

**STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**In Re: The Committee for Improved
Communities**

Case No.: FEC 23-221

TO: The Committee for Improved Communities
Karema Tyms-Harris, Chair
1114 Marion Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32303

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 23-221

NAME: THE COMMITTEE FOR IMPROVED COMMUNITIES

DATE APPEAL RECEIVED: 08/15/2023

DATE REPORT DUE: 08/26/2022 (2022 P7A)

DATE OF ELECTRONIC RECEIPT: 08/31/2022

NUMBER OF DAYS LATE: 5

AMOUNT OF FINE: \$2,250.00

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$0

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR REPORTING PERIOD: \$9,000.00

DATE OF FIRST NOTIFICATION: 08/29/2022 (Failure to File Letter)

SUMMARY: The Committee for Improved Communities is a political committee (PC) registered with the State of Florida. The PC's chair and treasurer is Karema Tyms-Harris.

The PC is appealing the fine. According to Ms. Tyms-Harris, notices regarding this matter were not received. She notes that "unusual construction circumstances caused a safety and health hazard" at the committee's mailing address, which required Ms. Tyms-Harris to temporarily relocate during the time mail may have been delivered.

- The 2022 P7A Original Report covers the period from 08/19/22-08/19/22; it was due on 08/26/22.
- The 2022 P7A Queued Transaction Report shows that it was created on 08/20/22 and filed on 08/31/22.
- The Committee for Improved Communities reported receiving zero contributions while making 2 expenditures.
- The Division of Elections does not have any notes that pertain to The Committee for Improved Communities' 2022 P7A Report.

PRIOR CASES: Nonc.

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

From: [Donna Malphurs](#) on behalf of [Florida Elections Commission](#)
To: [Br"Axeton Wims](#)
Subject: Fw: FEC Letter of Appeal
Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 5:13:04 PM

----- Forwarded by Donna Malphurs/OAG on 08/15/2023 05:12 PM -----

From: "Karema Tyms-Harris" <ktharris@theciconline.com>
To: "Florida Elections Commission" <fec@myfloridalegal.com>, "DivElections@dos.myflorida.com" <DivElections@dos.myflorida.com>
Date: 08/15/2023 04:52 PM
Subject: Re: FEC Letter of Appeal

August 15, 2023

Florida Elections Commission
107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0150

RE: PAC 78973

Dear FEC:

I am writing on behalf of The Committee for Improved Communities to appeal the \$2,250.00 automatic fine, imposed for failure to file a campaign treasurer's report on August 26, 2022.

The Committee had no activity to report on this date and would have filed a waiver for this single day report. All other reports during this period were filed timely.

Notices regarding this matter were not received by The Committee for Improved Communities at its known mailing address. Further, unusual construction circumstances caused a safety and health hazard at this location which necessitated the temporary relocation of the Ms. Harris during the time that mail may have been attempted for delivery.

Respectfully, we are requesting that the fine(s) related to this matter be excused or waived in whole or in part.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karema Tyms Harris
Chairperson

On 08/09/2023 9:34 AM EDT Florida Elections Commission
<fec@myfloridalegal.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Harris,

Thank you for your email. Delivery confirmation shows that the letter was received on July 26, 2023, giving you until August 15, 2023 to file an appeal with our office. You may email us your appeal at this inbox. Please consider submitting your appeal as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Donna Ann Malphurs
Agency Clerk/Public Information Officer

▼ "Karema Tyms-Harris" ---08/04/2023 01:18:47 PM---Dear FEC ~ I am writing to advise that the attached letter dated July 7, 2023 was not delivered to m

From: "Karema Tyms-Harris" <ktharris@theiconline.com>
To: "FEC@myfloridalegal.com" <FEC@myfloridalegal.com>
Date: 08/04/2023 01:18 PM
Subject: Notice of Receipt

Dear FEC ~ I am writing to advise that the attached letter dated July 7, 2023 was not delivered to my address until Wednesday, July 26, 2023, as I was out-of-the country and had an official USPS hold on all mail delivery to 1114 Marion Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32303.

Further, I am requesting an extension to appropriately respond and/or file an appeal to regarding this matter. Please advise if this request can be granted and the next steps in the appeal process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karema Tyms-Harris
Chairperson
The Committee for Improved Communities
1114 Marion Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32303 [attachment "FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
STATE.070723.pdf" deleted by Donna Malphurs/OAG]



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Final Notice
Delivery Confirmation:

USPS TRACKING # **9114 9022 0078 9884 3177 48**
& CUSTOMER RECEIPT LABEL (ROLL) For Tracking or inquiries go to USPS.com or call 1-800-222-1811.

July 7, 2023

Karema Tyms-Harris, Chairperson
The Committee for Improved Communities
1114 Marion Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32303

PAC 78973

Dear Ms. Tyms-Harris:

The campaign treasurer's report that was due on August 26, 2022, was filed on August 31, 2022. By law, you are automatically assessed a late fine of \$2,250.00.

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:

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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,

Handwritten signature of Donna S. Brown in blue ink.

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



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July 7, 2023

Karema Tyms-Harris, Chairperson
The Committee for Improved Communities
1114 Marion Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32303

PAC 78973

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Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
Bureau of Election Records



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September 8, 2022

Karema Tyms-Harris, Chairperson
The Committee for Improved Communities
1114 Marion Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32303

PAC 78973

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Sincerely,

Donna S. Brown, Chief
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August 29, 2022

Karema Tyms-Harris, Chairperson
The Committee for Improved Communities
1114 Marion Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32303

PAC 78973

Dear Ms. Tyms-Harris:

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 August 26, 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 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

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

(1) The Committee for Improved Communities (2) 78973
 Candidate, Committe or Party Name I.D. Number

(3) 216 West College Avenue Tallahassee FL 32301
 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 08/19/2022 To 08/19/2022 Report Type: P7A

Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) CONTRIBUTIONS THIS REPORT

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

(7) EXPENDITURES THIS REPORT

Monetary Expenditures	\$9,000.00
Transfers to Office Account	\$0.00
<i>Total Monetary</i>	\$9,000.00

(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

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Name: The Committee for Improved Communities

Report: 2022 P7A

Period: 08/19/2022

to 08/19/2022

**** 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

Name: The Committee for Improved CommunitiesReport: 2022 P7APeriod: 08/19/2022 to 08/19/2022**** Records in Filed Report ****

Seq #	Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle)	Type	Purpose	Amount
Date	Street Address & City, State, Zip			Amend
1	GOVERNMENTAL CONTRACTORS INC. 6147 JASON TRAIL TALLAHASSEE, FL 32317	MON	GET OUT THE VOTE - GOTV	\$7,500.00
08/19/2022				
2	STRATEGYWISE LLC 1610 ESCADRILLE LANE TALLAHASSEE, FL 32308	MON	CAMPAIGN CONSULTING	\$1,500.00
08/19/2022				

ID:

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED FUND TRANSFERS

Name: The Committee for Improved Communities

Report: 2022 P7A

Period: 08/19/2022 to 08/19/2022

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

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

Name: The Committee for Improved Communities

Report: 2022 P7A

Period: 08/19/2022 to 08/19/2022

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

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

Queued Items for 2022-P7A

Account: 78973

The Committee for Improved Communities

Rpt Seq: 42

<i>ProcessDescription</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Submitter</i>	<i>Created</i>	<i>LastUpdate</i>
Create Pending Report	Processing Complete	78973	8/20/2022 12:00:29 AM	8/20/2022 12:00:29 AM
Recalc Pending Report Total	Processing Complete	78973	8/20/2022 12:00:44 AM	8/20/2022 12:00:44 AM
Recalc Pending Report Total	Processing Complete	78973	8/20/2022 12:00:51 AM	8/20/2022 12:00:51 AM
Recalc Pending Report Total	Processing Complete	78973	8/30/2022 1:46:57 PM	8/30/2022 1:46:57 PM
Review Pending Report	Processing Complete	78973	8/31/2022 4:11:38 PM	8/31/2022 4:11:38 PM
File Pending Report	Processing Complete	78973	8/31/2022 4:12:26 PM	8/31/2022 4:12:26 PM



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Florida Election System Reports

Candidate/Committee Lookup

Committee Name: The Committee for Improved Communities

Name:

Account: 78973

Election:

Acct:

Type:

Date Due	Type	Date Filed	Status	Days Late	Fine Assessed	Appealed	Amount Fined	Amount Paid
7/10/2023	M6	7/10/2023						
6/12/2023	M5	6/6/2023						
5/10/2023	M4	5/8/2023						
4/10/2023	M3	4/11/2023	CLO	1	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$50.00
3/10/2023	M2	3/2/2023						
2/10/2023	M1	1/31/2023						
1/27/2023	SP1	1/31/2023	CLO	4	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
1/10/2023	M12	1/7/2023						
12/12/2022	M11	12/9/2022						
11/4/2022	G6	11/4/2022						
11/3/2022	D6	11/3/2022						
11/2/2022	D5	11/2/2022						
11/1/2022	D4	10/31/2022						
10/31/2022	D3	11/2/2022	PEN	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/30/2022	D2	10/31/2022	PEN	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/29/2022	D1	10/29/2022						
10/28/2022	G5	10/23/2022						
10/21/2022	G4A	10/23/2022	CLO	2	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
10/14/2022	G4	10/13/2022						
10/7/2022	G3A	10/3/2022						
10/7/2022	G3	10/3/2022						
9/23/2022	G2A	10/3/2022	CLO	10	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/16/2022	G2	10/3/2022	CLO	17	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
9/9/2022	G1A	9/6/2022						
9/2/2022	G1	8/31/2022						
8/26/2022	P7A	8/31/2022	SNT	5	\$2,250.00		\$2,250.00	\$0.00
8/19/2022	P7	8/20/2022	CLO	1	\$50.00		\$50.00	\$50.00
8/12/2022	P6	8/5/2022						
8/5/2022	P5	8/5/2022						
7/29/2022	P4	8/2/2022	FOI	4	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/22/2022	P3	7/25/2022	FOI	3	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/15/2022	P2A	7/14/2022						
7/8/2022	P2	7/14/2022	FOI	6	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
7/1/2022	P1A	8/2/2022	FOI	32	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/24/2022	P1	7/1/2022	FOI	7	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
6/10/2022	M5	6/9/2022						
5/10/2022	M4	5/15/2022	FOI	5	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
4/11/2022	M3	4/8/2022						
4/11/2022	SG3	1/31/2023						
3/10/2022	M2	3/11/2022	FOI	1	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
3/4/2022	SG2	1/31/2023	PEN	333	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
2/10/2022	SG1	1/31/2023	PEN	355	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
2/10/2022	M1	2/22/2022	FOI	12	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
1/10/2022	M12	1/3/2022						

1/7/2022	SP2	1/31/2023	PEN	389	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12/10/2021	M11	12/7/2021					
11/10/2021	M10	11/1/2021					
10/12/2021	M9	10/7/2021					
9/10/2021	M8	9/9/2021					
8/10/2021	M7	8/6/2021					
7/12/2021	M6	7/9/2021					
6/10/2021	M5	6/4/2021					
5/10/2021	M4	5/12/2021	CLO	2	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4/12/2021	M3	4/13/2021	CLO	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3/10/2021	M2	3/2/2021					
2/10/2021	M1	2/2/2021					
1/11/2021	M12	1/5/2021					
12/10/2020	M11	12/9/2020					
11/10/2020	M10	11/7/2020					
10/30/2020	G6	10/30/2020					
10/29/2020	D6	10/28/2020					
10/28/2020	D5	10/27/2020					
10/27/2020	D4	10/27/2020					
10/26/2020	D3	10/25/2020					
10/25/2020	D2	10/25/2020					
10/24/2020	D1	10/25/2020	CLO	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/23/2020	G5	10/20/2020					
10/16/2020	G4A	10/16/2020					
10/9/2020	G4	10/10/2020	CLO	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
10/2/2020	G3A	10/2/2020					
9/25/2020	G3	9/25/2020					

HISTORY NOTES
The Committee for Improved Communities - 78973

Unique ID	Date Recorded	Last Edited Date	Originally Recorded By
78047	10/3/2022 9:56:00 AM		dIHoward
Re: Unfiled Reports			
I received a call from Ms. Karema Tyms-Harris. I assisted her with filing all unfiled campaign treasurers reports. I reminded her of the importance of timely filing to avoid lates notices, fines and FEC Referrals. I informed her to make contact with the FEC concerning FEC notices and complaints filed against her. DLH			
71508	9/21/2020 10:39:00 AM		dIHoward
Ref: Confidential Credentials			
I released the confidentials credentials to Karema Tyms-Harris over the phone. DLH			
71498	9/18/2020 2:18:00 PM		dIHoward
Ref: Confidential Credentials			
I attempted to make phone contact with Karema Tyms-Harris to release her confidential credentials over the phone but I only got her voice mail. Therefore, I had to leave a voice message requesting a return call. DLH			



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of* STATE

RON DESANTIS
Governor

LAUREL M. LEE
Secretary of State

September 18, 2020

Karema Tyms-Harris, Chairperson
The Committee for Improved Communities
1114 Marion Avenue
Tallahassee, Florida 32303

Dear Ms. Tyms-Harris:

This will acknowledge receipt of the Statement of Organization and Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for **The Committee for Improved Communities**, which were placed on file in our office on September 17, 2020. 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 **September 25, 2020**. The report will cover the period of September 12-18, 2020 (2020 G3). 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: 78973

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

Karema Tyms-Harris, 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.

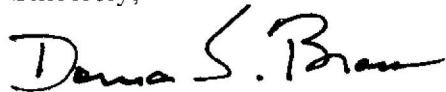
Instructions and Assistance

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,



for Kristi Reid Willis, Chief
Bureau of Election Records

KRW/dlh

Enclosures

**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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TALLAHASSEE, FL

CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:

Initial Filing for: Primary Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. Committee The Committee for Improved Communities		2. Telephone (850) 509-7248	
3. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer Karema Tyms-Harris		4. Email (optional) info@theciconline.com	
5. Telephone (optional) (850) 509-7248			
6. Mailing Address 216 W. College Avenue, Suite 783, Tallahassee, FL 32301			
7. Street Address 216 W. College Avenue, Suite 783, Tallahassee, FL 32301			
8. The following bank has been designated as the <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Depository <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Depository			
9. Name of Bank Synovus Bank		10. Street Address 601 N. Monroe Street	
11. City Tallahassee		12. State FL	13. Zip Code 32301
14. Signature of Chairman <i>X Karema Tyms-Harris</i>		15. Name of Chairman (Print or Type) Karema Tyms-Harris	

Campaign Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment

I, Karema Tyms-Harris, do hereby accept the appointment as
(Please Print or Type)
treasurer or deputy treasurer for The Committee for Improved Communities
(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.**

September 16, 2020

Date

X Karema Tyms-Harris
Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE

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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS
TALLAHASSEE, FL

1. Full Name of Committee

The Committee for Improved Communities

Telephone

850-509-7248

Mailing Address (include city, state and zip code)

216 W. College Avenue, Suite 783, Tallahassee, FL 32301

Street Address (include city, state and zip code)

216 W. College Avenue, Suite 783, Tallahassee, FL 32301

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

Name of Affiliated or
Connected Organization

Mailing Address

Relationship

NONE

3. Area, Scope and Jurisdiction of the Committee

Candidate and ballot issues, statewide, legislative, multi-district, county-wide and municipal elections.

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

Advocacy to advance the social and economic interests of communities.

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

Karema Tyms-Harris

1114 Marion Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32303

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
Karema Tyms-Harris	1114 Marion Avenue Tallahassee, FL 32303	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
TBD	N/A	Statewide, legislative, multi-district, county-wide, and municipal candidates and/or issues	TBD

8. List Any Issues this Committee is Supporting: TBD

List Any Issues this Committee is Opposing: TBD

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?

Return to contributors or donate to an IRC Section 527 or 501(c) organization

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

Name of Bank or Depository & Account Number	Mailing Address
Synovus Bank	601 N. Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32301

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 - Initial Notice	Within 24 hours	Internal Revenue Service	Ogden, UT
Form 1120 - POL	Annual by 04/15/2021	Internal Revenue Service	Ogden, UT

STATE OF FLORIDA LEON COUNTY

I, Karema Tyms-Harris, certify that the information in this Statement of

Organization is complete, true and correct.

Karema Tyms-Harris
Signature of Chairman of Political Committee

September 16, 2020
Date