

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Banks Helfrich

Case No.: FEC 23-301

TO: Banks Helfrich
9100 Sams Lake Road
Clermont, FL 34715

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

NOTICE OF HEARING (AUTOMATIC FINE (AF))

A hearing will be held in this case before the Florida Elections Commission on, **August 13, 2024 at 1:00 p.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.

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 23, 2024

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.

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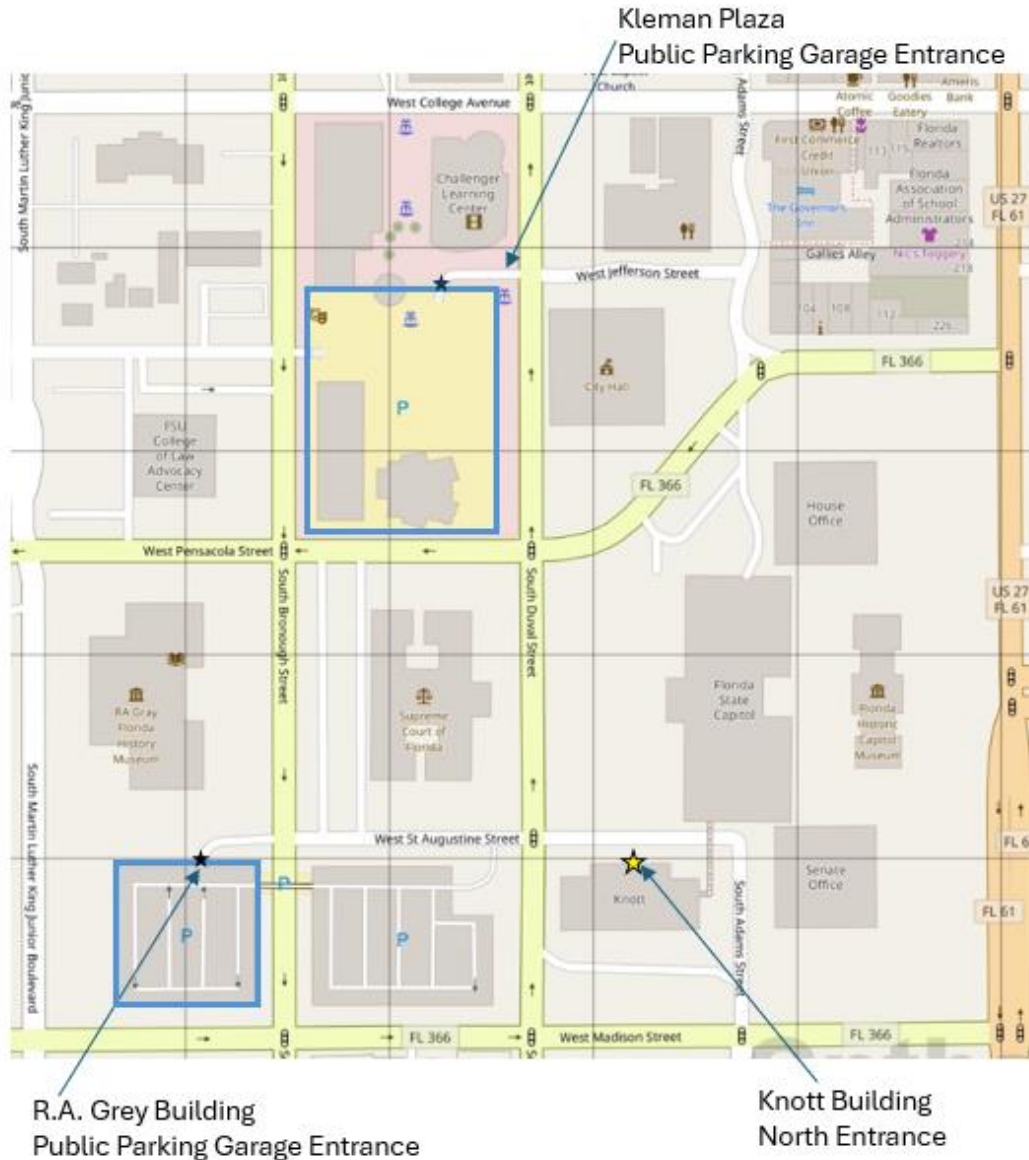
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If this is an **informal hearing**, it will be conducted pursuant Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes; Chapter 28 and Commission Rule 2B-1.004, Florida Administrative Code. At the hearing, the Commission will decide whether the Respondent 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 Meeting - Augut 13-14, 2024, 412 Knott Building

- Please enter the Knott Building at the North entrance as indicated below.
- Public parking is available at Kleman Plaza (entrance at West Jefferson Sreet/South Duval Street) and the R.A. Grey Building Garage (entrance at West St. Augustine Street/South Bronough Street).



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Division of Elections
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Tallahassee, FL 32399

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

You are hereby notified that **the previously scheduled hearing for May 14, 2024, is CANCELLED**. It is anticipated that your case will be scheduled for a new hearing date to be determined as soon as possible.

A Notice of Hearing will be mailed to you approximately 14 days prior to the new hearing date. You may also wish to monitor our website at <https://www.fec.state.fl.us/> for meeting announcements.

Tim Vaccaro
Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
May 13, 2024

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Tim Vaccaro

Executive Director
Florida Elections Commission
April 26, 2024

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FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
CASE REPORT
Case Number: FEC 23-301

NAME: **BANKS HELFRICH**

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 12/04/2023

DATE REPORT DUE: 10/10/2023 (2023 Q3)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 10/15/2023

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 5

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$437.50

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$1,750.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$304.70

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 10/11/2023 (Failure to File Ltr)

SUMMARY: Banks Helfrich is a candidate for State Representative, District 25, in the 2024 elections. Denise Watson is the campaign's treasurer.

Banks Helfrich is appealing the fine claiming that the report dates were changed within the past year and that the campaign was not notified. According to Mr. Helfrich, "the campaign was not sent a letter charging it for the delinquency." He requests forgiveness of the fine.

- The 2023 Q3 Original Report covers the period from 07/01/23-09/30/23; it was due on 10/10/23.
- The 2023 Q3 Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created on 07/03/23 and filed on 10/15/23. It was also amended twice on 11/20/23.
- Banks Helfrich reported receiving 5 contributions while making 7 expenditures.
- The Division of Elections does not have any notes that pertain to Banks Helfrich's 2023 Q3 Report.

PRIOR CASES: None.

CANDIDATE [X]	STATE [X]
PC []	DISTRICT []
CCE []	COUNTY []
POLITICAL PARTY []	CITY []

November 13, 2023

Florida Department of State/Florida Elections Commission:

I am appealing the \$437.50 fee (see enclosed letter). Reasoning:

1. The campaign would like to ask for latency and fee forgiveness;
2. The campaign was not sent a letter charging it for the delinquency;
3. The report dates were changed within the past year and the campaign was not notified of this.

Please reach out at (407) 616-9720 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Banks Helfrich', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Banks Helfrich for State House
ID # 83799
9100 Sams Lake Road
Clermont FL 34715

Cc: Florida Division of Elections



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Cord Byrd
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

February 5, 2024

Banks Helfrich
Candidate for State Representative, District 25
9100 Sams Lake Road
Clermont, FL 34715-4715

CAN 83799

Dear Mr. Helfrich:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on October 10, 2023, was filed on October 15, 2023. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$437.50.

You have 20 days from the receipt of this notice to either:

1. Pay the fine to the Florida Division of Elections (For a candidate only, a fine is not an allowable campaign expenditure and must be paid from personal funds) at:

*Florida Division of Elections
R.A. Gray Building, Room. 316
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-025011*

2. Appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission (See Rules 2B-1.005 and 2B-1.0055, Florida Administrative Code) at:

*Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street, Ste. 224
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0150*

If you appeal, please send a copy also to the Florida Division of Elections so that you will not receive further notices from the Division about this matter.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna S. Brown".

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Cord Byrd
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

October 19, 2023

Banks Helfrich
Candidate for State Representative, District 25
9100 Sams Lake Road
Clermont, FL 34715-4715

CAN 83799

Dear Mr. Helfrich:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on October 10, 2023, was filed on October 15, 2023. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$437.50.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

October 11, 2023

Banks Helfrich
Candidate for State Representative, District 25
9100 Sams Lake Road
Clermont, FL 34715-4715

CAN 83799

Dear Mr. Helfrich:

Our records indicate that you have not filed either your campaign treasurer's report or notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable. The filing date was October 10, 2023.

The law (s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) requires the filing officer to immediately notify you about the missed filing date and the automatic fines that will be assessed for late filing of a report, if a report was due.

- If reportable activity occurred and you have not filed a report, statutory fines are automatically assessed as follows until you file your report:
 - * \$50 per day for the first 3 days late
 - * \$500 per day for each day after the 3rd day late
 - * If the required report immediately precedes a primary and general election, the automatic fine is \$500 for each late day.

The total fine for the untimely report cannot exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the cover period. Even if you end up filing your report late, we cannot waive the statutory fines. We will notify you of the specific amount of fines owed once you file your report. You have 20 days from the day you receive the notice to pay the fine or to appeal the fine to the Florida Elections Commission.

- If no reportable activity occurred for the report date(s), you are still required to notify us in writing, via the Division's Electronic Filing System, that no reportable activity occurred. No automatic fines are statutorily assessed.

However, in all cases, failure to file and/or untimely filing of a report of reportable activity, or if applicable, a notice that no reportable activity occurred, may constitute an apparent violation of chapter 106, Fla. Stat. If we refer such matter to the Florida Elections Commission, the Commission may subsequently impose a civil penalty for each violation under chapter 106.265(1), Fla. Stat.

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

Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

cc: Denise Watson, Treasurer

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

(1) Banks Helfrich (2) 83799
 Candidate, Committe or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 9100 Sams Lake Road Clermont FL 34715
 Address (number and street) City State Zip Code

Check box if address has changed since last report

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

Candidate (office sought):
 Political Committee Check If PC has DISBANDED
 Committee of Continuous Existance Check If CCE has DISBANDED
 Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 07/01/2023 To 09/30/2023 Report Type: Q3

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$1,750.00
Loans	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$1,750.00
In-Kind	\$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$304.70
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$304.70

(8) Other Distributions

Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss.839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X
Signature

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct and complete

Name of Candidate Chaiman (PC/PTY Only)

X
Signature

Name: Banks Helfrich

Report: 2023 Q3

Period: 07/01/2023 to 09/30/2023

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

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Contributor	Occupation	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	In-Kind Description	Amend
1	HITZMAN, CYNTHIA	I	TRAVEL AGENT	\$500.00
08/02/2023	4536 BARRISTA DRIVE CLERMONT, FL 34711	CHE		
2	DAVIS, NEAL	I	RETIRED	\$50.00
08/14/2023	8346 DAVIS FARM LANE OOLTEWAH, TN 37363	CHE		
3	AMMENDOLEA, SAMUEL	I	PUBLIC INSURANCE ADJUSTER	\$100.00
08/22/2023	1084 CAVENDER CREEK ROAD MINNEOLA, FL 34715	CHE		
4	WATSON, VICTORIA	I	RETIRED	\$100.00
09/07/2023	126 BAYOU BEND ROAD GROVELAND, FL 34736	CHE		
5	SMITH, STEVE	I	RETIRED	\$1,000.00
09/29/2023	PO BOX 121129 CLERMONT, FL 34712	CHE		

Name: Banks Helfrich

Report: 2023 Q3

Period: 07/01/2023 to 09/30/2023

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

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 07/12/2023	CONTACT CONSTANT 1601 TRAPELO ROAD WALTHAM, MA 02451	MON	ONLINE ADVERTISING	\$45.00
2 08/07/2023	CONTACT CONSTANT 1601 TRAPELO ROAD WALTHAM, MA 02451	MON	ONLINE ADVERTISING	\$45.00
3 09/06/2023	CONTACT CONSTANT 1601 TRAPELO ROAD WALTHAM, MA 02451	MON	ONLINE ADVERTISING	\$45.00
4 08/24/2023	SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS LAKE COUNTY 1898 EAST BURLEIGH BLVD TAVARES, FL 32778	MON	PETITION VERIFICATION	\$31.70
5 09/10/2023	BUTTONS NOW CUSTOM 16107 KENSINGTON DRIVE SUGARLAND, TX 77479	MON	CUSTOM BUTTONS	\$56.00
6 09/11/2023	OFFICE DEPOT 2559 FL-50 CLERMONT, FL 34711	MON	PETITION COPIES	\$22.00
7 09/27/2023	ALBION DIGITAL 1601 JOHNS LAKE ROAD, APT 736 CLERMONT, FL 34711	MON	WEB DESIGN	\$60.00 UPD
* 7 09/27/2023	ALBION DIGITAL CLERMONT, FL 34711	MON	WEB DESIGN	\$60.00 History 11/20/23

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED FUND TRANSFERS

Name: Banks Helfrich

Report: 2023 Q3

Period: 07/01/2023 to 09/30/2023

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

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Nature of Account	Amount Amend

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED DISTRIBUTIONS

Name: Banks Helfrich

Report: 2023 Q3

Period: 07/01/2023 to 09/30/2023

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

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

Queued Items for 2023-Q3

Account: 83799

STR 025 Banks Helfrich

Rpt Seq: 6

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	83799	7/3/2023 3:21:36 PM	7/3/2023 3:21:36 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	83799	7/18/2023 5:04:09 PM	7/18/2023 5:04:09 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	83799	10/15/2023 3:21:48 PM	10/15/2023 3:21:48 PM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	83799	11/20/2023 1:41:17 PM	11/20/2023 1:41:17 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	83799	11/20/2023 1:50:27 PM	11/20/2023 1:50:27 PM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	83799	11/20/2023 1:52:17 PM	11/20/2023 1:52:17 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	83799	11/20/2023 1:52:37 PM	11/20/2023 1:52:37 PM



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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Name:

Candidate Name: Banks Helfrich

Account: [83799](#)

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
1/10/2024	Q4	1/7/2024						
10/10/2023	Q3	10/15/2023	SNT	5	\$437.50		\$437.50	\$0.00
7/10/2023	M6	7/3/2023						
6/12/2023	M5	6/10/2023						
5/10/2023	M4	5/10/2023						
4/10/2023	M3	4/11/2023	CLO	1	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$50.00
3/10/2023	M2	3/10/2023						



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT of STATE

RON DESANTIS
Governor

CORD BYRD
Secretary of State

February 14, 2023

Banks Helfrich
9100 Sams Lake Road
Clermont, Florida 34715

Dear Mr. Helfrich:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for the office of State Representative, which was placed on file in our office on February 7, 2023. Your name has been placed on the 2024 active candidate list.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **March 10, 2023**. The report will cover the period of February 1-28, 2023 (2023 M2). All candidates who file reports with the Division of Elections are required to file by means of the Division's Electronic Filing System (EFS).

EFS Access

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

EFS Website Address: <https://efs.dos.state.fl.us>
Identification Number: 83799

Timely Filing

All reports filed must be completed and filed through the EFS no later than midnight, Eastern Standard Time, of the due date. Reports not filed by midnight of the due date are late filed and subject to the penalties in Section 106.07(8), Florida Statutes. In the event that the EFS is inoperable on the due date, the report will be accepted as timely filed if filed no later than midnight of the first business day the EFS becomes operable. No fine will be levied during the period the EFS was inoperable.

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February 14, 2023
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Any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

Electronic Receipts

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


Instructions and Assistance

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

All of the Division's publications and reporting forms are available on the Division of Elections' website at <https://dos.myflorida.com/elections>. It is your responsibility to read, understand, and follow the requirements of Florida's election laws. Therefore, please print a copy of the following documents: Chapters 104 and 106, Florida Statutes, *Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook*, *Calendar of Reporting Dates*, and Rule 1S-2.017, Florida Administrative Code.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

DSB/kaf/alm

Enclosures

pc: Denise Watson, Treasurer

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

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

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

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1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

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

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

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)
9100 SAMS LAKE ROAD CLERMONT FL 34715

4. Telephone

(407) 616-9720

5. E-mail address

ELECTBANKSFORFLORIDAHOUSE@GMAIL.COM

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)
FLORIDA STATE HOUSE, DISTRICT 25

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a

Write-In No Party Affiliation INDEPENDENT Party candidate.

9. I have appointed the following person to act as my Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer
DENISE WATSON

11. Mailing Address

12. Telephone

13. City

14. County

15. State

16. Zip Code

17. E-mail address

watson.denise1958@gmail

18. I have designated the following bank as my Primary Depository Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank
MAINSTREET COMMUNITY BANK

20. Address

1515 EAST HWY 50, CLERMONT, FL 34711

21. City
CLERMONT

22. County
LAKE

23. State
FL

24. Zip Code

34711

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

25. Date

25 JAN 2023

26. Signature of Candidate

X

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

I, Denise Watson, do hereby accept the appointment

(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

Jan 25, 2023
Date

X

Denise Watson
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**CANDIDATE OATH
STATE AND LOCAL PARTISAN OFFICE
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Candidate Oath

(Section 99.021(1)(a), Florida Statutes)

I, Banks Helfrich

(Print name above as you wish it to appear on the ballot. If your last name consists of two or more names but has no hyphen, check box (see page 2 - Compound Last Names). No change can be made after the end of qualifying.)

I am a candidate for the office of State Representative , 25 , _____ ,
(Office) (District #) (Circuit #)
_____ ; my legal residence is Lake County, Florida; I am a qualified elector
(Group or Seat #)

I am running under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; I have qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek, and I have resigned from any office from which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Statement of No Party Affiliation

(Section 99.021(1)(c), Florida Statutes)

I am registered without any party affiliation and have not been a registered member of any political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which I seek to qualify.

Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card) _____

Phonetic spelling for audio ballot: Print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot as may be used by persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form):
bAngks/hEl-frik or "Banks" - where you put money; "Hell" - opposite of Heaven; "frick" rhymes with chick

[Signature] (407) 616-9720 bankshelfrich@gmail.com
Signature of Candidate Telephone Number Email Address
9100 Sams Lake Road Clermont FL 34715
Address City State ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Lake

[Signature]
Signature of Notary Public
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of
online notarization OR physical presence
this 2 day of June, 2022
Personally Known OR Produced Identification
Type of Identification Produced: DL [Redacted]



PAMELA SERVISS
Notary Public
State of Florida
Comm# HH164393
Expires 8/11/2025

**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

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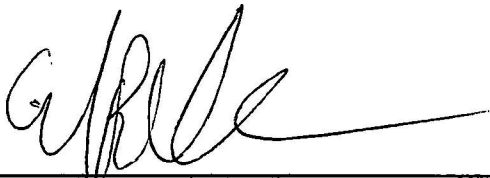
I, BANKS HELFRICH,

candidate for the office of FLORIDA STATE HOUSE, DISTRICT 25 ;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of

Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X



Signature of Candidate

25 JANUARY
Date 2023

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