

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Friends of Paula

Case No.: FEC 23-294

TO: Friends of Paula
Joel Davis, Chair
215 West Donegan Avenue
Kissimmee, FL 34741

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, **May 14, 2024 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.**

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
April 26, 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.

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 23-294

NAME: FRIENDS OF PAULA

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 11/20/2023

DATE REPORT DUE: 06/12/2023 (2023 M5)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 10/31/2023

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 141

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$2,054.38

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$5.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$8,217.53

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 06/13/2023 (Failure to File Ltr)

SUMMARY: Friends of Paula is a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair and treasurer is Joel Davis.

The PC is appealing the fine. According to Mr. Davis, staffing changes and the death of a key employee caused them to file reports late. He also notes that once he became aware of the oversight, he implemented "internal controls" to make sure all outstanding reports were brought up to date. Mr. Davis also tasked his personal executive assistant to oversee the filing of reports going forward.

- The 2023 M5 Original Report covers the period from 05/01/23-05/31/23; it was due on 06/12/23.
- The 2023 M5 Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created, filed, and amended on 10/31/23.
- Friends of Paula reported receiving 1 contribution while making 23 expenditures.
- The Division of Elections does not have any notes that pertain to Friends of Paula's 2023 M5 Report.

PRIOR CASES: None.

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

Monday, November 20, 2023

Ms. Mattie T. Clay
Assistant General Counsel
Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street
The Collins Building, Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-6596

Good morning Ms. Clay.

My name is Joel C. Davis, I am the Chairman of the Friends of Paula Political Committee (83624). As you may be aware the Committee recently (November 8, 2023) received letters implementing fines for late filing regarding the required financial reports for April, May, June and July 10, 2023. Due to staffing changes and the death of one of my key employees, we completely dropped the ball on filing the required reports. Once I personally became aware of this oversight, I implemented internal controls and made sure that all the outstanding reports were brought up to date. These internal controls include checklists and written processes to ensure that this does not happen again and that the reports are timely filed. One of the changes involved tasking my personal executive assistant with the direct authority to oversee the filing of the reports.

In addition to making the Commission aware that I take the late filing of these reports seriously and have addressed the issue, I would like to appeal the fines for those four (4) filing periods.

I am available to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Joel C Davis, Chairman

Friends of Paula, P.C.

FriendsofPaulaFL@gmail.com

215 W. Donegan Avenue, Kissimmee FL 34741
407-908-3467



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Cord Byrd
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

November 3, 2023

Joel Davis, Chairperson
Friends of Paula
215 West Donegan Avenue
Kissimmee, FL 34741-4741

PAC 83624

Dear Mr. Davis:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on June 12, 2023, was filed on October 31, 2023. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$2,054.38.

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,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Final Notice

Delivery Confirmation: 7820 0096 3590

August 1, 2023

Joel Davis, Chairperson
Friends of Paula
215 West Donegan Avenue
Kissimmee, FL 34741-4741

PAC 83624

Dear Mr. Davis:

A recent review of the Division's records show that the Division has not yet received the below-referenced campaign treasurer's report or the required notification that no reportable activity occurred, whichever is applicable, during the following cover period:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Cover Period</u>
2023	M5	5/1/23 - 5/31/23

The Division has previously notified you of the unfiled report or notification. Please file your report or notification. If the report is not filed within 7 days of receipt of this letter, the Division will refer this matter to the Florida Elections Commission, which may impose civil penalties of up to \$1000 per violation, apart from that automatic fine provisions of s. 106.07(8)(b), Fla. Stat.) that are applicable only to campaign finance reports.

As we stated in the prior notices, even if you now file the report or notification, the 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



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Cord Byrd
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 13, 2023

Joel Davis, Chairperson
Friends of Paula
215 West Donegan Avenue
Kissimmee, FL 34741-4741

PAC 83624

Dear Mr. Davis:

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 June 12, 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,

Handwritten signature of Donna S. Brown in black ink.

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

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

(1) Friends of Paula (2) 83624
Candidate, Committe or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 215 West Donegan Avenue Kisimmee FL 34741
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 05/01/2023 To 05/31/2023 Report Type: M5
 Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$5.00
Loans	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$5.00
In-Kind	\$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$8,217.53
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$8,217.53

(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 Chairman (PC/PTY Only)

X
Signature

Name: Friends of Paula

Report: 2023 M5

Period: 05/01/2023 to 05/31/2023

** 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	DAVIS, JOEL	I	PRESIDENT 2020 MEDIA HOLDINGS	\$5.00
05/23/2023	3055 VEST RD SAINT CLOUD, FL	CHE		

Name: Friends of Paula

Report: 2023 M5

Period: 05/01/2023 to 05/31/2023

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq # Date	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & City, State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount Amend
1 05/05/2023	CONSTANT CONTACT 1601 TRAPELO ROAD WALTHAM, ME 02451	IEI	MARKETING EMAILS ADVOCATING FOR ISSUE	\$9.99
2 05/12/2023	KATHY PIERSON COMMUNICATIONS, (Office: STR 047) 1535 GRANT'S CIRCLE KISSIMMEE, FL 34744	CAN	CANDIDATE EXPENSE	\$1,200.00
3 05/24/2023	JENKINS-HORNER KATHI 1315 WEST ROSEWOOD AVE SAINT CLOUD, FL 34741	IEI	SOCIAL MEDIA WORK FOR ADVOCATING ISSUE	\$200.00
4 05/23/2023	PAYPAL 2211 N 1ST ST SAN JOSE, CA	MON	PAYPAL DONATION FEE	\$0.63
5 05/19/2023	GATES-SKIPPER, KATHRYN (Office: STR 047) 3713 SKIPPER TRL LAKE WALES, FL 33898	CAN	CANDIDATE EXPENSE	\$178.87
6 05/24/2023	OSCEOLA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 451615 KISSIMMEE, FL 34745	IEI	DONATION	\$150.00
7 05/01/2023	THE EDISON RESTAURANT, (Office: STR 047) 470 SUWANNEE ST TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301	CAN	CANDIDATE EXPENSE	\$178.35
8 05/01/2023	DANCING FOR THE SPACE COAST 700 S. PARK AVENUE TITUSVILLE, FL 32870	IEI	TABLE FOR THE 9TH ANNUAL BREVARD COUNTY FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES	\$1,750.00
9 05/05/2023	BIRD'S APHRODISIAC OYSTER SHACK, (Office: STR 047) 325 N BRONOUGH ST TALLAHASSEE, FL	CAN	CANDIDATE EXPENSE	\$120.68 UPD
* 9 05/05/2023	BIRD'S APHRODISIAC OYSTER SHACK, (Office: STR) 325 N BRONOUGH ST TALLAHASSEE, FL	CAN	CANDIDATE EXPENSE	\$120.68 History 10/31/23
10 05/11/2023	BIRD'S APHRODISIAC OYSTER SHACK, (Office: STR 047) 325 N BRONOUGH ST TALLAHASSEE, FL	CAN	CANDIDATE EXPENSE	\$92.02 UPD
* 10 05/11/2023	BIRD'S APHRODISIAC OYSTER SHACK, (Office: STR) 325 N BRONOUGH ST TALLAHASSEE, FL	CAN	CANDIDATE EXPENSE	\$92.02 UPD History 10/31/23
* 10 05/11/2023	BIRD'S APHRODISIAC OYSTER SHACK 325 N BRONOUGH ST TALLAHASSEE, FL	IEC	CANDIDATE EXPENSE	\$92.02 History 10/31/23
11 05/12/2023	ST CLOUD MAIN STREET 903 PENNSYLVANIA AVE ST CLOUD, FL 34769	IEI	ENTERTAINMENT ADVOCATING FOR ISSUE, REDNECK GALA TICKETS	\$780.00
12 05/02/2023	JOELLEN'S, (Office: STR 047) 215 W COLLEGE AVE #101 TALLAHASSEE, FL	CAN	CANDIDATE EXPENSE	\$72.24 UPD
* 12 05/02/2023	JOELLEN'S, (Office: STR) 215 W COLLEGE AVE #101 TALLAHASSEE, FL	CAN	CANDIDATE EXPENSE	\$72.24 History 10/31/23
13 05/11/2023	BEEF O BRADY'S 2926 13TH ST ST CLOUD, FL 34769	IEI	MEETING ADVOCATING ISSUE	\$131.85
14 05/16/2023	FAT BOYS 2912 13TH ST ST CLOUD, FL 34769	IEI	MEETING ADVOCATING ISSUE	\$71.77
15 05/25/2023	BROADWAY PIZZA 403 BROADWAY KISSIMMEE, FL 34741	IEI	MEETING ADVOCATING ISSUE	\$22.18

Name: Friends of Paula

Report: 2023 M5

Period: 05/01/2023 to 05/31/2023

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle Street Address & Cniv. State, Zip	Type	Purpose	Amount
Date				Amend
16	THE CATFISH PLACE 2324 13TH ST ST CLOUD, FL 34769	IEI	MEETING ADVOCATING ISSUE	\$137.82
05/26/2023				
17	THE CATFISH PLACE 2324 13TH ST ST CLOUD, FL 34769	IEI	MEETING ADVOCATING ISSUE	\$53.27
05/29/2023				
18	STAPLES 2241 NORTH MONROE ST TALLAHASSEE, FL 32303	MON	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$753.49
05/01/2023				
19	BEST BUY 1400 APALACHEE PKWY TALLAHASSEE, FL	MON	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$107.49
05/03/2023				UPD
* 19	BEST BUY	MON	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$107.49
05/03/2023				History 10/31/23
20	BEST BUY 1400 APALACHEE PKWY TALLAHASSEE, FL	MON	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$214.99
05/04/2023				UPD
* 20	BEST BUY	MON	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$214.99
05/04/2023				History 10/31/23
21	BEST BUY 1400 APALACHEE PKWY TALLAHASSEE, FL	MON	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$166.59
05/04/2023				UPD
* 21	BEST BUY	MON	OFFICE SUPPLY	\$166.59
05/04/2023				History 10/31/23
22	LEON CORBETT 2028 E FOREST DR TALLAHASSEE, FL	MON	RENT FOR OFFICE	\$1,650.00
05/03/2023				
23	DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, (Office: STR 047) 101 S ADAMS ST TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301	CAN	TRAVEL ADVOCATING FOR CANDIDATE	\$175.30
05/03/2023				UPD
* 23	DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, (Office: STR) 101 S ADAMS ST TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301	CAN	TRAVEL ADVOCATING FOR CANDIDATE	\$175.30
05/03/2023				UPD History 10/31/23
* 23	DOUBLETREE BY HILTON 101 S ADAMS ST TALLAHASSEE, FL 32301	IEC	TRAVEL ADVOCATING FOR CANDIDATE	\$175.30
05/03/2023				History 10/31/23

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT - ITEMIZED FUND TRANSFERS

Name: Friends of Paula

Report: 2023 M5

Period: 05/01/2023 to 05/31/2023

**** 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: Friends of Paula

Report: 2023 M5

Period: 05/01/2023

to 05/31/2023

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

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

Queued Items for 2023-M5

Account: 83624

Friends of Paula

Rpt Seq: 7

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
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File Pending Report	Processing Complete	83624	10/31/2023 12:48:41 PM	10/31/2023 12:48:41 PM
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Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	83624	10/31/2023 1:20:30 PM	10/31/2023 1:20:30 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	83624	10/31/2023 1:21:26 PM	10/31/2023 1:21:26 PM
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Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	83624	10/31/2023 2:11:41 PM	10/31/2023 2:11:41 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	83624	10/31/2023 2:13:06 PM	10/31/2023 2:13:06 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	83624	10/31/2023 2:13:32 PM	10/31/2023 2:13:32 PM



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Florida Department of State - Division of Elections

Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Name:

Committee Name: Friends of Paula

Account: 83624

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
10/10/2023	Q3	11/10/2023						
7/10/2023	M6	10/31/2023	SNT	113	\$2,049.16		\$2,049.16	\$0.00
6/12/2023	M5	10/31/2023	SNT	141	\$2,054.38		\$2,054.38	\$0.00
5/10/2023	M4	10/30/2023	SNT	173	\$1,121.19		\$1,121.19	\$0.00
4/10/2023	M3	10/31/2023	SNT	204	\$11,000.00		\$11,000.00	\$0.00
3/10/2023	M2	3/2/2023						
2/10/2023	M1	2/1/2023						
1/10/2023	M12	1/4/2023						
12/12/2022	M11	12/10/2022						

HISTORY NOTES
Friends of Paula - 83624

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
78596	12/28/2022 11:49:00 AM		jmbarreiros
12/28: Spoke w Mr. Davis (Chair). He was not available for help but will call back either this afternoon or tomorrow to get help w M11 report. JB			
78589	12/27/2022 3:40:00 PM		jmbarreiros
12/27: Chair (J Davis) called to get help with his filling. He received a COR14 for incomplete filling of M11 report. He was having trouble seeing the screen in full so I asked if we could touch base at a later time to see if we could resolve issue. He left his cell #. I attempted to return his call and got a message saying mailbox was full. JB			



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

RON DESANTIS
Governor

CORD BYRD
Secretary of State

November 21, 2022

Joel Davis, Chairperson
Friends of Paula
215 West Donegan Avenue
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Dear Mr. Davis:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Friends of Paula**, which were placed on file in our office on November 18, 2022. 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 **December 12, 2022**. The report will cover the period of November 4-30, 2022 (2022 M11). 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: 83624

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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R.A. Gray Building, Suite 316 • 500 South Bronough Street • Tallahassee, Florida 32399
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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 <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: 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.

Sincerely,



Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

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Notice of Fine for Late Filing

Florida Statutes 106.07 (8) (a), (b) & (c)

Any candidate or political committee failing to file a report on the designated date shall be subject to a fine. In the case of a candidate, the fine shall be paid only from personal funds of the candidate.

The fine shall be assessed by the filing officer at the following rate:

\$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 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.**

Reports must be filed no later than midnight, of the day designated; however, any report postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service no later than midnight of the date report is due, is considered to be filed on time. A certificate of mailing obtained from the U.S. Postal Service or a receipt from an established courier company, dated on or before the report is due, also is acceptable. Postage meter stamp showing the date stamped by the meter are not acceptable.

Upon determining that a report is late, the filing officer shall immediately notify the candidate or Chairman of the political committee. The fine shall be paid to the filing officer within 20 days of receipt of the notice unless appeal is made to the Florida Elections Commission, in which case the candidate or chairman of the political committee shall, within the 20-day period, notify the filing officer in writing of his or her intention to bring the matter to commission.

I hereby acknowledge notification of the above statute.



Candidate or Chairman

11/9/22

Date

Supervisor or Deputy

Date

**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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CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

Initial Filing for: Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

Re-filing to Change: Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer Primary/Secondary Depository

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1. Committee FRIENDS OF PAULA		2. Telephone (407) 892-3885	
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer Joel Davis		4. Email (optional)	
5. Telephone (optional) (407) 892-3885		6. Mailing Address 215 W. Donegan Ave Kissimmee, FL 34741	
7. Street Address 215 W. Donegan Ave Kissimmee, FL 34741			
8. The following bank has been designated as the <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Depository			
9. Name of Bank Bank of America		10. Street Address 4300 13th Street	
11. City St. Cloud		12. State FL	13. Zip Code 34769
14. Signature of Chairman X 		15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type) Joel Davis	

Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

I, **JOEL DAVIS**, do hereby accept the appointment as
(Please Print or Type)
 treasurer or deputy treasurer for **FRIENDS OF PAULA**
(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.**

11/9/22
Date

X 
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

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COUNTY CLERK
TALLAHASSEE, FL

1. Full Name of Committee
FRIENDS OF PAULA

Telephone
407-892-3885

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)
215 W. Donegan Ave
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)
215 W. Donegan Ave
Kissimmee, FL 34741

2. Affiliated or Connected Organizations (includes other committees of continuous existence and political committees)

Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization	Mailing Address	Relationship
N/A		

3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee

Statewide political committee to support or oppose candidates for state-wide, legislative, multi-county, county or municipal office and other activities not prohibited by Chapter 106, Florida State Statutes.

4. Nature of Organization or Organization's Special Interest (e.g., medical, legal, education, etc.)

Political

5. Identify by Name, Address and Position, the Custodian of Books and Accounts (include treasurer's name)

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
Joel Davis	215 W. Donegan Ave Kissimmee, FL 34741	Treasurer

6. List by Name, Address and Position, Other Principal Officers, Including Officers and Members of the Finance Committee, If Any (include chairman's name)

Full Name	Mailing Address	Committee Title or Position
Joel Davis	215 W. Donegan Ave Kissimmee, FL 34741	Chairperson

7. List by Name, Address, Office Sought and Party Affiliation Each Candidate or Other Individual that this Committee is Supporting (if none, please indicate)

Full Name	Mailing Address	Office Sought	Party
To Be Determined...			

8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting: To Be Determined...

List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing: To Be Determined...

9. If this Committee is Supporting the Entire Ticket of a Party, Give Name of Party

N/A

10. In the Event of Dissolution, What Disposition will be Made of Residual Funds?

contribute to candidates, political committees, political parties or other activities not prohibited by law.

11. List all Banks, Safety Deposit Boxes, or Other Depositories Used for Committee Funds

Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address
Bank of America	4300 13th Street St. Cloud, FL 34769

12. List all Reports Required to be Filed by this Committee with Federal Officials and the Names, Addresses and Positions of Such Officials, If Any

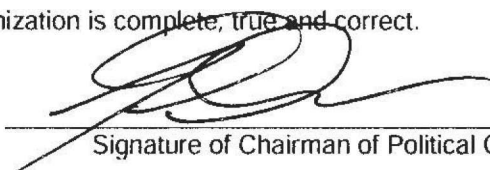
Report Title	Dates Required to be Filed	Name & Position of Official	Mailing Address
Form 8871 Form 1120POL Form 990, as may be required	Upon Formation, March 15th annually May 15th annually	Internal Revenue Service	Ogden, UT 84201

STATE OF FLORIDA OSCEOLA COUNTY

I, Joel Davis, certify that the information in this Statement of

Organization is complete, true and correct.

X


Signature of Chairman of Political Committee

11/9/22
Date