

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: Morris L. West**

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**Case No.: FEC 24-285**

**TO:** Morris L. West  
1003 Ronlin Street  
Haines City, FL 33844

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

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

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **August 19, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the parties can be heard**, at the following location: **Virtual Meeting via Webinar link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3863768971242962781> and Webinar ID 748-293-987.**

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  
July 28, 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-24-285**

**NAME:** **MORRIS L. WEST**

**DATE APPEAL RECEIVED:** 08/29/2024

**DATE REPORT DUE:** 03/08/2024 (2024 M1)

**DATE OF HAND DELIVERED RECEIPT:** 03/11/2024

**DATE FILING OFFICER RECEIVED REPORT:** 03/11/2024

**NUMBER OF DAYS LATE:** 3

**AMOUNT OF FINE:** \$200.00

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

**TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$16,950.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD:** \$4,986.41

**DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION:** 08/12/2024 (Fine Ltr)

**SUMMARY:** The Honorable Morris L. West was a candidate for Haines City Commission, Seat 3 in the 2024 elections. The treasurer is unknown.

Commissioner Morris West is appealing the fine, claiming that he was unable to submit the report on March 8<sup>th</sup> due to the City Clerk's absence from the office. According to Mr. Morris, the City Clerk did not return until March 11<sup>th</sup> to accept the report. He also notes that the fine amount may be incorrect according to Florida Statute and requests a review or waiver of the penalty.

- The 2024 M1 Original Report covers the period 02/01/24-03/01/24; it was due on 03/08/24.
- The 2024 M1 Report shows that it was filed on 03/11/24.
- Morris L. West reported receiving 20 contributions, while making 23 expenditures.
- The Haines City Clerk's office provided one note that pertains to Morris L. West's 2024 M1 report.

**PRIOR CASES:** NONE.

**CORRECTION OF FINE:** \$150.00

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PC <input type="checkbox"/>	DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/>
CCE <input type="checkbox"/>	COUNTY <input type="checkbox"/>
POLITICAL PARTY <input type="checkbox"/>	CITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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August 20, 2024

Florida Division of Elections  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

RECEIVED  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
2024 AUG 27 AM 8:44  
DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

Dear Florida Elections Commission,

I am writing to request a waiver of the \$200 fine imposed by the City Clerk of Haines City Sharon Lauther, for the late submission of my contributions report. Unfortunately, I could not submit the report on the due date, March 8th due to the absence of the city clerk who did not return until March 11th. This directly impacted my ability to file on time. I submitted the report upon her return on March 11th. As per the guidelines *"All reports required of a candidate by this section shall be filed with the officer before whom the candidate is required by law to qualify"*. (Section 106.07(2)(a)1.) Moreover, the filing officer is required by section 106.07.(b)1 to notify me within seven days and we have long passed the deadline. It is for this reason that I kindly request that you review my case and consider waiving the fine.

Additionally, I believe the fine amount may be incorrect according to Florida Statute. As per the guidelines, the fine should be \$50 per day for the first three days and \$500 thereafter (section 106.07.(2) F.S.). I have attached a copy of my assessed fine(s), to include the date I received such fines.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Morris L. West  
Commissioner Seat 3  
City of Haines City  
620 East Main Street  
Haines City, FL 33844

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August 12, 2024

Morris West  
1003 Ronlin Street  
Haines City, FL 33844

Dear Mr. West:

Your campaign treasurer's report, which was due March 8, 2024, was not received until March 11, 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 March 11, 2024, you are fined the amount of \$200.00

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.

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

Sincerely,

Sharon Lauther  
City Clerk



## CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Morris L West

Name

(2) 1003 Ronlin Street

Address (number and street)

Haines City FL 33844

City, State, Zip Code

☐ Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: 004

### OFFICE USE ONLY

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(4) Check appropriate box(es):

☒ Candidate Office Sought: City Commission Seat 3

☐ 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 02 / 12 / 2024 To 03 / 01 / 2024 Report Type: MI

☒ Original

☐ Amendment

☐ Special Election Report

### (6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$ 16,950.00

Loans \$           

Total Monetary \$ 450.00

In-Kind \$           

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Transfers to Office Account \$           

Total Monetary \$ 4,986.41

### (8) Other Distributions

\$           

### (9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$ 18,025.00

### (10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$ 5,111.41

### (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) Morris West

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

X Morris West

Signature

(Type name) Morris West

☒ Candidate ☐ Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X Morris West

Signature

**CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS**

(1) Name Morris West (2) I.D. Number 004

(3) Cover Period 02 / 12 / 24 through 3 / 01 / 24 (4) Page 1 of 03

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
(6) Sequence Number		Type	Occupation	Type	Description		
<u>02, 12, 24</u>	<u>Lakeville Partners LLC</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Business owner</u>	<u>Che</u>		<u>N/A</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>346 E. Central Ave</u> <u>Winter Haven, FL 33880</u>						
<u>02, 12, 24</u>	<u>Highland Sumner LLC</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Business owner</u>	<u>Che</u>		<u>N/A</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>346 E. Central Ave</u> <u>Winter Haven, FL 33880</u>						
<u>02, 12, 24</u>	<u>Heath Construction &amp; Management LLC</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Business owner</u>	<u>Che</u>		<u>N/A</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>346 E. Central Ave</u> <u>Winter Haven, FL 33880</u>						
<u>02, 12, 24</u>	<u>Cascara II LLC</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Business owner</u>	<u>Che</u>		<u>N/A</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>346 E. Central Ave</u> <u>Winter Haven, FL 33880</u>						
<u>02, 12, 24</u>	<u>Land Source Realty LLC</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Business owner</u>	<u>Che</u>		<u>N/A</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>346 E. Central Ave</u> <u>Winter Haven, FL 33880</u>						
<u>02, 12, 24</u>	<u>GLK Hamilton Bluff, LLC</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>Business owner</u>	<u>Che</u>		<u>N/A</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
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02, 12, 24	JMBI Real Estate LLC	B	Business Owner	Che			\$1,000.00
8	346 E Central Ave Winter Haven, FL 33880						
02, 12, 24	UMAR DEV LLC	B	Business Owner	Che			\$1,000.00
9	346 E. Central Ave Winter Haven, FL 33880						
02, 12, 24	Ch Dev, LLC	B	Business Owner	Che			\$1,000.00
10	346 E. Central Ave Winter Haven, FL 33880						
02, 12, 24	CH DEV Hammock LLC	B	Business Owner	Che			\$1,000.00
11	346 E. Central Ave Winter Haven, FL 33880						
02, 12, 24	CH DEV Bradburn LLC	B	Business Owner	Che			\$1,000.00
12	346 E. Central Ave Winter Haven, FL 33880						
02, 12, 24	Cassidy Holding Group Inc	B	Business Owner	Che			\$1,000.00
13	346 E. Central Ave Winter Haven FL 33880						
02, 12, 24	Cassidy Land Dev. LLC	B	Business Owner	Che			\$1,000.00
14	346 E. Central Ave Winter Haven, FL 33880						



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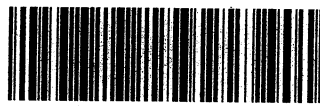
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02 / 12 / 24	CAS Holdings LLC	B	Business owner	Che			\$1,000.00
15	346 E. Central Ave Winter Haven, FL 33880						
02 / 12 / 24	Morris West	B	Business owner	Che/loan			1,500.00
16	1003 Ronlin Street Haines City, FL 33844						
02 / 13 / 24	Morris West	S	Business owner	Che/loan			200.00
17	1003 Ronlin St Haines City, FL 33844						
02 / 14 / 24	Hug West	I	Retired	Che			100.00
18	2178 SW 151 Ave Miramar, FL 33027						
02 / 14 / 24	Balmoral Event Center	Ink	Business owner	N/A	450.00		
19	124 Kenny Blvd Haines City, FL 33844						
02 / 29 / 24	John Hall	I	Business owner	Che			100.00
20	P.O. Box 92797 Lakeland, FL 33804						
02 / 29 / 24	Shardell Terrell	I	Business owner	Che			50.00
21	Post Office Box 161 Lakeland, FL 33802						



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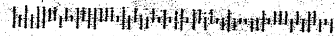


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September 11, 2024

Florida Elections Commissioner  
107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

**Re: Case No. FEC 24-285; Campaign Treasurer's Report due 03.08.24**

Dear Ms. Wims:

Attached are the necessary documents that you have requested.

I would like to add that this particular candidate did make the attempt to deliver his financial report to myself or my Deputy and neither of us were in the office on the due date.

I believe that this should fall under Section 2B-1.0055 Late-filed Reports; Unusual Circumstances.

I was relatively new to the City of Haines City and recently appointed. At that time, the common practice was to hand deliver documents to the filing officer, which was me in this case.

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2	346 E. Central Ave Winter Haven, FL 33880					
02, 12, 24	Heath Construction & Management LLC	B	Business owner	Che	N/A	\$1,000.00
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(1) Name Morris L West (2) I.D. Number 004  
 (3) Cover Period 02 / 12 / 2024 through 03 / 01 / 2024 (4) Page 3 of 03

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
(6) Sequence Number		Type	Occupation	Type	Description		
02 / 12 / 24	CAS Holdings LLC	B	Business owner	Che			\$1,000.00
15	346 E. Central Ave Winter Haven, FL 33880						
02 / 12 / 24	Morris West	B	Business owner	Che/loan			1,500.00
16	1003 Ronlin Street Haines City, FL 33844						
02 / 13 / 24	Morris West	S	Business owner	Che/loan			200.00
17	1003 Ronlin St Haines City, FL 33844						
02 / 14 / 24	Hug West	I	Retired	Che			100.00
18	2178 SW 151 Ave Miramar, FL 33027						
02 / 14 / 24	Balmoral Event Center	Ink	Business owner	N/A	450.00		
19	124 Kenny Blvd Haines City, FL 33844						
02 / 29 / 24	John Hall	I	Business owner	Che			100.00
20	P.O. Box 92797 Lakeland, FL 33804						
02 / 29 / 24	Shaundrell Terrell	I	Business owner	Che			50.00
21	Post Office Box 161 Lakeland, FL 33802						



# CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Morris L West (2) I.D. Number 004  
 (3) Cover Period 02/12/24 through 03/01/24 (4) Page 01 of 03

(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
02/12/24	Lowe's 2702 Haines City, FL	Campaign Signs wood	DIS		164.84
1					
02/12/24	Kelton Signs 2020 S. Combee Road Lakeland, FL, 33801	Campaign Signs	DIS		502.90
2					
02/12/24	Temu. Com Online Vendor	Campaign Material	DIS		89.18
3					
02/12/24	Amazon. Com Online Vendor	Campaign Material	DIS		89.50
4					
02/12/24	Temu. Com Online Vendor	Campaign Material	DIS		21.23
5					
02/12/24	Amazon. Com Online Vendor	Campaign material	DIS		34.20
6					
02/13/24	Amazon. Com Online Vendor	Campaign Material	DIS		25.65
7					
02/13/24	Dewkat Screen Printing 209 Lee Jackson Hwy Haines City, FL 33844	Campaign Signs	DIS		428.00
8					

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(6) Sequence Number					
2/13/24	Kelton Signs	Campaign	D/S	N/A	1,005.80
9	2020 S. Combee Road Lakeland, FL 33801	Signs			
2/14/24	Walmart. Com	Campaign	DIS	N/A	73.72
10	Online Vendor	material			
2/16/24	Dewkat Screen Printing	Campaign	DIS	N/A	\$428.00
11	209 Lee Jackson Hwy Haines City, FL 33844	Signs			
2/20/24	Amazon. Com	Campaign	DIS	N/A	\$31.13
12	Online Vendor	material			
2/20/24	Simpletexting. Com	Campaign	DIS	N/A	\$63.00
13	Online Vendor	material			
2/20/24	Lowie's	Campaign	DIS	N/A	145.55
14	2702 Haines City, FL 33844	Signs Wood			
2/20/24	Kelton Signs	Campaign	DIS	N/A	\$1,027.20
15	2020 S. Combee Road Lakeland, FL 33801	Signs			
2/20/24	Staples (Winter Haven)	Campaign	DIS	N/A	\$48.66
16	470 City Centre St Winter Haven, FL 33880	Material			

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(6) Sequence Number					
02/21/24	Temu. Com	Campaign			
17	Online Vendor	Materials	DIS		\$245.39
2/22/24	Temu. Com	Campaign			
18	Online Vendor	Materials	DIS		\$23.52
2/23/24	City of Haines City	Qualifying			
19	620 East Main Street Haines City, FL 33844	Paperwork	DIS		\$245.00
2/26/24	Walmart. Com	Campaign			
20	Bentonville AR 330074	Materials	DIS		\$9.50
2/27/24	Amazon. Com	Campaign			
21	Seattle Wa 398868	Materials	DIS		\$19.24
2/28/24	DewKat Screening	Campaign			
22	209 Lee Jackson Hwy Haines City, FL 33844	Shirts	DIS		\$385.20
2/28/24	Javon Alston	Campaign			
	325 North 5th Street Haines City FL 33844	Work	DIS		\$40.00
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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

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Participating Precincts Reporting:

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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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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:

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

1,562





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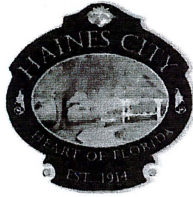
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<i>PAPERS FILED 2024 Municipal Election</i>	<i>Date and Time</i>	<i>Initials</i>	<i>Initials</i>
<div>Identification Number: _____</div>	<i>Filed</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>of</i>
	<i>with City Clerk</i>	<i>City Clerk</i>	<i>Candidate</i>
<i>“Resign to Run” letter (applicable only to candidates serving on City Boards and must be submitted by Friday, January 27, 2024)</i>			
<i>Appointment of Campaign Treasurer – Form DS-DE9 (Due before opening of campaign account)</i>			
<i>Qualifying / Application Fee \$25.00 for the Candidate Manual and the \$220 (1% Assessment Fee) for a total of \$245 (Due after the campaign account has been opened and the first check must be made payable to the City of Haines City)</i>			
<i>Statement of Candidate - Form DS-DE84 (Due within 10 days of filing Appointment of Campaign Treasurer)</i>			
<i>Candidate Oath – Form DS-DE302NP (Due during qualifying)</i>			
<i>Notice of Logic &amp; Accuracy Testing Notice – City Form (Due during qualifying)</i>			
<i>Financial Disclosure - Form 6 – 2024 Version (Due during qualifying)</i>			

<i>Loyalty Oath – City Form per Sections 876.05-876.10 of the Florida Statutes (Due during qualifying)</i>			
<i>Statement of Residency – City Form (Due during qualifying)</i>			
<i>Certification of Elector; Supervisor of Elections affidavit, personal affidavit, or valid voter registration card (Due during qualifying)</i>			
<i>Certification Letter to Candidate (Due to candidate when candidate qualified)</i>			
<i>Oath of Office (Due to candidate when a candidate is sworn in)</i>			
<i>Poll-Watcher Forms Optional – Must be filed before noon to SOE on the second Tuesday preceding the election (March 19, 2024 for the regular election and April 23, 2024 for the run-off election)</i>			
<b>TREASURERS REPORTS OR WAIVERS</b>			
09/1/23 – 09/30/23 – Due by 1/10/23 Due by 5:00 p.m.			
10/1/23 – 12/31/23 – Due by 1/10/24 Due by 5:00 p.m.			
1/1/24-1/31/24– Due by 2/10/24 (Monthly) Due by 5:00 p.m.			
2/1/24 – 2/29/24 – Due by 3/11/24 (Monthly)			
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer’s Report – M1</i> Due by 5:00 p.m. on 3/8/24			

Reporting period Qualifying – 3/1/24			
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Treasurer's Report – M2</i> <b>Due by 5:00 p.m. on 3/22/24</b> Reporting Period 3/2/24-3/15/24			
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Treasurer's Report – M3</i> <b>Due by 5:00 p.m. on 3/29/24</b> Reporting Period 3/16/24 - 3/28/24 <b>No Contributions After Midnight on Thursday 3/28/24</b>			
<i>Final with election – Final</i> March 30, 2024, through close of account <b>Due by 5:00 p.m. on 7/1/24</b>			
<i>Final Unopposed – 90 days after qualifying</i> <b>Due by 5:00 p.m.</b>			
RUN-OFF TREASURERS REPORTS OR WAIVERS			
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer's Report – RO-1 (25<sup>th</sup> day before election)</i> <b>Due by 5:00 p.m. on 4/5/2024</b> Reporting Period 3/30/24 – 3/30/24 This will be a waiver report since no contributions were allowed to be accepted after midnight on 3/28/2024 and the M3 report was filed.			
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Treasurer's Report – RO-2 (11<sup>th</sup> day before election)</i> <b>Due by 5:00 p.m. on 4/19/24</b> Reporting Period 4/1/24 - 4/12/24			
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Treasurer's Report – RO-3</i> <b>Due by 5:00 p.m. on 4/27/24 (4<sup>th</sup> day before election)</b> Reporting Period 4/13/24 - 4/26/24			

<b>No Contributions After Midnight on 4/26/24</b>			
<i>Final with runoff election – Final</i> April 31, 2024 – Close of Account <b>Due by 5:00 p.m. on 7/2/2024</b>			



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August 20, 2024

Florida Division of Elections  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 316  
500 South Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Florida Elections Commission,

I am writing to request a waiver of the \$200 fine imposed by the City Clerk of Haines City Sharon Lauther, for the late submission of my contributions report. Unfortunately, I could not submit the report on the due date, March 8th due to the absence of the city clerk who did not return until March 11th. This directly impacted my ability to file on time. I submitted the report upon her return on March 11th. As per the guidelines "*All reports required of a candidate by this section shall be filed with the officer before whom the candidate is required by law to qualify*". (Section 106.07(2)(a)1.) Moreover, the filing officer is required by section 106.07.(b)1 to notify me within seven days and we have long passed the deadline. It is for this reason that I kindly request that you review my case and consider waiving the fine.

Additionally, I believe the fine amount may be incorrect according to Florida Statute. As per the guidelines, the fine should be \$50 per day for the first three days and \$500 thereafter (section 106.07.(2) F.S.). I have attached a copy of my assessed fine(s), to include the date I received such fines.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Morris L. West  
Commissioner Seat 3  
City of Haines City  
620 East Main Street  
Haines City, FL 33844

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September 3, 2024

The Honorable Morris L. West  
Candidate for Haines City Commission, Seat 3  
1003 Ronlin Street  
Haines City, FL 33844

**RE: Case No.: FEC 24-285; Campaign Treasurer's Report due 03/08/24**

Dear Commissioner West:

The Florida Elections Commission received your letter appealing the fine assessed against you for failing to timely file your campaign treasurer's report. The Commission will hear your case at its **next available meeting** (meetings are usually held in February, May, August, and November of each year). **A notice of hearing will be mailed to you approximately two weeks before the scheduled meeting.** Please notify our office immediately should your address change in order to ensure timely receipt of future correspondence from the Commission.

In reaching its decision, the Commission will consider the documents gathered by Commission staff and any documents you submit for the Commission's consideration before the hearing. Unless good cause is shown, the Commission will not consider at the hearing any written document unless it has been filed with the Commission Clerk at least ten days before the hearing. Rules 2B-1005 and 1.0055, Florida Administrative Code, are the Commission's rules on the appeal of automatic fines; a copy of the rules is enclosed.

The Commission will uphold the fine imposed by the filing officer unless you present credible evidence that the report was timely filed or credible evidence that unusual circumstances caused the report to be filed late.

For additional information, please refer to the "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Commission's website ([www.fec.state.fl.us](http://www.fec.state.fl.us)) or contact us via email at [fec@myfloridalegal.com](mailto:fec@myfloridalegal.com).

Sincerely,

*Br' Arxton Wims*

Deputy Agency Clerk

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Enclosure: Rules 2B- 1.005 and 1.0055, Florida Administrative Code

cc: Sharon Lauther, Haines City Clerk, Filing Officer

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

(1) To appeal a fine imposed pursuant to Sections 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), F.S. History-New 9-14-86, Amended 10-19-86, Formerly ID-100.5, Amended 1-11-99, 4-24-0.5, 6-2-13.*

#### **2B-1.0052 Fine Imposed; Timely Filed Reports.**

*Rulemaking Authority 106 26(1) Chapter 97-13, Section 52, Laws of Florida. Law Implemented 106 04(8), 106.07(8) FS History-New 1-1199, Amended 1-2-02, 4-24-0.5, Repealed 6-2-13.*

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

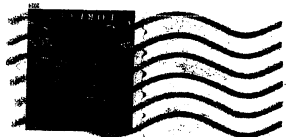
(1) Unusual circumstances mean uncommon, rare or sudden events over which the actor has no control and which directly result in the failure to act according to the filing requirements. Unusual circumstances must occur within a time period that would clearly prevent the person legally responsible for 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.
- (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

*Rulemaking Authority 106.26(1) FS Law Implemented 106 04(8), 106 07(8) FS History—New I-11-99 Amended 4-24-05, 6-2-13.*

Morris West  
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