

1. Announcements & Important Meetings

Council on Governmental Ethics (COGEL)

Jared DeMarinis attended the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL) Steering Committee's meeting in Chicago. COGEL is an organization dedicated to ethics, campaign finance and FOIA and is comprised of federal, state and local government officials and practitioners in the fields. The Steering Committee is the governing body of the organization. COGEL holds an annual conference in December.

Election Directors' Meeting

On April 20, 2017, we hosted an Election Directors' meeting by conference call. Topics discussed at the meeting included voting system and pollbook updates, inventory, and election audit reports. A summary of the meeting will be provided when it's complete.

2. Election Reform and Management

Post-Election Comprehensive Audit Reports

As each report is completed for a local board, it is sent to the board's Election Director. Earlier this week, SBE sent audit reports to four local boards. Each local board has approximately four weeks to respond to the audit report.

Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)- Grant Status

SBE has two grants from the Department of Defense's FVAP.

- Grant #1: Develop an online voter registration system and online ballot delivery system. This grant terminates on April 31, 2017. We have submitted the final financial report and will submit any additional grant reports required by the FVAP.
- Grant #2: Create a single point of contact for military and overseas voters and develop an online portal for voters to learn about candidates and ballot questions. We notified FVAP of our desire to terminate this grant early and are waiting to discuss the specific timeline and steps necessary to do this.

Election Judge Workgroup

The Election Judge Workgroup will meet on April 26th at the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections. The purpose of this meeting is to review the lessons learned from the 2016 elections, discuss revisions to the *Election Judge Manual*, and develop a timeline for the 2018 elections.

Spanish Glossary of Terms - Review and Update

After the February meeting, Nikki Charlson discussed with Margaret Jurgensen, Election Director for the Montgomery County Board of Elections, and Alisha Alexander, Election Director for the Prince George's County Board of Elections, the effort to review and update the existing glossary of terms. Both agreed to help with this effort after legislative session. Nikki asked both Election Directors to provide names of individuals from their offices and Spanish-speaking communities in the two counties who may want to participate in this effort.

3. Voter Registration

MDVOTERS

Functional specifications are currently being completed for release 6.5. Areas of

enhancement include candidacy reports, Electronic Registration Information Center's National Change of Address interface, and issues identified by the local boards.

MVA Statistics - March 2017

The number of voter registrations received from the MVA for March 2017 were:

New Registrations - 7,915
Address Changes - 19,696

Last Name Changes - 1,654
Political Party Changes - 3,904

Voter Registration Applications

Historically, SBE prints voter registration applications after legislative session to capture any legislative changes. The 2017 General Assembly session made no changes. For the upcoming 2018 election, SBE will print and distribute more than 213,000 applications.

4. Candidacy and Campaign Finance (CCF) Division

Candidacy

As of April 18, 2017, 47 candidates have filed a certificate of candidacy at SBE for the 2018 General Election.

Campaign Finance

As of March 30, 2017, the Fair Campaign Financing Fund has \$2,722,298.51. Of this amount, \$1,361,149.25 is eligible for the 2018 Primary Election matching program. Based upon current information and data:

- The expenditure limit for the 2018 Election is projected at \$2,655,833.92.
- The seed money qualifying threshold would be \$265,583.39 in eligible private contributions.
- The maximum that candidate could receive in matching funds for the 2018 Primary Election is \$1,327,916.96.

The fund can fully fund one primary candidate only.

On April 26, the CCF Division will conduct a seminar on campaign finance laws and regulations. Over 50 people have responded that they will attend.

Enforcement

The following penalties were assessed and paid.

1. People for Kim Truehart made cash disbursements exceeding the legal limits. The committee agreed to pay \$100.00 civil penalty.
2. Baltimore Transit Equity PAC self-reported a cash disbursement violation and agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$50.00.
3. The Committee to Elect Allan Kittleman self-reported an authority line violation. The committee agreed to pay a \$125.00 civil penalty.
4. A civil citation was issued against Clean Slate Baltimore PAC, Indigo Strategies, and Walter Ludwig, as the person directing or in control of the independent expenditure entity, for failure to file independent expenditure reports. Clean Slate Baltimore paid \$12,600.96 of the \$55,454.18 late fee penalty.

5. Project Management Office (PMO)

Inventory: Excess Equipment Disposal

The first public auction for the over 18,000 legacy touchscreen units and carts began on April 3rd. The Department of General Services (DGS) divided the equipment into six equal lots of

approximately 3,000 per lot. The current auction will close for bids on May 3rd. Any touchscreen units not purchased may be subject to another auction with a different approach or may be disposed of in other ways, including possible recycling of the units.

SBE will soon submit for auction other legacy equipment types. This includes TSX and optical scan voting units, servers and workstations, and various other equipment and supply items.

SBE completed the pickup of equipment and supplies for disposal from several local boards during this reporting period.

New Inventory System

The PMO and the inventory project team continue to work on the requirements for converting the many legacy and new equipment and supply items to the new inventory system. All equipment and supplies must be loaded into the new inventory system prior to the expected start of the 2017 Annual Inventory sometime around May 15th.

FY 2017 Annual Inventory

The preparation for the FY 2017 Annual Inventory is in full force. The plans are for one or two teams of individuals from SBE to visit each of the local boards and perform the annual inventory between May 15th and June 30th. The PMO is in the process of coordinating with the local boards for the visits and making sure that everything is covered.

2018 Mock Election

SBE is in the final phase of developing the scope of the 2018 Mock Election scheduled for January 2018. The mock election will involve SBE and the 24 local boards. SBE expects to share with the local boards the scope in the next couple of weeks and request their feedback before finalizing the scope.

Other

The PMO completed the re-classification documents for two vacant staff positions - Technical Writer and the Technical Infrastructure Support Technician. The documents were submitted to the Department of Budget and Management for their review and approval. Recruitment will begin as soon as approval is received.

6. Voting Systems

Post-Election Maintenance

The local boards have completed post-election maintenance on the voting equipment and pollbooks. ES&S has completed the contractually required maintenance on the high-speed scanners and is repairing flagged equipment. The local boards reported 32 DS200 scanners and 49 ExpressVote units requiring repair, although most ExpressVote issues concerned headsets and keypads. 28 electronic pollbooks were also reported as requiring repair.

Voting System Software Update Review

At this time, we have decided not to upgrade the voting system software before the 2018 elections. This means that we will continue to use the software used in the 2016 elections and not use ES&S' software version that was federally certified on February 28. While the new software version allows more candidate names to be shown on one screen of the ExpressVote unit, the new version does not solve the navigation concerns and has no other changes relevant to Maryland. Upgrading the software would have required updating more

than 6,000 pieces of equipment, and neither SBE nor the local boards budgeted for this expense.

Electronic Pollbooks

SBE continues to work with ES&S on our requested updates to the pollbook software. It is anticipated that an alpha release will be made to SBE in the next couple of weeks for review and testing by SBE. It is also anticipated that there will be some joint testing at ES&S' offices in early June.

Following the demonstration of pollbook hardware updates and SBE feedback, ES&S has refined the prototype and has shared the updated drawings. ES&S has committed to present in mid-May updated hardware.

Municipal Elections

We are working with the local boards to support several municipalities using the State's voting system for their municipal elections. Support includes programming the election database, generating ballot artwork, and creating pollbook databases by the SBE team. Municipalities using the system in May elections are Taneytown, Hampstead and Manchester in Carroll County, Rock Hall in Kent County, and Havre de Grace in Harford County.

7. Legislation

The following legislation has been signed by the Governor:

- HB 143 - SBE's department bill with technical and administrative changes.
- HB 619/SB 882 - Changes the time when campaign signs can be placed at voting places. Under this new law, signs can be posted starting at 5pm the day before voting starts. Current law allows posting starting at 7 pm.
- SB 130 - Prohibits foreign principals from making contributions to a ballot issue committee.

The following legislation is awaiting the Governor's signature:

- HB 73 - Lowers the minimum age for election judges to 16.
- HB 118/ SB 632 - Requires quarterly reports from governmental entities to SBE identifying any persons with contracts of \$200,000 or more with the governmental entity.
- HB 353 - Requires advance public notice of a meeting of the State Board or local boards when a change in the administrative policy affecting voting rights will be considered. Additionally, a description of the change must be posted on the website.
- HB 529 - SBE's departmental bill on candidacy and campaign finance.
- HB 898 - Prohibits coordination between independent expenditure entities and candidates.
- HB 1382/SB 1121 - Prohibits a judicial candidate who was defeated in both primary elections from appearing on the general election ballot.
- HB 1498 - Requires a registered agent for independent expenditure groups and participating organizations spending \$50,000 or more on public communications to influence Maryland elections. Prohibits treasurers or individuals who exercise control or direction of the independent expenditure entity and participating organizations from forming new entities until the late fee or civil penalties have been

paid. Changes the reporting obligations for participating organizations and creates compliance accounts for PACs.

- HB 1626 - Removes the requirement that a registered voter updating his or her address during early voting provide proof of the change of address.
- SB 1023 - Creates an independent congressional redistricting commission when certain states adopt similar legislation.

The next bill signing is scheduled for May 2.

Background

SBE received reports of lines on election day and immediately began collecting data on the precincts where voters and the media reported lines. SBE received reports of lines at approximately 50 precincts (2.5% of all precincts) statewide, with most of the precincts (37) located in Baltimore County¹.

Immediately after the election, SBE collected information on these precincts and other precincts with reports of lines. The Baltimore County Senate Delegation and the Baltimore County Board of Elections provided information, and SBE requested from the Baltimore County House Delegation any additional precincts identified as having lines on election day. For each identified precinct, SBE collected election day turnout data, how many scanners were deployed, whether the precinct opened on time, whether the scanner was replaced or had ballot jams, the average number of voters checked in 1 minute, the scanner's ballot rejection rate; and feedback from the chief judges who worked at these precincts.

Findings

1. Lines occurred in counties with two page ballots.
2. Scanners take longer to scan ballots than previously used scanners, because they are capturing an image of each ballot.
3. 60% of the analyzed precincts (22 of the 37) reported scanner issues. With one scanner, it is difficult to “recover” from ballot jams.
4. 11% of the analyzed precincts (4 of the 37) had ballot rejection rates of more than the statewide average ballot rejection rate. A ballot may be rejected because the voter voted for more candidates than allowed, the ballot had an unreadable mark, or the ballot was torn.
5. 8% of the analyzed precincts (3 of the 37) took more than one minute to check in a voter (ranged from 1.01 minutes to 2.56 minutes).

Possible Corrective Actions

1. Adjust the number of expected voters for each scanner². For counties with two page ballots, decrease the ratio since it takes longer to scan a two-page ballot than a one-page ballot.
2. Deploy additional scanners per precinct.
3. Apply line management strategies to lines at scanner. This could include assigning an election judge to explain to voters in the scanner line how they will scan their ballot.
4. Emphasize in election judges' training how to tear a ballot from a ballot packet. Incorrectly torn ballots may be rejected by the scanner or jam the scanner.
5. Evaluate allocation and assignment of election judges
6. Educate voters on “dos and don'ts” of voting. This includes how to mark ballots correctly and how many votes to make in each contest.

¹ According to SBE's prior wait time studies, only one of these precincts was previously identified as a precinct that traditionally has lines.

² For the 2016 elections, the ratio was one scanner for every 3,000 expected voters.

Considerations for Additional Equipment

Acquiring additional equipment clearly has a fiscal impact for SBE and the local boards of elections. There are, however, additional fiscal and resource impacts associated with acquiring more equipment. These include:

1. Can the local board's current warehouse facility accommodate additional equipment?
2. Can the voting room at the precinct accommodate additional equipment?
3. How many more transportation routes are needed to deliver the additional equipment?
4. What additional ancillary equipment and supplies are needed and must be transported?
5. How many more election judges need to be recruited, managed, and trained?
6. How much additional time and cost will it take to prepare for (e.g., conduct L&A) and unpack after election, upload results, and maintain equipment?

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Memorandum

TO: State Board Members
FROM: Jared DeMarinis, Director
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
DATE: April 20, 2017
SUBJECT: Waiver of late filing fees

Enclosed are the waiver requests, which were submitted by campaign committees that have been assessed late filing fees. The attached Waiver Request Information Page contains an overview of each committee as well as the Administrator's recommendation for Board approval on granting a waiver request.

In the past the Board has considered the following facts in determining whether just cause exists to grant a waiver.

- Administrative error of any kind on the part of the Division.
- The lateness is due to extenuating circumstances, i.e. physical illness or death in the family.
- The late report is the first late report and allows the committee to close, or contains minimal financial activity.
- The fee will cause undue financial hardship, if the liability of the fine is the personal responsibility of the officers.
- Computer problems occurred which made timely filing impossible. However, the filer still must have demonstrated a good faith effort to timely file.

Prior to the meeting please review each waiver request. Note the recommendations that you may disagree with or have questions on that you would like to discuss.

Pursuant to Election Law Article §13-337 (b) (3), the State Administrator has denied eight waiver request, for the month of April. No Board action is required on the denials. Late fees collected year to date for Late Fee Waivers are \$25, 2304.43.

Please feel free to contact me at 410-269-2853 if you have any questions.

March 23, 2017

1. Barre, Mumin Friends of
2. Blasey, (Michael) Nomocracy for
3. Blitz, (Paul Citizens for
4. Brewster, Joshua People for
5. Bunting, Madison (Jim) Citizens for
6. Coale, Tom Friends of
7. Delimater, Joe Friends of Sheriff
8. DiMarco, Joe Friends of
9. District 17 Democratic Team Slate, The
10. Dove, Spencer Friends of
11. Falcon, Jamie Citizens to Elect
12. Fink, Derek Citizens to Elect
13. Green Party, Maryland
14. Hammen, Peter A. Friends of
15. Hennessy, Loraine Friends Of
16. Holt, Alice L. Friends of
17. Maryland Citizens Clergy Pac
18. Muskin, Alies Friends of
19. Nason, Bud Friends of
20. Nurses Association PAC MD (MNA-PAC)
21. OrtmanFouse, Jill Friends of
22. Pearce, Anna Friends Of
23. Riley, Denise Friends of
24. Shackelford, Derek Friends of
25. Striplin, Tom Citizens for
26. Team 12 Slate
27. Ward, Keith, for Register of Wills
28. Watson, Micah Friends of

March 23, 2017

Denied

29. Barnwell, Benjamin Sr. Citizen for
 30. Boyce, Tom Republican Committee to Re-Elect
 31. Brown, Beatrice Citizens For
 32. Etienne, Roussan Jr. Friends of
 - ~~33. Hornberger, Kevin Friends of~~
 34. League of Conservation Voters PAC
 35. Stick, Gordon for Baltimore
 36. Street, Braxton C. friends of
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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Barre, Mumin Friends of	
CCF ID:	01010404	Status: Active
Date Established	2/21/14	
Date Waiver Requested	2/06/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Rumi Said	Start Date:2/21/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Mumin Barre	2/21/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/27/17	\$90	\$90
			\$	\$
			Total	\$90

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I had a problem access the account I spoke to one of your staff members who help me reset my password.

Division Comments

Grant, first request.

Administrator's Decision

January 30, 2017

Maryland State Board of Elections
Attn: Campaign Finance
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Re:

Annual Report
Friends of Mumin Barre
8007 Cloverwood Ct
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Dear Representative,

I am writing to request a waiver of the fee assessing against my campaign account.

Several days before the report was due, I had a problem with accessing my account. I contacted Vicki Molina for help. She re-set the password to access the campaign finance account on the website. I was able to access the website and completed the Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures. However, I am not been able to find an email that confirms the filing of the report.

There is one Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120) in the campaign account. Other than adding \$20 to keep the account active and avoid fee due to lack of transaction, there has been no transaction since I opened the account with One Hundred Dollars of my own money.

I am requesting a waiver of the fee.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely



Mumin Barre

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Blasey, (Michael) Nomocracy for	
CCF ID:	01009621	Status: Active
Date Established	1/17/14	
Date Waiver Requested	2/06/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Amy Blasey	Start Date: 1/17/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Mike Blasey	1/17/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/20/16		1/21/16	\$10	\$10
			\$	\$
			Total	\$10

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

7/15/14 late fee \$250 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Per OSP prosecution is not warranted as all required reports have been filed.

Division Comments

Grant, first request.

Administrator's Decision

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February 6, 2017

Jared DeMarinis
Director - Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
Maryland State Board of Elections
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Re: Michael Blasey for Nomocracy
OSP File No.: 17-4835

Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

The above-referenced file was referred to the Office of the State Prosecutor for the failure of the campaign committee to timely file accurate campaign finance report(s) and pay the associated late fee.

Based on our review of the file, we have determined that prosecution is not warranted as all required campaign fund reports have been filed and the amount of late fees remaining is *deminimus*. Further, this Office recommends that the Campaign Committee known as Michael Blasey for Nomocracy be administratively closed.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Stephannie Krulevitz'.

Stephannie A. Krulevitz
Assistant State Prosecutor

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Blitz, (Paul) Citizens For	
CCF ID:	01006322	Status: Active
Date Established	7/06/10	
Date Waiver Requested	3/27/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Dinah Perseghin	Start Date: 7/06/10
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Paul Blitz	7/06/10
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		3/27/17	\$500	\$500
			\$	\$
			Total	\$500

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

7/15/14 late fee \$250 paid 1/15/14 late fee \$10 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I am a deployed soldier serving in the middle east I mail the affidavit prior to January 18 deadline which you say you have not received to date. I mailed a second affidavit and request a waiver of the fee due to the circumstances.

Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision

Master Sergeant Paul M. Blitz, USA

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March 14, 2017

Ms. Vicki Molina

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151 West Street, Suite 200

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

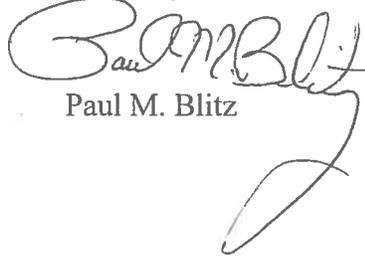
Dear Ms. Molina,

Per our telephone conversation, I am a deployed Soldier from Maryland serving in the Middle East. I mailed my Affidavit of Limited Contributions prior to the January 18, 2017 deadline which you have not received to date.

Internet connectivity is not very good here in the Middle East due to sandstorms and other factors. I am mailing you a second Affidavit in the event the original form does not show up and respectfully request a waiver of late fees or fines due to the above circumstances.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Paul M. Blitz

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Brewster, Joshua People for	
CCF ID:	01010271	Status: Active
Date Established	2/25/14	
Date Waiver Requested	3/17/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Monika Lee	Start Date: 2/25/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Joshua Brewster	2/25/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/26/17	\$80	\$80
			\$	\$
			Total	\$80

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I never received donations or spent any funds, there was only \$20 of my own money in the account. This is the first time my report has been late. I'm request a waiver as the amount is 4 times what I had in my account.
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Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision

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March 15, 2017

Maryland State Board of Elections
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Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

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RE: Campaign Finance Report Late Fee (CCF ID: 01010271)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in receipt of your notification of February 3, 2017, indicating that the campaign finance report marked as "final" for People for Joshua Brewster was not accepted as final due to an outstanding late fee related to the 2017 Annual Report. I am writing you today to request that this fee be waived and that the report be accepted as final. This campaign and account was created for the simple purpose of putting myself on the primary ballot for St. Mary's County Democratic Central Committee in June 2014. There was only \$20 of my own money put into the account, the minimum required by the financial institution, in order to comply with state campaign finance laws. I never received any donations nor spent any of the funds. I don't deny that my 2017 Annual Report was filed late. However, this was the first time my report has been late. I would just ask that you consider waiving the fee, as it amounts to 4 times what I had in my campaign account. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



Joshua S. Brewster

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Bunting, Madison (Jim) Citizens For	
CCF ID:	01005401	Status: Active
Date Established	10/27/09	
Date Waiver Requested	2/24/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Liz Bunting	Start Date:10/27/09
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Madison Bunting	10/27/09
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/31/17	\$130	\$130
			\$	\$
			Total	\$130

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/20/16 late fee \$100 paid
1/18/12 late fee \$30 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Committee filed the 2018 report instead of the 2017.
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Division Comments

Grant, first request.

Administrator's Decision

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

February 17, 2017

Maryland State Board of Elections
P.O. Box 6486
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

RE: Committee Name: Bunting, Madison (Jim) Citizens for
CCF ID# 01005401
2017 Annual Report

Gentlemen:

This letter is in reference to the above mentioned campaign finance report that was due on 1/18/2017. I filed an Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures on 1/12/17, but the report was mistakenly dated 2018 Annual.

I telephoned your office and was advised to refile the report with the correct date which I did on January 31, 2017. I was told that a waiver for the late fees incurred would be emailed to me. I am requesting a waiver for the late fees incurred because I picked the wrong date for the report in error. It was not my intent to be late in the filing of this report and I respectfully ask for your consideration in waiving the late fees.

Please call me at 410-726-6524 or email me at bbunt59@gmail.com if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Elisabeth H. Bunting
Treasurer
Citizens for Madison (Jim) Bunting

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Coale, Tom Friends of	
CCF ID:	01009254	Status: Active
Date Established	5/28/13	
Date Waiver Requested	2/23/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Ed Coale	Start Date:5/28/13
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Tim Mayotte	5/28/13
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/26/17	\$80	\$80
			\$	\$
			Total	\$80

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

11/18/14 late fee \$10 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Committee filed the 2018 report instead of 2017.

Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision

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Friends of Tom Coale

P O Box 2

Highland, MD 20777

February 16, 2017

Maryland State Board of Elections
P O Box 6486
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Campaign Finance Report Due January 18, 2017

CCF ID: 01009254

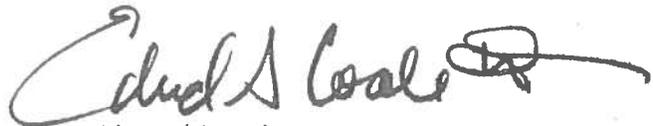
We have been notified that the Campaign Finance Report which was due January 18, 2017 was not timely filed and that a penalty for late filing of \$60.00 has been assessed. I immediately checked my records and located the attached email confirmation that the Campaign Finance Report was confirmed as filed January 12, 2017 at 10:24 AM. I immediately contacted the Campaign Finance Office. They acknowledged that a report had been filed, however the report which had been filed was the one for January 17, 2018.

I had submitted the report for the incorrect (wrong) period. On talking with the individual, she then indicated that the Campaign Manager had also responded to the notice and filed the report of limited activity. I asked what needed to be done and she indicated that the Reporting Office now has the corrected filing and we either should pay the penalty fee or I should request that the fee for filing late be waived.

I hereby request that the penalty for late filing be waived and that there is a reasonable cause to request this waiver. The campaign attempted to file the report on a timely basis. There was no activity by the campaign for the reporting period. The mistake was that the report which was filed and which has since been deleted was for the wrong period. Immediately upon identifying the error the correct report was filed by the Campaign Manager.

I apologize for my error and request after your kind consideration of the facts and circumstances, you will waive the late filing fee which has been assessed and reflect that all reports which have been required to be filed were filed.

Respectfully submitted,



Edmund S Coale, III, Treasurer

Attachment: Confirmation Email dated January 12, 2017 10:20AM

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Delimater, Joe Friends of Sheriff	
CCF ID:	01010747	Status: Inactive
Date Established	2/18/14	
Date Waiver Requested	3/25/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Harry Ohaver	Start Date: 2/18/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Joe Delimater	2/18/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		2/23/17	\$360	\$360
			\$	\$
			Total	\$360

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

My current age is 87, I was doing my very best to fulfill the requirements for treasurer and just fell short of a perfect job

Division Comments

Grant first request, and close out account.

Administrator's Decision

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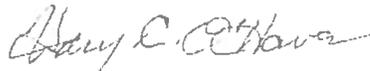
State of Maryland
Late Fee Waiver Request Form

My current age is 87 years. My birthdate is January 5, 1930. At the time that Mr. Joseph Delimater, who had filed to be a candidate for Sherriff of Anne Arundel County and asked me to be his Treasurer, I was 85 years old. I wrestled with the decision to accept the position of Treasurer because at my age the decrease in memory that someone 85 years old normally experiences might impact my effectiveness as Treasurer. To make the decision even more difficult was the fact that most of the work that had to be done was computerized and my experience in that area was limited. On the other side of the decision was my desire to do my civic duty as a citizen of both the state of Maryland and the United States to support the election process. Ever since I was 25 years old I have done my best to vote, regardless of where I was living in the United States, in both mid-year and national elections. My final decision was made with considerable concern about my ability to do the job as outlined by the state of Maryland.

I tried to find training courses that would answer the questions I had but since none were readily available to me I read the manuals and instructions that were provided by the state of Maryland for the position of Treasurer. Obviously, based on my failure to comply with the final report, I missed something and I can't claim that I am not guilty of that but I can only ask that you consider that I was doing my very best to fulfill the requirements for Treasurer and just fell short of a perfect job.

I hope that the above explanation may prove adequate for you to waive the penalties since they will have to come out of my pocket and obviously being a senior citizen I do not have a lot of extra money. I will, however, abide by your decision whatever it may be.

Thank you for your consideration.



Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	DiMarco, Joe Friends Of	
CCF ID:	01003396	Status: Active
Date Established	4/24/06	
Date Waiver Requested	3/24/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Lisa DiMarco	Start Date: 4/24/06
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Joe DiMarco	4/24/06
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/25/17	\$70	\$70
			\$	\$
			Total	\$70

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

10/22/10 late fee \$20 paid
 11/25/08 late fee \$120 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Chair and treasurer were out of town cleaning out parents' house after an illness and death of parent.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

03/20/2017

Joe DiMarco
Friends of Joe DiMarco
42309 Manor Drive
Mechanicsville, MD 20659
Phone: 301-259-2010
Cell: 240-925-0127

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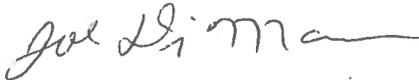
Maryland State Board of Elections

Attn: Campaign Finance
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis MD 21401
Phone: 410-269-2880

To whom it may Concern,

I was assessed a \$70.00 fine for being late in reporting the January 2017 report. We were out of town cleaning out my parents' house to get it ready to sell, and I simply forgot to send in the report, with all the emotions involved in going through all my parents stuff. I realize that is not your fault but I am asking for you to waive this fine or at least reduce it.

Thank You,



Joe DiMarco

Chairman, Friends of Joe DiMarco

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	District 17 Democratic Team Slate, The	
CCF ID:	02008706	Status: Active
Date Established	9/28/94	
Date Waiver Requested	2/07/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Will Roberts	Start Date: 1/06/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	John Britton	12/06/15
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/28/017	\$100	\$100
			\$	\$
			Total	\$100

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/20/10 late fee \$10 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

There was a technical glitch with the incoming SBE notifications on my end, they were all caught in the spam folder.

Division Comments

Grant, first request.

Administrator's Decision

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Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Fwd: Waiver Request from SBE Failure To File Violation For the District 17 Democratic Slate Team

1 message

Jared DeMarinis -SBE- <jared.demarinis@maryland.gov>
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Tue, Feb 7, 2017 at 4:24 PM

Waiver request. Thanks.

Jared DeMarinis
Director - Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
Maryland State Board of Elections
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486
Phone: 410-269-2853

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **William Roberts** <roberts.wj@gmail.com>
Date: Sat, Jan 28, 2017 at 8:31 AM
Subject: Waiver Request from SBE Failure To File Violation For the District 17 Democratic Slate Team
To: jared.demarinis@maryland.gov

Good Morning Mr. Demarinis,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm contacting you regarding the violation pending against the District 17 Democratic Slate Team for failure to file the 1/18/17 Annual Report. There was an unfortunate technical glitch with the incoming SBE notifications on my end and they were all caught in my spam filter.

I didn't realize until well after the filing deadline, and having just been appointed Treasurer at the beginning of last year, I've only undergone this process once. I also haven't visited the SBE site many times to administer this account since it's been mostly inactive over the last year.

I visited the site this morning to file the affidavit and I've since fixed the email issue and have all the filing dates alerted so we won't miss the reporting period again.

I'm writing to request that the SBE grant a waiver of the late fee. Please advise if that is possible at this time. Please also let me know if you or the SBE require additional information. Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Sincerely,

William Roberts
Treasurer - D17 Democratic Slate Team
267-471-6385 | Roberts.WJ@gmail.com

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Dove, Spencer Friends Of	
CCF ID:	01009581	Status: Active
Date Established	11/21/12	
Date Waiver Requested	2/28/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Eric Johnson	Start Date: 11/12/15
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Billy Taylor	11/21/12
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/26/17	\$80	\$80
			\$	\$
			Total	\$80

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

11/18/14 late fee \$130 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Our committee filed the 2018 report instead of the 2017.

Division Comments

Grant 1st request.

Administrator's Decision

Good Morning Victorica,

I was instructed to email you regarding a potential fee waiver for the campaign committee "Friends of Spencer Dove". I am the campaign's new treasurer and was in charge of filing the annual report, or ALCE Affidavit, this year. Being that this entire process is very new to me, and the fact that for this year the campaign had no activity, I was under the impression that no action was needed.

I understand now that this was incorrect and that regardless of activity on the committee's account, a report MUST be filed. The ALCE Affidavit was filed 1/26/17, and I called to verify its receipt. This was an honest oversight on my part, and I am respectfully requesting a waiver of the accrued fees on the account, of which I believe are \$80.

I am hopeful that you or the board will grant this fee waiver for my mistake. I can guarantee that this will not happen again while I am treasurer of this campaign committee.

Thank you for your consideration,

Eric Johnson

Treasurer

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Falcon, Jamie Citizens to Elect	
CCF ID:	01009495	Status:
Date Established	10/21/13	
Date Waiver Requested	3/20/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Steven Leydorf	Start Date:10/21/13
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Harold Falcon	10/21/13
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/26/17	\$80	\$80
			\$	\$
			Total	\$80

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/21/15 late fee \$90 waived

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

In January I submitted the 2018 report instead of the 2017.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

1422 Anna Marie Ct.
Annapolis, MD 21409

March 14, 2017

151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

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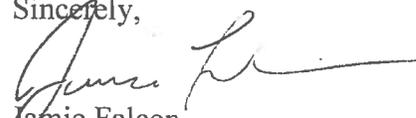
Dear Vicki Molina:

In January I submitted my campaign-finance affidavit due January 18, 2017 but accidentally selected the corresponding report for 2018 from the available dropdown menu of dates (Citizens to Elect Jamie Falcon). Your office notified us, via email and mail, of two things. We were notified of our late 2017 submission, so we immediately submitted it. We were also sent an email and a letter asking if the 2018 submission was an accident. I immediately contacted your office and, as directed, followed up with an email acknowledging that, yes, it was an accident. Copies of these emails are attached.

I thought the issue was resolved but I recently received a rolling fee notice. I am very concerned that somehow I am continuing to incur debt. At the very least, I hope to resolve this issue based on the date we corrected our error (1/26/2017). Of course, I also hope to have our late fee waived as I had some reasonable expectation that I had fulfilled my obligation to file (something your office acknowledges by asking if the 2018 submission was an accident; surely the 2017 submission would have been without issue had "2018" not been an option presented one year early). However, I recognize the selection of "2018" was my error. Please look into this and verify no rolling fees are ongoing. If at all possible, please waive the fee.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Jamie Falcon

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Fink, Derek Citizens To Elect	
CCF ID:	01005162	Status: Active
Date Established	5/09/08	
Date Waiver Requested	3/29/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Sharon Kasparly	Start Date: 11/05/09
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Derek Fink	5/09/08
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
12/18/15 Audit		1/18/17	\$500	\$500
			\$	\$
			Total	\$500

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/16/13 late fee \$20 Paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

When made aware of the need for corrections, I made the necessary changes but failed to file the amended report. I thought the issue was resolved.

Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision

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Late Fee Waiver Request Form

Instructions: Please print clearly or type. If you assert as the basis for the request that you were personally unable to file the report, please explain why the other responsible parties could not file the report. Please limit your request to this document only. *Requests may only be made by the committee chairman, treasurer or candidate.

Campaign Account Name: Critique to Elect Derek Fink Account Number: 01005162

Date of Request: 3/24/17 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 500⁰⁰

Name of the Requestor(s)*: SHARON KASPARY

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 2014 Annual

The basis for the request: When made aware of the need for correcting deficiency of employee information for:
• David Platt
• Harry Blumenthal
• Nancy Hopkins
• Raymond Develbiss

I made the necessary corrections but unwittingly failed to file the amended report. I thought the issue was resolved. My apologies.

Sharon Kaspary
(Signature)

3/24/17
(Date)

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Verification: _____	
Bd. Decision: _____	

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Green Party, Maryland	
CCF ID:	05007666	Status: Active
Date Established	10/01/2000	
Date Waiver Requested	2/28/17	
Account Type	Party CC Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Amie Myers	Start Date:8/12/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Mike Cornell	8/12/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
10/28/16		11/18/16	\$270	\$270
			\$	\$
			Total	\$270

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/16/13 late fee \$20 paid
11/27/12 late fee \$250 paid
1/16/08 late fee \$70 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

In 2016 we endured a turnover of our officers which left us operationally challenged for a period. Payment of this penalty would cause undue burden.

Division Comments

Grant, first request

Administrator's Decision

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February 22, 2017

From:

Amie M. Myers
Maryland Green Party
18805 Tanterra Way
Brookeville MD 20833

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To:

David J. McManus
Maryland State Board of Elections
P.O. Box 6486
Annapolis MD 21401-0486

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Subject: 2016 Pre-General2 Report Presidential, Late Fee
RE: CCF ID 05007666

Dear Mr. McManus,

Please accept this letter as a formal request for waiver of the \$270. late filing penalty assessed on the Maryland Green Party by the Maryland State Board of Elections. The penalty was assessed for the 2016 Pre-General2 Report Presidential, which was due 10/28/16 and filed 11/18/2016.

We are an all-volunteer organization, and we do not accept any corporate or PAC money. We rely solely on the support of individuals, and operate on a very small budget.

In 2016 we endured a complete turnover of our officers and our coordinating committee, which left us operationally challenged for a brief period coinciding with the due date of this filing.

Payment of this penalty would cause an undue burden on our organization. We humbly ask for the BOE to consider a waiver, or drastic reduction of the amount due.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amie Myers
Treasurer
Maryland Green Party

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Hammen, Peter A. Friends Of	
CCF ID:	01004326	Status: Active
Date Established	6/22/94	
Date Waiver Requested	4/4/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Andrew Aleshire	Start Date: 1/07/13
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Georigia Pence	6/22/94
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
12/18/15 Audit		6/01/16	\$500	\$500
			\$	\$
			Total	\$500

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/16/08 late fee \$30 paid
 11/27/07 late fee \$250 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
12/18/15 Audit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Notice went to old address, when notified in May of 2016 I submitted the amendment and thought that was the extent of what was needed.

Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision

State of Maryland

Late Fee Waiver Request Form

Instructions: Please print clearly or type. If you assert as the basis for the request that you were personally unable to file the report, please explain why the other responsible parties could not file the report. Please limit your request to this document only. *Requests may only be made by the committee chairman, treasurer or candidate.

Campaign Account Name: Friends of Peter Hammen Account Number: _____

Date of Request: 4-4-17 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 500

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Andrew Aleshire

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 2014 gubernatorial Annual
(Amendment)

The basis for the request: _____

Original notice in Dec. of 2015 for audit of
specific contribution for 2014 Gub. Annual went to old
address. When Campaign/candidate notified in May 2016 of
late notice, I - treasurer - submitted the amendment
and was told that was the extent of the
fix needed. Therefore, campaign committee respectfully
requests a waiver of the late fee.

(Signature)

4-4-17
(Date)

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Date Rcvd: _____ Date Heard: _____

Verification: _____

Bd. Decision. _____

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Hennessy, Loraine Friends Of	
CCF ID:	01005499	Status: Active
Date Established	1/22/10	
Date Waiver Requested	2/10/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Gloria Davies	Start Date: 1/22/10
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Jolyn Ludwick	1/22/10
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/30/17	\$120	\$120
			\$	\$
			Total	\$120

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

5/27/14 late fee \$60 paid 11/23/10 late fee \$10 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Committee filed the 2018 report instead of 2017.
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Division Comments

Grant, first request.

Administrator's Decision

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Maryland State Board of Elections
Attn: Jared DeMarinis
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Report
151 West Street
Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

February 7, 2017

Re: Friends of Loraine Davies Hennessy Annual Report

Dear Good People,

On January 15, 2017, I filed from an iPhone what I thought was the affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures for 1/17/2017 Annual Report. The wheel selection for the Annual Report must have jumped and selected the 1/17/2018 Annual Report. It was not my intention to file for 2018 but for the Annual Report 2017. Thus, upon notification from your office for failure to file the Annual 2017 Report, I filed the affidavit again making sure the selection wheel did not jump again and filed the 2017 Annual Report via an affidavit.

I am asking the Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance to waive the penalty fees involved with the filing as I believed I had filed from my cell phone the correct report timely.

If you need further information from me, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Friends of Loraine Davies Hennessy
Gloria Davies, Treasurer
Jolyn Ludwick, Chairman
Loraine Hennessy, Candidate

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Holt, Alice L. Friends of	
CCF ID:	01010890	Status: Active
Date Established	2/25/14	
Date Waiver Requested	3/01/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Verdell Whittington	Start Date:2/25/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Tony Best	2/25/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		2/02/17	\$150	\$150
			\$	\$
			Total	\$150

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

No Priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Committee filed the 2018 report instead of 2017.
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Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision

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1204 Shady Glen Drive
Forestville, MD 20747
February 13, 2017

Mr. Jared Demarinis
State Board of Elections
Division of Candidacy and Campaign
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

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Re: Friends of Alice L. Holt

Dear Mr. Demarinis:

This letter is written to request that the pending \$150.00 Late Filing Fee, currently on Ms. Holt's Record, be waived.

I called in to the Board of Elections for help with filing the 2017 Annual Report. A staff member, who was very patient and helpful, assisted me in the step by step process, and the report was filed on January 17, 2017. (Attachment 1) On January 27, 2017, I received an e-mail, stating that the report was filed for 2018, rather than 2017. Obviously, a human error had occurred.

On February 2, 2017, I placed another call to the Board of Elections to inquire about the process in fixing the error. Again, I was assisted by another staff member, who kindly walked me through the process, and the 2017 Report was filed on February 2, 2017. (Attachment 2)

Based on the circumstances, I humbly request that the \$150.00 Late Filing Fee be waived and that Ms. Holt's Record be cleared of that charge.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 301-336-3249 or vlwhitt@yahoo.com. I look forward to your response at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,

Verdell L. Whittington
Treasurer
Friends of Alice L. Holt

Cc: Ms. Alice L. Holt

ATTACHMENT 1 – 2018 Report
ATTACHMENT 2 – 2017 Report

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Maryland Citizens Clergy PAC	
CCF ID:	03008501	Status: Active
Date Established	8/03/10	
Date Waiver Requested	3/15/17	
Account Type	Pac Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Robert Trice	Start Date:10/01/10
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Derek Mccoy	8/03/10
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		2/16/17	\$290	\$290
			\$	\$
			Total	\$290

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I omitted the final step of unloading the report to the state.
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Division Comments

Grant, first request.

Administrator's Decision

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Maryland Citizens Clergy PAC
2802 Coronella Court
Upper Marlboro, MD. 20774
Treasurer: Robert Trice

March 10, 2017

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P.O. Box 6486
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Attn: Director Jared DeMarinis
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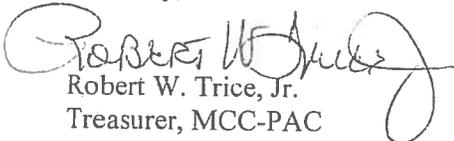
Dear Sir:

I am writing to request a waiver of the fees charged for the 2017 Annual Report filing due on January 18, 2017. The report was officially received on February 16, 2017 because after completing the report I omitted the final step of "uploading it to the state." I was not made aware of this error until I received a notification card in the mail indicating the report had not been filed when I knew I had filed it. I immediately called the CRIS number to inquire and as the lady walked me through the process – we realized I had completed the report but just didn't hit the upload button.

This Political Action Committee has basically been dormant and we would have closed it, however, we still had \$108 in the account and you can't close it with a balance. Therefore, we continue to pay the box rent until the funds have been depleted at which time we will close the account.

Being that I do not interact with the CRIS website and report filing procedures regularly, this final step was omitted and therefore caused the delay in the state's receipt of the report. So again at this time I am asking that the fee of \$290.00 be waived.

Sincerely,


Robert W. Trice, Jr.
Treasurer, MCC-PAC

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Muskin, Alies Friends Of	
CCF ID:	01005018	Status: Active
Date Established	10/11/07	
Date Waiver Requested	03/03/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Alfred Roenberger	Start Date:10/20/12
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Barbara Shulman	1011/07
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/16		12/14/16	\$220	\$220
			\$	\$
			Total	\$220

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

3/23/12 late fee \$240 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The candidate is deceased, the account has been closed and dormant for some year. The treasurer lives in Florida myself) I'm request this account be closed.

Division Comments

Grant, first request, this will close the account.

Administrator's Decision

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Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Friends of Alice Muslim Account Number: 01005018

Date of Request: 2/28/17 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 220.00

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Alfred L. Rosenberger

The Requestor is the: [] Chairman [X] Treasurer [] Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s):

The basis for the request: The candidate is deceased. (See attached death certificate.) The bank account was dormant for many years. The funds were automatically returned to the State of Maryland, as shown in the attached bank statement. No records of receipts exist at this point. I, the Treasurer, live in another state, Florida. Therefore, I request that the account be fully closed out and the fees waived.

Thank you.

ALR

Alfred Rosenberger

(Signature)

2/28/17

(Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Nason, Bud Friends of	
CCF ID:	01010845	Status: Inactive
Date Established	2/18/14	
Date Waiver Requested	03/27/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Anne Nason	Start Date:2/18/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Charles Nason	2/18/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		2/03/17	\$160	\$160
			\$	\$
			Total	\$160

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/20/16 late fee \$500 referred to OSP
 8/26/14 late fee \$100 referred to OSP
 6/13/14 late fee \$80 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Due to an illness and operation the treasure was unable to continue serving.

Division Comments

Grant first request, and close out account.

Administrator's Decision

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Dear Board:

Finally! I believe I've now satisfied your system's reporting demands – with the assistance and direction of the only live person in your entire organization who's shown any inclination to do so. Following those directions, all the "t's" and "i's" are now crossed and dotted to the system's satisfaction, I've reimbursed those donors who over-contributed to my campaign (neither they nor I knew we were doing anything wrong, but they've now been made whole), and my Candidate Account is now "inactive."

"Closed" would be better yet, for a number of very valid reasons; and I believe that all that remains is to learn what that entails, over and above what you already have received, to at last put this whole thing to bed. [Of note is that, when you instructed my wife/Treasurer, last July, to pony up \$500, it was her understanding that that would be the end of it. Of course, as we have since learned, it wasn't.]

Regardless, it's been quite an experience, and a very event-filled 3 years – as I'm certain your dossier on me reflects. Among the more important are: 1) My wife's operation in mid-2014 was successful, although it basically prevented her from continuing to function as my Campaign Treasurer; 2) As you know, in 2015 we moved out of Maryland (after 79+ years); and 3) In the process, all our campaign records disappeared, and I've had to rely on your staff person's assistance to make reality conform to your system's demands (for which I'm eternally grateful).

Should you see fit to waive any outstanding penalties, I would be grateful for that, as well. We'll see.

Thank you for your consideration; I await your response. Respectfully,



Bud Nason
450 Plunkert Rd
Littlestown, PA 17340

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Nurses Association PAC MD (MNA-PAC)	
CCF ID:	03007836	Status: Active
Date Established	11/02/79	
Date Waiver Requested	2/06/17	
Account Type	Pac Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Linda Costa	Start Date: 7/31/06
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Rose Mortimer	1/30/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/30/17	\$120	\$120
			\$	\$
			Total	\$120

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

9/01/06 late fee \$250 paid
 8/15/19 Late fee \$250 paid
 1/18/6 Late fee \$250 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Committee filed the 2018 report instead of 2017.

Division Comments

Grant, first request.

Administrator's Decision

January 31, 2017

3841 Patuxent River Rd.
Davidsonville MD 21035

State Board of Elections
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
ATTN: Mr. Jared DeMarinis, Director
151 West St. Suite 200
Annapolis MD 21401

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Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

I am the Nurses Association PAC treasurer (MNA-PAC). I received an automated notice that I had failed to file an affidavit of limited contributions and expenditures. I had filed the affidavit January 12, 2017 and received an email confirmation.

When I printed the affidavit, I found that it was for report year 2018 (see attached). Previously we were not able to file a report before the closure date; however, this control does not appear to function in the current system. I called your office when I saw the discrepancy. The individual suggested I write to you.

I am requesting that no penalty be required for this filing due to the above documentation that my intention was to complete a timely filing. I have filed the 2017 affidavit. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



Linda Costa
MNA-PAC
CCR ID: 03007836
Treasurer
Lindalc3@yahoo.com

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	OrtmanFouse, Jill Friends of	
CCF ID:	01010348	Status: Active
Date Established	2/21/14	
Date Waiver Requested	2/07/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Vivek Chopra	Start Date: 2/21/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Donna Britt	2/21/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		2/07/17	\$200	\$200
			\$	\$
			Total	\$200

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Committee filed the 2018 report instead of 2017.
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Division Comments

Grant, first request.

Administrator's Decision

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Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Fwd: Request for waiver of certain late filing fees

2 messages

Jared DeMarinis -SBE- <jared.demarinis@maryland.gov>

Tue, Feb 7, 2017 at 11:35 AM

To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>, "Ebony R. Parran -SBE-" <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>

Waiver request.

Jared DeMarinis
Director of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
Maryland State Board of Elections

email sent from my phone.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "Chopra, Vivek (Perkins Coie)" <VChopra@perkinscoie.com>

Date: Feb 7, 2017 11:33 AM

Subject: Request for waiver of certain late filing fees

To: "jared.demarinis@Maryland.gov" <jared.demarinis@maryland.gov>

Cc: "info.sbe@maryland.gov" <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

Mr. DeMarinis,

I am the Treasurer of the Friends of Jill Ortman-Fouse Campaign Committee (Entity No. 01010348). I am writing to respectfully request a waiver of certain late filing fees.

On January 23, 2017, I filed the Committee's annual campaign finance report (email confirmation attached). In the report I submitted all of the expenditures made during the relevant time period. However, when filing the report I inadvertently submitted it for the annual period ending 1/17/18, not 1/18/17. This was an error on my part.

This report was filed 5 days late through no one's fault but my own. On February 1, 2017, I received notice that: 1. The committee had filed the wrong report, and 2. That the 1/18/17 report was still outstanding (email attached). That evening I tried to amend the 1/17/18 report to reflect the proper filing period but was unable to do so. Later that evening I sent an email to the BOE seeking assistance (email attached). The next day I left you a voicemail regarding this issue.

On Monday, February 6, 2017, I received a call from Erin Dennis in response to my voicemail. I spoke to Ms. Dennis and she informed me that there was no way to amend the wrongly filed report and that I would need to re-file all of the expenditures through the MD-CRIS system. This morning I refiled the expenses under the proper reporting period (email confirmation attached).

I am respectfully requesting that the Board of Elections waive the late fees which accrued against the committee between January 23 and February 7 for the delay in filing the 2016 annual report. The mistake in clicking the wrong annual period was mine but there was no intent to further delay filing or not report any committee expenses.

If you need any further information about this issue, please email me or call me at any of the numbers below.

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Pearce, Anna Friends Of	
CCF ID:	01005393	Status: Active
Date Established	10/19/09	
Date Waiver Requested	2/09/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Brian Cavanaugh	Start Date: 10/19/09
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	N/A	
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		2/02/17	\$150	\$150
			\$	\$
			Total	\$150

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

11/18/04 late fee \$10 paid
 5/27/14 late fee \$20 paid
 1/16/13 late fee \$40 paif

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Committee filed the 2018 report instead of 2017.

Division Comments

Grant, first request.

Administrator's Decision

BRIAN A. CAVANAUGH
ATTORNEY AT LAW
25 SHIPPING PLACE
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21222
(410) 285-0022
FAX (410) 285-3878

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Jared DeMarinis, Director
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Annapolis, MD 21401

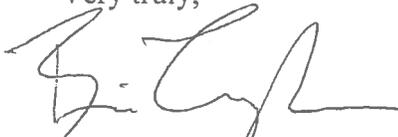
Re: Friends of Anna Pearce
1/17/2018 Annual Report

Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

On or about January 19, 2017 we accidentally filed the 1/17/2018 Annual Report where we had intended to file the 2017 Annual Report. On or about February 2, 2017 we corrected this error. We would respectfully request that the late fees be waived.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Very truly,



Brian A. Cavanaugh

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Riley, Denise Friends of	
CCF ID:	01010807	Status: Active
Date Established	2/25/14	
Date Waiver Requested	2/08/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Cherilyn Fulton	Start Date: 2/25/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Denise Riley	2/25/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/26/17	\$80	\$80
			\$	\$
			Total	\$80

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Committee filed the 2018 report instead 2017.

Division Comments

Grant, first request.

Administrator's Decision

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Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: FRIENDS OF DENISE RILEY Account Number: A 815

Date of Request: 2/5/17 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 80.00

Name of the Requestor(s)*: DENISE RILEY

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): JAN 2017

The basis for the request: THE TREASURER OF MY CAMPAIGN
FORGOT THE JAN 2017 REPORT JANUARY 14, 2017. THE
RESPONSE BACK WAS IT WAS FILED FOR JAN 17, 2018.
SHE SAID 2018 WASN'T AVAILABLE AS AN OPTION SO
SHE DIDN'T KNOW HOW IT HAPPENED. SHE DID TRY
TO CONTACT THE BD OF ELECTIONS - LATER I GOT A
NOTICE THE 2017 HAD NOT BEEN FILED AND I WAS
ABLE TO WORK WITH MY TREASURER TO SEND IT OUT
WITH THE BD OF ELECTIONS.

[Signature]
(Signature)

2/5/17
(Date)

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General

Account Name	Shackelford, Derek Friends of	
CCF ID:	01010251	Status: Active
Date Established	2/25/14	
Date Waiver Requested	2/15/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Robert Bowins	Start Date: 2/25/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Derek Shackelford	2/25/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		2/08/17	\$210	\$210
			\$	\$
			Total	\$210

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/21/15 late fee \$210 paid
7/15/14 late fee \$90 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Committee filed the 2018 report instead of the 2017.
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Division Comments

Grant, first request.

Administrator's Decision

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Campaign Account Name: Friends of Derek Shackelford

Account Number: 01010251 Date of Request: 02/15/2017

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Robert Bowins

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Fund Report(s): 2017

Total Amount of late fees: \$ 210.00

The basis for the request: I inadvertently filed the 2018 annual report by mistake on Jan. 18, 2017. I did realize the wrong report was filed until receiving a notification letter seeking clarification. I then realized the 2018 was filed in error and that I needed to file the 2017 annual report. I then called to have the 2018 filing removed. The 2017 report was then filed on February 08, 2017. In lite of the circumstances, I'm requesting the late filing fee of \$210 to be waived.

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General

Account Name	Striplin, Tom Citizens For	
CCF ID:	01002806	Status: Active
Date Established	8/21/04	
Date Waiver Requested	3/01/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Paula Fuller	Start Date:8/21/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Tom Striplin	8/24/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/27/17	\$90	\$90
			\$	\$
			Total	\$90

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

No Priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Committee fled 2018 report instead of 2017.

Division Comments

Grant, first request.

Administrator's Decision

Tom Striplin

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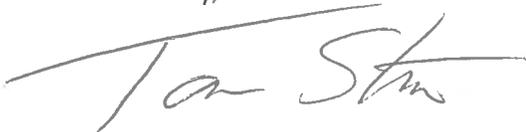
Linda Lamone
Administrator
State Board of Elections
PO Box 6486
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Dear Ms. Malone:

I am writing to because I was directed to do so after speaking with staff. I had initially filed my campaign report on time, however, I accidentally filed the FY 18 report option and not the FY17 option. I thought I had selected the correct option. I subsequently received a notice that my report was late. I called campaign filing office to see why I received the notice and they told me I had filed the wrong report. The instructed me to just go ahead and file the right report year. I file the correct report year and then followed up with a phone call and they verified that I had filed and everything was correct. I asked them if I needed to do anything else and they said no it's all fine now. A week later I received the small post card notice that my report had been late. I called the office again and they said just ignore that post card notice it was auto-generated. I asked again so everything is OK and I don't need to do anything else and they said yes. Today I received in the mail the enclosed Bill for \$90. I called the office again and explained the situation and they said I would need to write to you to have the billed waived. The point here is I did file on time I just accidentally chose the wrong option (both are in the list next to each other). When I realized (through the notice in the mail) that I had chosen the wrong report I corrected it immediately. This is not a situation where I was just delinquent and forgot to file on time. If that were the case I could clearly see why I would owe \$90. I think it is confusing to have both selections adjacent to each other. Of course, I will be more careful next time when to make sure I choose the correct filing period.

I appreciate you time to review this matter and validate with staff everything that I am saying. The record will show I filed on time but selected the wrong filing year and corrected that as soon as I was notified.

Sincerely,



Tom Striplin
13618 Bald Knob Rd
Mount Savage, MD 21545
Account: Citizens for Tom Striplin

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Team 12 Slate	
CCF ID:	02011025	Status: Inactive
Date Established	8/04/14	
Date Waiver Requested	2/24/17	
Account Type	Slate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	John Roth	Start Date:8/04/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Robert Wagner	8/04/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		2/23/17	\$360	\$360
			\$	\$
			Total	\$360

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Thought by filing a zero balance report would close things out.

Division Comments

Grant, first request.

Administrator's Decision

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Campaign Account Name: TEAM 12 Account Number: 02011025

Date of Request: 2.23.17 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 360.00

Name of the Requestor(s)*: JOHN GALLOWAY ROTH

The Requestor is the: [] Chairman [X] Treasurer [] Candidate

I ONLY LEARNED OF THIS PROBLEM 2 DAYS AGO. Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 2017 ANNUAL

BECAUSE I MOVED PREVIOUS REPORT. NOTICES WERE NOT RECEIVED BY ME.

The basis for the request: PERHAPS MY INEXPERIENCE (1ST ELECTION) AND A BESS ARE THE REASON I FAILED TO INDICATE THE REPORT AS FINAL. I GUESS I THOUGHT THAT FILING A REPORT WITH ZERO BANK BALANCE AND OBLIGATIONS WOULD INDICATE THE FINALITY OF THE REPORT. SORRY FOR NOT FOLLOWING THE RULES AND REGRET CAUSING EXTRA WORK FOR THE ELECTIONS BOARD. PLEASE WAIVE THE PENALTY WHICH WAS CAUSED BY THE REASONS ABOVE

John Roth (Signature)

2-24-17 (Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Ward, Keith, for Register of Wills	
CCF ID:	01010396	Status: Active
Date Established	2/21/14	
Date Waiver Requested	2/15/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	David Stone	Start Date: 2/21/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	N/A	
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		2/03/17	\$160	\$160
			\$	\$
			Total	\$160

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Committee filed the 2018 report instead of 2017.
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Division Comments

Grant, first request.

Administrator's Decision

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KEITH WARD FOR REGISTER OF WILLS

4770 POPLAR STREET
CRISFIELD, MD. 21817

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in reference to the filing of the annual financial report that was due on 1/18/2017.

It is my understanding that my Treasurer, David Stone was late filing the report. Mr. Stone has been involved in renovating and moving to another location. Mr. Stone was also out of town due to a business related trade show just previous to the reports due date. For these reasons Mr. Stone was delinquent in the filing of the report.

Mr. Stone also filed the 2018 report by mistake instead of the 2017 report. He said the computer screen defaulted to this date and was unaware that the dates would scroll down. Mr. Stone has spoken with someone at the State Board of Elections and has rectified that mistake.

I hope for these reasons you will waive any late fees associated with the campaign. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call at 410-430-1932.

Thanks,



Keith Ward

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Watson, Micah Friends of	
CCF ID:	01011386	Status: Active
Date Established	2/03/16	
Date Waiver Requested	2/16/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Angela Boone	Start Date:2/03/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Micah Watson	2/03/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/28/17	\$100	\$100
			\$	\$
			Total	\$100

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

No Priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Committee filed the 2018 report instead of 2017.
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Division Comments

Grant, first request.

Administrator's Decision

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Friends of Micah Watson
CCF 01011386
2413 59th Place
Cheverly, MD 20785

Mr. Jared DeMarinis
Director, Candidacy and Campaign Finance
Maryland State Board of Elections
P.O. Box 6486
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

SUBJECT: Request to Waive Fee for Late Filing

I am writing to request a waiver of the \$100 in outstanding fines levied against Friends of Micah Watson because of my late filing of the Annual Report due on January 18, 2017.

As your records will indicate, I filed the January 2018 report during the second week of January 2017. That filing was a mistake; I intended to file the January 2017 report and inadvertently filed an ALCE as the January 2018 report. The mistake was entirely mine. As soon as I realized that I had filed the wrong report, and that the January 2017 report was past due, I filed it as an ALCE. I have spoken to your staff and they agreed to void (or "unfile") the January 2018 report on my behalf.

I hope that the Board can see that the misfiling was inadvertent and that our campaign committee has in every way attempted to adhere to the letter and the spirit of Maryland campaign finance laws and regulations. The January 2017 report is an ALCE because our campaign committee has not conducted one cent of financial activity since its reformation. I respectfully request that the Board waive the outstanding \$100 fine.

Best regards, and I am available to discuss this matter at your convenience,

Micah Watson
Chairman and Candidate,
Friends of Micah Watson
Cell 240-603-9366

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Barnwell, Benjamin Sr. Citizen for	
CCF ID:	01011430	Status: ACTIVE
Date Established	2/03/16	
Date Waiver Requested	2/10/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Rudolph Issacs	Start Date:2/03/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Ben Barnwell	2/03/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/19/17	\$10	\$10
11/22/16		1/19/17	\$500	\$500
10/28/16		1/19/17	\$500	\$500
8/30/16		1/19/17	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$1510.00

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

4/15/16 Referred to OSP

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

A miscommunication between the treasurer & chairman, each had thought the other had filed.
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Division Comments

Denied, committee ignore notices sent, show cause and fee running notices

Administrator's Decision

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Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: CITIZEN FOR BENJAMIN BARNWELL Account Number: 01011430

Date of Request: 2/3/17 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 1670.00

Name of the Requestor(s)*: BENJAMIN BARNWELL SR

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 2017 ANNUAL, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL POST-GEN 2, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRE-GEN 2, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL GEN 1, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRE-PRIMARY 2

The basis for the request: UNFORTUNATELY, THE LATE REPORT FILING WAS DUE TO MISCOMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND THE TREASURER. EACH OF US THOUGHT THE OTHER HAD FILED THE NECESSARY REPORTS. ALL REPORTS HAVE NOW BEEN FILED.

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Benjamin Barnwell Sr
(Signature)

2/3/17
(Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Boyce, Tom Republican Committee, Committee to Re-Elect	
CCF ID:	01010679	Status: Active
Date Established	2/18/14	
Date Waiver Requested	3/27/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Maureen Oferrall	Start Date:2/18/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Thomas Boyce	2/18/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		N/A	\$500	\$500
11/22/16		N/A	\$500	\$500
10/28/16		N/A	\$500	\$500
8/30/16		N/A	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$2,000

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

3/22/16 late fee \$60 waived
 1/20/16 late fee \$190 paid
 1/21/15 late fee \$130 waived

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
N/A	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

There has been no account activity on this account the candidate is deceased.

Division Comments

Deny, report have not been filed, prior history of late filings.

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Answer to Show Cause STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Account: Boyce, Tom Republican Committee, Committee
to Re-elect

CCF ID: 01010679

There have been no campaign funds received on behalf of this campaign since the last report. The ~~campaign~~ committee requests waiver of all fees as Mr. Boyce is deceased and there are not, nor have there ever been funds received into the campaign account.

Respectfully submitted,

Mauran O'Ferral

Treasurer

Committee to Re-elect

Republican Tom Boyce

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Brown, Beatrice Citizens For	
CCF ID:	01011409	Status: Inactive
Date Established	2/03/16	
Date Waiver Requested	2/06/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Ida Ward	Start Date:2/03/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Beatrice Brown	2/03/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		2/05/17	\$180	\$180
10/18/16			\$290	\$290
			Total	\$470

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

4/15/16 Late fee \$500 waive \$375
3/22/16 Late fee \$500 waived \$375

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I have attempted to complete my final report and close out my account without positive results.

Division Comments

Denied committee has receive prior waivers.

Administrator's Decision

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Brown, Beatrice Citizen for
1630 Burnwood Road
Baltimore, MD. 21239

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Date: January 31, 2017

Report Due 01/19//2017

Subject: 2017 Annual/Pre-report and
final report

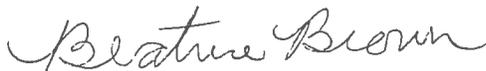
Maryland State Board of Election
515 West St. Suite 200
Annapolis, MD. 21401-0486

Dear Representative:

I have attempted to complete my final report and close out my account without any positive results. I received a green card as a notice.

However, I can't seem to log in on the computer in order to complete my final report and close my account. I have tried several times without any luck in submitting. Please contact me at 410-323-5928. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,



Beatrice Brown.

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Etienne, Roussan Jr. Friends of	
CCF ID:	01009946	Status: Active
Date Established	2/25/14	
Date Waiver Requested	2/10/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Sheila Kay	Start Date:2/21/17
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Roussan Etienne	2/25/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		2/1/17	\$140	\$140
			\$	\$
			Total	\$140 paid

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/20/16 late fee \$70 waived

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I thought I had closed my account.

Division Comments

Denied committee had pervious waiver.

Administrator's Decision

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Campaign Account Name: Friends of ROUSSAN Etienne JR. Account Number: _____

Date of Request: 2/1/17 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 140

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Roussan Etienne JR.

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): _____

The basis for the request: I thought I had closed and checked the box to close my account.

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Hornberger, Kevin Friends of	
CCF ID:	01009749	Status: Active
Date Established	1/29/14	
Date Waiver Requested	3/01/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Betty Kohls	Start Date:1/29/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Kevin Hornberger	1/29/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/27/17	\$90	\$90
			\$	\$
			Total	\$90

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/21/15 late fee \$50 waived	8/26/14 late fee \$100 paid
1/20/16 late fee \$90 paid	
11/18/14 late fee \$60 paid	
10/24/14 late fee \$210 paid	

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
1/18/17	\$4415	\$1971	\$5559	\$2500
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The treasurer attempted to login but was lock out and could not process fixing until the next business day.

Division Comments

Deny, committee has a history of filing late.

Administrator's Decision



Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Fwd: Late Fine Appeal

1 message

Jared DeMarinis -SBE- <jared.demarinis@maryland.gov>
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 1:55 PM

Waiver request.

Jared DeMarinis
Director - Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
Maryland State Board of Elections
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486
Phone: 410-269-2853

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Kevin Hornberger** <kevin.b.hornberger@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 1, 2017 at 12:34 PM
Subject: Late Fine Appeal
To: jared.demarinis@maryland.gov
Cc: "Stehman, Betty" <betty@efsnet.com>

Dear Mr. DeMarinis,

Please accept this appeal for the late fee currently assessed on the account "HORNBERGER, KEVIN FRIENDS OF". We had such a unique timeline of problems and special circumstances leading up to submitting the report that we believe the fine should be waived.

The report was due on 1/18/2017, and was recorded as received 1/27/2017. After Treasurer Betty Stehman attempted to log into the system, she was locked out after a few unsuccessful attempts. Betty tried to call the State Board of Elections office to reset the password, but the office was closed and could not process fixing until the next available business day. When the office was open again, the system used for this process was down, and therefore unable to process Betty's request to change the password in a timely manner. Betty and myself would be happy to comment on this further if need be.

We appreciate your time and attention to this matter and respectfully request the late fees be waived for this filing. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Delegate Kevin Hornberger - District 35A Cecil County
kevin.b.hornberger@gmail.com
www.kevinhornberger.org
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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	League Of Conservation Voters Political Action Committee	
CCF ID:	03007802	Status: Active
Date Established	3/10/82	
Date Waiver Requested	2/23/7	
Account Type	Pac Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Steven Linhurd	Start Date: 8/15/02
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Nancy Davis	11/22/96
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/16		1/12/17	\$500	\$500
10/28/16		1/12/17	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$1000

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

8/30/16 referred to OSP
3/22/16 late fee \$280 paid
10/26/12 late fee \$250 waived
3/23/12 late fee \$250 waived

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

A new staff member is in charge of filing having raised no monies she was unaware a report needed to be filed.
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Division Comments

Deny committee has a history of filing late.
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Administrator's Decision

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Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: MARYLAND LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS PAC

Account Number: 03007802 Date of Request: 1/23/17

Name of the Requestor(s)*: NANCY DAVIS

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Fund Report(s): 2016 Pre Presidential #1
2016 Pre Presidential #2
2016 Presidential Post Gener

Total Amount of late fees: \$ 1500

The basis for the request:

MARYLAND LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS PAC
REPORTS ARE FILED BY STAFF AT MARYLAND
LCV, INC., A CY ENTITY. SINCE THE LAST PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTION, A NEW STAFF MEMBER IS IN CHARGE
OF PAC REPORTING. HAVING RAISED NO MONIES
INTO THE PAC IN 2014, SHE WAS UNAWARE THAT
SHE HAD TO FILE REPORTS AROUND THE PRESIDENTIAL
PRIMARIES + GENERAL ELECTION. WE HAVE PAID
A \$250 FEE FROM THE FIRST PRE PRESIDENTIAL
PRIMARY REPORT AND ARE ASKING TO HAVE ANY
ADDITIONAL FINES WAIVED.

[Signature]
(Signature)

1/23/17
(Date)

Instructions	For Board Use Only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please print clearly or type. - If you assert as the basis for the request that you were personally unable to file the report, please explain why the other responsible parties could not file the report. - Please limit your request to this document only. - <i>*Requests may only be made by the committee chairman, treasurer or candidate.</i> 	<p>Date Rcvd: _____ Date Heard: _____</p> <p>Verification: _____</p> <p>Bd. Decision. _____</p>

Reconsideration Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Stick, Gordon for Baltimore	
CCF ID:	01011311	Status: Inactive
Date Established	1/27/16	
Date Waiver Requested	3/17/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Jose Lopez	Start Date: 1/27/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Amanda Welk	1/27/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/16		12/13/16	\$210	\$210
10/28/16		12/13/16	\$500	\$500
8/30/16		12/13/16	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$1210

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

4/15/16 referred to OSP

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

We don't have campaign funds or personal funds to pay the above late fees.

Division Comments

Deny, Notices had been sent and ignored prior to filing the reports on 12/13/16, OSP will handle the matter.

Administrator's Decision

Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Gordon Stick for Baltimore

Account Number: 1011311 Date of Request: 03/17/2017

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Jose Lopez

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Fund Report(s): Pre PreGen 1
Pre PreGen 2
Post PreGen

Total Amount of late fees: \$ 1,210

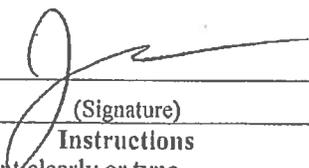
The basis for the request:

We do not have the campaign funds or personal funds to pay the above late fees assessed.

The costs of child and student debt obligations makes this a significant personal burden.

Attached is a campaign finance bank account detail; we received minimal funding leading from inception to closure of the campaign finance entity.

We plead that the committee relieves the assessed fees.


(Signature)

3/17/17
(Date)

<p>Instructions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Please print clearly or type.- If you assert as the basis for the request that you were personally unable to file the report, please explain why the other responsible parties could not file the report.- Please limit your request to this document only.- <i>*Requests may only be made by the committee chairman, treasurer or candidate.</i>	<p>For Board Use Only</p> <p>Date Rcvd: _____ Date Heard: _____</p> <p>Verification: _____</p> <p>Bd. Decision: _____</p>
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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Street, Braxton C. Friends of	
CCF ID:	01009338	Status: Active
Date Established	8/02/13	
Date Waiver Requested	3/24/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Tamra Jackson	Start Date: 8/02/13
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Braxton Street	8/02/13
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		N/A	\$500	\$500
			\$	\$
			Total	\$500

All required notices were sent to this campaign account for the above listed report(s).

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/20/16 late fee \$10 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
N/A	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The treasure was in the hospital giving birth to first child.

Division Comments

Deny, report has not been filed, per SBE policy waiver consideration will not be granted until report has been received.

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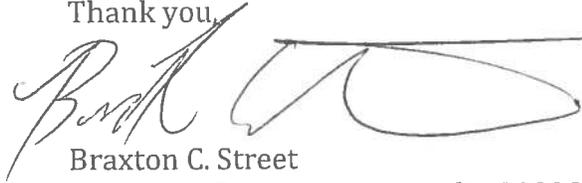
March 20th, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Braxton C. Street, of Friends of Braxton C. Street Candidate Committee (CCF ID: 01009338) am requesting a fee waiver. The reason for my request is because my committee treasurer has been in the hospital due to recently giving birth to her first child. This has caused this delay in filing, because she normally does the report for me. I have recently uploaded my report and I hope my fee waiver request will be considered.

I can be reached at anytime. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Thank you,



Braxton C. Street
Friends of Braxton C. Street (01009338)
Braxton.street@gmail.com
410-963-8702

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Memorandum

TO: State Board Members
FROM: Jared DeMarinis, Director
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
DATE: April 20, 2017
SUBJECT: Waiver of late filing fees – Persons Doing Public Business, Title 14 of the Election Law Article

Enclosed are the waiver requests, which were submitted by businesses that have been assessed late filing fees. The attached Waiver Request Information Page contains an overview of each entity as well as the Agency's recommendation to the Board.

The Board should consider the following factors in determining whether just cause exists to grant a waiver.

1. Administrative error of any kind on the part of the Division.
2. The lateness is due to extenuating circumstances, i.e. physical illness or death in the family; or
3. Computer problems occurred which made timely filing impossible. However, the filer still must have demonstrated a good faith effort to timely file.

Prior to the meeting please review each waiver request. Note the recommendations that you may disagree with or have questions on that you would like to discuss.

§ 14-107(c) Late Filing Fees

- (1) As provided in this subsection, the State Board may impose fees for late filing of:
 - (i) a statement required under § 14-104 of this title; or
 - (ii) an amended statement required under subsection (b) of this section.
- (2) The State Board may impose late filing fees in the same amounts and in the same manner as provided under § 13-331(a) and (b) of this article for late filing of campaign finance reports.
- (3) Late filing fees imposed under this subsection shall be distributed to the Fair Campaign Financing Fund.

Pursuant to COMAR 33.20.07.01C, the State Administrator has denied 2 late fee waiver request. No Board action is required on the denials.

Since the last Board Meeting in February in which waivers were heard, SBE has collected \$ 8,300 in late fees under this provision of law.

Please feel free to contact me at 410-269-2853 if you have any questions.

**Business Contribution Disclosure System
Waiver Request- Late Fees**

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Denials

1. 5400 Holiday Drive LLC
2. Maryland Works, Inc.

**Business Contribution Disclosure System
Waiver Request Information Page – Late Fees**

General

Account Name	5400 Holiday Drive LLC
BID ID:	14000685
Date Established	12/29/2015
Date Waiver Requested	2/09/2017
Account Type	Title 14 – Employee a Lobbyist

Officers

Current Filer	Randy Lee Cohen	Start Date: 12/29/2015
Principal Officer	Randy Lee Cohen	Start Date: 12/29/2015

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/30/16	12/14/2016	\$140	\$140
		\$	\$
		Total	\$140

Prior Waiver and Fees

n/a

Reason for Waiver

Lisa Wehking, Bookkeeper, did not receive notification that a report was due.

Agency Comments

The notices SBE send out are sent to the Filer on record. Lisa Wehking is not listed as Filer, she is "Bookkeeper" in her letter.

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5400 Holiday Drive LLC
PO Box 278, Monrovia, MD 21770
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Jared DeMarinis, Director
Division of Candidacy & Campaign Finance
151 West Street Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: BID 14000685 5400 Holiday Drive, LLC

Dear Mr. DeMarinis,

I am in receipt of a Late Fee Bill – Contribution Disclosure Report for fall 2016 period.

I do not recall ever receiving notification of a filing coming due, so when the late notice was given to me, the filing was prepared and submitted as quickly as possible. As this was only the second time required to file, I ask that you please forgive the \$140.00 in late fees assessed on the statement.

I have setup our own internal reminders to avoid this in the future and will make every effort to stay in compliance.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Lisa Lucas Wehking
Bookkeeper
lwehking@hickoryplains.com
31-865-0605

**Business Contribution Disclosure System
Waiver Request Information Page – Late Fees**

General

Account Name	Maryland Works, Inc.
BID ID:	14000710
Date Established	5/31/2016
Date Waiver Requested	2/28/2017
Account Type	Title 14 – Persons Doing Public Business

Officers

Current Filer	Robert Hofmann	Start Date: 5/31/2016
Principal Officer	Robert Hofmann	Start Date: 5/31/2016

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/30/16	2/21/2017	\$500	\$500
		\$	\$
		Total	\$500

Prior Waiver and Fees

This report was already referred to OSP and the business has paid the late fee of \$500.

Reason for Waiver

They did not realize that a report/Affidavit had to be filed even if no contributions.

Agency Comments

In the PRN and FRN we send out, it states “A statement of contributions must be filed regardless if contributions were made during the reporting period.”

Deny



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February 22, 2017

Ms. Vicki Molina
Campaign Accounts Support
State Board of Elections
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Ms. Molina,

Thank you for your attention and assistance in resolving my reporting of Maryland Works' 2016 contributions. As I shared with you via voicemail, this is (was) our first reporting period and there were no contributions to report. Unfortunately, I did not realize the need to file an affidavit prior to receiving the letter indicating the penalty being imposed. I now understand the need for reporting regardless of whether any contributions were made.

Is there any way to forgive the \$500 penalty on a one-time basis? Maryland Works is a relatively small non-profit organization and this is our/my first reporting cycle. We have added this reporting to our internal reminder system and will make every effort to file future reports or affidavits on a timely basis.

Again, thank you for your kind assistance and the time and consideration of your board members.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Hofmann

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Memorandum

TO: State Board Members
FROM: Jared DeMarinis, Director
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
DATE: April 20, 2017
SUBJECT: Waiver of Contracts – Persons Doing Public Business, Title 14 of the
Election Law Article

Enclosed are the waiver requests submitted by businesses not to disclose certain information regarding the contracts they have with the public entities of \$200,000 and more.

Prior to the meeting please review each waiver request. The waiver request is valid for the one calendar year – covering the May and November semi-annual contribution disclosure statements. The statutory reference and reasons for not disclosing are referenced below for your convenience.

§ 14-104(c)(2). Relief from listing contracts.

The information required by paragraph (1)(iv) and (v) of this subsection may be omitted on the written approval of the State Board if the State Board finds that:

1. Requiring the information would be unduly burdensome.
2. The public interest would not be impaired substantially by the omission of this information.
3. The person filing the statement stipulated that the person has done public business during the reporting period.

Please feel free to contact me at 410-269-2853 if you have any questions.

Businesses Requesting Waiver of Contract

1. The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore

**Business Contribution Disclosure System
Waiver Request Information Page – Contracts**

General

Account Name	The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore
BID ID:	14000196
Date Established	1/01/2015
Date Waiver Requested	3/31/2017
Account Type	Title 14 – Persons Doing Public Business and Employ Lobbyist

Officers

Current Filer	Diane Hutchins	Start Date: 1/01/2015
Principal Officer	Donald P. Hutchinson	Start Date: 1/01/2015

Reason for Waiver

The public interest would not be impaired substantially by the omission of this information.

Agency Comments

The Zoo is owned by Baltimore City and has a unique lease structure with State of Maryland which was approved by General Assembly and Board of Public works.

Grant

Board Decision

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MARYLAND ZOO

March 27, 2017

Mr. Jared DeMarinis
Director
Candidacy and Campaign Finance Division
Maryland State Board of Elections
151 West Street-Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

Having registered on the Maryland Business Contribution Disclosure System, I am writing to request a waiver from disclosure of the lease arrangement between the State of Maryland and the Maryland Zoological Society, Inc., a 501 (c) (3) organization d/b/a The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. All information between the State and the Zoo can be found in the State's budget books and in its budget bills. Amendments to the lease come before the Board of Public Works. The audited financial statements of The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore are submitted to the Board of Public Works, the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), the Department of Budget and Management, and the General Assembly's Department of Legislative Services by November 1st of each year. Thus, I believe that the public will not be harmed by the granting of this waiver.

The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is owned by the City of Baltimore and leased for 40 years to the State of Maryland. There is also a sublease, of the same tenure, between the State of Maryland and the Maryland Zoological Society to operate the Zoo on the State's behalf. The Maryland Zoological Society exists solely for this purpose. This unique structure was approved by the Maryland General Assembly as well as the Board of Public Works and the City of Baltimore's Board of Estimates in 1992. The Zoo was established by an Act of the Maryland General Assembly in 1876. The placement of the lease payment in the budget of the Board of Public Works and the change in name to The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore were done by an Act of the Maryland General Assembly in 2004.

The Zoo's Managing Agency is the Maryland State Department of Education. The Zoo also receives operating funding in the Funding for Educational Organizations in MSDE's budget. Capital funding matters are overseen by the Maryland Department of General Services.

THE MARYLAND ZOO IN BALTIMORE

P 410 396 7102
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1876 Mansion House Drive
Baltimore, Maryland 21217

*The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore is accredited
by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.*

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Financial activity between the State of Maryland and The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore meet the spirit and the letter of this portion of elections law.

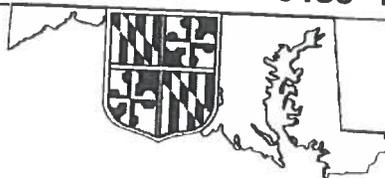
Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald P. Hutchinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Donald P. Hutchinson
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Memorandum

TO: State Board Members
FROM: Jared DeMarinis, Director
Division Candidacy and Campaign Finance
SUBJECT: Administrative Closure of Campaign Accounts
DATE: April 20, 2017

Pursuant to §13-313 of the Election Law Article, the State Board has the authority to administratively close a political committee upon determination that good cause exists and when other criteria are met:

1. The campaign finance entity could be terminated under §13-309 (b) (4) of this subtitle except for the existence of one or more outstanding obligations and each of those obligations is more than 5 years old;
2. No responsible officer currently is appointed and serving; or
3. Other extenuating circumstances exist to justify terminating the campaign finance entity.

(b.) The termination of a campaign finance entity under this section does not limit the right of:

- (1) The State Board, or the State Prosecutor or the State's Attorney, to pursue an enforcement action against the former responsible officers of, or any candidate formerly affiliated with, the campaign finance entity; or
- (2) A creditor to bring an action against the former responsible officers of, or any candidate affiliated with, the campaign finance entity

Attached are forms, which have been prepared for the Board's review of accounts that meet the requirements for administrative closure.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-269-2853.

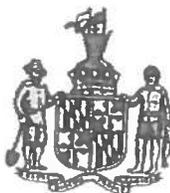
REQUEST TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT

Account Name	Hymes, Scott Friends of
CCF ID Number	01009394
Account Established Date	09/09/2013
Outstanding Debts/Loans	Outstanding Debt of \$9,199.20 (from Cedar Park Communications)
Cash Balance	\$0.00
Last Filed Campaign Finance Report (CFR) / Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures (ALCE)	CFR for 2018 Annual, Final Report (Note: CFRs filed from 2014 Pre-General 1 to 2018 Annual were all marked Final Report)
Outstanding Late Fees *	\$220.00
Office of the State Prosecutor (OSP) Action/s Taken:	
The OSP declined to prosecute the debtor, Cedar Park Communications for exceeding the legal limit of \$6,000.00. Based on investigation, the OSP determined that prosecution of this matter is not warranted, and recommended administrative closure of committee.	
List name and address of last known officers:	
Candidate Scott Hale Hymes 841 Oak Trail Crownsville, MD 21032	Chairman Scott Hale Hymes 841 Oak Trail Crownsville, MD 21032
Treasurer Bela De Mariassy 359 Kyle Road Crownsville, MD 21032	
Briefly describe why this committee should be closed:	
<p>This committee should be closed due to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The OSP determined the Candidate/Chairperson's inability to pay the debt. 2. The committee has made all possible efforts to pay the debt, originally from \$10,749.20. The 2018 Annual Report filed on 2/24/2017 showed that the committee has zero cash/bank balance. <p>Election Law Article § 13-313 (a) (3) requires the termination of campaign finance entity by the State Board when other extenuating circumstances exist to justify terminating the campaign finance entity.</p>	

*If additional space is required, attach a breakdown of outstanding late fees, include report due dates and outstanding late fees.

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Jared DeMarinis
Director - Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
Maryland State Board of Elections
151 West Street, Suite 200
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Re: F.O. Scott Hymes - OSP File No.: 17-4923

Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

The above-referenced file was referred to the Office of the State Prosecutor for investigation and possible prosecution of Cedar Park Communications for exceeding the \$6,000 contribution limit. Based on our review of the file, this Office has determined that prosecution of this matter is not warranted.

The Campaign Finance Committee known as Friends of Scott Hymes incurred a \$10,749.20 obligation to Cedar Park Communications on June 17, 2014. As of this writing, the Committee still has an outstanding debt in the amount of \$9,199.20. During the course of our investigation, Cynthia Thomas, an Investigator with the Office of the State Prosecutor spoke with Mr. Hymes. It is evident from this conversation as well as Mr. Hymes' letter to the State Board of Elections dated January 17, 2017 that the Committee has made all possible efforts to repay the debt. In addition, the 2018 Annual Campaign Finance Report filed on February 24, 2017 indicates that the Committee has a cash and bank balance of zero.

Due to the satisfactory evidence provided by Mr. Hymes of his inability to pay the outstanding obligation, this Office recommends that the Campaign Finance Committee known as Friends of Scott Hymes be administratively closed. As such, we exercise prosecutorial discretion and will not be pursuing any further matters associated with Cedar Park Communications. This however does not limit the right of Cedar Park Communications as the creditor to bring an action against the Committee and/or responsible officers.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,


Stephanie A. Krulevitz
Assistant State Prosecutor



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April 11, 2017

VIA USPS CERTIFIED MAIL AND EMAIL

The Honorable David J. McManus, Jr.
Chairman, Maryland State Board of Elections
151 West St., Suite 200
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Violations of Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act, 52 U.S.C. § 20507

Dear Chairman McManus:

We write to bring your attention to violations of Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act (“NVRA”) in Montgomery County, Maryland. From public records obtained, Montgomery County has more total registered voters than adult citizens over the age of 18 as calculated by the U.S. Census Bureau’s 2011-2015 American Community Survey. This is strong circumstantial evidence that Montgomery County is not conducting reasonable voter registration record maintenance as mandated under the NVRA.

NVRA Section 8 requires states to do reasonable list maintenance so as to maintain accurate lists of eligible voters for use in conducting federal elections.¹ As you may know, Congress enacted Section 8 of the NVRA to protect the integrity of the electoral process. Allowing the names of ineligible voters to remain on the voting rolls harms the integrity of the electoral process and undermines voter confidence in the legitimacy of elections. As the U.S. Supreme Court has stated, “[P]ublic confidence in the integrity of the electoral process has independent significance, because it encourages citizen participation in the democratic process.”²

This letter serves as statutory notice that Judicial Watch will bring a lawsuit against your office if you do not take specific actions to correct these violations of Section 8 within 90 days. In addition, by this letter we are asking you to produce certain records to us which you are required to make available under Section 8(i) of the NVRA.³ We hope that litigation will not be necessary to enforce either of these claims.

¹ In Maryland, responsibility to coordinate statewide NVRA Section 8 compliance lies with the State Board of Elections. See Md. Elec. Law Code Ann. §§ 2-101, 2-102; 52 U.S.C. § 20509.

² *Crawford et al. v. Marion County Election Board*, 553 US 181, 197 (2008).

³ 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i).

Judicial Watch is a non-profit organization that seeks to promote integrity, transparency, and accountability in government and fidelity to the rule of law. As part of its mission, Judicial Watch is committed to the private enforcement of the NVRA, and we regularly commence and litigate NVRA lawsuits. See *Judicial Watch and True the Vote v. Husted*, Civil Action No. 2:12-cv-00792 (S.D. Oh.); *Judicial Watch, et. al v. King*, Case No. 1:12-cv-00800 (S.D. Ind.).

As the top election official in Maryland, it is your responsibility under federal law to coordinate Maryland's statewide effort to conduct a program that reasonably ensures the lists of eligible voters are accurate. The following information explains how we determined that your state is in violation of NVRA Section 8 and the remedial steps you now must take to comply with the law.

1. Montgomery County Has More Total Registered Voters Than Citizen Voting Age Population.

Based on our review of 2014 Election Assistance Commission (EAC) data, the 2011-2015 U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, and the November 2014 and 2016 active and inactive voter registration records, Montgomery County is failing to comply with the voter registration list maintenance requirements of Section 8 of the NVRA. For example, a comparison of the five-year American Community Survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau and 2014 EAC data shows that total registered voters were 102% of adult citizens over the age of 18 living in Montgomery County in 2014.

This situation in Montgomery County has, if anything, gotten worse since the publication of that report. A comparison of the November 2016 total voter registration records for Montgomery County obtained from your website with the 2011-2015 U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey data shows that there are now more total registered voters than adult citizens over the age of 18 in Montgomery County (registration rate 103%).

Your failure to maintain accurate, up-to-date voter registration lists has created the risk that the 2018 federal elections will lack the integrity required by federal law and by the expectations of Maryland citizens, and will therefore undermine public confidence in the electoral process.

2. The NVRA Requires You to Undertake Reasonable Efforts to Maintain Accurate Lists of Eligible Registered Voters

Under Section 8 of the NVRA, Maryland is required to undertake a uniform, nondiscriminatory voter registration list maintenance program that complies with the Voting Rights Act of 1965.⁴ Specifically, Section 8 requires states to make a reasonable effort to remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters due to (A) "the death of the registrant" or (B) "a change in the residence of the registrant" to a place outside the

⁴ 52 U.S.C. § 20507(b)(1).

jurisdiction in which he or she is registered.⁵ Section 8 also requires states to ensure noncitizens are not registered to vote.⁶

The list maintenance obligations of Section 8 of the NVRA were elaborated upon by the Help America Vote Act (“HAVA”), which requires states to “ensure that voter registration records in the State are accurate and updated regularly” and undertake a “system of file maintenance that makes a reasonable effort to remove registrants who are ineligible to vote from the official list of eligible voters.”⁷ HAVA also requires each state to coordinate its computerized statewide voter registration list with state agency death records.⁸ Finally, HAVA requires all states to remove convicted felons from the voter rolls if felons cannot vote under state law.⁹

As the chief state election official for Maryland, you are required to lead and direct voter list maintenance efforts in your state, and you must conduct an active oversight program to monitor local county election officials’ list maintenance activities.¹⁰ If your oversight reveals that counties have failed to adequately execute list maintenance tasks, you must either change the state’s program to ensure county compliance, or assume direct responsibility over the failing counties’ list maintenance tasks.¹¹

3. Failure to Comply with NVRA Subjects You to Lawsuits and Financial Costs

In passing the NVRA, Congress authorized a private right of action to enforce the provisions of the NVRA, including Section 8. Accordingly, Judicial Watch and others may bring a lawsuit against you under the NVRA if you fail to correct these violations within 90 days of your receipt of this letter.¹² You are receiving this letter because you are the designated chief state election official under the NVRA.

Congress also authorized awards of attorney’s fees, including litigation expenses and costs, to the prevailing party.¹³ Consequently, if we initiate a lawsuit under the NVRA and the court finds you in violation, you will be responsible for paying our attorneys’ fees, costs, and litigation expenses.

⁵ 52 U.S.C. § 20507(a)(4).

⁶ *U.S. v. Florida*, 870 F. Supp. 2d 1346, 1351 (N.D. Fla. 2012) (“For noncitizens, the state’s duty is to maintain an accurate voting list . . . A state can and should . . . block[] a noncitizen from registering in the first place”).

⁷ 52 U.S.C. §§ 21083(a)(4) and 21083(a)(4)(A).

⁸ 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II).

⁹ 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A)(ii) and (ii)(I).

¹⁰ *U.S. v. Missouri*, 535 F.3d 844, 850-851 (8th Cir. 2008).

¹¹ *U.S. v. Missouri*, 535 F.3d 844, 851 (8th Cir. 2008).

¹² 52 U.S.C. § 20510(b)(2).

¹³ 52 U.S.C. § 20510(c).

4. Avoiding Litigation

In order to avoid litigation, we hope you will promptly initiate efforts to comply with Section 8 so that no lawsuit will be necessary. We ask you to please respond to this letter in writing no later than 45 days from today informing us of the compliance steps you are taking. Specifically, we ask you to: (1) conduct or implement a systematic, uniform, nondiscriminatory program to remove from the list of eligible voters the names of persons who have become ineligible to vote by reason of a change in residence; and (2) conduct or implement additional routine measures to remove from the list of eligible voters the names of persons who have become ineligible to vote by reason of death, change in residence, or a disqualifying criminal conviction, and to remove noncitizens who have registered to vote unlawfully.

When you respond to this letter, please identify all the steps you are taking or plan to take in detail, and advise us of the results of those efforts or the target implementation date for each activity or program you will be undertaking. If you plan to begin taking new steps in 2017 to comply with your obligations, please outline them to us in your response, providing specific dates for completion of each activity. In order to avoid litigation, we may seek certain reasonable assurances that Maryland will affirmatively undertake the steps outlined, up to and including the execution of a settlement agreement between you and Judicial Watch. You may wish to consult Judicial Watch's recent settlement agreement with the State of Ohio for examples of certain activities which tend to show compliance with NVRA Section 8.¹⁴ You should also evaluate whether your office is communicating and coordinating effectively for list maintenance purposes with the various federal, state, and local entities listed immediately below in Section 5 of this letter.

5. Production of Records

Finally, pursuant to your obligations under the NVRA,¹⁵ please make available to us all pertinent records concerning "the implementation of programs and activities conducted for the purpose of ensuring the accuracy and currency" of Maryland's official eligible voter lists during the past 2 years. Please include these records with your response to this letter. These records should include, but are not limited to:

1. Copies of the most recent voter registration database from Montgomery County, Maryland, including fields indicating name, date of birth, home address, most recent voter activity, and active or inactive status.
2. Copies of all email or other communications internal to the office of the Maryland State Board of Elections, including any of its divisions, bureaus, offices, third party agents, or

¹⁴ A copy of the Settlement Agreement between Judicial Watch and Ohio is available at <http://www.judicialwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/01-14-Ohio-Voter-Rolls-Settlement.pdf>.

¹⁵ 52 U.S.C. § 20507(i).

contractors, (hereinafter, collectively “State Board of Elections”) relating to the maintenance of accurate and current voter rolls.

3. Copies of all email or other communications between the State Board of Elections and all Maryland County Voter Registration Officials concerning:
 - a. Instructions to the counties concerning their general list maintenance practices and obligations;
 - b. Instructions to the counties for the removal of specific noncitizens and deceased, relocated, or convicted persons identified by the State Board of Elections; and
 - c. Notices to the counties concerning any failure to comply with their voter list maintenance obligations under Maryland’s program.
4. Copies of all email or other communications between the State Board of Elections and the Maryland State Department of Health, the Maryland State Department of Corrections, the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, and the Maryland State Judiciary concerning obtaining information about deceased, relocated, convicted, or noncitizen registered voters for the purpose of updating Maryland’s voter registration lists.
5. Copies of all email or other communications between the State Board of Elections and the U.S. Attorney(s) for Maryland, the U.S. District Court for Maryland, the U.S. Social Security Administration, the U.S. Postal Service, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security concerning the National Change of Address database, the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements database, or any other means of obtaining information about deceased, relocated, convicted, or noncitizen registered voters for the purpose of updating Maryland’s voter registration lists.
6. Copies of all email or other communications between the State Board of Elections and the Interstate Voter Registration Cross-Check Program, the Electronic Registration Information Center, the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems, and any other U.S. State concerning obtaining information about deceased or relocated registered voters for the purpose of updating Maryland’s voter registration lists.

If you do not produce these records within 45 days, or if you fail to otherwise advise us that you are making them available to us at specified times and locations, you will be deemed to be in violation of the NVRA and subject to litigation.

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Thomas J. Fitton
April 11, 2017
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We hope our concerns can be resolved amicably. However, if we believe you do not intend to correct the above-identified problems, a federal lawsuit seeking declaratory and injunctive relief against you may be necessary. We look forward to receiving your prompt response.

Sincerely,

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.



Thomas J. Fitton
President

By: U.S. Postal Service Certified Mail and Email

cc: Robert D. Popper, Esq., Judicial Watch; Hon. Patrick J. Hogan, Maryland State Board of Elections Vice Chair; Hon. Michael R. Cogan, Maryland State Board of Elections Member; Hon. Kelley A. Howells, Maryland State Board of Elections Member; Hon. Gloria Lawlah, Maryland State Board of Elections Member; Hon. Linda H. Lamone, Maryland State Board of Elections State Administrator; Hon. Nikki Charlson, Maryland State Board of Elections Deputy State Administrator; Hon. James Shalleck, Montgomery County Board of Elections President; Hon. Nahid Khozeimeh, Montgomery County Board of Elections Vice-President; Hon. Mary Ann Keefe, Montgomery County Board of Elections Secretary; Hon. Alexander Vincent, Montgomery County Board of Elections Member; Hon. David Naimon, Montgomery County Board of Elections Member



April 20, 2017

Maryland State Board of Elections
151 West St., Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: National Voter Registration Act

Dear Chairman McManus and Members of the Board:

You recently received a letter (“Notice Letter”) from Judicial Watch threatening to sue the State of Maryland for purported violations of Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act (“NVRA”), unless you take action to remove or force Montgomery County to remove from your voting rolls what Judicial Watch deems invalid voter registration records. In advance of the State Board’s meeting on April 20, 2017, Project Vote and Demos write to express our grave concern that Judicial Watch’s letter would urge you to take actions that would themselves violate the NVRA, and to correct a number of misstatements and omissions in Judicial Watch’s Notice Letter.

Project Vote is a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization founded on the belief that an organized, diverse electorate is the key to a better America. Demos is a national nonpartisan public policy organization that works for an America where we all have an equal say in our democracy and an equal chance in our economy.

Contrary to the tenor of Judicial Watch’s letter, the purpose of the NVRA is *not* to *remove* voters from voter rolls. Indeed, the first purpose Congress highlighted for the NVRA is to “*increase* the number of eligible citizens who register to vote.” 52 U.S.C. §§ 20501(b)(1) (emphasis added). As the Third Circuit Court of Appeals has explained,

[o]ne of the NVRA’s central purposes was to dramatically expand opportunities for voter registration and to ensure that, once registered, voters could not be removed from the registration rolls by a failure to vote or because they had changed addresses. To achieve this purpose, the NVRA strictly limited removal of voters based on change of address and instead required that, for federal elections, states maintain accurate registration rolls by using reliable information from government agencies....

Welker v. Clarke, 239 F.3d 596, 598–99 (3d Cir. 2001).

List maintenance is, of course, important. Up-to-date and complete voter lists reflecting all eligible voters are beneficial. But list maintenance must be accurate and consistent with state and federal law to avoid putting legitimate voters at risk. While Project Vote and Demos are not opposed to reasonable efforts to remove ineligible voters from the rolls, those efforts must be carried out in accordance with the NVRA and without risking removal of eligible voters from the voter registration list. Hastily crafting additional removal programs based on unsupported allegations of illegality made without regard to the state's existing procedures, however, is likely to lead to violations of the NVRA and, more importantly, to the disenfranchisement of eligible and properly registered voters.

I. Judicial Watch's Demands to Avoid Litigation Are Not Required by the NVRA.

Judicial Watch demands, without regard to the state's existing procedures, that Maryland quickly take unspecified actions to remove a number of registered voters from the rolls, or else risk litigation. However, maintaining voter rolls in compliance with the NVRA requires careful attention. The NVRA allows certain actions while prohibiting others. First, the NVRA does not require rushed adoption and completion of any removal efforts prior to any particular election. This is evident from the fact that the NVRA's provisions on change-of-address prohibit removals in many instances for at least two federal elections after a State has sent the registrant a required notice. *See, e.g.*, 52 U.S.C. § 20507(d)(1)(B). Second, the NVRA does not require the State to undertake a particular systematic program—it merely requires a “a reasonable effort” pursuant to a “general program” of list maintenance that can, for example, be based on Postal Service change-of-address information. *See* 52 U.S.C. § 20507(c)(1). Third, the NVRA requires this reasonable effort only with respect to those who have died or have changed residence. 52 U.S.C. § 20507(a)(4). For example, it permits, but does not require, States to make an effort to remove those with criminal convictions. *See* 52 U.S.C. §20507(b). States can choose to allow those with criminal convictions to remain eligible to vote, and if the States make them ineligible, it is up to the States to determine what effort they will make to remove them from the rolls. Similarly, the NVRA does not require that States target specific efforts toward removing “noncitizens” from voter rolls. Finally, as discussed below, the NVRA prohibits any systematic program to remove ineligible voters within 90 days of a federal election, including primaries, special elections, and runoffs.

II. The NVRA Prohibits Removal of Registrants Except for a Few Enumerated Reasons and Affirmatively Requires Little State Action Regarding Voter Removal.

Most of the specific provisions in the NVRA limit the circumstances in which states can remove individuals from the voter rolls. They do so in order to reduce the chance that citizens eligible to vote will be removed from the rolls. For example, the NVRA states that “the name of a registrant *may not be removed* from the official list of eligible voters *except*” 1) if the registrant requests he or she be removed, 2) in accordance

with State law regarding eligibility in cases of criminal convictions or mental incapacity, 3) where the registrant has died, or 4) where the registrant's residence has changed. 52 U.S.C. §§ 20507(a)(3)(A)-(C); (4)(A)-(B) (emphasis added).

A. The State May Not Remove Voters for Change of Residence Until the Voter Confirms the Change or Until a Sufficient Waiting Period Has Elapsed.

Judicial Watch incorrectly claims that merely having more voters on the rolls than eligible voters is strong evidence that a county is not reasonably maintaining the voter registration lists. *Id.* § 20507(a)(4). This interpretation turns the NVRA on its head. When a registrant is thought to have changed residence, the law explicitly prohibits the removal of the voter's name from the rolls unless the voter has confirmed the residence change in writing *or* until after a sufficient waiting period has elapsed. Specifically, the NVRA provides that "a State *shall not remove* the name of a registrant . . . on the grounds that the registrant has changed residence unless" (i) he or she "confirms in writing" that he or she has changed residence to one outside the election official's jurisdiction, or (ii) he or she has failed to respond to an address-change confirmation notice *and* has failed to vote in an election in a time period running from the date of the notice to the day after the second consecutive federal general election thereafter. *Id.* § 20507(d)(1) (emphasis added). This means that the State must, in some circumstances, wait *more than two years* after sending the statutorily required notice to the registrant before taking any action to remove the registrant from the voter rolls, unless the voter confirms the address change in writing.

B. The Affirmative Requirement to Remove Is Narrow and, in Fulfilling It, the State Cannot Violate the Other Requirements of the NVRA

Contrary to the suggestion in Judicial Watch's Notice Letter, the only affirmative obligation the NVRA imposes on a State with respect to removal of registrants from the voter rolls is to "conduct a general program that makes a *reasonable effort*" to remove the names of ineligible voters who have 1) died or 2) changed residence. *See id.* § 20507(a)(4) (emphasis added). A program conducted under this provision to remove voters who have changed address must comply with the NVRA's other requirements. *Id.*

C. For Registrants Who Have Moved, the State Can Use Change-of-Address Information From the U.S. Postal Service But Must Still Comply with the NVRA's Notice Provisions.

The NVRA makes clear that one reasonable way a State may remove the names of registrants who have changed residence is to begin with Postal Service change-of-address forms. The NVRA provides that "[a] State may meet the requirement" to conduct a general program to remove the names of registrants whose residence has changed if it

uses “change-of-address information supplied by the Postal Service.” *Id.* § 20507(c)(1)(A); *see also Welker*, 239 F.3d at 598–99.

Moreover, even when the State has received change-of-address information from the Postal Service, and even when the information indicates that individuals have moved out of the jurisdiction, the NVRA prohibits States from simply removing these individuals. The State still must comply with the explicit notice provisions that serve to ensure voters are not improperly removed from the voter rolls. 52 U.S.C. § 20507(d)(2). Indeed, the entire section of the law cited by Judicial Watch—Section 20507—imposes restrictions on the reasonable effort the State may undertake to remove voters, including explicit restrictions on how the State must implement the required “general program” to remove registrants whose residence has changed:

- *First*, if it appears the registrant has moved *within* the same jurisdiction in which he or she is already registered to vote, the election official is to “change[] the registration records to show the new address and send[] the registrant a notice . . . by which the registrant may verify or correct the address information.” *Id.* § 20507(c)(1)(B)(i). The obligation is to correct the voter registration list, not to remove the voter from the list.
- *Second*, if it appears based on reliable second-hand information, such as information received through the Postal Service’s National Change of Address program, that the voter has moved *outside* the election official’s jurisdiction, the NVRA sets forth specific notice requirements intended to verify the data from the Postal Service. *See id.* § 20507(c)(1)(B)(ii). The notice must inform the registrant that if she or he has in fact remained in the jurisdiction (either at the previous address or a new one), despite the data from the Postal Service, she or he must return a postage pre-paid card at least 30 days before the next election (or up to a shorter period of time before the next election, as established by State law). *See id.* § 20507(d)(2)(A). If the card is not returned, the registrant “may” be required to provide affirmation or confirmation of residence in order to vote in the next two consecutive general federal elections, but the registrant *may not* be removed from the list of registered voters.¹ *See id.* The State may remove the registrant from the voter rolls only after sending such a notice and after two consecutive federal general elections have passed during which the voter has not voted. *See id.* The notice must also inform the registrant about how he or she may continue to be eligible to vote if he or she has in fact moved outside the jurisdiction.

¹ Even if a registrant moves and fails to respond to the notice, the NVRA requires that he or she be allowed to vote, if the registrant still resides in the same jurisdiction. *Id.* § 20507(e).

These strict requirements make sense as a means to effectuate Congress’s “concern that [removal] programs can be abused and may result in the elimination of names of voters from the rolls solely due to their failure to respond to a mailing.”²

Given these restrictions on the State’s ability to simply remove the name of voters from the voter rolls when it suspects the voter has changed residences, there will often be voters on the voter registration list who have moved and are in the process of being removed. It is therefore unsurprising to find that there are more names on the voter rolls in a jurisdiction than there are eligible citizens (indeed, given the high mobility of the American workforce, it would be surprising if there were not in at least some instances), and Judicial Watch’s assertion that Maryland or Montgomery County is “failing to comply” with the NVRA merely because the county allegedly has more registered voters than adult citizens, based on American Community Survey data, is simply wrong. As one court explained, “The NVRA makes it inevitable that voter registration lists will be inflated because of its requirement that States wait to remove a voter’s name who has not responded to an [NVRA Section] 8(d)(2) notice until that voter fails to vote in two successive federal elections.” *United States v. Missouri*, No. 05-4391-CV-C-NKL, 2007 WL 1115204, at *4 n.7 (W.D. Mo. Apr. 13, 2007), *aff’d in part, rev’d in part and remanded*, 535 F.3d 844 (8th Cir. 2008). The information Judicial Watch points to is not evidence of a lack of NVRA compliance.

D. Certain Activities Urged By Judicial Watch As So-Called Compliance Have Been Found to *Violate* the NVRA.

Judicial Watch points to its settlement agreement with Ohio as an example of appropriate list maintenance. But Judicial Watch fails to acknowledge that activities agreed to in the settlement were recently held to *violate* the NVRA, specifically, its practice of targeting registered voters who did not vote for two years with confirmation mailings beginning the removal process. *Compare A. Philip Randolph Institute v. Husted*, 838 F.3d 699 (6th Cir. 2016), *pet. for cert. filed* No. 16-980 (Feb. 3, 2017), *with True the Vote et al. v. Husted*, Settlement Agreement ¶ 2(i) (Jan. 10, 2014), *available at* <http://www.judicialwatch.org/document-archive/01-14-ohio-voter-rolls-settlement/>. The State Board should exercise extreme caution where activities urged by Judicial Watch as so-called compliance have in fact been held to violate the NVRA’s protections for eligible registered voters who simply choose not to vote. In 2016, thousands of otherwise-disenfranchised eligible voters cast ballots that were counted because of the Sixth Circuit’s decision in *A. Philip Randolph Institute v. Husted*, which held that Ohio’s process for targeting and removing them violated the NVRA.

E. The State Is Prohibited from Conducting Systematic Removals of Voters in the Ninety-Day Period Prior to Any Federal Election.

Further, any list-maintenance program must be completed ninety days before any federal election. The NVRA prohibits States from conducting any program “the purpose

² H. Rep. No. 103-9, at 15, *reprinted in* 1993 U.S.C.C.A.N. 105.

of which is to systematically remove the names of ineligible voters from the official lists of eligible voters” during the ninety-day period preceding an election—including the period preceding a primary, special, or runoff election. 52 U.S.C. § 20507(c)(2); *Arcia v. Fla. Sec’y of State*, 772 F.3d 1335, 1344 (11th Cir. 2014). Any removal of voters for alleged ineligibility during this ninety-day period must be based “upon individualized information or investigation.”³ *Arcia*, 772 F.3d at 1344. Under the NVRA’s clear requirements, then, the removal of *any* names from the voter rolls within ninety days of a federal election must be based on specific, individualized information.

III. Any List-Maintenance Program Must Comply with the NVRA’s Voter Protections.

In addition to the NVRA, Judicial Watch cites to the State’s responsibilities under the Help America Vote Act (“HAVA”). HAVA requires that States maintain a computerized list of all registered voters statewide. Similar to the NVRA, it also requires that States perform list maintenance “that makes a reasonable effort to remove registrants who are ineligible to vote from the official list of eligible voters.” 52 U.S.C. § 21083(a)(2)(A); (a)(4). But nothing requires those reasonable efforts to include actions prohibited by the NVRA. On the contrary, HAVA specifically provides that a person may not be removed pursuant to a reasonable list-maintenance effort except “in accordance with the provisions of the [NVRA],” *id.* § 21083(a)(2)(A); (a)(4)(A), and such effort must also include “[s]afeguards to ensure that eligible voters are not removed in error from the official list of eligible voters,” *id.* § 21083(a)(4)(B). Thus, nothing in HAVA changes the protections afforded voters by the NVRA.

IV. Production of Records

Project Vote and Demos request that all records provided to Judicial Watch pursuant to its April 11, 2017 letter also be provided to us. We also request any written response from the State Board to Judicial Watch’s Notice Letter, and any further correspondence between Maryland and Judicial Watch relating to alleged violations of or compliance with the NVRA. In addition, Project Vote and Demos request that you provide records concerning any plans or procedures for list maintenance that you are currently conducting or instructing local election authorities to conduct that are not already included in the above request.

Judicial Watch is urging Maryland to take actions that would likely violate the NVRA, or at minimum are not required by it. Project Vote and Demos are deeply concerned about maintaining access to the polls for all of Maryland’s voters, in keeping

³ The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit recently interpreted this prohibition to broadly apply to “any program”—not merely ones aimed at removing “voters who have moved.” *Arcia*, 772 F.3d at 1349. In fact, the Court rejected efforts by Florida to systematically remove alleged noncitizens from the voter rolls during the 90-day period pursuant to this provision. *Id.*

with the requirements of the NVRA, and we would be happy to discuss the issues raised in this letter if further information or background would be helpful to you.

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