

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

In Re: Citizens Awake Now, Inc.

Case No.: FEC 23-206

TO: Citizens Awake Now, Inc.
Francis A. Oakes, III, Chair
2205 Davis Boulevard
Naples, FL 34104

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 23-206

NAME: CITIZENS AWAKE NOW, INC.

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 07/28/2023

DATE REPORT DUE: 06/24/2022 (2022 P1)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 07/08/2022

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 14

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$5,650.00

FINE BASED ON: NUMBER OF DAYS 25% OF RECEIPTS 25% OF EXPENDITURES

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$121,000.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$726.00

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 06/28/2022 (Failure to File Letter)

SUMMARY: Citizens Awake Now, Inc. is a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair is Francis A. Oakes III, and its treasurer is Scott Relf.

The PC is appealing the fine. According to the treasurer, Scott Relf, he was "not aware that the reporting dates change to be more frequent during the primary election season." He also notes that he did not have any prior knowledge or experience serving as a treasurer and believed his responsibility was to file a report by the 10th of each month. He claims that he logged into the Division of Elections' website on July 8th to file the monthly report and was surprised to discover he missed a report. He notes that he filed both reports that day.

- The 2022 P1 Original Report covers the period from 06/01/22-06/17/22; it was due on 06/24/22.
- The 2022 P1 Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created and filed on 07/08/22.
- Citizens Awake Now, Inc. reported receiving 5 contributions while making 3 expenditures.
- The Division of Elections does not have any notes that pertain to Citizens Awake Now, Inc.'s 2022 P1 Report.

PRIOR CASES: Nonc.

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

August 22, 2023

Citizens Awake Now, Inc.
2205 Davis Blvd.
Naples, FL 34104

Re: Case No.: FEC 23-206; Campaign Treasurer's Report due 6/24/22 (2022 P1)

Dear Ms. Malphurs,

I am in receipt of your correspondence dated August 16, 2023 regarding the appeal of a fine assessed against Citizens Awake Now for failing to timely file a required report. Pursuant to Section 106.07(8)(c), I am writing to confirm that Courtney Howard, the person who submitted the initial intent to appeal the fine, is my representative regarding said request.

Please continue to process the above appeal request.

Regards,

DocuSigned by:

Alfie Oakes

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FRANCIS A. OAKES III, Chair
Citizens Awake Now, Inc.

FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
239-673-0550

Citizens Awake Now, PAC 79536
2205 Davis Boulevard
Naples, FL 34104
239-673-0550

July 28, 2023

Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines St. Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-025011

To Whom It May Concern,

Please be advised that Citizens Awake Now, PAC 79536, is hereby appealing the fine of \$5,650.00 as outlined in the enclosed notice from the Division of Elections.

Appealing Party:

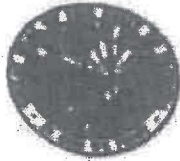
Citizens Awake Now, PAC 79536
2205 Davis Boulevard
Naples, FL 34104
239-673-0550

A copy of this correspondence and all enclosed documents has been emailed to Donna Brown.

Regards,


Courtney Howard

RECEIVED JUL 10 2023



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Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

REC'D: FL ELECTIONS COM
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Final Notice
Delivery Confirmation:

July 5, 2023

USPS TRACKING # 9114 9922 0078 0307 2481 63
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Francis A. Oakes III, Chairperson
Citizens Awake Now, Inc.
2205 Davis Boulevard
Naples, FL 34104

PAC 79536

Dear Mr. Oakes:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on June 24, 2022, was filed on July 8, 2022. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$5,650.00.

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 Division of Elections - Late Filing of Campaign Treasurer's Report

Scott Relf <scottrelf@mac.com>

Thu 7/27/2023 3:16 PM

To: Courtney Howard <courtney@chowardlaw.com>

Courtney,

I have reviewed the letter received on July 10, 2023 from the Division of Elections regarding the Citizens Awake Now campaign treasurer's report that was filed 13 days late last year.

I was the Treasurer responsible for filing the reports in 2022.

I did not have any prior knowledge or experience with serving as a Treasurer, and at that time I believed that my responsibility was to file a report by the 10th of each month.

On July 8, 2022, I logged into the Division of Elections website for the purpose of filing what I believed to be the monthly report due on July 10, 2022.

Based upon the information on the account page for Citizens Awake Now on the Division of Elections website, I was very surprised to discover that I had missed filing a report on June 24, 2022.

I immediately filed the June 24, 2022 report that was 13 days late, and also filed the report that was due that day on July 8, 2022.

Due to my inexperience as a Treasurer, I was not aware that the reporting dates change to be more frequent during the primary election season. That is the reason that the June 24, 2022 report was filed 13 days late.

Regards, Scott

Scott Relf

6020 Autumn Oaks Lane · Naples · FL · 34119

Mobile: 239-821-0676 · ScottRelf@mac.com



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July 5, 2023

Francis A. Oakes III, Chairperson

Citizens Awake Now, Inc.

2205 Davis Boulevard

Naples, FL 34104

PAC 79536

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

September 8, 2022

Francis A. Oakes III, Chairperson
Citizens Awake Now, Inc.
2205 Davis Boulevard
Naples, FL 34104

PAC 79536

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Bureau of Election Records



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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

June 28, 2022

Francis A. Oakes III, Chairperson
Citizens Awake Now, Inc.
2205 Davis Boulevard
Naples, FL 34104

PAC 79536

Dear Mr. Oakes:

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 24, 2022.

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 lateIf 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: Scott Relf, Treasurer

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

(1) Citizens Awake Now, Inc. (2) 79536
Candidate, Committee or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 3021 Airport Pulling Road N. Naples FL 34105
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 Existence Check If CCE has DISBANDED
 Party Executive Committee

(5) REPORT IDENTIFIERS

Cover Period: From 06/01/2022 To 06/17/2022 Report Type: P1
 Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

Cash & Checks	\$121,000.00
Loans	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$121,000.00
In-Kind	\$0.00

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$726.00
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$726.00

(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: Citizens Awake Now, Inc.

Report: 2022 P1

Period: 06/01/2022 to 06/17/2022

** 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	LINEKIN, ROBERT	I	RETIRED	\$5,000.00
06/08/2022	16611 FIRENZE WAY NAPLES, FL 34110	CHE		
2	HADDAWAY & ASSOCIATES LLC	B	REAL ESTATE	\$1,000.00
06/09/2022	4850 TAMiami TRY N UNIT 301 NAPES, FL 34103	CHE		
3	PHOENIX ASSOCIATES OF FLORIDA INC	B	CONSTRUCTION	\$5,000.00
06/09/2022	13180 LIVINGSTON ROAD SUITE 204 NAPLES, FL 34109	CHE		
4	OAKES III, FRANCIS	I	BUSINESS OWNER	\$100,000.00
06/05/2022	7695 SANTA CRUZ CT NAPLES, FL 34109	CHE		UPD
* 4	FRANCIS A. OAKES III,	I	BUSINESS OWNER	\$100,000.00
06/05/2022	7695 SANTA CRUZ CT NAPLES, FL 34109	CHE		History 07/08/22
5	OMEARA, PATRICK	I	BUSINESS OWNER	\$10,000.00
06/09/2022	8111 BAY COLONY DR. APT 1801 NAPLES, FL 34108	CHE		UPD
* 5	PATRICK J. OMEARA,	I	BUSINESS OWNER	\$10,000.00
06/09/2022	8111 BAY COLONY DR. APT 1801 NAPLES, FL 34108	CHE		History 07/08/22

Name: Citizens Awake Now, Inc.

Report: 2022 P1

Period: 06/01/2022

to 06/17/2022

** Records in Filed Report **

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Type	Purpose	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip			Amend
1	SHOPIFY	MON	IT SERVICES	\$29.00
06/07/2022	708 3RD AVE NEW YORK, NY 10017			
2	CRIMSON DATA MANAGEMENT	MON	IT SERVICES	\$500.00
06/14/2022	5055 SEMINARY ROAD SUITE 612 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22311			
3	WINRED	MON	PROCESSING SERVICES	\$197.00
06/08/2022	1776 WILSON BLVD SUITE 530 ARLINGTON, VA 22209			

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED FUND TRANSFERS

Name: Citizens Awake Now, Inc.

Report: 2022 P1

Period: 06/01/2022 to 06/17/2022

**** 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: Citizens Awake Now, Inc.

Report: 2022 P1

Period: 06/01/2022 to 06/17/2022

**** 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 2022-P1

Account: 79536

Citizens Awake Now, Inc.

Rpt Seq: 14

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	79536	7/8/2022 11:23:20 AM	7/8/2022 11:23:20 AM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	79536	7/8/2022 12:53:05 PM	7/8/2022 12:53:05 PM
Amend Filed Report	Processing Complete	79536	7/8/2022 1:04:00 PM	7/8/2022 1:04:00 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	79536	7/8/2022 1:07:33 PM	7/8/2022 1:07:33 PM
Review Filed Report	Processing Complete	79536	7/17/2022 2:54:14 PM	7/17/2022 2:54:14 PM



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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Committee Name: Citizens Awake Now, Inc.

Name:

Account: 79536

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
1/10/2024	Q4	1/19/2024	CLO	9	\$414.00		\$414.00	\$414.00
10/10/2023	Q3	10/10/2023						
7/10/2023	M6	7/9/2023						
6/12/2023	M5	6/12/2023						
5/10/2023	M4	5/10/2023						
4/10/2023	M3	4/10/2023						
3/10/2023	M2	3/9/2023						
2/10/2023	M1	2/10/2023						
1/10/2023	M12	1/10/2023						
12/12/2022	M11	12/3/2022						
11/4/2022	G6	11/8/2022	SNT	4	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00	\$0.00
11/3/2022	D6	11/8/2022	PEN	5	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
11/2/2022	D5	11/2/2022						
11/1/2022	D4	10/31/2022						
10/31/2022	D3	10/31/2022						
10/30/2022	D2	10/31/2022	PEN	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/29/2022	D1	10/31/2022	CLO	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/28/2022	G5	10/21/2022						
10/21/2022	G4A	10/14/2022						
10/14/2022	G4	10/7/2022						
10/7/2022	G3	9/29/2022						
10/7/2022	G3A	9/30/2022						
9/23/2022	G2A	9/16/2022						
9/16/2022	G2	9/9/2022						
9/9/2022	G1A	9/9/2022						
9/2/2022	G1	8/28/2022						
8/26/2022	P7A	8/23/2022						
8/19/2022	P7	8/18/2022						
8/12/2022	P6	8/18/2022	CLO	6	\$257.25		\$257.25	\$257.25
8/5/2022	P5	8/4/2022						
7/29/2022	P4	7/28/2022						
7/22/2022	P3	7/19/2022						
7/15/2022	P2A	7/8/2022						
7/8/2022	P2	7/8/2022						
7/1/2022	P1A	7/8/2022	CLO	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/24/2022	P1	7/8/2022	APP	14	\$5,650.00		\$5,650.00	\$0.00
6/10/2022	M5	6/10/2022						
5/10/2022	M4	5/10/2022						
4/11/2022	M3	4/11/2022						
3/10/2022	M2	3/10/2022						
2/10/2022	M1	2/10/2022						
1/10/2022	M12	1/4/2022						

12/10/2021	M11	12/8/2021
11/10/2021	M10	11/10/2021
10/12/2021	M9	10/8/2021
9/10/2021	M8	9/10/2021
8/10/2021	M7	8/10/2021
7/12/2021	M6	7/12/2021

HISTORY NOTES
Citizens Awake Now, Inc. - 79536

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
75322	8/2/2021 12:26:00 PM		kaford
RE: Deputy Treasurer credentials			
Spoke with James Boatman and released his pin number to him via phone. kaf			
75255	7/19/2021 4:51:00 PM		kaford
RE: Late mailing of credentials			
Spoke with Scott Relf (treasurer) regarding the PAC's full name not being completely listed in Block 1 (Committee Name) of the DSDE-6 and another space on the form. "Citizens Awake Now" was listed instead of "Citizens Awake Now Inc". The abbreviation "Inc." was missing. Advised Mr. Relf of this and requested that he overnight the corrected DSDE-6. Mr. Relf advised that he would overnight the form tomorrow, June 24 so it would be received by BER on Friday, June 25th.			
On 6/28/2021, an amended DSDE-6 received. Staff from the PAC called and asked to speak with me. However, I was not in the office that day so another BER staff member confirmed that the DSDE-6 received and released the credentials to the PAC officers. I did not check Imaging in a timely fashion which resulted in the PAC's application packet along with the acknowledgment letter remaining at my workstation until 07/19/2021.			
The PAC officers had their credentials via phone release and the first EFS report due was filed on time on 7/12/2021. The credentials letters were mailed 7/22/2021. kaf			
75199	7/12/2021 3:19:00 PM		kaford
RE: Credentials - Citizens Awake Now, Inc.			
Scott Relf called to receive his credentials and I released them to him via phone. kaf			
75058	6/23/2021 4:50:00 PM		kaford
RE: Incomplete Application			
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

RON DESANTIS
Governor

LAUREL M. LEE
Secretary of State

June 24, 2021

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Citizens Awake Now, Inc.
2205 Davis Boulevard
Naples, Florida 34104

Dear Mr. Oakes:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **Citizens Awake Now, Inc.**, which were placed on file in our office on June 23, 2021. This information appears to comply with the requirements of Section 106.03, Florida Statutes, and the name of this organization has been placed on our active committee list as a political committee.

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Your first campaign treasurer's report will be due on **July 12, 2021**. The report will cover the period of June 1-30, 2021 (2021 M6). 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: 79536

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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Francis A. Oakes III, Chairperson
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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

DSB/kaf

Enclosures

pc: Scott Relf, Treasurer

**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 Citizens Awake Now, Inc.	2. Telephone (239) 776-2076
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3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer Scott Relf	4. Email (optional) scottrelf@mac.com	5. Telephone (optional) (239) 821-0676
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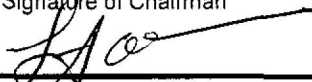
6. Mailing Address
6020 Autumn Oaks Ln, Naples, FL 34119

7. Street Address
6020 Autumn Oaks Ln, Naples, FL 34119

8. The following bank has been designated as the **Primary Depository** **Secondary Depository**

9. Name of Bank Centennial Bank	10. Street Address 3021 Airport Pulling Rd N, Suite 101
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11. City Naples	12. State FL	13. Zip Code 34105
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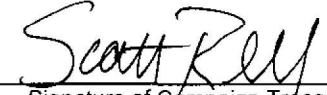
14. Signature of Chairman X 	15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type) Francis Alfred Oakes III
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Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

I, **Scott Relf**, do hereby accept the appointment as
(Please Print or Type)
treasurer or deputy treasurer for Citizens Awake Now, Inc.
(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.**

6/24/21
Date

X 
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION
OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE**

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

1. Full Name of Committee

CITIZENS AWAKE NOW, INC.

Telephone

239-776-2076

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)
3021 AIRPORT PULLING RD N
SUITE 202
NAPLES, FL 34105

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)
3021 AIRPORT PULLING RD N
SUITE 202
NAPLES, FL 34105

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

Name of Affiliated or Connected Organization	Mailing Address	Relationship
NA		

3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee

Supporting or Opposing Statewide, legislative, multi-county candidates and/or issues.

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
James A. Boatman, Jr., Esq.	3021 AIRPORT PULLING RD N SUITE 202 NAPLES, FL 34105	Director, Secretary
Scott Relf	6020 Autumn Oaks Ln, Naples, FL 34119	Director, 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
James Boatman Jr. Esq. Scott Relf Francis A. Oakes, III	3021 AIRPORT RD N #202 NAPLES 34105 6020 Autumn Oaks Naples FL 34119 2205 DAVIS BLVD Naples FL 34104	Director, Secretary Director, Treasurer (Exec Dir.) Director, President (Chairman)

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:

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

10. In the Event of Dissolution, What Disposition will be Made of Residual Funds?
 Donate to an organization that is tax exempt per section 527.

11. List all Banks, Safety Deposit Boxes, or Other Depositories Used for Committee Funds	
Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address
Centennial Bank [REDACTED]	4015 Naples Branch 3021 AIRPORT PULLING RD N NAPLES, FL 34105

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, annually May 15th	Internal Revenue Service	Ogden, UT 842

STATE OF Florida Collier COUNTY

I, Francis A. Oakes, III, certify that the information in this Statement of Organization is complete, true and correct.

X [Signature] 6-16-21
 Signature of Chairman of Political Committee Date