory provision:

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

- 2022 M1
- 2022 P1
- 2022 P1A
- 2022 P2
- 4. By letter dated June 26, 2020, Kristi Reid Willis, Chief, Bureau of Election Records, sent Respondent's chairperson, treasurer, and deputy treasurer a letter acknowledging that the Division had received its Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Political Committees form. (ROI Exhibit 3)
- 5. The acknowledgment letter advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms were available on its website and directed Respondent to print out the *Calendar of Reporting Dates* as well as other relevant documents. (ROI Exhibit 3, page 2)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Report of Investigation is referred to herein as "ROI."

- 6. Pursuant to Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, in any reporting period during which a political committee has not received funds, made any contributions, or expended any reportable funds, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. However, the political committee is required to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.
- 7. The *Political Committee Handbook* references the statutory requirement regarding written notification and directs political committees to notify the Division by way of the Division's electronic filing system. (ROI Exhibit 4, page 2) The *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* shows the process through which to notify the Division. The user's guide instructs political committees to select the relevant reporting period and place a checkmark in a box titled "Waiver" to indicate the lack of reportable financial activity. (ROI Exhibit 5, pages 2 & 3)
- 8. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods, as set forth in the table below. (ROI Exhibit 6, page 1)

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2022 M1	01/01/2022 - 01/31/2022	02/10/2022	02/20/2022	10
2022 P1	06/01/2022 - 06/17/2022	06/24/2022	07/11/2022	17
2022 P1A	06/18/2022 - 06/24/2022	07/01/2022	07/11/2022	10
2022 P2	06/25/2022 - 07/01/2022	07/08/2022	07/11/2022	3

- 9. Randolph Barnes, chairperson for Respondent, stated that the notices were submitted late due to the acceleration of the reporting schedule from monthly to bi-monthly. (ROI Exhibit 7) Mr. Barnes added that the treasurer was a new volunteer due to the death of the prior treasurer, Mr. Hardaway. (ROI Exhibit 10, page 2)
- 10. An online obituary shows that Larry Hardaway died on September 9, 2021. (ROI Exhibit 8, page 2) On October 13, 2022, thirteen months later, Mr. Hardaway was removed as treasurer and Joyce Bentley, previous deputy treasurer for the committee, was appointed to primary treasurer for Respondent. (ROI Exhibit 9) The notices at issue were due after Mr. Hardaway died.
- 11. "Probable Cause" is defined as reasonable grounds of suspicion supported by circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a cautious person in the belief that the person has committed the offense charged. Schmitt v. State, 590 So. 2d 404, 409 (Fla. 1991). Probable cause exists where the facts and circumstances, of which an [investigator] has reasonably trustworthy information, are sufficient in themselves for a reasonable man to reach the conclusion that an offense has been committed. Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles v. Favino, 667 So. 2d 305, 309 (Fla. 1st DCA 1995).

12. The facts set forth above show that Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division. Respondent failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting dates that no reports would be filed for the following reporting periods: 2022 M1, 2022 P1, 2022 P1A, and 2022 P2.

Based upon these facts and circumstances, I recommend that the Commission find probable cause to charge Respondent with violating the following:

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Respectfully submitted on September 5, 2024.

Stephanie J. Cunningham

General Counsel

I reviewed this Staff Recommendation this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September 2024.

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director

#### FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

#### Report of Investigation for Failure to Notify Filing Officer

Case Number: FEC 22-280

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, failure of a candidate or political committee that did not receive any contributions or make any expenditures during a reporting period to timely notify the filing officer, in writing, that no report is being filed.

Respondent: Polk County Voters League

Respondent's Atty: N/A

**Division of Elections (Division)** 

**Referral Filed:** September 7, 2022

**Respondent Type:** Political Committee

#### I. Preliminary Information:

- 1. Respondent is a political committee registered with the Division.
- 2. An Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository (DS-DE 6) was filed on June 25, 2020. Larry Hardaway was appointed as campaign treasurer. On the same date, another DS-DE 6 was filed appointing Joyce Bentley as deputy treasurer. To review the DS-DE 6, refer to Exhibit 1.
- 3 Respondent filed a Statement of Organization on June 25, 2020. To review the Statement of Organization, refer to Exhibit 2.
- 4. An acknowledgement letter was mailed to the address provided on the DS-DE 6 on June 26, 2020, advising Respondent that all political committees filing reports with the Division are required to file by means of the Division's electronic filing system (EFS). Respondent was provided with a user identification number and initial password allowing access to the EFS.
- 5. The acknowledgement letter also advised Respondent that all of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on their website, including Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the *Political Committee Handbook*, and the *Calendar of Reporting Dates*. The letter further advised that it was Respondent's responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. To review the acknowledgement letter, refer to Exhibit 3.
- 6. The *Political Committee Handbook* discusses filing a waiver when there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant page of the *Handbook*, refer to Exhibit 4.
- 7. The *Political Committee EFS User's Guide* discusses how to notify the Division on the prescribed reporting date that no report will be filed using the EFS. Specifically, the *Guide* instructs the user to click the box next to "waiver" if there is no activity to disclose. To review the relevant pages from the *EFS User's Guide*, refer to Exhibit 5.

#### **II.** Alleged Violation of Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes:

8. I investigated whether Respondent violated this section of the election laws by not timely notifying the filing officer, in writing, that no report(s) would be filed due to not receiving any contributions or making expenditures during the following reporting period(s). To review Respondent's filing history reflecting the untimely filed notifications summarized below, refer to Exhibit 6.

Report	Report Cover Period	Date Notification Due	Date Notification Filed	No. of Days Late
2022 M1	01/01/2022 - 01/31/2022	02/10/2022	02/20/2022	10
2022 P1	06/01/2022 - 06/17/2022	06/24/2022	07/11/2022	17
2022 P1A	06/18/2022 - 06/24/2022	07/01/2022	07/11/2022	10
2022 P2	06/25/2022 - 07/01/2022	07/08/2022	07/11/2022	3

9. Respondent did respond to the referral. Respondent's Chairperson, Randolph Barnes, stated the late submissions were human error. He explained that when the reporting dates changed to bi-monthly, that action was not reflected on their master calendar. The reports were quickly submitted when discovered. Mr. Barnes stated that as a result they understand the importance of timely reporting. To review Respondent's response, refer to Exhibit 7.

10. I called Respondent's Chairperson, Randolph Barnes, for the purpose of providing an opportunity to discuss the allegations made in the referral. When he was asked why the notifications at issue were not filed by the prescribed reporting dates, he explained that the treasurer at the time of these reports was a new volunteer and did not have a handle on it. Mr. Barnes stated that the designated treasurer, Mr. Hardaway, had handled everything, but he passed away in early 2022 due to Covid and other health issues. Mr. Barnes indicated that he does not possess and has not read Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, or the *Political Committee Handbook*. To review the phone log, refer to Exhibit 10.

Thouas Malford

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR:

**Date:** January 8, 2024

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> According to an obituary located by Commission staff, Mr. Hardaway passed away on September 9, 2021, which was before any of the reporting periods at issue. Respondent filed another DS-DE 6 appointing Joyce Bentley campaign treasurer on October 13, 2022, which was after this referral was filed. To review the obituary, refer to Exhibit 8. To review the DS-DE 6, refer to Exhibit 9.

## FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

## REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

**Polk County Voters League -- FEC 22-280** 

LIST OF EXHIBITS				
Exhibits #s Description of Exhibits				
Exhibit 1	DS-DE 6			
Exhibit 2	Statement of Organization			
Exhibit 3	Acknowledgement Letter			
Exhibit 4	Political Committee Handbook			
Exhibit 5	Political Committee EFS User's Guide			
Exhibit 6	Filing History			
Exhibit 7	Respondent's Response			
Exhibit 8	Obituary			
Exhibit 9	Change of Officers			
Exhibit 10	Phone Log			

#### **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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Committee  Polk County Voters League		2. Telephone (863 ) 698-	9677	
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer 4. Email (option line)	nal) NiyeeA	5. Telephone ( 06.(c/h) (863 ) 559-	optional) 1901	
6. Mailing Address P O Box 6495, Lakeland, FL 33807	i			
7. Street Address 3605 Welsch Way, Lakeland FL 33813				
8. The following bank has been designated as the	rimary Depo	sitory Seconda	ary Depository	
9. Name of Bank Midflorida Credit Union	10. Street	<sup>Address</sup> 301 U S Highway 9	98 S.	
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# 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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### STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

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1. Full Name of Committee			Telephone
Polk County Voters Lea	gue		863-698-9677
Mailing Address (include city	, state and zip code)		
P O Box 6495, Lakeland	i, FL 33807		
Street Address (include city,	state and zip code)		
906 Hammock Shade D	rive, Lakeland, FL 33809		
Affiliated or Connected Or committees)	ganizations (includes other committe	es of continuous ex	istence and political
Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization	Mailing Address	3	Relationship
None			
3. Area, Scope and Jurisdict	ion of the Committee		
The committee will suppor	t city, county, statewide candidate	es and issues.	
	<b>Organization's Special Interest (e.g.</b> , r by Mail, Voters engagment and in		
5. Identify by Name, Address	and Position, the Custodian of Book	s and Accounts (in	clude treasurer's name)
Full Name	Mailing Address	Com	mittee Title or Position
Larry D. Hardaway	P O Box 6495, Lakeland, FL 33	807 Treasu	rer
Joyce Bentley	P O Box 6495, Lakeland, FL 33	807 Deputy	Treasurer

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Randolph H. Barnes	P O Box 6495, Lakela	nd, FL 33807 C	hairman		
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Joyce Bentley	P O Box 6495, Lakela	nd, FL 33807 D	eputy Treas	urer	
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Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sou	ıght	Party	
To Be Determined					
8. List Any Issues this Co	ommittee is Supporting: To Be	e Determined			
List Any Issues this Co	mmittee is Opposing: To Be	e Determined			
9. If this Committee is Su	pporting the Entire Ticket of a I	Party, Give Name of Pa	rty		
Not Applicable					
10. In the Event of Dissol	ution, What Disposition will be	Made of Residual Fund	ls?		
The residual funds will be d	listributed to non-profits and othe	r caharitible organization	ıs.		
11. List all Banks, Safety	Deposit Boxes, or Other Depos	itories Used for Comm	ittee Funds		
Name of Bank or Dep	ository & Account Number	Ma	ailing Address		
Midflorida Credit Unio Checking Account	on	5301 U S Highway Lakeland, FL 3381			
12. List all Reports Requi and Positions of Such	red to be Filed by this Committ n Officials, If Any	ee with Federal Official	ls and the Nar	mes, Addresses	
Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of Off	ficial M	ailing Address	
None					
STATE OF Florid	a	Polk		COUNTY	
Randolph H. Barnes , certify that the information in this Statement of					
Organization is complete, to	ue and correct.				
X land 14/ Sauce June 16, 2020					
Signature of Chairman of Political Committee Date					

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RON DESANTIS Governor LAUREL M. LEE Secretary of State

June 26, 2020

Ranbdolph H. Barnes, Chairperson Polk County Voters League Post Office Box 6495 Lakeland, Florida 33807

Dear Mr. Barnes:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Polk County Voters League**, which were placed on file in our office on June 25, 2020. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

#### Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **July 3, 2020**. The report will cover the period of June 20-26, 2020 (2020 P2). All political committees that file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

#### **EFS Access**

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

EFS Website Address: https://efs.dos.state.fl.us

Identification Number: 78782

#### **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 <a href="https://dos.myflorida.com/elections">https://dos.myflorida.com/elections</a>. 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.

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Sincerely,

Krist Reid Willis, Chief Bureau of Election Records

KRW/dlh

Enclosures

pc: Larry Hardaway, Treasurer Joyce Bentley, Deputy Treasurer

# Political Committee Handbook

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(Rev. 9/27/2019)

Any political committee required to file reports with a filing officer other than the Division must file reports on the  $60^{th}$  day immediately preceding the primary election and bi-weekly on each Friday thereafter through and including the  $4^{th}$  day immediately preceding the general election, with additional reports due on the  $25^{th}$  and  $11^{th}$  days before the primary election and the general election.

Unless the electronic filing requirements of Section 106.0705, Florida Statutes, apply, reports shall be filed no later than 5 p.m. of the day designated. A report postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight of the day designated is deemed timely filed. A report received by the filing officer within five days after the designated due date that was delivered by the U.S. Postal Service is deemed timely filed unless it has a postmark indicating the report was mailed after the designated due date. A certificate of mailing obtained from and dated by the U.S. Postal Service at the time of mailing or a receipt from an established courier company, which bears a date on or before the date on which the report is due, is proof of mailing in a timely manner.

Reports filed with the Division through the <u>Electronic Filing System</u> (<u>EFS</u>) are due no later than midnight, Eastern Time, of the due date.

(Sections <u>106.07</u>, <u>106.0705</u>, and <u>106.141</u>, Fla. Stat.; Chapter 11: Electronic Filing of Campaign Reports)

#### **Penalty for Late Filing**

Any political committee 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 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports due immediately prior to the primary and general elections, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

(Section <u>106.07(8)</u>, Fla. Stat.)

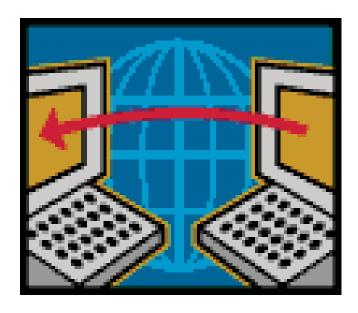
#### **Notice of No Activity**

When there has been no reportable activity in the campaign account during a reporting period (no funds expended or received) the filing of the report is waived. However, the political committee must notify the filing officer in writing on or before the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date. (A notice of no activity filed with the Division must be filed electronically using the EFS.) The next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed.

(Sections <u>106.07(7)</u> and <u>106.0705</u>, Fla. Stat.)

# **Department of State Division of Elections**

# Political Committee EFS User's Guide



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**EFS HELP LINE: 850-245-6280** 

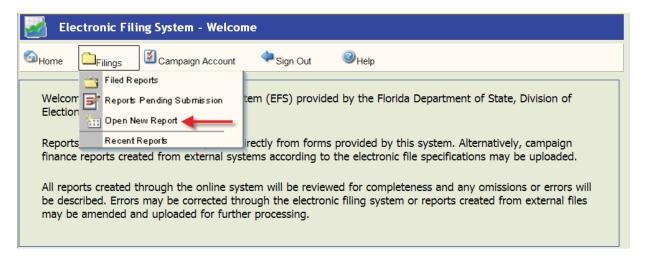
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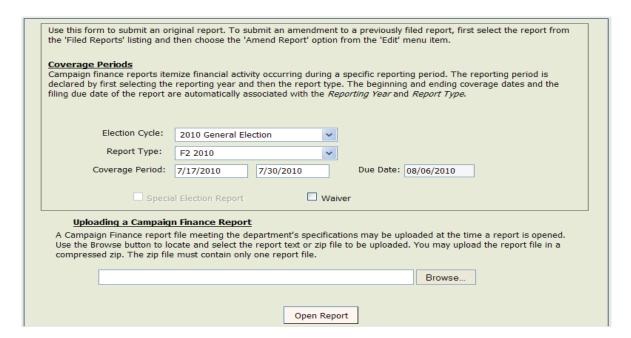
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# **Create a New Report by Data Entry**

From the Welcome screen, click and then Open New Report





Click arrow next to **Election Cycle**. Scroll to the cycle associated with the report you are entering.

Click arrow next to **Report Type** select report type corresponding to the correct cover period and due date.

The Cover Period dates will automatically fill in based on the Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates.

The **Due Date** will automatically fill in based on the **Calendar of Election and Reporting Dates**.

If this report is for a special election, click the box next to **Special Election Report**. (If no special elections are scheduled this option will not be available.)

#### \*\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*

If this report is a waiver of report (no activity), click the box next to Waiver.

Election Cycle:	2010 General Election		~		
Report Type:	F2 2010		~		
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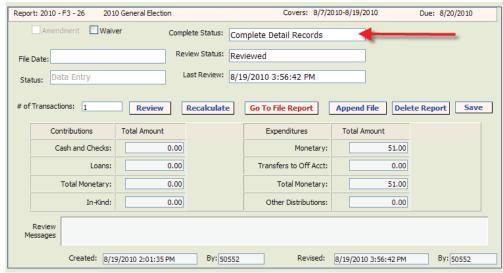
Click Open Report at the bottom of the screen. A **Report Detail** screen (view only) will appear. This screen will not indicate any activity until individual detail data is entered, saved and a review is performed.

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Stat	tus: Data Entry	L	ast Review:					
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# File the Report

If the **Review Status** is <u>Updated Detail – Needs Review</u> the report has not been reviewed since the last update. (See page 39 for instructions on how to submit the report to the system for review.)

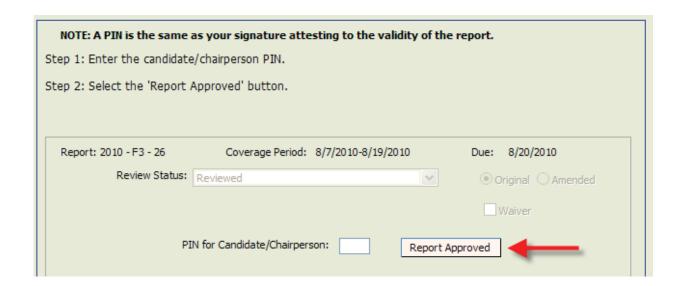
If the status of the report is <u>Complete</u> <u>Detail Records</u>, you are ready to file the report.



Click on Go To File Report

The chairperson enters his or her PIN, and then selects

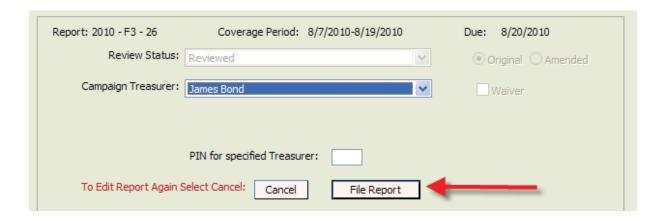
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If there is more than one treasurer, click on the drop down and select the treasurer that is filing the report.



The treasurer enters his **PIN** and then clicks File Report



<u>IMPORTANT NOTE</u>: If changes need to be made <u>after</u> a chairperson PIN is entered, the treasurer must <u>undo</u> the chairperson PIN validation before the system will allow changes. See page 49 for instructions.



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10/28/2020	D5	10/30/2020	CLO	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/27/2020	D4	10/30/2020	CLO	3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/26/2020	D3	10/30/2020	CLO	4	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/25/2020	D2	10/30/2020	CLO	5	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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9/25/2020	G3	9/25/2020					
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8/28/2020		8/27/2020					
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December 7, 2022

Florida Elections Commissions 107 West Gaines Street, suite 224 Tallahassee, Florida 32399 – 6596

RE: Case No.: FEC 12-280: Polk County Voters League

Dear Mr. Todd Smith-Schoenwalder

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If there's any other information you, please let me know.

Thanks in advance,

Randolph Barnes, President Polk County Voters League

# **Larry Hardaway**



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#### Larry Hardaway

Lakeland - Early in life Larry Hardaway realized that overcoming the constraints experienced as an African-American growing up in segregation required a willingness to confront injustice, the sagacity to look beyond immediate obstacles and the acquisition of a solid education. Despite being vaccinated, complications in the aftermath of a COVID-19 infection caused the 67-year-old lawyer's death on September 9, 2021, following a lifetime of civil rights activism and public service.

Born March 7, 1954, in Winter Haven, by age 6, he was helping his parents, who were citrus harvesters, pick fruit. On Sundays, the family faithfully attended church, where he once recalled, "stories of Jesus and the miracles, the love he had in his heart and the acceptance of all people." The narratives helped him deal with the legacy of systemic racism that defined the Jim Crow south of his youth.

Before integration, he attended Jewett schools, where teachers recognized and nurtured his innate abilities. He entered Winter Haven High School as a sophomore during the first year of full integration, became a standout athlete and scholar, and graduated as president of the senior class. Fellow students also voted him "best all-around," which turned out to be a prescient forecast of his life.

Larry earned a bachelor's degree from Davidson College in North Carolina. The decision to become a lawyer occurred in eighth grade, he said, days after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., because that seemed the best way to advance civil rights. Following graduation from the University of Florida College of Law, he served stints in the offices of the State Attorney and Public Defender before opening a private practice specializing in criminal defense and personal injury litigation.

An integral part of his practice was the complimentary representation of indigent clients. He was honored with the Pro Bono Award in the 10th Judicial Circuit by the Florida Bar in 2000.

Affable and gracious in his interactions with others, Larry's infectious laugh belied an ironclad determination to fight injustice—be it legal, social, or political. For more than two decades, he served as president of the Polk County Voters League, volunteered as a poll watcher, served as an NAACP lawyer, and worked to restore the voting rights of felons who had completed their sentences.

As much as he cherished his professional life, he was devoted to his children, Larry Jr., Bruce, and Tiara. He also adored his wife Sharon, whose commitment was encapsulated by her donation of one of her kidneys to her husband, a devotion he returned in full measure. Larry was also known for quietly helping numerous families in need of legal and emotional support.

Asked once about how our nation's current societal dysfunction could be healed, he offered this thought: "If we could come together and begin to know and understand each other and share mutually beneficial interests, goals and responsibilities through

conversation and working together, we could emulate the values of service and respect held among men and women in uniform, or teammates in athletic competition, no matter race, color, gender, status or origin."

In addition to his wife, Sharon Hardaway, Larry is survived by sons Larry Hardaway, Jr., and wife Teasa Hardaway, Bruce Hardaway, II, and wife Marlin Hardaway, and daughter Tiara Hardaway; sisters Perry Blocker and husband Earnest Blocker, Celia Courtney and husband John Courtney, Debra Hardaway; and brother Bruce Hardaway II and wife Andrea Hardaway. He was predeceased by parents M.C. and Martha Hardaway and brother George Siplin (wife Terry Siplin). He is also survived by two grandchildren and a multitude of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Larry D. Hardaway Memorial Fund at the GiveWell Community Foundation 1501 South Florida Avenue, Lakeland, Fla., 33803. Click the drop-down menu on the website that says "please direct my support":

Https://www.givecf.org/donate/. For other gifts or plants contact Alexander's Funeral Home, Winter Haven, FL.

A memorial service will be announced on the Hardaway & Associates Law Firm Facebook page.

Posted online on September 13, 2021
Published in The Ledger

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RECEIVED OF STALL

2022 OCT 13 AM 9: 01

To: Whom it may concern

From: Randy Barnes 78782

Date: October 8, 2022

Re: New Officers

DIVISION OF FLECTIONS

With the untimely death of Attorney Larry Hardaway, it is necessary for the Polk County Voters League (78782) to take the following action:

- Remove Larry Hardaway as Treasurer
- Remove Joyce Bentley as Deputy Treasure
- Add Joyce Bentley as Treasurer
- Add Breezi Hicks as Deputy Treasurer

The proper forms to approve this action are included with this request. Feel free to contact me for additional assistance if needed.

# APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY FOR

# **POLITICAL COMMITTEES**

(Sections 106.011(2) and 106.021(1), F.S.)

RECEIVED

2022 OCT 13 AM 8: 00

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CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:	
Initial Filing for: Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer	OFFICE USE ONLY
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Re-filing to Change: Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer Primary/Secondary Depository	
1. Committee	2. Telephone
Polk County Voters League	(863) 698-9677
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer 4. Email (optional)	
Joyce Bentley jb3368@comcas	st.net (863 ) 632-6126
6, Mailing Address P. O. Box 923 Bartow, FL 33831	
7. Street Address 1775 Marshall St Bartow, FZ 33830	
8. The following bank has been designated as the Primary Depository Secondary Depository	
9. Name of Bank	10. Street Address
11. City	12. State 13. Zip Code
14. Signature of Chairman (Print or Type)	
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Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment	
Joyce Bentley	
(Please Print or Type)	, do hereby accept the appointment as
treasurer or deputy treasurer for Polk Coun	ty Voters League
•	(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.	
October 7,2022 x Loyce & Bently	
Date Signature of Carhpaign Treasurer or Deputy (Jeasurer	
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# FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION PHONE LOG

**Case No.: FEC 22-280** 

**Respondent:** Polk County Voters League

**Complainant:** Division of Elections

1. **Date and time:** 09/12/2023; 03:06 p.m.

Name: Randolph (Randy) H. Barnes - Chairperson

**Phone** #: (863) 698-9677

**Summary:** Called Mr. Barnes, an automated voice message was reached. I identified who I was and that I am with the Florida Elections Commission calling to discuss FEC 22-280. I asked that Mr. Barnes return my call at his earliest convenience at (850) 922-4539.

**Entered by:** CM

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I informed Mr. Barnes when I conclude my investigation, a copy of the Report of Investigation (ROI) will be mailed to him. Based on the results of the investigation, a staff attorney will prepare and present a written Staff Recommendation (SR) to the Commission. He will have an opportunity to respond to both the ROI and the SR.

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3. Date and time:

Name: Phone #: Summary:

**Entered by:** CM

4. **Date and time:** 

Name: Phone #: Summary: Entered by:

5. Date and time:

Name: Phone #: Summary: Entered by:

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- Have you ever held the office of chairperson, treasurer, or other similar position for a
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- Have you ever prepared or signed a campaign treasurer's report? No. If so, please state the name of the candidate or committee whose report you prepared or signed.
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December 7, 2022

Florida Elections Commissions 107 West Gaines Street, suite 224 Tallahassee, Florida 32399 – 6596

RE: Case No.: FEC 12-280: Polk County Voters League

Dear Mr. Todd Smith-Schoenwalder

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Thanks in advance,

Randolph Barnes, President Polk County Voters League



# Florida Elections Commission

107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6596 Telephone: (850) 922-4539 · Facsimile: (850) 921-0783 FEC@myfloridalegal.com · www.fec.state.fl.us



November 8, 2022

Randolph Barnes, Chair Polk County Voters League P. O. Box 6495 Lakeland, FL 33807

RE: Case No.: FEC 22-280; Respondent: Polk County Voters League

Dear Mr. Barnes:

On September 7, 2022, the Florida Elections Commission received a complaint alleging your committee violated Florida's election laws. I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more **legally sufficient allegations**. The Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violation(s):

Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes: As alleged in the complaint, Respondent, a political committee registered with the Division of Elections, failed to notify the filing officer on the prescribed reporting date that no report would be filed on that date because it had not received funds, made contributions, or expended reportable funds during the following reporting periods:

- 2022 M1
- 2022 P1
- 2022 P1A
- 2022 P2

However, prior to an investigation, you have the option to <u>resolve your case now by</u> signing a minor violation consent order and <u>paying a fine of \$200</u>, per Rule 2B-1.003, Florida Administrative Code, <u>rather than the potential \$1,000 per violation</u> provided for in Section 106.265, Florida Statutes.

If you sign the consent order, you would not be required to admit or deny the allegation(s) in the complaint, but would be required to immediately correct the violation, if feasible.

The signed consent order would then be considered by the Commission at its next available meeting and would constitute final action by the Commission once it is accepted and approved by the Commission. You and the Complainant will receive notice at least 14 days before any hearing at which your case is to be considered.

Randolph Barnes November 8, 2022 Page 2 FEC 22-280

Please contact Todd Smith-Schoenwalder by phone at (850) 922-4539, by email at Todd.Smith-Schoenwalder@myfloridalegal.com, or at the address listed above, to accept this minor violation consent order.

If you choose not to resolve this case by consent order, an investigation will be conducted, the Commission will hold one or more hearings to determine whether the alleged violation(s) occurred and, if so, the amount of fine to be imposed upon your committee.

Please note that all documents related to this matter will be mailed to the above address unless you notify us of a new address.

For additional information, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" section on the Commission's website.

Sincerely,

Tim Vaccaro Executive Director

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# DIVISION OF ELECTIONS FEC NOTICE FORM

To FEC from Division of Elections

Name: Polk County Voters League

Account Number: 78782

Chairperson: Randolph H. Barnes

Treasurer: Larry Hardaway

Registered Agent: Randolph H. Barnes

The Division of Elections hereby provides this notice to the Florida Elections Commission pursuant to sections 106.07(8)(d), 106.22(7), and 106.25(2), Florida Statutes. An apparent violation of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, has occurred based upon repeated late filings or failure to notify the filing officer in writing that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date as required by section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, for the following reports:

2022 M1

2022 P1

2022 P1A

2022 P2

- Polk County Voters League (78782) is a political committee registered with the Division of Elections. On June 25, 2020, the committee filed the DSDE 5 and DSDE 6 with the Division appointing Randolph H. Barnes as the chairperson and Larry Hardaway as the treasurer for the committee.
- The 2022 M1 campaign treasurer's report was due on February 10, 2022.
   Polk County Voters League failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On February 20, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt and letter.)
- The 2022 P1 campaign treasurer's report was due on June 24, 2022.
   Polk County Voters League failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On July 11, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt.)

- The 2022 P1A campaign treasurer's report was due on July 1, 2022.
   Polk County Voters League failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On July 11, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt.)
- The 2022 P2 campaign treasurer's report was due on July 8, 2022.
   Polk County Voters League failed to notify the Division that no report was being filed on the prescribed reporting date. On July 11, 2022, the committee filed a notification of no activity. (See attached file receipt and letter.)

Sent By: Donna S. Brown

Date: September 2, 2022

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### Treasurer Report Status

Name: Polk County Voters League ID: **78782** 

Report: 2022 - M1 - 40

Print Date: 8/18/2022 8:31:32 AM

Election: 2022 General Election

Filed: 2/20/2022 9:48:38 PM

Covers: 1/1/2022-1/31/2022 Amended Waiver Due: 2/10/2022

File Status: Filed Report

Review Status: Reviewed Reviewed: 2/20/2022

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

Number of Detail Records File Method: Web Filed

Contributions: Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Expenditures: 0 Fund Transfers:

Pending Queued Items: 0 Distributions: 0



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Laurel M. Lee Secretary of State

# **DIVISION OF ELECTIONS**

March 1, 2022

Larry Hardaway, Treasurer Polk County Voters League Post Office Box 6495 Lakeland, FL 33807-3807

PAC 78782

Dear Mr. Hardaway:

The notification that you had no reportable activity for the report deadline of February 10, 2022, was not filed until February 20, 2022. Although the notification is late, no automatic fine is assessed because you had no receipts or expenditures during this reporting period.

However, to avoid potential issues in the future, please note that state law (s. 106.07(7), Fla. Stat.) requires you to file by the dates set out also in law, either a campaign finance report or if applicable, a notification that no reportable activity occurred for the reporting period. Failure to do may constitute a violation of sections 106.07(1) and 106.19(1)(c), Fla. Stat. The Division is required to notify the Florida Elections Commission of any apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat., or any failure to file a report or information required by chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If a matter is referred to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may assess a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 per violation.

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

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief Bureau of Election Records

cc: Randolph H. Barnes, Chairperson

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# **Treasurer Report Status**

ID: 78782 Name: Polk County Voters League

Report: 2022 - P1 - 45 Print Date: **8/18/2022 8:30:45 AM** 

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 6/1/2022-6/17/2022

Due: 6/24/2022

Amended Waiver

Filed: 7/11/2022 4:16:53 PM File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 7/11/2022 Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed Number of Detail Records

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Contributions: 0

Expenditures: 0

Pending Queued Items: 0

Distributions: 0



### **Treasurer Report Status**

ID: 78782 Name: Polk County Voters League

Report: 2022 - P1A - 46

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 6/18/2022-6/24/2022

Due: 7/1/2022

Print Date: 8/18/2022 8:31:17 AM

Amended Waiver

Filed: 7/11/2022 4:21:05 PM

File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: 7/11/2022

Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

File Method: Web Filed

Pending Queued Items: 0

Entry Method: Web Data Entry

**Number of Detail Records** 

Contributions:

Expenditures: 0

Fund Transfers: 0

Distributions: 0

# Treasurer Report Status

ID: **78782** Name: Polk County Voters League

Report: 2022 - P2 - 47

Election: 2022 General Election

Covers: 6/25/2022-7/1/2022

Due: 7/8/2022

Print Date: 8/18/2022 8:31:02 AM

Amended Waiver

Filed: **7/11/2022 4:22:02 PM** File Status: Filed Report

Reviewed: **7/11/2022** Review Status: Reviewed

Detail Complete: No Detail Records Found

**Number of Detail Records** File Method: Web Filed

Contributions: Entry Method: Web Data Entry

Expenditures:

Fund Transfers: 0 Pending Queued Items: 0

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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

### Cord Byrd Secretary of State

## DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

PAC 78782

July 19, 2022

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