STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

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In Re: PRESIDENTS COUNCIL COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE FORUM, Respondent

Case No.: FEC 11-059

F.O. No.: FOFEC 11-095A

Report: 2010 G4

FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard by the Florida Elections Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting held on May 10, 2011.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Commission is charged with enforcing Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, the campaign financing law.
- 2. The Respondent's campaign treasurer's report was not filed with the filing officer on October 29, 2010, the designated due date.
- 3. The filing officer fined the Respondent \$3,500 for the late filing of the report. The Respondent timely appealed, claiming unusual circumstances. Respondent claimed that the Committee's treasurer was not able to sign into the Electronic Filing System because it had the incorrect password.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 4. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this case, pursuant to Section 106.04, 106.07, or 106.29, Florida Statutes.
- 5. The Respondent's claim of unusual circumstances, as defined in Rule 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code, justifies Respondent's failure to timely file the report.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission finds that the Respondent's unusual circumstances justify Respondent's failure to file the report on the

designated due date. Therefore, it is

ORDERED that the assessed fine is waived in full.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on this <u>18</u> day of May, 2011, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Jose Luis Rodriguez

Vice-Chair / Acting Chair Florida Elections Commission

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