

1. Announcements & Important Meetings

U.S. Election Assistance Commission's Technical Guidelines Development Committee

Created by the federal Help America Vote Act, the Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) is tasked with developing new voting system standards (Voluntary Voting System Guidelines or VVSG). The TGDC is chaired by the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology and includes State and local election officials, academics, vendors, and individuals with expertise with usability, accessibility, and security. I serve on the TGDC as a representative of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) Board of Advisors.

On February 13th and 14th, the TGDC met in Washington, D.C. During this meeting, there were presentations connecting lessons learned from the 2016 General Election to the development of the new VVSG and updates from the various working group and committees since the September 2016 meeting and discussions concerning general principles and the scope of the next version of the VVSG. Natasha Walker presented Maryland's experience with the post-election ballot tabulation audit we performed after the 2016 General Election. Her presentation was very well received, and many attendees were very interested in the automated audit process and the resulting benefits to election administration.

National Association of State Election Directors' Winter Meeting

The winter meeting of the National Association of State Election Directors' meeting was held in Washington, D.C. from February 15th – 18th. During this meeting, state election directors from across the country received updates from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, the Department of Defense's Federal Voting Assistance Program, the Center for Election Innovation and Research, and Congressional representatives. Other topics included accessibility of voting locations and websites, security review and resources, and voter registration.

FY 2018 Budget Analysis and Hearings

For each agency's proposed budget, the appropriate subcommittee of the Senate's Budget and Taxation Committee and House of Delegates' Appropriations Committee holds a hearing to review and discuss the following fiscal year's budget. On February 1st, the House Budget subcommittee held a hearing on SBE's proposed FY 18 budget. The Senate's subcommittee held its hearing on February 2nd.

During these hearings, the Department of Legislative Services' budget analyst reviewed SBE's proposed FY 2018 budget and topics requiring further clarification and made recommendations for budget reductions. After the analyst's presentation, I provided a brief overview of the 2016 General Election and the requested information and disagreed with the analyst's recommendation to reduce SBE's budget for the 2017 biennial meeting. A copy of the budget analysis and SBE's written response was previously distributed to the board members. Later in the legislative session, the subcommittees will have "decision meetings," where we will learn whether the subcommittee members accepted the analyst's recommendations and made other budget reductions.

House Ways and Means Briefing

On February 7th, the House Ways and Means Committee held an elections briefing for committee members. At this briefing, I provided a summary of the 2016 General Election and Larry Moore, President and CEO of The Clear Ballot Group, gave an overview of the ClearAudit product and how the post-election ballot tabulation audit was performed. A copy of my talking points and Mr. Moore's presentation were provided at the January meeting.

2. **Election Reform and Management**

Electionmail.org Discussion

Erin Perrone attended a meeting at the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, D.C. to discuss the electionmail.org reporting website. The website was used during the 2016 General Election by jurisdictions across the country to report any issues with the United States Postal Service (USPS). The site was monitored by the USPS and others to address and solve any mailing issues timely and effectively. Because of its success, the USPS is looking forward to continuing this service for future elections.

Post-Election Comprehensive Audit

Data from the 2016 General Election is being evaluated for the post-election comprehensive audit. Final evaluations will be submitted to Erin Perrone by the end of February for inclusion in a comprehensive audit report for each local board of elections. Each local board will receive its audit report by the end of March.

2016 General Election Follow-Up

EAC's 2016 Election Administration & Voting Survey: On February 1st, we submitted the comprehensive data report on the 2016 General Election. Each state is required to submit this survey after each general election, and the data sets include voter registration, absentee voting by domestic, civilian and military and overseas voters, provisional voting, voting equipment information, poll workers, and voting locations. The EAC's contractor reviewed the data we submitted and returned it for further review and corrections. A revised data set is due on February 27th. Janet Smith and Cortnee Bryant assisted compiling and reviewing this data. When the final data has been submitted, we will post on SBE's website the data report.

Voting Lines Analysis: We has completed its analysis of the cause of lines at the 50 precincts with reports of lines. Last week, the Baltimore County Senate Delegation submitted a list of twelve precincts with reports of lines. Since our initial list included only four of these precincts, we are collecting and analyzing information on the other eight precincts. That analysis should be complete in the next couple of weeks and at the next State Board meeting, a full analysis will be provided.

3. **Voter Registration**

Statewide voter registration database (MDVOTERS)

Software release 6.4 is currently going through user acceptance testing. The mock election for this release will begin February 27th, and the release will be installed on March 20th. The release includes miscellaneous clean-up issues identified by the local boards of elections.

Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)

MDVOTERS now has an ERIC interface. This interface allows ERIC data to be loaded into MDVOTERS and provides electronic matching reports for the local boards to process. Prior to this interface, all matching was done manually using a spreadsheet. A fifth report using National Change of Address (NCOA) information from the United States Postal Service is currently in development. Training on this new interface is completed, and the local boards will be getting ERIC data next week.

4. **Candidacy and Campaign Finance (CCF) Division**

Candidacy

Starting on February 28, 2017, candidates may file a certificate of candidacy for the 2018 General Election.

From February 7th through 16th, the CCF Division, led by Ebony Parran, conducted four, in-person candidate filings trainings for the local boards. The training covered all types of candidates and updates on law changes. Every local board attended one of the trainings.

5. **Project Management Office (PMO)**

Inventory

Excess Property Disposal: We continue to work with the Department of General Services (DGS) on the disposal of the legacy voting system equipment and other equipment. The first disposal will be the auction of almost 19,000 touchscreen voting units and the blue carts in which they are stored. It is estimated that the first auction should take place in March. The response from this first auction will determine whether another approach will be needed for the remaining equipment. In preparation for the auction, the warehouse team is clearing the memory of each unit.

New Inventory System Preparation: The PMO and project team are working on the requirements to convert the legacy and new voting system equipment and supplies to the new inventory system. All equipment and supplies must be loaded into the new inventory system prior to the actual start of the 2017 Annual Inventory.

2017 Annual Inventory: The PMO and the project team are planning for the 2017 Annual Inventory. This involves setting up new or updating workflows as the result of the new inventory system implementation.

2018 Project and Task Tracking

The PMO is setting up the 2018 project and task tracking Smartsheet. This Smartsheet will track the preparation and planning tasks for the 2018 election cycle and several other projects that have started or are about to start.

Election Support Request for Proposal Solicitation (RFP)

Keith Ross continues to develop the Scope of Work content for the election support RFP. Keith expects to finish the updates by the end of February and provide to SBE's procurement team the updated document.

6. **Voting Systems**

ES&S Contract - Option 1

The base period for the voting system contract with ES&S will end on March 31, 2017. On February 8th, the Board of Public Works approved Option Period 1, which is for two years. We are working on some contract modifications that will also require Board of Public Works' approval.

Post-Election Maintenance

The local boards continue the post-election maintenance on the voting equipment and pollbooks. ES&S has performed the contractually required maintenance on the high-speed scanners. Any equipment requiring repair is tracked, and ES&S will perform the repair. The local board will perform acceptance testing on the repaired unit prior to signing off on the repair. All post-election maintenance should be complete by mid-April.

Electronic Pollbooks

We continue to have with ES&S regular conference calls concerning hardware and software updates to the electronic pollbooks. ES&S is currently working on bug fixes, our enhancement requests, and hardware updates to meet our requirements. We are looking at conducting, with these updates, a pilot during the 2018 elections.

High-Speed Scanners

On January 31st, we met with ES&S to discuss lessons learned on the high-speed ballot scanners used in the 2016 General Election. ES&S gathered input from the local boards earlier in January, as they recounted their experiences. The following day, ES&S met with representatives of those local boards with the high speed scanners to share those lessons learned.

7. **Information Technology**

New SBE HQ Network Switches

New Gigabit Local Area Network (LAN) network switches were successfully installed at SBE. These new switches have improved SBE's computer LAN speed and performance and offers the capability to power up future office staff desk VoIP telephones.

Secure Disposal of Hard Disk Drives and Media Tapes

A company called "SECURIS" recently securely retrieved and destroyed 140 hard drives and 215 media tapes. The company has since provided a Certificate of Destruction with serialized reporting listing the destroyed hard disk drives and media. This is a requirement of the State Department of Information Technology, the Office of Legislative Audits, and DGS' guidelines for disposal of such sensitive items.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT
February 23, 2017

Court Decisions

1. The Court of Appeals issued its decision in *Lamone v. Schlakman, et al.*, No. 50, September Term 2016 (Feb. 1, 2017), providing the reasoning for its earlier *per curiam* order vacating the restraining order that the circuit court had issued and remanding with instructions to dismiss the complaint as untimely filed. *Lamone v. Schlakman, et al.*, Maryland Court of Appeals, No. 50, September Term 2016 (Oct. 18, 2016) (*per curiam* order). The Court held that (a) plaintiffs' challenge Mr. Sparaco's candidacy must be brought under § 12-202 of the Election Law Article, not § 6-209, and was untimely under that provision's 10-day filing deadline; and (b) the filing deadline for candidates who seek nomination by petition is the first Monday in August, as provided by § 5-703(d)(1).

2. The Circuit Court for Baltimore City dismissed the complaint filed in *Voters Organized for the Integrity of City Elections, et al. ("V.O.I.C.E.") v. Baltimore City Board of Elections, et al.*, Balt. City Cir. Ct., Case No. 24-C-16-006082 (Feb. 12, 2017). The Court ruled that the plaintiffs had failed to plead compliance with the notice provision of the Maryland Tort Claims Act.

3. The Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County dismissed the petition for mandamus filed by William T. Newton, a candidate in the Republican Party primary for the 7th Congressional District who sought to compel a new election based on reported voting irregularities in Baltimore City. *Newton v. Lamone*, Case No. C-02-CV-16-001792 (Feb. 6, 2017).

4. *Parrott v. Lamone*, No. 16-588 (U.S. Supreme Court). On January 9, 2017, the U.S. Supreme Court dismissed plaintiffs' appeal for want of jurisdiction, which leaves in place the three-judge court order granting our motion to dismiss for lack of standing. *Parrott v. Lamone*, No. 1:15-cv-01849-GLR (D. Md. Aug. 24, 2016).

Litigation Status Updates

5. *Shapiro v. McManus, et al.*, No. 1:13-cv-03233-JKB (D. Md.), re-captioned *Benisek v. Lamone*. The parties continue to engage in discovery. A single judge of the three-court federal district court ordered Sen. President Miller and House Speaker Busch to appear for depositions into the 2010 redistricting process. Those non-parties have sought review of that order by the three-judge court and the depositions have been stayed pending the decision of the three-judge court. The single judge also quashed plaintiff's demand, under Rule 30(b)(6), that defendants identify a designee to testify on behalf of the State in a deposition, concluding that the topics sought to be covered by the deposition were unduly burdensome and overly broad. The plaintiffs will have an

opportunity to seek review of that decision by the three-judge court, but have not yet done so.

6. *Dorsey v. Lamone*, No. 1:15-cv-02170-GLR (D. Md.). The Attorney General's Office, with the assistance and support of SBE staff, offered amendments to H.B. 529 to implement the settlement reached in *Dorsey v. Lamone*. In that case, the plaintiff challenged the constitutionality of the requirement that independent candidates obtain approximately 40,000 signatures to appear on the general election ballot when minor party candidates are only required to obtain 10,000. After the court denied the State Board's motion to dismiss, the parties agreed to settle the case on terms that required SBE to (a) accept fewer signatures for the 2016 general election and (b) recommend appropriate legislative action to remove the disparity in ballot access requirements. The committee hearing on the proposed amendments was held at 1:00 p.m. on February 23, 2017.

7. *Bouchat v. Maryland*, No. 1:15-cv-02417-ELH (D. Md.). After the three-judge panel dismissed his amended complaint, Mr. Bouchat filed a notice of appeal with the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, which rejected it on the grounds that appeals from the decisions of three-judge panels go directly to the Supreme Court. On January 24, 2017, the Supreme Court returned Mr. Bouchat's notice of appeal for failure to comply with its filing requirements.

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Memorandum

TO: State Board Members
FROM: Jared DeMarinis, Director
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
DATE: February 23, 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 twenty-three waiver request, for the month of February. No Board action is required on the denials. Late fees collected year to date for Late Fee Waivers are \$18, 3904.35.

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

Approved

1. Ali, Saqib Friends of
2. Andreson, Mark Friends of
3. Bishop, John Committee to Elect
4. Bowser, Alan Friends of
5. Carabetta, Joe Citizens for
6. FCYR (Frederick Co. Young Republicans) PAC
7. Friends of the Anne Arundel Co. Judges Slate
8. Gifford, Norman Friends to Elect Jr.
9. Griffin, Alfred V. Friends For
10. Hamilton, (Anthony) For City Council
11. Insurance and Financial Advisors Pac-MD
12. James, Michael Committee to Elect
13. Leach, Rodney Committee to Elect
14. Legaluppi, Francesco Friends of
15. Magee, Peggy 2014 Friends of
16. Phillips, Mike Citizens For
17. Reclaim DC
18. Rose, Cindy Friends of
19. Shelton-Martin, Wanda
20. Staton, Rashad Friends of
21. Ward, Latasha Friends of
22. White, Michael Citizens for
23. Whitney, David Citizens for
24. Widmyer, Mark Citizens to Elect
25. Woolford, Deborah E. Friends of

Denied

1. Anderson, John Friends Of
2. Barclay, Christopher Friends Of
3. Burris, Rodney C. Friends Of
4. Chamber Pac, The Maryland
5. Crum, Gary Friends of
6. Day, Jamar for Citizens
7. District 14 Team Slate
8. Ebron, Kenneth committee to Elect
9. Friends of Charles Rowe
10. Hector, Leon Sr. Citizens for Change In Government
11. Kimbrough, Gwendolyn Love Friends of
12. Marriage Alliance-No on 6, Maryland
13. Mercer, Timothy Friends of
14. Riha, Richard for Citizens
15. Rowe, (Charles) Tolbert Friends of
16. Royalty, Ahmed The Citizens for
17. Rutherford, Anne Friends of
18. Scott, Kiniji Pierre Friends of
19. Smigiel, Mike friends of
20. Stick, Gordon for Baltimore
21. Tiedeman, Steve Committee to Elect
22. Welch, Agnes Committee For
23. Welch, William Pete Friends of

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Ali, Saqib Friends Of	
CCF ID:	01002911	Status: Active
Date Established	7/19/05	
Date Waiver Requested	2/02/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Susan Ali	Start Date: 1/22/09
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Syed Ali	11/09/10
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

6/13/14 late fee \$130 paid
 1/16/13 late fee \$90 paid
 7/15/11 late fee \$250 paid

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

The committee filed the 2018 report by mistake.

Division Comments

Grant, committee file report on the 1/14/17.

Administrator's Decision



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

Fwd: 2018 Annual Report

1 message

info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Thu, Feb 2, 2017 at 8:21 AM

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From: **Saqib Ali** <saqib.ali.75@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Feb 1, 2017 at 4:57 PM
Subject: Re: 2018 Annual Report
To: info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

Yes Jared! It was a mistake. I subsequently filed a 2017 report as soon as I was notified that I was being fined.

Can you please waive the \$80 fine?

- Saqib

On Wed, Feb 1, 2017 at 4:44 PM, <info.sbe@maryland.gov> wrote:

Memorandum

TO: Chairperson and Treasurer
FROM: Jared DeMarinis, Director
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
DATE: February 1, 2017
SUBJECT: 2018 Annual Report

Our office has indicated that your committee has filed the 1/17/2018 Annual Report. The Candidacy and Campaign Finance Division is inquiring if this report was filed by mistake. If so, please give our office a call at 410.269.2880.

Additionally, please **verify** that the committee has filed the 1/18/2017 Annual Report. If not, please log into the Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System and file the 1/18/2017 report immediately.

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Anderson, Mark Friends of	
CCF ID:	01009617	Status: Active
Date Established	1/02/14	
Date Waiver Requested	1/24/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	John Wisniewski	Start Date:1/02/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Anne Anderson	1/02/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/24/17	\$60	\$60
			\$	\$
			Total	\$60

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
1/18/17	\$2500	\$0	\$3688	\$82,750
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Mr. Wisniewski the treasurer pass after a short illness.
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Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

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

January 20, 2017

Friends of Mark Anderson
P.O. Box 460
Stevensville, MD 21666

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Mark Anderson and my campaign committee is registered with you as 'Friends of Mark Anderson'. I am an incumbent Queen Anne's County Commissioner and have an on-going campaign committee.

Regrettably, my campaign treasurer, John J. Wisniewski, Jr. was in extremely bad health beginning in November of 2016 and continuing until his death on December 30th, 2016.

As you might imagine, this was a very trying time for the Wisniewski family and their friends. As a result, things such as my campaign reports understandably fell by the wayside and I am in the process of catching up my filings.

My campaign had minimal activity during the last reporting period. I am in the process of identifying a new, permanent Treasurer for my campaign committee and will file the necessary paperwork with your office promptly. The current report has been completed and is attached to this letter.

I am requesting a one-time waiver of the fines associated with the late filing of this report due to the circumstances. Your understanding would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Mark A. Anderson
Friends of Mark Anderson

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Bishop, John, Committee to Elect	
CCF ID:	01010539	Status: Active
Date Established	2/25/14	
Date Waiver Requested	1/26/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Sally Bishop	Start Date: 2/25/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	John Bishop	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

Since the last report we moved, and the reminder cards were sent to the previous address.

Division Comments

Grant, first request for waiver.

Administrator's Decision

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John J. Bishop
7917 McNeal Farm Circle
Baltimore, Maryland 21237
Home: 410-661-5401 Cell: 443-799-9971
E mail: johnbishop23@yahoo.com

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

January 26, 2017

State Board of Elections
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
151 West Street, Suite 200/P.O. Box 6486
Annapolis, MD 21401 -0486

Re: Committee to Elect John Bishop
CCF ID: 01010539
2017 Annual Report
Late Fees

Please waive the late fees associated with the late filing of this report. Since the last report we have moved and the reminder cards were sent to our previous address. Also, the file with my reports were still in a box that I just found.

I apologies for the delay.

Please correct your files to reflect my current address and that of my treasurer Sally Bishop to the following:

John J. Bishop & Sally K. Bishop
7917 McNeal Farm Circle
Baltimore, Maryland 21237
Home: 410-661-5401 Cell: 443-799-9971
E mail: johnbishop23@yahoo.com

Thank You.

Sincerely,



John J. Bishop
Candidate & Chairman



Sally K. Bishop
Treasurer

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Bowser, Alan Friends of	
CCF ID:	01010432	Status: Active
Date Established	2/21/14	
Date Waiver Requested	1/23/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	William Earley	Start Date: 2/21/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Charlotte Coffield	2/21/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/23/17	\$50	\$50
			\$	\$
			Total	\$50

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

11/18/14 late fee \$20 paid
10/24/14 late fee \$140 paid

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

The treasurer William Earley passed away.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

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Fwd: Requesting Waiver of Violation Fee - Failure to File Timely - Friends of Alan Bowser

1 message

info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Mon, Jan 23, 2017 at 4:09 PM

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From: **Alan Bowser** <alan.bowser@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 23, 2017 at 3:59 PM
Subject: Requesting Waiver of Violation Fee - Failure to File Timely - Friends of Alan Bowser
To: info.sbe@maryland.gov
Cc: "Alan S. Bowser" <alan.bowser@gmail.com>, Charlotte Coffield <CACoffield@aol.com>

Mr. Jared DeMarnis, Director
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance

Dear Mr. DeMarnis:

I am requesting a waiver of the Violation Amount of \$50.00 for timely Failure to File the 2017 Annual Report. The report was filed today.

Our Failure to File was due to death of our campaign treasurer, William Earley.

Following a conversation with someone in your office two weeks ago, I reported his passing and attempted to remove his name as Treasurer of Friends of Alan Bowser, while at the same time trying to file the Affidavit of Limited Expenditures.

The Candidate Registration page indicates that I reported that his service as treasurer ending on January 10, 2017, although he had passed away before that date.

Since then I have been trying unsuccessfully to file the Affidavit, but the site indicated that I was unable to do so. I did call many times, but was unable to speak to a representative of your office.

I learned today that only the Campaign Chairperson, Charlotte Coffield, was able to file the Affidavit, in the absence of our treasurer. Again, with help from you office, we received a temporary password, logged onto the site and filed the document.

We request a waiver of the \$50 violation fee because, in good faith, we tried to file the Affidavit before it was due. We hope that, because of the death of William Earley, the Division will waive the violation fee.

Thank you for your consideration this matter.

Alan Bowser
Friends of Alan Bowser
Silver Spring, MD
alan.bowser@gmail.com

Alan S. Bowser, Esq.
409 Deerfield Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910
www.alanbowser.com

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Carabetta, Joe Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01011281	Status: Active
Date Established	01/13/16	
Date Waiver Requested	2/01/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Ellen Larrimore	Start Date: 1/13/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Diane Carabetta	1/13/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/16		11/28/16	\$60	\$60
			\$	\$
			Total	\$60

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

4/15/16 late fee \$20 paid

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

Campaign treasurer was ill, committee chair had death in the family.

Division Comments

Grant, for the above reasons.

Administrator's Decision

Ellen D. Larrimore
1347 Wilson Road Rising Sun, MD 21911

Diane D. Carabetta
1611 Carpenters Point Road, Perryville, MD 21903

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

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Re: Carabetta Late Fee Bill – 2016 Post-General Presidential

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Dear Mr.DeMarinis,

We are in receipt of your letter dated 10 January, 2017 concerning a late campaign report.

We want to let you know the unfortunate set of circumstances that led to this report being late.

The campaign treasurer was diagnosed with a life threatening aggressively serious illness and was undergoing a series of treatments that made her very sick. She was deathly ill. This was combined with another tragic situation, the chairperson, Diane's mother-in-law and mother (98 years old) of the former candidate was dropped on the floor by a substitute caregiver and broke her hip, which required hospitalization, surgery, skilled nursing care, and subsequently died right around the time of the report due date. She lived in northern reaches of PA which required several emergency trips to deal with the situation. We were overwhelmed with severe issues facing the team.

All this combined made it virtually impossible for the chairperson and treasurer to coordinate to file said report by the due date just prior to Thanksgiving.

We respectfully ask you understanding and request that you waive the late fee.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ellen Larrimore for
Ellen Larrimore

Ellen D. Larrimore, Treasurer

Diane D. Carabetta

Diane D. Carabetta, Campaign Chair

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	FCYR (Frederick Co. Young Republicans) PAC	
CCF ID:	03011500	Status: Inactive
Date Established	9/09/16	
Date Waiver Requested	12/15/16	
Account Type	PAC Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Eric Maranga	Start Date: 9/09/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Andrew Nehring	9/09/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
10/28/16		11/22/16	\$310	\$310
			\$	\$
			Total	\$310

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

None new committee.

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

This is my first time operating a PAC, I was unaware filings were due as I raise no money.
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Division Comments

Grant first request

Administrator's Decision

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State of Maryland

Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Fredrick Co. Young Republican PAC Account Number: 03011500

Date of Request: 12/15/16 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 310.00

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Andrew P. Nehring

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 2016 Pre-General 2

The basis for the request: This is my first time operating a PAC. I was unaware of filings being due since the PAC raised no money (we don't even have a bank account). Nonetheless, once I became aware of this honest mistake - it was too late.

I would greatly appreciate the board forgiving/relieving me of these fines on the basis of my ignorance of Maryland Campaign Finance Law.

Thank you for your time + Consideration.

- Andrew P. Nehring

(Signature)

12/15/16
(Date)

For Board Use Only

Date Rcvd: _____ Date Heard: _____

Verification: _____

Bd. Decision. _____

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Friends of the Anne Arundel Co. Judges Slate	
CCF ID:	02011282	Status: Active
Date Established	1/15/16	
Date Waiver Requested	11/14/1	
Account Type	Slate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Gregory Jimeno	Start Date: 1/15/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	David Putzi	1/15/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
10/28/16		11/07/16	\$160	\$160
			\$	\$
			Total	\$160

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No prior's new committee.

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
10/28/16	\$26,722	\$6959	\$46362	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The report was inadvertently filed as a preview, we failed to hit the file to state button.

Division Comments

Grant, first time request.

Administrator's Decision

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Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Friends of the Anne Arundel Co Judges Slate Account Number: 02011282

Date of Request: 11/9/16 Total Amount of late fees: \$250.00

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Gregory P. Jimeno

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

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): Pre-General 2 Report
Presidential

The basis for the request: On October 27, 2016, an attempt to file this report was made via the Maryland Campaign Online System, a day before the report was due (See attached), the completed report was inadvertently filed as a "preview" as opposed to being officially filed. An email was sent on Friday, November 4, 2016, notifying the Treasurer that the report had not been filed. On Monday, November 7, 2016, I called the Board of Elections to address the problem and the report was promptly filed at 9:30 a.m. that morning. The campaign has a history of filing the reports on time and even early on several occasions. As such, please waive the fines.

(Signature) [Handwritten Signature]

11/10/16 (Date)

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Date Rcvd: _____ Date Heard: _____
Verification: _____
Bd. Decision: _____

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Gifford, Norman Friends to Elect Jr.	
CCF ID:	01009288	Status: Inactive
Date Established	6/17/13	
Date Waiver Requested	10/21/16	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Pat Ecke	Start Date: 10/21/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Norman Gifford	10/21/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
12/18/15 Audit		6/13/16	\$500	\$500
			\$	\$
			Total	\$500

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/20/16 referred to OSP
 10/21/14 late fee \$20 paid
 6/13/14 late fee \$100 paid

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

Per agreement with OSP

Division Comments

Grant per OSP agreement.

Administrator's Decision

State of Maryland



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Campaign Account Name: FRIENDS of Norman GIFFORD Committee Account Number: _____

Date of Request: 10/21/16 Total Amount of late fees: \$ _____

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Patricia Ecke

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

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

The basis for the request: Per agreement with
State Prosecutor

Patricia Ecke
(Signature)

10/21/2016
(Date)

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Verification: _____	
Bd. Decision. _____	

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RECONSIDERATION Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Hamilton, (Anthony) For City Council	
CCF ID:	01007303	Status: Inactive
Date Established	3/11/11	
Date Waiver Requested	11/07/16	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Tonza Simmons	Start Date: 3/11/11
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Tony Hamilton	3/11/11
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
3/22/16		7/14/16	\$500	\$500
4/15/16		7/14/16	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$1000

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

<p>1/20/16 late fee \$500 referred to OSP 1/21/15 late fee \$500 referred to OSP 1/15/14 late fee \$250 referred to OSP</p>

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

The committee filed a final report

Division Comments

Grant per OSP agreement.

Administrator's Decision

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

Hamilton, (Anthony) for City Council

1 message

Patricia Ramallosa -SBE- <patricia.ramallosa@maryland.gov>

Mon, Nov 7, 2016 at 11:47 AM

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

Hi Vicks,

I would like to refer this committee for request for waiver of late fees.

Per Jared, the committee filed a final report, thereby it is appropriate to request for a waiver of late fees rather than administrative closure.

Thank you,

Pat

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Patricia D. Ramallosa
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E-mail: patricia.ramallosa@maryland.gov

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	James, Michael Committee To Elect	
CCF ID:	01003225	Status: Active
Date Established	3/10/06	
Date Waiver Requested	1/27/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Esmond Whitman	Start Date: 3/10/06
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Robert Cook	1/29/10
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

8/14/07 late fee \$80 paid

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I recognized it was my error, it is hoped you will consider that I attempted to file the 2017 report.

Division Comments

Grant, committee filed 2018 report by mistake.

Administrator's Decision



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

Fwd: Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System - File Affidavit (ALCE)

1 message

info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Fri, Jan 27, 2017 at 12:10 PM

Waiver request.

Michael James

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

From: **E Philip Whitman** <e.p.whitman@icloud.com>
Date: Fri, Jan 27, 2017 at 12:04 PM
Subject: Re: Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System - File Affidavit (ALCE)
To: info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

Thanks for the quick response. Yes, please delete the 2018 ALCE report.

In addition, I would like to request a waiver of \$70 of the \$80 late fee, reducing it to a one day, \$10 fee. While I recognize it was my error, it is hoped you will consider that I had attempted to file on 1/18/17. In addition the account has been inactive for several years now, and I don't think I have ever been late in the past.

I appreciate your consideration.

Esmond Whitman

On Jan 27, 2017, at 11:53 AM, info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov> wrote:

The correct report was filed and the late fee stopped at \$80. Do you need us to delete the 2018 Annual ALCE as being filed?

On Fri, Jan 27, 2017 at 11:20 AM, E Philip Whitman <e.p.whitman@icloud.com> wrote:

OK, sorry for the error. I filed the corrected affidavit yesterday. Is there anything else I need to do?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 26, 2017, at 2:47 PM, info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov> wrote:

The report that you filed is the report that is due next year. You had access to the 2018 Annual report because it was filed the day after the 2017 Annual report was due. The report selection is in a dropdown box and it always has the next report that is due set as the default.

On Thu, Jan 26, 2017 at 2:03 PM, Phil Whitman <epwhitman@comcast.net> wrote:

Re: Committee To Elect Michael James

Hello,

I've been receiving emails that our Campaign Finance report is past due and a fee of \$20 per day is being assessed. We had no activity during the past 12 months, and as you can see in the email below which you sent me, I filed a Affidavit of Limited Contributions

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Insurance and Financial Advisors PAC-MD	
CCF ID:	03007806	Status: Active
Date Established	7/15/88	
Date Waiver Requested	2/03/17	
Account Type	PAC Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Tammy Gladstone	Start Date: 8/10/11
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Will Franklin	10/21/15
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

3/23/12 late fee \$20 Paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
1/18/17	\$855	\$00	\$88,246	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The report was completed on line and thought to have been submitted.
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Division Comments

Grant, committee filed 2018 by mistake.

Administrator's Decision

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Fwd: Insurance and Financial Advisors PAC-MD (Entity Number: 03007806)

1 message

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

Fri, Feb 3, 2017 at 2:34 PM

Vicky:

A waiver request to process. Thanks.

Jared DeMarinis
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From: **Tammy Gladstone** <tammy.gladstone.l8dy@statefarm.com>
Date: Fri, Feb 3, 2017 at 12:15 PM
Subject: Insurance and Financial Advisors PAC-MD (Entity Number: 03007806)
To: "Linda.lamone@maryland.gov" <Linda.lamone@maryland.gov>, "Jared.demarinis@maryland.gov" <Jared.demarinis@maryland.gov>

Dear Ms. LaMone & Mr. Demarinis:

It recently came to our attention that the Campaign Finance Report for the period ending January 11, 2017 and due on January 18, 2017 was not received by the State Board of Elections. That report was completed on-line on January 15 and was thought to have been submitted. Apparently, there was a mistake on our end. As a consequence, we have accrued fines totaling \$130. That report was submitted correctly on January 31, 2017.

Our PAC has always submitted all campaign finance reports in a timely manner, and this is the first time we have been late – not due to negligence but an honest mistake in properly submitting the report to the state.

Under the above circumstances, we are respectfully requesting that the late fees be waived. Attached is the Preview copy of the report, which shows the report was completed on January 15, although, apparently not submitted correctly.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tammy Gladstone, Treasurer

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Leach, Rodney Committee to Elect	
CCF ID:	01011267	Status: Active
Date Established	12/29/15	
Date Waiver Requested	2/01/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Melvin Carter	Start Date:12/29/15
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	RodneyLeach	12/29/15
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/16		12/05/16	\$130	\$130
8/30/16		9/12/16	\$190	\$190
			Total	\$320

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

4/15/16 late fee \$160

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

This was our first campaign, I was unaware that there was a penalty for not filing a zero report. This was not willful neglect rather an accident.

Division Comments

First request reduce fee to half.

Administrator's Decision

Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Committee to Elect Rodney Leach

Account Number: 0101267 Date of Request: 01/27/2016

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Melvin Carter

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Fund Report(s): 08/30/2016
11/22/2016

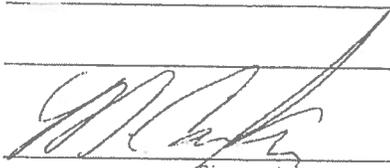
Total Amount of late fees: \$ 320.00

The basis for the request: This was our first campaign and I was unaware that there was a penalty for not filing a zero report. I now understand the importance of these filings and am committed to exceeding the filing deadlines. This was not willful neglect rather an accident.

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1/27/17
(Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Legaluppi, Francesco Friends of	
CCF ID:	01011194	Status: Active
Date Established	10/13/15	
Date Waiver Requested	10/26/16	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Rebecca Sheppard	Start Date: 10/13/15
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Fran Legaluppi	10/13/15
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
8/30/16		8/31/16	\$20	\$20
			\$	\$
			Total	\$20

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

None

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I filed the report one day late could you please waive the fee as a first time abatement.

Division Comments

Grant committee filed one day late, no priors.
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Administrator's Decision

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

Fwd: Waiver of late filing fee for Campaign Filing

1 message

info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Wed, Oct 26, 2016 at 10:10 AM

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From: **Rebecca Sheppard** <sheppard.j.rebecca@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 25, 2016 at 8:59 PM
Subject: Waiver of late filing fee for Campaign Filing
To: info.sbe@maryland.gov
Cc: Francesco Legaluppi <francesco@legaluppi.com>

Hello,

I am the treasurer of for the Friends of Francesco Legaluppi. I filed the last campaign finance report (filed August 31), one day late and we received a late filing fee. Could you please waive this fee as a first time abatement?

Thank you,
Rebecca Sheppard

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Magee, Peggy 2014 Friends of
CCF ID:	01009435
Date Established	9/26/13
Date Waiver Requested	11/10/16
Account Type	Candidate Account

Officers

Current Treasurer	Janay Reid	Start Date: 5/06/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	N/A	
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/20/16		1/26/16	\$60	\$60
			\$	\$
			Total	\$60

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

11/18/14 referred to OSP	1/21/15 referred to OSP
8/26/14 referred to OSP	
10/24/14 late fee \$120 paid	
5/27/14 late fee 140 paid	

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

The following 2016 annual report has been closed as de minimus by OSP.

Division Comments

Grant, per OSP agreement.

Administrator's Decision



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

Fwd: De Minimus Violation Closures

1 message

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

Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 9:39 AM

Waivers for the next meeting. OSP declined to prosecute the matters.

Jared DeMarinis
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From: **Katherine Anthony -OSPMD-** <katherine.anthony@maryland.gov>
Date: Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 9:36 AM
Subject: De Minimus Violation Closures
To: Jared DeMarinis -SBE- <Jared.DeMarinis@maryland.gov>
Cc: Ebony Parran <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>, Patricia Ramallosa -SBE- <patricia.ramallosa@maryland.gov>

Mr. DeMarinis,

The following 2016 Annual referrals have been closed as de minimus by our office. Please make sure the closure of these violations is reflected on MD CRIS.

1. Clendaniel, Carlton VF \$70
2. Magee, Peggy 2014 FO \$60
3. Phillips, Mike CF \$80
4. Shelton-Martin, W anda FO \$10
5. To Tell the Truth, MD PAC \$70
6. Woolford, Deborah E. FO \$70

Thanks,

Katherine Anthony, Esq.

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Phillips, Mike Citizens For	
CCF ID:	01005329	Status: Active
Date Established	8/28/09	
Date Waiver Requested	11/10/16	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Robin Phillips	Start Date: 8/28/09
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Larry Phillips	8/28/09
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/20/16		1/28/16	\$80	\$80
			\$	\$
			Total	\$80

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/18/12 late fee \$250 paid
 11/23/10 late fee \$250 paid
 10/22/10 late fee \$20 paid

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

The following 2016 annual report has been closed as de minimus by OSP

Division Comments

Grant, per OSP agreement.

Administrator's Decision



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

Fwd: De Minimus V iolation Closures

1 message

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

Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 9:39 AM

Waivers for the next meeting. OSP declined to prosecute the matters.

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From: **Katherine Anthony -OSPMD-** <katherine.anthony@maryland.gov>
Date: Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 9:36 AM
Subject: De Minimus V iolation Closures
To: Jared DeMarinis -SBE- <Jared.DeMarinis@maryland.gov>
Cc: Ebony Parran <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>, Patricia Ramallosa -SBE- <patricia.ramallosa@maryland.gov>

Mr. DeMarinis,

The following 2016 Annual referrals have been closed as de minimus by our office. Please make sure the closure of these violations is reflected on MD CRIS.

1. Clendaniel, Carlton VF \$70
2. Magee, Peggy 2014 FO \$60
3. Phillips, Mike CF \$80
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5. To Tell the Truth, MD PAC \$70
6. Woolford, Deborah E. FO \$70

Thanks,

Katherine Anthony, Esq.

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Reclaim DC PAC	
CCF ID:	03011484	Status: Inactive
Date Established	8/08/16	
Date Waiver Requested	11/17/16	
Account Type	PAC Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Lori Serenda	Start Date: 8/08/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	David Serenda	8/08/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
8/30/16		9/06/16	\$130	\$130
			\$	\$
			Total	\$130

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

None new committee

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

The PAC is focus entirely on federal elections and has no intention to become involved in state races at any level.

Division Comments

Grant, the committee mistakenly registered with the state but are a federal committee.
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Administrator's Decision

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

Fwd: Reclaim DC PAC

1 message

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

Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 7:22 PM

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

Waiver request and closeout request.

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

email sent from my phone.

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

From: "David Serenda" <dserenda@reclaimdc.com>

Date: Nov 17, 2016 4:30 PM

Subject: Reclaim DC PAC

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

Cc: "Lori Serenda" <lserenda@reagan.com>

Jared,

Thank you for taking time to speak with me about my PAC, Reclaim DC, and my mistake in establishing it through the Maryland Board of Elections. The PAC is focused entirely on federal elections and has no intention to become involved in state races at any level. In my desire to adhere to the strictest form of the law I obviously went overboard. As a result I was late on filing our first report and incurred a fine. I am respectfully asking the board to waive the fine and terminate the PAC.

Thank You

David Serenda

Chairman Reclaim DC

443.889.5023

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Rose, Cindy Friends of	
CCF ID:	01011438	Status: Active
Date Established	2/24/16	
Date Waiver Requested	1/30/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Melissa Hoerr	Start Date: 2/24/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Cindy Rose	2/24/16
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

4/15/16 late fee \$20 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
1/18/17	\$0	\$0	\$-348	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I had difficulty logging into the system, and somehow filed the 2018 report.

Division Comments

Grant, committee file 2018 report by mistake.

Administrator's Decision

Cindy A. Rose
4213 Catholic Church Road
Knoxville, Maryland 21758

January 28, 2017

Victoria Molina
State Board of Elections
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

RE: Campaign Finance Report

Ms. Molina,

This letter is to request a waiver in the penalty for filing a late Campaign Finance Report.

As you may recall from my e-mails I had difficulty logging into the system and when I did I somehow filed a "2018" finance report on January 19, 2017. I assumed it was the correct year as I don't recall there being any other options to select from and we've never been able to file a report "before" it's due date.

Thank you for your continued assistance in this matter.



CINDY A. ROSE
Enclosures

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Shelton-Martin, Wanda Friends Of
CCF ID:	01005225
Date Established	3/09/09
Date Waiver Requested	11/10/16
Account Type	Candidate Account

Officers

Current Treasurer	Ashley Shelton	Start Date: 1/16/13
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Wanda Martin	Start Date: 3/09/09
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

1118/14 late fee \$250
 6/13/14 referred to OSP
 1/15/14 waived \$250

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

The following annual report has been closed as de minimus by OSP.

Division Comments

Grant, per OSP agreement.

Administrator's Decision



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

Fwd: De Minimus V iolation Closures

1 message

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

Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 9:39 AM

Waivers for the next meeting. OSP declined to prosecute the matters.

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: **Katherine Anthony -OSPMD-** <katherine.anthony@maryland.gov>
Date: Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 9:36 AM
Subject: De Minimus V iolation Closures
To: Jared DeMarinis -SBE- <Jared.DeMarinis@maryland.gov>
Cc: Ebony Parran <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>, Patricia Ramallosa -SBE- <patricia.ramallosa@maryland.gov>

Mr. DeMarinis,

The following 2016 Annual referrals have been closed as de minimus by our office. Please make sure the closure of these violations is reflected on MD CRIS.

1. Clendaniel, Carlton VF \$70
2. Magee, Peggy 2014 FO \$60
3. Phillips, Mike CF \$80
4. Shelton-Martin, W anda FO \$10
5. To Tell the Truth, MD PAC \$70
6. Woolford, Deborah E. FO \$70

Thanks,

Katherine Anthony, Esq.

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Staton, Rashad Friends of	
CCF ID:	01011370	Status: Active
Date Established	2/03/16	
Date Waiver Requested	1/12/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Lamontre Randall	Start Date: 2/03/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Tyeisha Blair	2/03/16
Responsible Chairman	N/A	

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/16		1/06/17	\$450	\$450
10/28/16		1/06/17	\$500	\$500
8/30/16		1/12/17	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$1450

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

None

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
11/22/16	\$0	\$0	\$110	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I am a college student, I took on the position for a friend, I didn't know enough about accounting or closing out the account.

Division Comments

Reduce fee to \$950.00

Administrator's Decision

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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 Rashad Station Account Number: 01011370

Date of Request: 1/12/17 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 1,450

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Lamontre, Randall

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 2016 Presidential Post-General
2016 Presidential Pre-General 1/2
2016 Presidential Pre-General 1

The basis for the request: I am requesting a waiver for late fees. I am a recent graduate of college with a lot of student loan debt. I took on this position as treasurer for a friend who wanted to create change within his impoverished community. I took on the task without knowing enough about accounting or closing out the account using the system. I have worked closely with your staff which included driving from Baltimore to Annapolis to resolve the issue. Please help me.

[Signature] 1/12/17
(Date)

For Board Use Only	
Date Recd: _____	Date Heard: _____
Verification: _____	
By: _____	

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Ward, LaTasha Friends of	
CCF ID:	01009989	Status: Active
Date Established	2/25/14	
Date Waiver Requested	1/26/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Ajalía Hall	Start Date: 1/12/17
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Latasha Ward	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

1/20/16 waived \$375
7/15/14 late fee \$10

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

Committee file 2018 report instead of 2017.

Division Comments

Grant, 2018 report was filed timely.

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 Latasha Ward Account Number: 01009989

Date of Request: 1/26/17 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 80

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Latasha Ward

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

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 1/18/2017

The basis for the request: mistakenly filed the 2018 instead of the 2017 on January 12, 2017

(Signature) [Handwritten Signature]

RECEIVED 1/26/17 (Date)

For Board Use Only
Date Rcvd: _____ Date Heard: _____
Verification: _____
Bd. Decision. _____

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	White, Michael Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01010358	Status: Active
Date Established	2/25/14	
Date Waiver Requested	1/27/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Eileen Burgess	Start Date: 2/25/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Michael White	2/25/14
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

The committee filed the 2018 report in error, and has since sent the correct report.
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Division Comments

Grant, 2018 filed by error.

Administrator's Decision

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Fwd: Send data from MFP07673353 01/27/2017 14:52

1 message

Michael White

Eileen Burgess <eburgess@compassmarketinginc.com>
To: ebony.parran@maryland.gov

Fri, Jan 27, 2017 at 3:05 PM

Hi Ebony-

Thanks you so much for your time and help today. I really appreciate it.

I have attached a file that includes

- my INCORRECT filing of a report due in 2018,
- the confirming email of receipt of that report
- the notice of non compliance fees for the one that was due this year
- the copy of the CORRECT report filed
- the copy of the email confirming receipt of this report

I would ask for your consideration in removing the fees associated with this error.

I would also like to ask if I need to 'cancel' the 2018 report filed erroneously so that it returns to the list of reports due. I am not exactly sure how to correct that part.

Thank you again-
and have a good weekend

Eileen Burgess

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From: **Compass Marketing #18573** <printer@compassmarketinginc.com>
Date: Fri, Jan 27, 2017 at 2:52 PM
Subject: Send data from MFP07673353 01/27/2017 14:52
To: Eileen Burgess <eburgess@compassmarketinginc.com>

Scanned from MFP07673353
Date: 01/27/2017 14:52
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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Whitney, David, Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01010854	Status: Active
Date Established	02/24/14	
Date Waiver Requested	1/30/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Sherrie Ward	Start Date:
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	David Whitney	
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

11/18/14 late fee \$190 paid

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I came into the office as I was not able to access the information, after speaking with one of your staff members we were able to resolve the issue.

Division Comments

Grant, staff members work with Mr. Whitney to resolved access to account.

Administrator's Decision



Ebony Parran -SBE- <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>

Fwd: Candidate David Whitney

1 message

David Whitney <dwhitney@theamericanview.com>
To: ebony.parran@maryland.gov

Mon, Jan 30, 2017 at 10:31 AM

From: **David Whitney** <dwhitney@theamericanview.com>
Date: Mon, Jan 30, 2017 at 10:30 AM
Subject: Candidate David Whitney
To: ebony.parran@maryland.gov

State Election Board.

I David Whitney came into the 151 W. Street office the morning of Jan 18, 2017 to resolve the problem I was having accessing my campaign account as the campaign chairman. We were unable to resolve that issue in the office there that morning. Ebony kindly helped in discerning that the software company would have to be contacted to resolve the issue. Thus I was unable to complete the filing that day and am awaiting the resolution at this date.
David Whitney

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Widmyer, Mark L. Citizens to Elect	
CCF ID:	01009342	Status: Inactive
Date Established	8/08/13	
Date Waiver Requested	11/07/16	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Linda Widmyer	Start Date: 8/08/13
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Mark Widmyer	8/08/13
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/08/14		8/27/15	\$250	\$250
			\$	\$
			Total	\$250

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/21/15 referred to OSP
 10/24/14 referred to OSP
 8/26/14 referred to OSP

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
11/18/14	\$0	\$0	\$31	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Close out account per OSP.

Division Comments

Grant per OSP agreement.

Administrator's Decision



Patricia Sullivan -SBE- <patricia.sullivan@maryland.gov>

Fwd: CTE Mark L. Widmyer

1 message

Ebony Parran -SBE- <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>
To: Patricia Sullivan -SBE- <patricia.sullivan@maryland.gov>

Mon, Jul 25, 2016 at 10:36 AM

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From: **Jared DeMarinis -SBE-** <jared.demarinis@maryland.gov>
Date: Mon, Jan 4, 2016 at 10:47 AM
Subject: Fwd: CTE Mark L. Widmyer
To: "Ebony R. Parran -SBE-" <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>

Let's close this account if possible. 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

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From: **Katherine Anthony -OSPMD-** <katherine.anthony@maryland.gov>
Date: Mon, Dec 28, 2015 at 9:59 AM
Subject: CTE Mark L. Widmyer
To: Jared DeMarinis -SBE- <Jared.DeMarinis@maryland.gov>

Mr. DeMarinis,

This email serves to inform you that our office will be closing all remaining referrals for the above named committee. It is my understanding that the late reports were the result of an error with the MD CRIS system, and, as such, I am declining to prosecute this matter. Please begin the process of administrative closure for this committee so we do not receive further referrals.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Best,

Katherine Anthony, Esq.

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katherine.anthony@maryland.gov

Ebony R. Sherbert-Parran

Maryland State Board of Elections

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Woolford, Deborah E. Friends of	
CCF ID:	01006611	Status: Active
Date Established	6/30/10	
Date Waiver Requested	11/10/16	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Earl Parker	Start Date: 6/30/10
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Deb Woolford	6/30/10
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/20/16		1/27/16	\$70	\$70
			\$	\$
			Total	\$70

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

7/15/14 referred to OSP
 11/23/10 late fee \$250 paid
 10/22/10 late fee \$120 paid

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

The following 2016 annual report has been closed as de minimus by OSP.

Division Comments

Grant, per OSP agreement.

Administrator's Decision



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

Fwd: De Minimus V iolation Closures

1 message

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

Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 9:39 AM

Waivers for the next meeting. OSP declined to prosecute the matters.

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Date: Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 9:36 AM
Subject: De Minimus V iolation Closures
To: Jared DeMarinis -SBE- <Jared.DeMarinis@maryland.gov>
Cc: Ebony Parran <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>, Patricia Ramallosa -SBE- <patricia.ramallosa@maryland.gov>

Mr. DeMarinis,

The following 2016 Annual referrals have been closed as de minimus by our office. Please make sure the closure of these violations is reflected on MD CRIS.

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3. Phillips, Mike CF \$80
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6. Woolford, Deborah E. FO \$70

Thanks,

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Anderson, John Friends Of	
CCF ID:	01006240	Status: Active
Date Established	1/12/89	
Date Waiver Requested	10/24/16	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Henry Martin	Start Date: 10/02/03
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Will Matthews	10/02/03
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
8/30/16		9/13/16	\$200	\$200
			\$	\$
			Total	\$200

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

3/22/16 late waived \$150.00

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
8/30/16	\$16,205	\$6,682	\$41,306	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

We processed the report on Aug 25, but it was not file. We were training a new data person and she forgot to hit the file to state button

Division Comments

Deny, prior report was late and fees waived.
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Administrator's Decision

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October 20, 2016

To: State Board of Election
Division of Finance
151 West Street
Annapolis, MD. 22463

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From Friends of John W. Anderson
P.O. Box 22463
Baltimore, Maryland 21230-04463

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

To Whom it May Concern:

I am requesting in writing that the fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) be waived for late filing.

We processed the report on August 25, 2016 but it was not filed to the state. We were training a new data person and she forgot to hit file to the state button. She had the preview copy and didn't realize she had to wait 4 hours for the completed copy to preview and then file.

Once we realized our error we filed on September 13, 2016.

Enclosed is a copy of the first report which was done on August 25, 2016

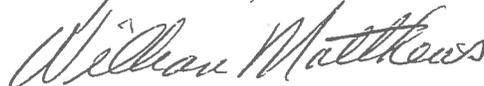
Any question or concerns call me

Sincerely,

Henry Martin Treasurer



William Matthews, Chairman.



Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Barclay, Christopher Friends Of	
CCF ID:	01005108	Status: Active
Date Established	11/01/07	
Date Waiver Requested	11/18/16	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Tanya Holloway	Start Date: 10/24/08
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Chris Barclay	11/14/07
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
10/28/16		11/18/16	\$270	\$270
12/18/15		N/A	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$770

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	1/21/15 Referred to OSP
3/22/16 referred to OSP	11/18/14 referred to OSP
1/20/16 referred to OSP	10/24/14 referred to OSP

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

There has been no activity on this account since 2014, I asking that the fees be waived.

Division Comments

Deny, committee has a poor history of filing.

Administrator's Decision



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

Fwd: Friends of Christopher Barclay

1 message

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

Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 3:41 PM

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From: **Christopher Barclay** <barclay95@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 3:16 PM
Subject: Friends of Christopher Barclay
To: Ebony.Parran@maryland.gov

I am the chair of my campaign committee Friends of Christopher Barclay CCF ID: 01005108 . The last time I raised funds for that committee was in 2014. I am trying to achieve two things via this letter. First I am trying to have all fees for late reports waived starting with the 2016 Presidential Pre-General2 Report. I am asking for these waivers simply because there has been no activity on the committee since 2014. I did not run for reelection for my current Board of Education seat so as of December 1, 2016 I will no longer be elected.

My goal is to be able to close out this committee as soon as possible.

Christopher Barclay

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Ebony R. Sherbert-Parran

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Burriss, Rodney C. Friends Of	
CCF ID:	01005377	Status: Active
Date Established	10/05/09	
Date Waiver Requested	1/03/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Edrick Harris	Start Date: 6/23/15
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Michael Sauer	6/23/15
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
8/30/16		9/26/16	\$330	\$330
10/28/16		11/08/16	\$170	\$170
			Total	\$500

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

4/05/16 late fee \$500 referred to OSP
 1/20/16 late fee \$70 Paid
 1/21/15 waived late fee \$500
 7/15/14 referred to OSP late fee \$250

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

Death in the family in March

Division Comments

Deny

Administrator's Decision

Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: ___Rodney Burris & Friends_____

Account Number: 15-4044_____ Date of Request: 01/03/2017_____

Name of the Requestor(s)*: ___Edrick A. Harris_____

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

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

Total Amount of late fees: \$ _____

The basis for the request: I am requesting a waiver or a reduction to the amount due because of the pressing emergency family matters that have arose during the time of filings. Attached to this email, you will find two links. The first link is from the passing of my father-in-law who passed away March 22, 2016 unexpectedly. I am in the process of locating his physical obituary, however I was able to retrieve the death notification from the website of the funeral home (which actually has a photo of myself, my wife and him). While going through the process and assisting my step-mother in law with the post burial and cleaning up his estate and final wishes, my God brother whom I was close with suddenly and unexpectedly passed away (his obituary is attached) on April 8, 2016. While working with and ministering to the family about this tragic loss (a very small family, so it hit home kind of hard- he was the youngest of 2 children, and unfortunately, he is survived by his older brother, mother, and both grandparents and 2 God-brothers), I get a call that my uncle’s mother in Winston-Salem, NC wasn’t doing so well and my family needed to take a trip down. After several visits to visit her, she passed away on May 10th, 2016. I am in the process of locating her physical obituary, however I was able to locate the online notice through the funeral home.

I apologize for the late request, as a minister of a church in Northern, Va. (I can provide documentation if required), a full time employee at a University in Washington, D.C. a father to a new born (at the time of all of this, born, Dec. 13th, 2013), I look back and even now I was just over whelmed and over worked in trying to keep up with everything and my wife received the notifications, however because of all that was going on with the traveling and taking care of family and family matters post deaths, and her working full time, I just honestly forgot to complete the affidavits on time as to the finance committee did not spend any money during the time of the filing request. The notice I recently received stated the amount was \$500.00, however I believe another notice arrived over the holidays and being with families and traveling, it has been misplaced (in which I will locate). I do apologize for this and I ask that the fee be reduced or waived and once a decision is made, if I can be contacted to set up a payment arrangement if one is required.

Ronald Lee Frederick – Father-in-law death notice
Anner Palmer – Mother of my uncle in Winston Salem, N.C.

Edrick A. Harris
(Signature)

1/3/2017
(Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Chamber PAC, The Maryland	
CCF ID:	03007938	Status: Active
Date Established	1/14/86	
Date Waiver Requested	02/06/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Thomas Loveland	Start Date: 12/23/15
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Nathan Beil	12/23/15
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		N/R	\$340	\$340
			\$	\$
			Total	\$340

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

6/13/14 late fee \$100 paid
 1/15/14 late fee \$30 paid
 1/16/13 late fee \$250 paid
 1/18/12 late fee \$250 paid

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

Our committee has undergone a change in personnel, no one was familiar with the process. We deeply regret this oversight and will ensure that all future filings are timely.

Division Comments

Deny, committee has a bad history of timely filings.

Administrator's Decision

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF LATE FEE
THE MARYLAND CHAMBER PAC (03007938)

Maryland Chamber of Commerce

30 January 2017

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03007938

The Maryland Chamber PAC (Account Number 03007938) is respectfully requesting a waiver of late fees for its inadvertent failure to timely file the applicable "Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures".

Since its last substantive filing in January 2011, the Maryland Chamber PAC has not received contributions or made expenditures in a cumulative amount of \$1,000 or more. Since that time, the Maryland Chamber PAC has by all information available not received any contributions, and has not made any expenditures relative to campaign contributions.

Since May 2016, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce has undergone a substantive and extensive change in personnel, with no one currently on staff familiar with the existence of the PAC and its processes. Upon receipt of the "Pre Report Notice" postcard by Chamber personnel, a representative from the Chamber called the Board of Elections, and was advised that everything appeared to be in order. Not being aware of the process, the Chamber representative did not engage in any further action. As soon as the Board of Elections e-mail of 26 January 2017 was sent, however, a representative of the Chamber personally visited the Board of Elections offices, obtained the necessary information, and worked over the weekend to obtain the necessary signatures for filing the "Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures", which was completed on Monday, 30 January 2017.

The Maryland Chamber of Commerce deeply regrets this oversight, and will ensure that all future filings are complete and timely. In that this is what we believe to be the first occurrence of this nature in the Maryland Chamber PAC's existence, the unique circumstances of a completely new Chamber of Commerce staff with no prior knowledge of the process, and the guarantee from the Chamber that processes are now in place to ensure there will not be a repeat of a delay such as occurred here, we would respectfully request the Maryland Board of Elections waive the late fee in this circumstance.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

If any questions, please contact Lawrence A. Richardson, Jr., Vice-President of Government Affairs at the Maryland Chamber of Commerce, at 410-269-0642 ext. 112 (office) or 443-223-4500 (cell). E-mail is Lrichardson@mdchamber.org

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Crum, Gary Friends of	
CCF ID:	01011127	Status: Inactive
Date Established	4/20/15	
Date Waiver Requested	12/05/16	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Kirsten Allen	Start Date: 4/20/15
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Gary Crum	4/20/15
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/16		11/30/16	\$80	\$80
10/28/16		11/30/16	\$390	\$390
			Total	\$470

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
11/22/16	\$0	\$0	\$-3.83	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

There was a miscommunication and the committee was unaware reports still needed to be filed, as we discontinue the campaign.

Division Comments

Deny

Administrator's Decision

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To Whom it may concern,

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I Kirsten Allen am writing this letter on behalf of the campaign *Friends of Gary Crum*. The campaign has been deemed in violation for neglecting to file reports. There was a miscommunication and representatives of the campaign were unaware that reports needed to continue to be filed. This is the first time a campaign has been run on behalf of Mr. Crum.

The campaign is asking that the fine for to be waived due to the lack of knowledge and experience with having to file financial reports after discontinuing campaigning. We are asking for the fines to be waived for the pre and post general filing.

For any other concerns or needs please contact Kirsten at Kirsten.Allen11@gmail.com.

Thank you for the consideration,
Kirsten Allen - Treasurer

Gary Crum- Candidate

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Day, Jamar for Citizens	
CCF ID:	01011441	Status: Active
Date Established	2/03/16	
Date Waiver Requested	1/19/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Cory Johnson	Start Date: 2/03/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Stefan Walker	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		12/07/16	\$150	\$150
10/28/16		12/07/16	\$460	\$460
8/30/16		10/11/16	\$480	\$480
4/15/16		10/11/16	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$1600

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

See Above

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
1/18/17	\$0	\$0	\$73	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I did not know I would not be automatically dropped from the records after the April Primary.

Division Comments

Deny, committee has a history of untimely filings.

Administrator's Decision

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Campaign Account Name: Citizens For Jamar Day _____

Account Number: 01011441 Date of Request: 1/19/17

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Cory Johnson

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

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

Total Amount of late fees: \$ 500.00

The basis for the request: _____

I did not know I would not be automatically dropped from the records after the April Primary when I lost. I would like to request that these fees be waived and my acct be closed to prevent future fees. This process needs to be as expeditiously as possible because others names are attached to my account and may pose professional conflicts.

(Signature) 1/19/17
(Date)

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.*



Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	District 14 Team Slate	
CCF ID:	02008639	Status: Active
Date Established	9/30/02	
Date Waiver Requested	2/1/17	
Account Type	Slate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Amit Mistry	Start Date: 1/07/13
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	James Offord	4/26/13
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/16		1/17/17	\$500	\$500
10/28/16		1/17/17	\$500	\$500
8/30/16		1/17/17	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$1500

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

11/22/16 late fee \$500 paid
 10/28/16 late fee \$500 paid
 8/30/16 late fee \$500 paid
 4/15/16 late fee \$160 paid

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I filed a report in April assuming that would take care of any future filing until 2017, I was mistaken.

Division Comments

Deny, committee has history of filing late.

Administrator's Decision



Fwd: District 14 Team Slate

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 1, 2017 at 10:37 AM

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

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From: **Amit Mistry** <amit.m.mistry@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Feb 1, 2017 at 9:09 AM
Subject: District 14 Team Slate
To: jared.demarinis@maryland.gov

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

Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

I am writing you regarding the District 14 Team Slate account. The members of the District 14 Team Slate have been punctual and have never been late with their own filings.

Unfortunately, due to error, the slate account was placed on the Baltimore City election cycle for reporting. I filed a report in April 2016 assuming that would take care of any future filing until the 2017 annual report. I was apparently mistaken.

In addition, I had been planning on stepping down as the slate's treasurer, but stayed on to assist with the annual report. Moreover, I had gone through surgery which also impacted my appropriate attention away from the Slate Account.

Once this issue is resolved I plan to resign as treasurer as there is an adequate replacement that has already been identified and I can no longer serve in that role.

Any assistance you can provide the slate and myself with the issue of fines and penalties would be greatly appreciated. Again, I apologize for any confusion that us being placed on the Baltimore cycle may have caused.

Sincerely,

Amit Mistry

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Ebron, Kenneth Community Run	
CCF ID:	01011193	Status: Inactive
Date Established	10/07/15	
Date Waiver Requested	1/12/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Kathy Smith	Start Date: 10/07/15
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Ken Ebron	10/07/15
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/16		1/10/17	\$490	\$490
8/30/16		9/01/16	\$40	\$40
			Total	\$530

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
 3/22/16 referred to OSP
 1/20/16 late fee \$280 waived

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I didn't collect any money, I was a one man team

Division Comments

Deny, committee has a bad history with compliance.

Administrator's Decision

Kenneth Ebron Jr.
3305 Presstman st.
Baltimore MD 21216.

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To The State of Maryland:

Greeting : My name is Kenneth Ebron and I ran for city Councilman in the 9th District as a Republican Candidate.

While running I did not get any donations for my campaign.

I did not have a team I work alone going door to door as well

As making phone calls my first time running for office this was

Very hard work and I use my own money for my campaign.

I spend a lot of time campaigning early morning and late nights.

My mail and emails was back up and was late getting to them

Or any time on a computer I was a one man team who done all

The work that was done I work at the Governor office part time

I am not making the kinder money that I can pay for late fees.

Please what can I do I do not want this bill hold over my head

\$500.00 is more then I spend on my campaign please dismiss

This payment I would be so graceful Thanks.

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Hector, Leon Sr. Citizens for Change In Government	
CCF ID:	01005878	Status: Active
Date Established	5/20/10	
Date Waiver Requested	8/22/16	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Judith Hector	Start Date: 5/20/10
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Leon Hector	5/20/10
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
4/15/16		8/26/16	\$500	\$500
3/22/16		8/26/16	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$1000

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/20/16 referred to OSP
5/27 14 referred to OSP

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I had visual changes which need surgery to correct.

Division Comments

Deny, per board policy waiver request arrived after matter was referred.

Administrator's Decision

State of Maryland

Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Hector, Leon Sr. Citizens Account Number: _____

Date of Request: 8/22/16 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 1000.00

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Leon Hector

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 4-15-16
3-22-16

The basis for the request: I am request a waiver as
I had to have surgery on both eyes
is why the report was late

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Leon Hector

(Signature)

8-15-16
(Date)

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Verification: _____

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Kimbrough, Gwendolyn Love Friends of	
CCF ID:	01011364	Status: Active
Date Established	2/02/16	
Date Waiver Requested	11/10/16	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Melcom Pearmon	Start Date: 02/02/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Henri Gardner	02/02/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
8/30/16		11/10/16	\$500	\$500
10/28/16		11/10/16	\$190	\$190
			Total	\$690

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

3/22/16 late \$120 paid

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

The chairman abandon the duty a month into the race, we were not aware of any responsibility after the candidate failed to win.

Division Comments

Deny, prior history of late filings.

Administrator's Decision

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Campaign Account Name: Friends of Dr. Gwendolyn Love Kimbrough

Account Number: _____ Date of Request: 10/14/16

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Dr. Gwendolyn L. Kimbrough

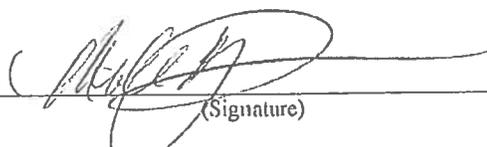
The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Fund Report(s): 8/30/16
10/28/2016

Total Amount of late fees: \$ 690.00

The basis for the request: _____

The campaign manager, Henri Gardner, who was responsible for the mechanics of Dr. Kimbrough's candidacy, abandoned the campaign a little more than a month into the race. Mr. Gardner who holds an local office, in Prince George's Co, and is acutely aware of rules governing local campaign races, failed to notify the candidate, the campaign or the treasurer of any financial responsibilities after the primary, upon his absence. It is our understanding that correspondence regarding campaign files were sent to Mr. Garden's residence. The candidate and the campaign was not aware of any responsibilities after failing to win the primary in April 2016.


(Signature)

10/14/2016
(Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Marriage Alliance- No on 6, Maryland	
CCF ID:	04009134	Status: Inactive
Date Established	9/10/12	
Date Waiver Requested	1/20/17	
Account Type	Ballot Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Brian Duggan	Start Date:9/10/12
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Derek McCoy	9/10/12
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/16		1/06/17	\$450	\$450
8/30/16		10/19/16	\$500	\$500
11/27/12		11/28/12	\$10	\$10
			Total	\$1000

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

See above

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

No new donations or expenditures were made, because of outstanding debt and a misunderstanding of the law the committee has not been able to shut down.

Division Comments

Deny, committee has a history of untimely filings.
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Administrator's Decision

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January 20, 2017

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

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request a waiver for the fines imposed on Marriage Alliance (CCF ID 04009134) of \$10 for the 11/27/2012 report; \$500 for the 8/30/2016 report; and \$450 for the 11/22/2016 report. I am writing on behalf of Derek McCoy, the Chairperson. Our organization served on the committee and we have helped with filing campaign reports.

No new donations or expenditures were made in this time period, but unfortunately because there were outstanding debts and because of a misunderstanding of the law, the committee was not shut down in 2013 and we continued to file affidavits because of outstanding debt.

The bank account was shut down long ago, and we simply needed the agreement to forgive debts on the part of a number of vendors which we have. This should have been recorded years ago but was not.

Again, I kindly request that the board waives the late fees.

Sincerely,

Brian S. Brown
President, National Organization for Marriage

P.S.: Patti Sullivan, in your office, has been a tremendous help in allowing us to get this all entered correctly into CRIS. I just wanted to let you know how professional and attentive she has been and thank her for her service.

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Mercer, Timothy Friends of	
CCF ID:	01011356	Status: Active
Date Established	02/03/16	
Date Waiver Requested	1/25/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Linwood Mercer	Start Date: 02/03/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Tim Mercer	02/03/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/25/17	\$70	\$70
11/22/16		1/25/17	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$570

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

10/27/06 late fee \$250 waived	11/28/06 late fee \$250 waived
8/31/07 late fee \$250 waived	
8/14/07 late fee \$250 waived	
1/17/07 late fee \$250 waived	

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I thought I had closed out my account.

Division Comments

Deny, committee has a bad history of compliance.

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To The Honorable Board of Elections

My name is Timothy Mercer

I am writing you to express

my concern about the \$560⁰⁰

the state says I owe as

of today. It was my

understanding that I had

closed out my election

committee. I am communicating

with Ms Ebony today about

closing out my committee.

I have a past obligation with

the state currently that I

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Riha, Richard for Citizens	
CCF ID:	01011432	Status: Active
Date Established	2/01/16	
Date Waiver Requested	01/05/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Yolanda Mcfadden	Start Date: 2/01/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Rick Riha	2/01/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/16		N/A	\$500	\$500
10/28/16		N/A	\$500	\$500
8/30/16		N/A	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$1500

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
3/22/16 referred to OSP

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

My health has not been good.

Division Comments

Deny, committee has not filed one report since opening.

Administrator's Decision

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Campaign Account Name: Richard Pettig Riha Account Number: 70001611369458 (METR BANK)

Date of Request: 1/4/2017 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 1,430.⁰⁰

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Jolanda McFadden

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The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s):
3/22/2016
4/15/2016
10/20/2016
11/22/2016

The basis for the request:
Diabetes not controlled had a bad bout with this disease and therefore was hospitalized @ Mercy Med. CTR. ER unit on or about Oct 12, 2016 and later placed on the hospital 5th flr. for observation, later discharged with MEDS and follow up with primary doctor. *OVERALL MY ^{HEALTH} HAS NOT BEEN good.

Jolanda McFadden
(Signature)

1/4/2017
(Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Rowe, (Charles) Tolbert Friends of	
CCF ID:	01011374	Status: Closed
Date Established	02/03/16	
Date Waiver Requested	1/03/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Dennise Porter	Start Date: 2/03/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Charles Rowe	2/03/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/16		11/28/16	\$60	\$60
			\$	\$
			Total	\$60

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

4/15/16 late fee \$60 paid

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

Unable to access report.

Division Comments

Deny

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Campaign Account Name: FRIENDS OF TOLBERT ROWE Account Number: AEO-CONC-

Date of Request: 12/22/16 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 6000 2016-144 OR

Name of the Requestor(s)*: CHARLES TOLBERT ROWE 01011374

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 2016 PRESIDENTIAL POST GENERAL

The basis for the request: UNABLE TO ACCESS REPORT. 2016 PRESIDENTIAL POST GENERAL WAS NOT AVAILABLE REPORT IN GRID. NO REPORT TO CLICK ON.

TREASURER ACCESSED SEVERAL DAYS LATER PAST DEADLINE

I DIDN'T RAISE FUNDS AND I DIDN'T SPEND ANY FUNDS IN MY CAMPAIGN.

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT + STATUS

THANK YOU.

(Signature)

12/22/16 (Date)

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Reconsideration Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Rutherford, Anne Friends of
CCF ID:	01009792
Date Established	2/14/14
Date Waiver Requested	11/17/16
Account Type	Candidate Account

Officers

Current Treasurer	Robin Holt	Start Date: 2/14/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Anne Rutherford	Start Date: 2/14/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/20/16		5/11/16	\$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 \$40 waived.

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
1/20/16	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I am a central committee candidate I thought I had closed my account out.

Division Comments

Deny, received a waiver in the past. Over 4 months late filing report after receiving numerous notices.

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Campaign Account Name: Friends of Anne Rutherford

Account Number: 01009792 Date of Request: 5/12/16

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Anne Rutherford

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Fund Report(s): 1/30/2016

Total Amount of late fees: \$ 500

The basis for the request: I am a Central Committee candidate elected in June of 2014. I thought I had closed everything out and was done. Somehow what I did to "close the account", did not work. Your very kind employee, Ebony Shebeck-Parran, stayed on the phone with me and walked me through the final closing.

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Anne Rutherford
(Signature)

5/12/16
(Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Royalty, Ahmed The Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01011391	Status: Active
Date Established	2/01/16	
Date Waiver Requested	12/16/16	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Victoria Lee	Start Date: 2/01//16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Daisy Brown	2/01/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/16		12/16/16	\$240	\$240
10/28/16		12/16/16	\$500	\$500
8/30/16		12/16/16	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$1240

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

I have had no contact with the candidate or treasurer in regards to any finances. I was misled in my role in this unsuccessful campaign. I am also unemployed this would be a hardship to pay.

Division Comments

Deny, committee has a bad history of compliance.

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Campaign Account Name: Citizens For Ahmed Royalty STATE BOARD OF ELECT

Account Number: 14-4790 Date of Request:

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Daisy Brown

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

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

Total Amount of late fees: \$ 1400

The basis for the request: I have had no contact with the candidate or treasurer in regards to any finances. I was misled in my role in my support in this unsuccessful campaign. I'm also unemployed and was not employed at the beginning of this campaign.

Daisy Brown (Signature)

12-14-16 (Date)

Table with 2 columns: Instructions and For Board Use Only. Contains instructions for filing and a section for board verification and decision.

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Scott, Kinji Pierre Friends of	
CCF ID:	01011343	Status: Inactive
Date Established	1/29/16	
Date Waiver Requested	1/19/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Kevin Hillen	Start Date:
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Kinji Scott	
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/17		1/19/17	\$10	\$10
10/28/16		1/18/17	\$10	\$10
			Total	\$20

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

11/22/16 waived \$490
 8/30/16 waived \$490
 4/15/16 waived \$490
 3/22/16 waived \$490

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
1/18/17	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I am requesting a waiver of the late fees, I had attempted to file the reports but had trouble navigating the system

Division Comments

Deny, committee has a history of being late and has received previous waivers.

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Campaign Account Name: FRIENDS of Kinji Scott Account Number: 01011343

Date of Request: 1-19-2017 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 1510.00

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Kinji Scott

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

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 8/30/16, 10/28/16, 11/22/16, 1/18/2017

The basis for the request: I AM REQUESTING WAIVER FOR LATE FEE. I HAVE ATTEMPTED TO FILE MY REPORTS BUT HAD DIFFICULT NAVIGATING THE SYSTEM. SOON AFTER THE CAMPAIGN WAS OVER I WAS HOSPITALIZED IN MAY, AND AGAIN JULY. INFORMATION WAS INPUTED BUT I DID NOT KNOW HOW TO SUBMIT IT. I AM UNEMPLOYED AND THE FEES WOULD CAUSE UNDUCE HARDSHIP.

Kinji Scott (Signature)

1-19-2017 (Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Smigiel, Mike Friends Of	
CCF ID:	01002770	Status: Active
Date Established	4/27/04	
Date Waiver Requested	1/18/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Charles Jagoe	Start Date: 04/27/04
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Mike Smigiel	04/27/04
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/16		11/30/16	\$80	\$80
			\$	\$
			Total	\$80

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

8/30/16 late fee \$150 open
 4/15/16 late fee \$250 waived
 1/21/15 late fee \$250 waived
 11/18/14 late fee \$125 waived

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I have been experience some serious medical problem since being diagnosed with arthritis.

Division Comments

Deny, committee has a history of being untimely, and has had many waivers.

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2. Mike Smigiel

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Attention Mr. Jared Demarini's

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Dear Mr. Demarini's,

I've enclosed a check for (~~80~~^{80.00}) eighty dollars to cover the fine associated with my 11-22-16 reports being filed late.

I offer by way of explanation but not as an excuse the fact that I have been experiencing some serious medical problems since being diagnosed with arthritis this summer. I have only been in my law office about one day a week and trying to do work from home but it has been very hard since both wrists and hands have been included in the areas

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Stick, Gordon for Baltimore	
CCF ID:	01011311	Status: Inactive
Date Established	1/27/16	
Date Waiver Requested	12/13/16	
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 believed in error we had done a final report to closeout when the candidate didn't win.

Division Comments

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

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Campaign Account Name: Gordon Stick for Baltimore

Account Number: 1011311 Date of Request: 12/13/2016

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 believed, in error, that our ALCE was marked as final after Gordon Stick did not win the primary election for City Council. Subsequently, our e-mail was shutdown and our Chairwoman moved to Pittsburgh to pursue a Master's of Public Health. I had received no notification until mail from the State Prosecutor arrived at my personal residence dated 12/8/2016. As of today, we have completed the subsequent reports marking the Annual Report ALCE as final and our intention to close the campaign entity.

Our campaign for Gordon Stick was a gross roots effort, and during our campaign we collected less than \$100 in total. We kindly request waiver of these late fees as the campaign collected less than \$100 during its duration and the resulting fees would present us with significant and personal financial burden.

(Signature)	(Date)
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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Tiedemann, Steven Committee to Elect	
CCF ID:	01011331	Status: Active
Date Established	02/02/16	
Date Waiver Requested	09/02/16	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Edna Tiedemann	Start Date: 02/02/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Steven Tiedemann	02/02/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/16		N/A	\$500	\$500
10/28/16		N/A	\$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 Waived
 4/15/16 late fee \$300 paid
 3/22/16 late fee \$130 paid

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

For the last 2 filings I was not able to file due to issues with the system.

Division Comments

Deny issue with system was resolved prior to report due.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW

December 6, 2016

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Re: Tiedemann, Steven Committee to Elect
Request to Waive Late Fees

Dear Sir or Madam:

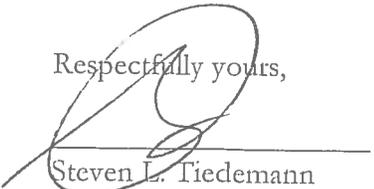
The above campaign, of which I am the chair and the candidate, was unable to file the required affidavits for the last two periods leading into the 2016 election. I formally and respectfully ask that the late fees be waived and explain below.

The campaign had no contributions and no expenditures. Simply put, I did not run. That said, I was aware that I had to file the affidavits of limited contributions, and I did so in the past. However, for the last two filings, I could not file. First, during the summer, for some reason the program did not work for me. I spoke with a young lady who indicated that she fixed the problem and would make a notation on the file that we talked and that the fees be waived. She then directed me to file.

I traveled to my treasurer's home to file, and we attempted to do so, but again the system did not work. The same young lady indicated that there was a problem with the "system" that she could not fix. She indicated that the "contractor" would be giving me a call to address the problem. When I did not hear from the contractor, I tried to call again but could not gain access to the system to file. To date, I have not heard from the contractor. We had not contributions and no expenditures, and I ask that the matter be considered resolved and any late fees waived.

All that helped me were wonderful, and I appreciate all that you and they do for the State of Maryland.

Respectfully yours,



Steven L. Tiedemann

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Welch, Agnes Committee For	
CCF ID:	01000090	Status: Active
Date Established	3/11/1999	
Date Waiver Requested	1/12/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Sam Groom	Start Date: 3/09/04
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Drusilla Bunch	12/15/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
8/30/16		9/22/16	\$290	\$290
10/28/16		12/13/16	\$500	\$500
11/22/16		12/13/16	\$210	\$210
			Total	\$1000

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
3/22/16 referred to OSP

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

The treasurer moved and didn't file timely reports.

Division Comments

Deny, committee has a history of filing late.

Administrator's Decision

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Campaign Account Name: Welch, Agnes Committee Account Number: 00000090
Date of Request: 1/17/17 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 1000.00 01000090
Name of the Requestor(s)*: Agnes Welch

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): Pres - Pre Gen - 1 - 8/30/16
Pres - Pre Gen 2 - 10/28/16
Pres - Post Gen - 11/22/2016

The basis for the request: _____

This account was closed by Bank of America for non-activity. The Funds / Fund Balance eschewed to the state. We are requesting a request of these funds payable to the state board of elections to the extent of the balance owed in penalties. The account will be closed at that point. The treasurer on the account has moved during and before the reporting dates and did not file the appropriate or timely reports.

Agnes Welch (Signature) 1/17/17 (Date)

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General

Account Name	Welch, William Pete Friends of	
CCF ID:	01005582	Status: Active
Date Established	3/01/10	
Date Waiver Requested	1/12/16	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Sheila Smith	Start Date: 3/01/10
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Angela Brown	3/01/10
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/16		N/A	\$500	\$500
10/28/16		N/A	\$500	\$500
8/30/16		N/A	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$1500

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 referred to OSP
3/22/16 late fee \$20 referred to OSP
1/20/16 late fee \$30 paid

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

Cancelled checks and document were lost and misplaced, we estimate that 85% of missing document are now in place.

Division Comments

Deny, reports have not been filed.

Administrator's Decision

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Campaign Account Name: Welch, William Account Number: 01005582

Date of Request: 1/17/17 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 1500.00

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Friends of William Pete Welch - William Welch

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 2016 Pres. Post Gen 11/22/16
2016 Pre-Gen 2 report 10/28/16
2016 Pre-Gen 1 - Report 8/30/16

The basis for the request: Cancelled checks and documents were both
lost and misplaced. We estimate that 85% of the missing
documentation is now in place. All reports will eventually
be filed and filed accurately.

William A. Welch, Jr.
(Signature)

1/17/17
(Date)

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Memorandum

TO: State Board Members
FROM: Jared DeMarinis, Director
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
DATE: February 23, 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.

6/16/16

Pursuant to COMAR 33.20.07.01C, the State Administrator has denied 6 late fee waiver request. No Board action is required on the denials.

Since the last Board Meeting in which Title 14 Late Fee Waivers were heard in October, SBE has collected in late fees under this provision of law at total of \$23,050.

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

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

Grant/Reduced

1. Opportunity Builders

Denials

1. United Solutions, LLC
2. Bard College
3. Joseph B. Fay Co.
4. The Sanford Companies, Inc.
5. UFCW Local 1994 MCGEO
6. Callas Contractors, Inc.
7. Garney Companies, Inc.
8. Business Solutions Group, Inc.
9. War Horse LLC
10. Insurance Agents & Brokers of Maryland Inc.
11. IGT Canada Solutions ULC
12. IGT Global Solutions Corporation
13. Taylor Utilities, Inc.

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

General

Account Name	Opportunity Builders
BID ID:	14000525
Date Established	8/01/15
Date Waiver Requested	10/06/16 - Reconsideration
Account Type	Title 14 - Persons Doing Public Business

Officers

Current Filer	Vicki Lynn Callahan	Start Date: 8/01/2015
Principal Officer	Vicki Lynn Callahan	Start Date: 8/01/2015

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/31/2016	6/07/2016	\$70	\$70
		\$	\$
		Total	\$70

Prior Waiver and Fees

Denied Initial and Reconsideration requests for this report due date and it had been referred to OSP.

Reason for Waiver

They previewed the ALAC instead of clicking on the File Affidavit, then printing it out.

Agency Comments

Office of State Prosecutor has declined to prosecute and want us to administratively close this issue out.

Grant



Fwd: Opportunity Builders, Case No: 17-4824

Jared DeMarinis -SBE- <jared.demarinis@maryland.gov>
To: Vicki Molina <vicki.molina@maryland.gov>

Tue, Jan 3, 2017 at 3:32 PM

Please process for a waiver. Thanks.

Jared DeMarinis
Director - Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
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From: **Stephannie Krulevitz -OSPMD-** <stephannie.krulevitz@maryland.gov>
Date: Tue, Jan 3, 2017 at 3:28 PM
Subject: Opportunity Builders, Case No: 17-4824
To: Jared DeMarinis -SBE- <jared.demarinis@maryland.gov>
Cc: Cynthia Thomas -OSPMD- <cynthia.thomas1@maryland.gov>

Jared,

Per our conversation this afternoon, we decline to prosecute the above mentioned case. Therefore, we request that you administratively close out the matter.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Stephannie

Stephannie A. Krulevitz
Assistant State Prosecutor
Office of the State Prosecutor
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Towson, MD 21286
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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

October 4, 2016

Dear Linda Lamone,

After speaking with Delegate Sophocleus, I am writing, again, to request a reconsideration of the waiver denial for the \$70.00 in fines we currently owe due to late filing of our report due on May 31, 2016. As previously stated, when I processed the report in on May 2, 2016, I processed by using the Submit button on the preview screen. I believed the report was successfully submitted at that point as there was no reason to believe otherwise, until I received the notice in early June that it did not process. I have now learned that that method does not work. I have printed a copy of the affidavit preview that I printed on May 2, 2016 as proof that I did submit prior to the deadline.

The affidavit was resubmitted on June, 7, 2016.

I apologize for the error and hope you can waive the fine at this time as I do not see how Opportunity Builders can be held responsible for this malfunction.

If you need to reach me my number is 410-787-0700.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Vicki L. Callahan
Executive Director
Opportunity Builders, Inc.

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

General

Account Name	United Solutions, LLC
BID ID:	14000515
Date Established	8/01/2015
Date Waiver Requested	11/14/2016
Account Type	Title 14 – Persons Doing Public Business

Officers

Current Filer	Yum Yu Cheng	Start Date: 10/28/2016
Principal Officer	David Nguyen	Start Date: 11/21/2016

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/31/2016	11/14/2016	\$500	\$500
		\$	\$
		Total	\$500

Prior Waiver and Fees

11/30/15 report was received 11/11/16 and had late fee of \$500. Office of State Prosecutor reduced the late fee to \$250 which has been paid.

Reason for Waiver

The prior Principal Officer/Filer Mr. Ryan Facer registered this business. He removed himself as Filer on 10/28/15 but not as Principal Officer. The day he resigned as Filer, he also turned in his resignation with United Solutions. He did not inform any other staff of the Title 14 requirements. They claim to be unaware of report due dates and late fees until OSP sent them a letter on October 2016.

Agency Comments

SBE sent show cause letters on 3/4/16 and 9/7/16 to the same address as OSP and we never received any return mail.

Deny



November 14, 2016

Via Email (jared.demarinis@maryland.gov)

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

Re: Request of Waiver of Late Fee for Spring 2016 Contribution Disclosure Statement

Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

On behalf of United Solutions, LLC, I am writing to request a waiver of the late fee for not filing the Contribution Disclosure Statement for Spring 2016 in a timely manner for the circumstances described below. As I had stated to you, no one in our company had knowledge of the Maryland Business Contribution Disclosure filing requirement or the user account that Mr. Ryan Facer created in the Maryland Business Contribution Disclosure System on behalf of our company until we received a letter dated October 19, 2016 from Mrs. Cindy Thomas of the Office of the State Prosecutor to Mr. Facer, who is no longer with our company. This letter, which stated that our company had not filed a Statement of Contributions for Fall 2015 and/or pay an associated fee¹, was received while I was (and continue) to be on maternity leave. After our staff reached out to Mr. Facer and could not get any helpful information, we contacted Mrs. Thomas on how we go about resolving the matter.

Mrs. Thomas referred us to Ms. Vicki Molina in your office. Ms. Molina was most helpful and reset the password so I could get into the account to file the required reports or affidavits, which were completed last Friday (11/11/2016) for Fall 2015 and earlier today for Spring 2016 and Fall 2016, after we reached out to current and former officers and employees for the required information. According to Ms. Molina, Mr. Facer created the user account on October 13, 2015 and listed himself as the filer and principal officer. Ms. Molina also indicated that 13 days later on October 26, 2015, Mr. Facer removed himself as the filer, but did not put in a replacement and still listed himself as a principal officer. In reviewing his records, we noticed that the day that Mr. Facer removed himself as the filer was the same day that he submitted his letter of resignation to the CEO. At no time during his employment with United Solutions did Mr. Facer inform anyone in the company of the filing requirement and the user account that he created in the Maryland Business Contribution Disclosure System even though it was his duty to report to the CEO and the management team of important matters such as this compliance matter. Prior to his departure, Mr. Facer was required to transfer his responsibilities and the accounts he

¹ Mrs. Thomas informed us that the Office of the State Prosecutor was not authorized to waive the late fee, but could reduce the fee due to the circumstances. She closed the case after a reduced fee was paid earlier today.

Mr. Jared DeMarinis
Director of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
November 14, 2016
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created on behalf of the company to me and others in the company. While Mr. Facer did transfer certain responsibilities and accounts to me, he never mentioned the Maryland Business Contribution Disclosure filing requirement or the user account that he created in the Maryland Business Contribution Disclosure System, which I would have taken over had he informed me of it. I checked with the CEO and others in the company, who indicated that Mr. Facer never mentioned this compliance matter to them. We do not know the reason for his failure to inform the CEO and management team of this important compliance matter. Had the CEO and/or management team known about the filing requirement and/or user account, we would have complied in a timely manner.

Because our company does business with the State of Maryland and wishes to continue to do business with the State, we will file all future required reports in a timely manner.

We appreciate your understanding of the circumstances and giving us the time needed to file all the required reports. We also would appreciate it if you or the Board would waive the late fee for Spring 2016 Contribution Disclosure Statement.

Thank you for your attention to and assistance on this matter. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at yumyu_cheng@unitedsolutions.biz or 301.357.0798.

Sincerely yours,

United Solutions, LLC



By: _____

Authorized Representative

cc: Ms. Vicki Molina (vicki.molina@maryland.gov)
Mr. David Nguyen, CEO (david@unitedsolutions.biz)

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

General

Account Name	Bard College
BID ID:	14000625
Date Established	8/01/2015
Date Waiver Requested	10/25/2016
Account Type	Title 14 – Persons Doing Public Business and Employing a Lobbyist

Officers

Current Filer	Clara Botstein	Start Date: 8/01/2015
Principal Officer	Clara Botstein	Start Date: 8/01/2015

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/31/2016	6/17/2016	\$170	\$170
		\$	\$
		Total	\$170

Prior Waiver and Fees

n/a

Reason for Waiver

When they registered the business they originally stated they were Employing a Lobbyist. When they went to file the Affidavit they had issues entering in the names of State Agencies they had contracts with. They had an issue with entering in the contracts because they didn't change the registration to both.

Agency Comments

Deny



Vicki Molina -SBE- <vicki.molina@maryland.gov>

Fee waiver request Re: Bard College - Title 14

Clara Botstein <cbotstein@bard.edu>
 To: Vicki Molina -SBE- <vicki.molina@maryland.gov>

Tue, Oct 25, 2016 at 8:44 AM

Dear Vicki,

I am writing to request a waiver of the \$170 late fee from the Maryland State Board of Elections. I tried to submit my May filing several times before the deadline, and was in touch with the State Board through our lobbyist, Capitol Strategies, and through personal outreach to try to figure out if my information had been received, as I didn't receive a confirmation after I tried to submit the filing. We had several email and phone exchanges in May and early June with Jared MeMarini from the State Board to try to determine if there was an issue and, if so, what it was. I thought the State Board had received my information prior to the deadline, which coincided with a 10 day trip I took to Cuba, during which time I had no access to the internet. When I returned, I resubmitted the information as soon as I found out my original submission had not been processed correctly.

I respectfully request a waiver of the fee or a reduction in it, given that I attempted to submit my information before the deadline and thought my submission had been processed on time, and because the delay in my final, received submission was due to the extenuating circumstances due to the lack of internet access in Cuba.

Thank you for considering this request, and please contact if you would like additional information.

Best,

Clara

On Thu, Oct 20, 2016 at 3:10 PM, Vicki Molina -SBE- <vicki.molina@maryland.gov> wrote:
 Clara,

We tried to mail you a Notice to Show Cause letter stating that the 5/31/16 report was filed late and you have a late fee \$170. The letter was returned to us as undeliverable.

This is the information that you provided in our BCDS:

Administrator	Clara Botstein	cbotstein@bard.edu	Bard High School Early College, 1101 N. Wolfe Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21213	914-388-0699	914-388-0699	08/01/2015
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If this information is not correct, then you need to log in and go your Registration page and update your information.

You can also find a copy of the letter on your Regostartion page under Correspondence/Documents.

Please pay the late as soon as possible or you will be referred to the Office of State Prosecutor.

Vicki
 Victoria Molina
 State Board of Elections
 151 West Street, Suite 200
 Annapolis, MD 21401

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

General

Account Name	JOSEPH B. FAY CO
BID ID:	14000498
Date Established	2/01/2015
Date Waiver Requested	12/14/2016
Account Type	Title 14 – Persons Doing Public Business

Officers

Current Filer	TODD T DIEDRICK	Start Date: 2/01/2015
Principal Officer	ARLEEN F DACEY	Start Date: 2/01/2015

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/30/2016	12/12/2016	\$120	\$120
		\$	\$
		Total	\$120

Prior Waiver and Fees

8/31/15 report was received 11/30/15 and had late fee of \$500. We granted a waiver of the \$500.

Reason for Waiver

They previewed the ALAC instead of clicking on the File Affidavit, then printing it out.

Agency Comments

We sent out an email PRN on 11/01/16, FRN email on 12/09/16 and show cause letter on 1/19/17.

When they “Preview” an Affidavit we have this stated on that page:
IMPORTANT NOTICE: By clicking on the “Continue” button, you will be able to view or print a preview of the Affidavit of Limited Applicable Contributions. The Preview feature does not constitute a submission to the State Board. In order to file the Affidavit of Limited Contributions, you must select “File ALAC” under the File ALAC tab.

BCDS sends out a confirmation email out when report/affidavit is filed.

Deny



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December 12, 2016

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

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Re: Contribution Disclosure Report-Notice to Show Cause-Delinquent Report

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Dear Sirs or Madam,

I am writing to respectfully request abatement of the pending \$120 fee for the 11/30/16 filing period

Attached please find a copy of what I thought to be a filing of the appropriate Affidavit filed on 11/4/16. I did not realize there are two separate selections on the filing screen, one for preview only and the other for filing. Upon notification I immediately remedied the filing delinquency. I have made a note in the file here for future reference so this will not happen again.

It is the policy of Joseph B. Fay Company to comply with all required filings as they pertain to contracts held with State of Maryland agencies.

Please contact me at 724-265-4600 x1008 if there are any other questions. I thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

Todd T. Diedrick
Cost Accountant
Joseph B. Fay Co.

Attachments:

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

General

Account Name	The Sanford Companies, Inc.
BID ID:	14000430
Date Established	2/01/2015
Date Waiver Requested	11/4/2016
Account Type	Title 14 – Employing a Lobbyist

Officers

Current Filer	S Bruce Jaffe	Start Date: 2/01/2015
Principal Officer	S Bruce Jaffe	Start Date: 2/01/2015

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/31/2016	11/4/2016	\$500	\$500
		\$	\$
		Total	\$500

Prior Waiver and Fees

11/30/15 report was received 11/4/16 and had late fee of \$500. Office of State Prosecutor reduced the late fee to \$250 which has been paid.

Reason for Waiver

The person previously in charge of filing believed filing was no longer necessary.

Agency Comments

As of January 4, 2016 they still have same person listed as Filer/Principal Officer and that is to whom email PRN and email FRN get sent to.

Deny



Vicki Molina -SBE- <vicki.molina@maryland.gov>

FW: 17-4729 The Sanford Companies, Inc.

1 message

Ivy Yates <iyates@tscinc.us>

Fri, Nov 4, 2016 at 6:28 PM

To: Vicki Molina -SBE- <vicki.molina@maryland.gov>

Cc: AOL Bruce Jaffe <jaffeb@aol.com>

Pursuant to your suggestion I did request a waiver for the initial \$500.00 penalty from Cynthia Thomas. I have successfully completed the 1/1/2015, 5/2016 and 11/2016 reports on line and submitted them. I don't have a great excuse except the person previously in charge of the filings believed he was advised that they were no longer necessary. He is out on paternity leave and I don't even know who advised him we did not need to file. We now have a system in place to track and input the information on a regular and timely basis. I understand we continue to file the return until such time as we no longer use a lobbyist firm. I respectfully request that you please waive the second \$500 penalty.

I greatly appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you

Ivy Yates
Executive Vice President
The Sanford Companies, Inc.
8600 Snowden River Parkway Suite 207
Columbia, MD 21045
Phone: 410-953-0222 X 103
Facsimile 410-953-0223
Cell: 301-512-4347

PLEASE NOTE that my email address at The Sanford Companies, Inc. has changed to iyates@tscinc.us

From: Ivy Yates**Sent:** Friday, November 4, 2016 6:26 PM**To:** 'cynthia.thomas1@maryland.gov' <cynthia.thomas1@maryland.gov>**Cc:** AOL Bruce Jaffe <jaffeb@aol.com>**Subject:** 17-4729 The Sanford Companies, Inc.

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

General

Account Name	UFCW Local 1994 MCGEO
BID ID:	14000299
Date Established	1/01/2015
Date Waiver Requested	11/2/2016
Account Type	Title 14 – Employing a Lobbyist

Officers

Current Filer	Erin Yeagley	Start Date: 11/02/2016
Principal Officer	Gino Renne	Start Date: 1/01/2015

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/31/2016	11/4/2016	\$500	\$500
		\$	\$
		Total	\$500

Prior Waiver and Fees

2/05/15 report was received 3/25/15 and had a late fee of \$480 which SBE granted a waiver for.

11/30/15 report was received 11/2/16 and had late fee of \$500. Office of State Prosecutor reduced the late fee to \$250 which has been paid.

Reason for Waiver

The prior filer, Josh Ardison, is no longer with the business.

Agency Comments

The Business Contribution Reporting System is set up so either the Filer or Principal Officer can file the reports. The Principal Officer that is listed could have filed the report.

Deny



Vicki Molina -SBE- <vicki.molina@maryland.gov>

Late Fee Waiver Request - MCGEO UFCW Local 1994

Shaconda Monk <SMonk@mcgeo.org>

Wed, Nov 2, 2016 at 2:58 PM

To: "vicki.molina@maryland.gov" <vicki.molina@maryland.gov>

Cc: Erin Yeagley <EYeagley@mcgeo.org>, Yvette Cuffie <YCuffie@mcgeo.org>

Good Afternoon Ms. Molina

MCGEO UFCW Local 1994 is requesting a waiver of the \$500 late fees associated with filing the Statement of Contributions due May 31st, 2016. The sudden separation of a staff member resulted in the required report being late as said employee was solely responsible for information required to complete the Statement of Contributions and the actual filing of the report. Since learning of delinquent report, have all been brought current.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Shaconda Monk

Executive Assistant to the Secretary Treasurer

Membership Services

UFCW Local 1994 MCGEO

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THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED ONLY FOR THE USE OF THE ADDRESSEE AND MAY CONTAIN INFORMATION THAT IS PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL. It may also constitute an exclusive bargaining representative-member communication between UFCW LOCAL 1994 MCGEO and its members, or work product of UFCW LOCAL 1994 MCGEO as an exclusive bargaining representative. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any review, disclosure or dissemination of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please notify us immediately by return email or telephone at the number shown above and destroy the original message and any copies. Any unlawful disclosure of privileged and/or confidential information may be subject to criminal prosecution. Thank you.

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

General

Account Name	Callas Contractors, Inc.
BID ID:	14000669
Date Established	3/21/16
Date Waiver Requested	10/19/2016
Account Type	Title 14 – Persons Doing Public Business

Officers

Current Filer	Timothy Campbell	Start Date: 3/21/16
Principal Officer	Timothy Campbell	Start Date: 3/21/16

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/31/2016	9/13/2016	\$500	\$500
		\$	\$
		Total	\$500

Prior Waiver and Fees

The 11/30/16 Report has not been filed and has late fees being assessed.

Reason for Waiver

The Pre Report Notice email SBE sends out inadvertently went to their junk email folder, so they did not know report was due. Since they received the contract there was no reason to believe they had any other requirements. He receives hundreds of emails every day from different state agencies, that it is reasonable to see how SBE emails are missed.

Agency Comments

Entity previously received system generated emails and were informed to mark it as a safe sender in their system.

Deny



Callas Contractors, Inc.
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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

October 13, 2016

Linda H. Lamone
Administrator
Maryland State Board of Elections
P.O. Box 6468
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Callas Contractors, Inc. Bid ID: 14000669 (5/31/2016 Spring 2016)

Madam:

We were unable to speak with Jared DeMarinis, but were recommended to reapply because new information had been uncovered since your Waiver Denied letter dated September 30, 2016. One of the original emails from your office was responded to (others were never opened since appearing in the junk folder) and ultimately confirmed by DPSCS as acceptable to enter into a contract. Attached are email communications with DPSCS during this period in March 2016. We just recently learned that the communicated confirmation may have been for registering only, but because our contract was issued there was no reason to believe that anything further was required. During this time, I was also asked by email from the State of Maryland to electronically file ethics disclosures in conjunction with my appointment to the Governor's Workforce Investment Board. The website questionnaire for this was very difficult to navigate, and over time there were numerous reminders to file.

With hundreds of emails to manage every day coupled by the confusion of different state agencies requesting similar disclosures, it is reasonable to see how something was missed. In fact, there was never a paper mailing until we were notified of a late fee. We also can't find where a \$500 late fee could be assessed. And if it was clearly referenced, it would likely have been addressed. The Contribution Disclosure Statement has since been filed.

Callas Contractors has contracted with the State of Maryland for over 50 years without incident. We ask the Board's indulgence in reconsidering this matter.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

Sincerely,

CALLAS CONTRACTORS, INC.



Timothy R. Campbell
President/CEO

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

General

Account Name	Garney Companies, Inc.
BID ID:	14000726
Date Established	6/17/2016
Date Waiver Requested	2/06/2017
Account Type	Title 14 – Persons Doing Public Business

Officers

Current Filer	Jennifer L Hopps	Start Date: 6/17/2016
Principal Officer	Stephen P Ford	Start Date: 6/17/2016

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/30/2016	1/30/2017	\$500	\$500
		\$	\$
		Total	\$500

Prior Waiver and Fees

Reason for Waiver

When attempting to file the Affidavit, they clicked on “Preview Affidavit” instead of “File Affidavit.”

Agency Comments

We sent out an email PRN on 11/01/16, FRN email on 12/09/16 and show cause letter on 1/19/17.

When they “Preview” an Affidavit we have this stated on that page:
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BCDS sends out a confirmation email out when report/affidavit is filed.

Deny



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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

January 30, 2017

State Board of Elections
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
151 West Street
Suite 200/P.O. Box 6486
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: MSBE Affidavit of Limited Contributions Garney Companies, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern;

Garney Companies, Inc. received a late notice for the Fall 2016 MSBE filing. We truly thought that we had completed the filing in a timely manner. On November 22, I logged in and went through what I thought was the process of filing an Affidavit of Limited Contributions. Attached please see the Affidavit that was obviously "reviewed" but not submitted. I did not understand that I did not complete the process by hitting the "submit" button.

We filed the Affidavit today and have been assessed a \$500 penalty for filing late. I would like to respectfully request the Board to waive this fee, or at least a portion of it, based on the fact that we made a good faith attempt to file in a timely manner. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused, however, it was an honest oversight on our part, and we did honestly think we had already filed.

Thank you for the time and consideration you have taken regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Glover".

Kathleen Glover
Staff Accountant
Garney Companies, Inc.

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

General

Account Name	Business Solutions Group, Incorporated
BID ID:	14000527
Date Established	8/01/2015
Date Waiver Requested	1/30/2017
Account Type	Title 14 – Persons Doing Public Business

Officers

Current Filer	Yelena Madorsky	Start Date: 8/01/2015
Principal Officer	Yelena Madorsky	Start Date: 8/01/2015

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/30/2016	1/26/2017	\$500	\$500
		\$	\$
		Total	\$500

Prior Waiver and Fees

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Reason for Waiver

When attempting to file the Affidavit, they clicked on “Preview Affidavit” instead of “File Affidavit.”

Agency Comments

<p>We sent out an email PRN on 11/01/16, FRN email on 12/09/16 and show cause letter on 1/19/17.</p> <p>When they “Preview” an Affidavit we have this stated on that page: IMPORTANT NOTICE: By clicking on the “Continue” button, you will be able to view or print a preview of the Affidavit of Limited Applicable Contributions. The Preview feature does not constitute a submission to the State Board. In order to file the Affidavit of Limited Contributions, you must select “File ALAC” under the File ALAC tab.</p> <p>BCDS sends out a confirmation email out when report/affidavit is filed.</p> <p>Deny</p>
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Business Solutions Group, Incorporated
Software Engineering/Management Consulting
1590 Lancaster Green, Annapolis, MD 21401

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Phone: (410) 849-8916
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS Fax: (410) 849-2565
bsg.us.com

January 26, 2017

Maryland State Board of Elections
P.O Box 6484
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Re: Contribution Disclosure Report Notice – Business Solutions Group, Bid ID: 14000527

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in response to a notice from the State Board of Elections, dated January 19, 2017 regarding delinquent report and fee due for not filing statement of contributions for the fall of 2016.

Business Solutions Group did not make any contributions in 2016. On November 1, 2016 I received a reminder from the State Board of Elections to file statement of contributions. Shortly after that I logged in to the system at <https://www.businessdisclosure.elections.maryland.gov> and instead of filing the “no contribution affidavit”, actually reported the contribution with zero dollar amount. I am not sure if the system processed this erroneous filing, but I did not receive any confirmation and could not find any record of it in the system. After receiving the notice dated January 19, and speaking to a board of elections representative over the phone, today I logged in to the system again and filed the “no contribution affidavit” (attached).

Since it is our first time mistake, I am asking you to wave the \$500 fee. I will be more careful in the future, and will file correct reports/affidavits in a timely manner.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Yelena Madorsky
President, Business Solutions Group
Office: (410) 849-8916
Mobile: (410) 980-0772
Email: ymadorsky@bsg.us.com

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

General

Account Name	War Horse LLC
BID ID:	14000744
Date Established	10/12/2016
Date Waiver Requested	1/27/2017
Account Type	Title 14 – Employing a Lobbyist

Officers

Current Filer	Vickie Hilditch	Start Date: 10/12/2016
Principal Officer	John Plank	Start Date: 10/12/2016

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/30/2016	1/25/2017	\$500	\$500
		\$	\$
		Total	\$500

Prior Waiver and Fees

Reason for Waiver

Data entered contributions on the Initial Report and had no contributions for the 11/30/16 report, but didn't know how to file the reports.

Agency Comments

SBE has instructions on the Reminders Page for the Businesses on how to file a report with no contributions.

Deny

WAR HORSE, LLC
100 International Drive, Suite 21100
Baltimore, MD 21202

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JAN 27 REC'D

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

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

RE: Notice to Show Cause – Delinquent Report and Fee Due
Account: War Horse, LLC
BID ID: 14000744

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to request an abatement of the late fee penalty assessed in the amount of \$500.00. As you can see from the data entered on the website, a good faith attempt was made to file the required report, however, due to a technicality, the information was not finalized.

Pursuant to my telephone conversations with Victoria Molina, the process for filing these reports were explained in more detail, therefore, I do not anticipate any future late filings.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Vickie L. Hilditch
VP of Operations

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

General

Account Name	INSURANCE AGENTS & BROKERS OF MARYLAND INC
BID ID:	14000284
Date Established	1/01/2015
Date Waiver Requested	1/27/2017
Account Type	Title 14 – Employing a Lobbyist

Officers

Current Filer	JASON F ERNEST	Start Date: 1/01/2015
Principal Officer	JASON F ERNEST	Start Date: 1/01/2015

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/30/2016	1/24/2017	\$500	\$500
		\$	\$
		Total	\$500

Prior Waiver and Fees

2/05/15 report was rcvd 2/10/15 and they paid the late fee of \$50.

Reason for Waiver

The accounting manager, Rena Hamilton, took an unexpected leave of absence for medical reasons. Rena had the sole responsibility for filing the reports.

Agency Comments

Rena Hamilton is not listed as the Principal Officer or Filer. Jason Ernest has been Principal Officer/Filer since the business registered in January 2015. His name is listed as filing all the reports in BCDS.

Deny

January 24, 2017

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



Insurance Agents & Brokers of Maryland

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Dear Jared:

RE: INSURANCE AGENTS & BROKERS OF MARYLAND INC

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

I am writing in response to your correspondence of January 19, 2017 (see attached copy for your reference).

I am writing to respectfully request relief from the fee due as referenced in this letter.

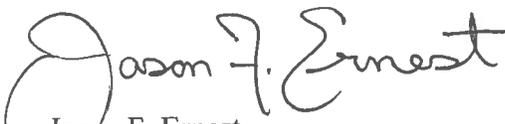
On November 22, 2016, our Accounting Manager, Rena Hamilton, took a very unexpected leave of absence from our organization. Rena was diagnosed with arterial blockage and immediately was required to undergo emergency heart surgery. We are happy to have Rena return to work the end of this month, but her two-month absence has been felt here.

Rena has the sole responsibility for filing campaign finance reports for our organization, and while we attempted to fill in for these duties, we missed the Contribution Disclosure Report in Maryland. We have immediately filed this report upon receiving your correspondence. I trust the records will reflect the very timely reporting of our organization in Maryland – a testament to Rena's thorough work.

This delinquent report is a direct result of a very unfortunate emergency situation in our office, and I am requesting that you consider this as a reason for relief from the substantial fee.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


Jason F. Ernest
Deputy CEO & Counsel



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AGENTS & BROKERS

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

General

Account Name	IGT Canada Solutions ULC
BID ID:	14000122
Date Established	1/01/2015
Date Waiver Requested	1/30/2017
Account Type	Title 14 – Persons Doing Public Business

Officers

Current Filer	Anton P Giedt	Start Date: 1/01/2015
Principal Officer	Victor Duarte	Start Date: 1/01/2015

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/30/2016	1/24/2017	\$500	\$500
		\$	\$
		Total	\$500

Prior Waiver and Fees

Reason for Waiver

Mr. Giedt states he is new counsel for the business. He replaces a Ms. Denise Ogilvic who retired in May 2016 and they had very limited interaction and he was not thoroughly briefed on requirements and procedures

Agency Comments

Anton Giedt has been listed as the only filer since they registered in our system. We have no record of Denise Ogilvic as being a filer and her name is not listed as who has been filing the reports. Anton Giedt name is listed for filing of all the reports.

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January 24, 2017

Ms. Victoria Molina
State Board of Elections
P.O. Box 6486
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Re: IGT Canada Solutions ULC (Bid ID: 1400122) and IGT Global Solutions Corporation (Bid ID: 14000124) – Request for waiver of Delinquent Report Fee

Dear Ms. Molina:

My name is Anton (Tony) Giedt and I am the new legal counsel for Government Affairs at IGT. My predecessor, Ms. Denise Ogilvie, retired in May of 2016 and we had very limited interaction and I did not get a thorough briefing on the Maryland filing requirements and procedures. Ms. Ogilvie's mail was directed to me this afternoon and as soon as I received the two notices to show cause for the above referenced IGT entities (copies enclosed) I immediately took steps to replace myself on the Maryland electronic filing system as the filer for IGT and submitted the delinquent affidavits (copies enclosed).

I regret that the filings were delayed and apologize for the oversight. I have taken steps to make sure that upcoming deadlines are not missed. Given the circumstances of the transition in personnel at IGT that led to the inadvertent missed disclosures, I respectfully request a waiver of the \$500.00 fee assessed for each IGT entity.

Please contact me if you have any questions, need clarification or would like to discuss.

Sincerely,

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Anton P. Giedt
Senior Corporate Counsel

Enclosures

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

General

Account Name	IGT Global Solutions Corporation
BID ID:	14000124
Date Established	1/01/2015
Date Waiver Requested	1/30/2017
Account Type	Title 14 – Persons Doing Public Business

Officers

Current Filer	Anton P Giedt	Start Date: 1/24/2017
Principal Officer	Robert Hochstein	Start Date: 1/01/2015

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/30/2016	1/24/2017	\$500	\$500
		\$	\$
		Total	\$500

Prior Waiver and Fees

Reason for Waiver

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Agency Comments

The Principal Officer and Filer both have their own usernames and passwords to log into BCDS. The Principal Officer has the ability to file the report if Filer is not able to.

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Enclosures

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

General

Account Name	Taylor Utilities, Inc.
BID ID:	14000740
Date Established	9/07/2016
Date Waiver Requested	1/26/2017
Account Type	Title 14 – Persons Doing Public Business

Officers

Current Filer	George Evan Taylor	Start Date: 9/07/2016
Principal Officer	George Evan Taylor	Start Date: 9/07/2016

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/30/2016	1/24/2017	\$500	\$500
		\$	\$
		Total	\$500

Prior Waiver and Fees

Reason for Waiver

They were simply unaware that there was new requirements. They filed the report when they rcvd the show cause notice.

Agency Comments

We sent out a PRN email on 11/01/16. We sent a FRN email on 12/09/16 and show cause was mailed out 1/19/17.

Deny

TAYLOR UTILITIES, INC.

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Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743
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taylorutilities@comcast.net

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

January 24, 2017

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

Re: Request for Waiver of \$500.00 penalty for failure to file timely report

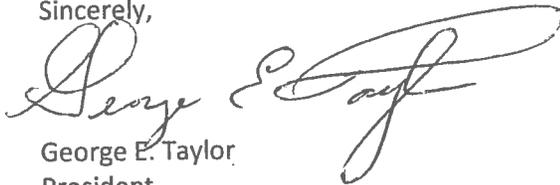
Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is to ask for forgiveness of the \$500.00 penalty for failure to file a timely report with the Maryland State Board of Elections.

Taylor Utilities, Inc. has conducted business with WSSC for 38 years and this was a new requirement that we simply were not made aware of by WSSC. We when we received the notice that our report was not filed, we immediately filed, and noted on the calendar that our next report is due in May 2017.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the waiver of the \$500.00 penalty.

Sincerely,



George E. Taylor
President
Taylor Utilities, Inc.

REQUEST TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT

Account Name	Friends of Alfred V. Griffin
CCF ID Number	01007335
Account Established Date	07/05/11
Outstanding Debts/Loans	10/28/11 ALCE -Balt. City Pre-General (This was not marked final report)
Cash Balance	0
Last Filed Campaign Finance Report (CFR)/ Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures	0
Outstanding Late Fees *	\$4810.00
Office of the State Prosecutor (OSP) Action/s Taken:	
The OSP issued two citation to the committee.	
List name and address of last know officers:	
Candidate: Alfred Griffin 3536 GREENMOUNT AVENUE, BALTIMORE, MD, 21218	Chairman: Alfred Griffin 3536 GREENMOUNT AVENUE, BALTIMORE, MD, 21218
Treasurer: Michael Griffin 1001 Saint Paul Street, 9C, Baltimore, MD, 21202	
Briefly describe why this account should be closed:	
<p>This committee should be closed due to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The OSP has been unsuccessful despite multiple attempts to locate and contact the committee chairman, and treasurer. 2. In 2014, two citations were issued for the 2012 Annual report, which were paid at District Court. OSP has been unable to contact ever since. <p>Election Law Article § 13-313 (a) (3) requires the termination of a campaign finance entity by the State Board when other extenuating circumstances exist to justify terminating the campaign finance entity.</p>	

REQUEST TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT

Account Name	Kassim, Guled Friends of
CCF ID Number	01009051
Account Established Date	7/3/2012
Outstanding Debts/Loans	\$0.00
Cash Balance	\$9,302.31
Last Filed Campaign Finance Report (CFR) / Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures (ALCE)	CFR - 2016 Annual (This was not marked Final Report. However, CFR due 1/15/2014 and ALCE due 1/16/2013 were marked Final).
Outstanding Late Fees *	\$0.00
Office of the State Prosecutor (OSP) Action/s Taken:	
The OSP performed investigation. The Treasurer has worked cooperatively with prosecutors and investigators in OSP to resolve a number of outstanding matters. The Treasurer paid a total of \$625.00 late fees on five CFRs filed after due date.	
List name and address of last known officers:	
Candidate Guled Hussein Kassim 7229 Millcrest Terrace Rockville, MD 20855	Chairman Same as candidate
Treasurer Craig Anthony Carter 9 Southview Court Silver Spring, MD 20905	
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 Candidate/Chairperson has moved to Somalia. The OSP has made multiple attempts to contact Mr. Kassim but was unsuccessful. The campaign bank account, with Mr. Kassim as the sole signatory was closed in July 2014 with a negative balance, following multiple levies from the State of Maryland for a garnishment assessed to Mr. Kassim. 2. The Treasurer, Mr. Carter has worked cooperatively with the OSP to resolve a number of outstanding matters including payment of \$625.00 late fees for late filing of five CFRs, and filing of missing CFRs. <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, (b) This doesn't eliminate OSP right to pursue any legal action against the candidate in the future.</p>	

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

REQUEST TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT

Account Name	Lane, Bonnie, for Baltimore 2016
CCF ID Number	01011013
Account Established Date	5/27/2014
Outstanding Debts/Loans	\$0.00
Cash Balance	\$(1,621.18)
Last Filed Campaign Finance Report (CFR) / Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures (ALCE)	ALCE for 2017 Annual (This was not marked Final Report)
Outstanding Late Fees *	\$400.00
Office of the State Prosecutor (OSP) Action/s Taken:	
The OSP issued a citation to the committee.	
List name and address of last known officers:	
Candidate Bonnie Renee Lane 276 E. Ontario Street Rogers City, MN 49779	Chairman Same as candidate
Treasurer Jeremy Collins 2376 Nutmeg Terrace Baltimore, MD 21209	
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 candidate/chairperson has paid \$350.00 towards late fees and \$150.00 towards citation, for a total of \$500.00 from her personal funds to resolve the violations. 2. Based on the candidate/chairperson's cooperation and amount already paid, the OSP will exercise prosecutorial discretion and will not be further pursuing any matters associated with this committee. 3. The treasurer has resigned. 4. The candidate/chairperson has moved in another State. <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>	

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REQUEST TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT

Account Name	Wilkerson, Joann Friends of
CCF ID Number	01009610
Account Established Date	12/12/2013
Outstanding Debts/Loans	\$0.00
Cash Balance	\$1,385.16
Last Filed Campaign Finance Report (CFR) / Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures (ALCE)	ALCE - 2015 Annual (None of the CFRs and ALCEs filed were marked final report)
Outstanding Late Fees *	\$1,220.00
Office of the State Prosecutor (OSP) Action/s Taken:	
The OSP performed investigation, and recommends the committee be administratively closed.	
List name and address of last known officers:	
Candidate Joann Wilkerson 425 Calvert Road Stevensville, MD 21666	Chairman Same as candidate
Treasurer Scott A. Wilkerson 425 Calvert Road Stevensville, MD 21666	
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 has been unsuccessful despite multiple attempts to locate and contact Mr. and Mrs. Wilkerson. They both no longer reside within the State of Maryland. 2. The OSP determined that the campaign bank account had no funds to pay late fees. <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>	

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REQUEST TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT

Account Name	Mitchell, Micah Friends of
CCF ID Number	01010800
Account Established Date	2/24/2014
Outstanding Debts/Loans	\$0.00
Cash Balance	\$0.00
Last Filed Campaign Finance Report (CFR) / Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures (ALCE)	The committee has not filed all the CFRs (2014 Gubernatorial Central Committee Report, 2015 Annual and 2016 Annual)
Outstanding Late Fees *	\$0.00
Office of the State Prosecutor (OSP) Action/s Taken:	
The OSP cannot pursue action against the committee. The OSP made multiple attempts to locate the responsible officers but was unsuccessful.	
List name and address of last known officers:	
Candidate Micah Chapell Mitchell 1772 E. North Avenue Baltimore, MD 21213	Chairman Same as Candidate
Treasurer Latonya Rochelle Mitchell 2137 Cliftwood Avenue Baltimore, MD 21213	
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 closed the late fee violations and declined to prosecute. 2. The OSP was unable to locate the Candidate/Chairperson; and the Treasurer after multiple attempts have been made. <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>	

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REQUEST TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT

Account Name	Holmes, Vernon Friends of
CCF ID Number	01009299
Account Established Date	6/27/2013
Outstanding Debts/Loans	\$0.00
Cash Balance	\$0.00
Last Filed Campaign Finance Report (CFR) / Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures (ALCE)	2014 Annual (ALCE) (The committee has not filed a Final Report)
Outstanding Late Fees *	\$2,250.00
Office of the State Prosecutor (OSP) Action/s Taken:	
The OSP cannot pursue action against the committee due to responsible officers cannot be located after multiple attempts.	
List name and address of last known officers:	
Candidate Vernon Orlando Holmes 9808 Tribonian Drive Fort Washington, MD 20744	Chairman Same as Candidate
Treasurer La Toya Robinson Ray 1136 Halstead Road Parkville, MD 21234	
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 closed the late fee violations; 2. The OSP did multiple attempts to contact the committee, but has been unsuccessful for various reasons. 3. The Treasurer has resigned on 11/26/2013. <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>	

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Armstead B. Crawley Jones, Sr.
Election Director III

Abigail Goldman
Election Deputy Director

Eleanor K. Wang
President (R)

Lawrence C. Cager, Jr.
Vice President (D)



BALTIMORE CITY
BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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Secretary (R)

Sidney Shelton
Member (R)

Deitra L. Redmond
Member (D)

February 21, 2017

David J. McManus, Jr.
151 West Street,
Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

Mr. David J. McManus, Jr.,

After I was informed of your concerns by the State Board of Elections about Dallas Nicholas Elementary through Nikki Charlson, the following actions were taken:

- The Board Chair (Mrs. Ellie Wang) and board member (Ms. Deitra Redmond) immediately went to the site.
- Shortly after I arrived with another board member (Rev. Frankie Powell).
- All of the issues that you mentioned were resolved.

We thank you for alerting us about the situation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Armstead B. Crawley Jones, Sr.".

Armstead B. Crawley Jones, Sr., CERA
Election Director

cc: Mrs. Ellie Wang, Board President
Board Members

1. In the instructions at the beginning of the ballot, "Making Selections" was translated as "Seleccionando" and appears to mean "Selecting." Why was it not translated to "Cómo Como Marcar Sus Selecciones"?

Commented [A1]: This word does not - technically - exist in the English language, as a verb for "Making Selections". The original translation is using a gerund for the verb "Select" or "Seleccionando" and as the reviewer says, it could have been translated differently, but in my opinion this can be understood as "Making Selections" but the gerund was used instead. Now, perhaps this would have been, yet another way to translate it: "Cómo Hacer Sus Selecciones" (Please note the "Como" in the reviewer's comments is also missing an accent - in case this would be used for future reference), but clearly space/room would be an issue.

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2. On the ballot questions (see Question A), "Charter Required Referendum" was translated as "Enmienda Requerida a la Carta Constitutiva" and appears to mean "Amendment Required to the Charter." Why was it not translated to "Referéndum Requerido por el Estatuto Constitutivo del Condado"?

Commented [A2]: I understand and agree where the word "Referendum" was translated as "Enmienda" and not as it should have been "Referéndum". As for the rest of the sentence, it appears that by definition, "Charter Required" relates to "Making a Referendum Required by the Charter" and I think, just like the reviewer mentions, it would have been a better option to translate it as: "Referéndum Requerido por el Estatuto Constitutivo del Condado"

3. On the same ballot questions, "AN ACT" was translated as "Una Ley" and appears to mean "A Law." Why was it not translated to "UN ACTA"?

Commented [A3]: I too agree about the fact that "ACT" was translated as a "LAW" instead of being an "ACT under a LAW"....."Una ACTO de Ley que le permita al Condado..."

4. On the same ballot questions, "For the Charter Referendum" was translated as "A favor del Estatuto del Referéndum" and appears to mean "In favor of the Statute of the Referendum." Why was it not translated to "A Favor del Referéndum"?

Commented [A4]: I agree, "A Favor del Referendum" would have been better.

5. On Question D, "two at large members" was translated as "dos miembros sin cargo específico" and appears to mean "two members without specific charge." Why was this not translated to "dos miembros por acumulación"?

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Commented [A5]: I am not sure, in the use of the legal words for these "positions", which description would fit better in this sentence, but as I read the translation, I too agree with the reviewer that these "two members" should have been referred - in Spanish - as something other than "dos miembros sin cargo específico", and in my opinion "dos miembros del distrito en general" would fit better in this translation and not "dos miembros por acumulación"

6. On Question E, "maintenance facilities" was translated as "mantenimiento de instalaciones" and appears to mean "maintenance of facilities." Why was this not translated to "instalaciones de mantenimiento"?

Commented [A6]: I agree with the reviewer in the sense that the translation mentions the act of maintaining the facilities instead of the actual maintenance facilities/instalations/buildings - so, "instalaciones de mantenimiento" would have been the correct translation. And it is worth mentioning the fact that the parenthesis in the original translation was not closed after this sentence.

EMPLOYMENT

- 11/02-Present **Certified Interpreter & Translator and Bilingual Benefits Communication Consultant**
- Freelance interpreting and document translation for various agencies throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Utah, California, Georgia, Alaska & Arizona.
 - Interpreting services for a wide variety of Hospitals, Clinics, and Community Centers, as well as Government Entities (State & Federal) & Private Organizations.
 - Formal presentations (English & Spanish) for companies with 5,000+ employees.
- 2/02-7/02 **Human Resources Manager and Buyer, GM Nameplate Auburn, WA.**
- Performed all buying and overall HR tasks.
 - Part of core group of people that helped create the GM Nameplate Auburn Plastics Division after Fleck Company's closure in January 2002.
 - Responsible for material procurement to ensure production and delivery of product on time, every time.
 - Acted as main person coordinating lay-offs until the plant was completely shut down.
- 3/00-2/02 **Bilingual Human Resources Administrator, Fleck Company Inc. Auburn, WA.**
- Created new policies (in English & Spanish) & maintained current ones under direct supervision of the President & CEO.
 - Developed employee relations and helped improve employee morale; helped with interpreting & translation of documents for employees with ESL (English as a Second Language).
 - Reduced benefits costs by reviewing and proposing new benefit packages, policies and/or wage administration programs.
 - Performed full hiring tasks - interviewing, hiring, team building.
 - Supervised 2 front office assistants & overall reception/office activities.
 - Translated documents & policies for Fleck de México, S.A. de C.V.
- 2/99-3/00 **Bilingual Customer Service Specialist. Fleck Company Inc. Auburn, WA.**
- One and only Interpreter for Account Managers & President/CEO.
 - Responsible for providing excellent customer support to 20+ accounts, including 5 international ones (Mexico, Brazil, Spain, Singapore & France).
 - Effectively managed accounts meeting customer's demands in a timely manner.
 - Acted as trainer for employees with ESL (English as a Second Language) when needed.
 - Recorded training videos, using simultaneous interpretation, to help employees in Mexico with overall Plastic Injection Molding Machine Maintenance/Processing & Troubleshooting.
- 2/96-2/99 **Accounts Receivable Manager. Peterson Company, Auburn, WA.**
- Supervised activities and duties of 3 employees.
 - Performed full hiring tasks.
 - Accountable for overall department efficiency and accuracy.
 - Consistently provided high standards of customer service.
 - Reorganized department and built new employee team resulting in more efficient and accurate department since my hire.
 - Effective multi-tasking resulting in meeting deadlines and developing positive customer service relations.
- 1/95-10/95 **Bilingual Assistant Manager. Western National IPS Properties, Orange, CA.**
- Assisted manager in daily operations of a 209 unit apartment community.
 - Efficiently managed multiple tasks: scheduling, correspondence, filing, archiving, accounts payable, translation of contracts as well as interpreting for the manager when needed.

EDUCATION, CERTIFICATES & VOLUNTEER WORK

- 1989-1994 Bachelor of Science, Business Administration & Software with HR specialty. Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara (Private University in México).
- 2002-2003 Professional Language Certificate, Medical & Social Services. Interpreter, State of Washington. Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).
- 05-26-2006 Professional Language Certificate, Document Translation. English to Spanish, State of Washington. Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).
- 09-01-2000 Mentor for Children Certificate. Auburn Rotary.
- 06-10-2005 Notary License. WA State Department of Licensing.
- 2000-2005 Events Volunteer for the World Trade Center in Tacoma, WA.
- 2005-Present Member of NOTIS (Northwest Translators & Interpreters Society).

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Nikki Charlson
Deputy Administrator

Memorandum

To: State Board Members
From: Jared DeMarinis
Date: February 17, 2017
Re: Final Adoption of Regulations

At the upcoming board meeting, I will present for final adoption proposed changes to:

- 33.13 (Campaign Financing)
 - .07 (Authority Line Requirements; Electronic Media)
 - .06 (Enforcement)
 - .08 (Independent Expenditure Requirements)
 - .06 (*Failure to File*)
 - .07 (*Waiver Request – Late Filing Fees*)
 - .10 (Prohibitions)
 - .02 (Prohibited Contributions)
 - .03 (Prohibited Expenditures)
 - .04 (*Coordinated Expenditures*)
 - .13 (Administrative Accounts)
 - .08 (*Legislative Communications*)
- 33.14 (Administration of Public Financing Act)
 - .02 (Eligibility Requirements and Procedures)
 - .03 (Deadline for Notice and Certification – Primary Election)
- 33.20 (Disclosure by Persons Doing Public Business)
 - .06 (Contributions)
 - .01 (Contributions)

The proposed changes to the regulations were adopted at the September 29, 2016 meeting. They were published in the November 28, 2016 edition of the *Maryland Register* (Vol. 43, Issue 24), and the public comment period closed on December 28, 2016. No public comments were received on the proposed changes.

I have attached the memo dated September 27, 2016 to the Board detailing the changes in regulations once adopted as final.

If you have any questions before the next meeting, please contact me. I will, of course, be available at the board meeting to answer any questions.

Attachment.

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Memorandum

To: State Board Members
From: Jared DeMarinis
Date: September 27, 2016
Re: Proposed Changes to Regulations

At the next board meeting, I will propose changes to the following COMAR provision¹ (see enclosure):

- 33.13 (Campaign Financing)
 - .07 (Authority Line Requirements; Electronic Media)
 - .06 (Enforcement)
 - .08 (Independent Expenditure Requirements)
 - .06 (*Failure to File*)
 - .07 (*Waiver Request – Late Filing Fees*)
 - .10 (Prohibitions)
 - .02 (Prohibited Contributions)
 - .03 (Prohibited Expenditures)
 - .04 (*Coordinated Expenditures*)
 - .13 (Administrative Accounts)
 - .08 (*Legislative Communications*)
- 33.14 (Administration of Public Financing Act)
 - .02 (Eligibility Requirements and Procedures)
 - .03 (Deadline for Notice and Certification – Primary Election)
- 33.20 (Disclosure by Persons Doing Public Business)
 - .06 (Contributions)
 - .01 (Contributions)

Campaign Financing (Subtitle 13)

The proposed regulations adds “person” to the enforcement provisions of authority line requirements. Independent expenditures are conducted by a person, not a political committee, and are subject to the same penalties for lack of authority line on campaign material.

¹ Italicized text is new section or language.

The proposed regulations detail the procedures for an independent expenditure entity to request a waiver of late fees and the issuance of the civil citation.

In 2016, the General Assembly amended the prohibition on fundraising during session law. The proposed regulations reflect the legislative changes and provide specific activities that would constitute soliciting contributions by a legislator.

The proposed additions to the prohibited expenditures by a political committee codify prior policy and advice.

The proposed regulations adds a new section regarding coordinated expenditures. This is a proactive measure before the 2018 Election will clarify activities that would constitute coordination between persons making independent expenditures and candidates and political parties.

Lastly, the proposed regulations clarify the requirements of a legislative communication paid with administrative funds. Since administrative funds may not be used for electoral purposes, the communication may not contain any references to an election or political slogans.

Administration of Public Financing Act (Subtitle 14)

The proposed regulation clarifies the deadlines for private eligible contributions used for seed money certification. The use of a specific date for contribution mirrors the statute language for when contributions begin to be eligible for matching. A report deadline may be confusing due to different transaction period end dates.

Disclosure by Persons Doing Public Business (Subtitle 20)

The proposed regulations codifies State Board of Elections policy that contributions made by a political action committee sponsored by or identified with a person doing public business are made at the direction of the business entity.

If you have any questions about this proposed text before the board meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me. I will, of course, be available at the board meeting to answer any questions.

Attachment: Proposed Regulations

Title 33 State Board of Elections
Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing
Chapter 07 Authority Line Requirements; Electronic Media

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4) and 13-404, and Title 13, Subtitle 4, Part I, Annotated Code of Maryland

.06 Enforcement.

Subject to the penalties of Election Law Article, §§13-602(b) or 13-604.1, Annotated Code of Maryland, a political committee or person may not publish or distribute, or cause to be published or distributed, campaign material in violation of this chapter.

Title 33 State Board of Elections
Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing
Chapter 08 Independent Expenditure Requirements

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4) and 13-306, Annotated Code of Maryland

.06 Failure to File.

A. Show Cause Notice. If the State Board determines that there has been a failure to file an independent expenditure report or that the report does not include the information required by Election Law Article, § 13-306, Annotated Code of Maryland, the State Board shall issue a notice to the treasurer or other individual designated by an entity required to file the independent expenditure report.

B. Contents of the Notice. The notice shall state that, within 30 days:

(1) The failure to file must be rectified; and

(2) The late filing penalty must be paid or the person making the independent expenditure must show cause why the State Board should not issue a civil citation.

C. Issuance of the Civil Citation. If the person fails to respond the notice within 30 days of its issuance, the State Board shall issue a civil citation against the person making independent expenditures as specified in Election Law Article, §13-604.1, Annotated Code of Maryland.

.07 Waiver Request — Late Filing Fees.

A. Availability. A person making independent expenditures may request a waiver of the penalty for the late filing of the independent expenditure report.

B. Requirements.

(1) A request to waive the late fee penalty shall be made in writing and filed with the State Administrator.

(2) The request shall include:

(a) The name, address, and telephone number of the person making the independent expenditure;

(b) A detailed statement of the facts explaining why the person making the independent expenditure failed to timely file a statement of contributions; and

(c) A history of past compliance activity regarding the person making independent expenditures.

C. Consideration and Determination.

(1) With approval of the State Board, the State Administrator may waive the late filing penalty for just cause.

(2) The State Administrator may deny a waiver request without notice or hearing.

(3) The decision of the State Administrator on the waiver request shall be in writing.

D. Issuance of the Civil Citation. If payment of the penalty for the failure to file has not occurred within 30 days after the decision of the State Administrator, the State Board shall issue a civil citation against the person making the independent expenditure as specified in Election Law Article, §13-604.1, Annotated Code of Maryland.

**Title 33 State Board of Elections
Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing
Chapter 10 Prohibitions**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 13-218, 13-225,13-237, 13-239, and 13-245, and Title 13, Subtitle 3, Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Prohibited Contributions

A. – E. (text unchanged).

F. During General Assembly Session. During a regular session of the General Assembly, except as provided under Election Law Article, §13-236(c) and (d), Annotated Code of Maryland, a covered official or a person acting on behalf of or as an agent for the covered official may not for the benefit of any candidate or political committee set forth in §G of this Regulation:

(1) – (3) (text unchanged)

(4) Directly or indirectly solicit a contribution [or sell tickets to a fund-raising event] by any means[;] *including:*

(a) Posting an invitation or "save the date" notice for a fundraising event on a social media account; or

(b) Forwarding tickets to a fund-raising event or emails soliciting a future contribution to potential contributors;

(5) – (6) (text unchanged)

.03 Prohibited Expenditures.

A. (text unchanged)

B. Prohibited Expenditures. Except as provided in §C of this regulation, a political committee may not make an expenditure of campaign funds, directly or indirectly, in any amount for:

(1) – (7) (text unchanged)

(8) Tuition and any other associated costs for educational programs or schooling; [or]

(9) Administrative accounts of the political party central committee or legislative party caucus committee [.]

(10) Dues or any other expense for:

(a) A legislative caucus in the General Assembly; or

(b) Legislative organizations affiliated with the General Assembly including Society of Senate's Past, Speaker's Society and Protocol; and

(11) A loan to a political committee.

.04 Coordinated Expenditures.

A. *Prohibited. A person or entity subject to Election Law Article, §§13-306, 13-307 and 13-309.1, Annotated Code of Maryland may not, with respect to any disbursement, whether actual, planned, or promised, coordinate with:*

(1) A candidate;

(2) A campaign finance entity of a candidate, political party or ballot issue; or

(3) An agent of a candidate, political party or a ballot issue committee.

B. Coordinated Actions. A disbursement or a promise to make a disbursement by a person or entity subject to Election Law Article, §§13-306, 13-307 and 13-309.1, Annotated Code of Maryland shall be deemed coordinated and an in-kind contribution to the candidate, political party or ballot issue committee if the disbursement:

- (1) Is made at the request, direction or suggestion of the candidate or agent of the candidate, political party or ballot issue committee;*
- (2) Uses campaign material, strategies, or other campaign information that is not generally available to the public and was shared by a candidate or an agent of the candidate, political party or ballot issue committee including information relating to:
 - (a) Messaging or content of an advertisement;*
 - (b) Polling data;*
 - (c) Research on a candidate or issue;*
 - (d) Allocation of campaign resources;*
 - (e) Targeted or intended audience; or*
 - (f) Media plans for making a public communication, for example the specific media outlet to be used, the timing, frequency, or schedule for making the communication, and similar information;**
- (3) Republishes substantial portions of campaign material prepared by the candidate, ballot issue committee or political party;*
- (4) Is made after details of the disbursement are privately discussed or disclosed with the candidate or agents of the candidate, political party, or ballot issue committee; or*
- (5) Involves any agreement between the person or entity and the candidate, political party or ballot issue committee regarding payment of expenses or receipt of contributions, including designs or schemes to evade Election Law disclosure requirements or contribution limits.*

**Title 33 State Board of Elections
Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing
Chapter 13 Administrative Accounts**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4) and 13-220.1, Annotated Code of Maryland

.08 Legislative Communications.

A. Defined. A legislative communication for which administrative funds may be used is a communication that discusses proposed or actual legislation, the incumbent's position on the legislation, if any, and general statements regarding the incumbent's position on similar legislation or issues affecting the incumbent's constituents.

B. Prohibitions. A legislative communication may not include advocacy or statements relating to the campaign or election of the incumbent, an appeal for votes or contributions, or reference or use of political slogans associated with the incumbent.

C. Social Media. If the communication is distributed by a social media account or an electronic media advertisement, information regarding the legislation at issue must be featured prominently on the landing or home page of the account immediately after the constituent clicks on the link or electronic media advertisement.

**Title 33 State Board of Elections
Subtitle 14 Administration of Public Financing Act
Chapter 02 Eligibility Requirements and Procedures**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4) and 15-109(b), Annotated Code of Maryland

.03 Deadline for Notice and Certification — Primary Elections.

A. – B. (text unchanged)

C. Seed Money Deadline. Private eligible contributions may not be used for seed money certification if received after the [No later than] third Tuesday in May of the year of the election [, the candidate shall submit a certification of seed money and an initial request for a public contribution for use in a primary election].

**Title 33 State Board of Elections
Subtitle 20 Disclosure by Persons Doing Public Business
Chapter 06 Contributions**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 14-105 and 14-109, Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 Contributions.

A. – I. (text unchanged)

J. Political Action Committee Contributions. A contribution or donation made by a political action committee sponsored by or identified with the person doing public business shall be considered as made at the direction of the business entity.



Maryland Association of Election Officials

Representing the Local Election Boards of the State of Maryland

January 31, 2017

Nikki Charlson, Deputy Administrator
Maryland State Board of Elections
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Ms. Charlson:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Election Officials, I am writing to offer our support for continuing to use the independent, automated, post-election tabulation method employed statewide in the 2016 Presidential General Election. This method of conducting the post-election tabulation audit maximizes the use of technology to assure voters of the accuracy of the results in a way that minimizes the risks of human error and reduces ballot handling.

As you know, the tabulation audit is just one of several audits that the Local Boards of Elections are required to conduct before certifying the results of an election. We are also required to conduct post-election audits to verify:

- Totals tapes printed from each scanner match the reported results;
- The number of voters who checked in matches the number of voters who cast ballots and that discrepancies are satisfactorily explained;
- Election Judges properly accounted for preprinted ballots issued to precincts;
- Polling places opened on time and Election Judges were performing their duties in compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Absentee ballots were properly issued and accepted or rejected correctly;
- Provisional ballots were properly issued and accepted or rejected correctly; and
- Variances among the statistical totals in the canvass minutes, MDVOTERS and the voting system (ERM) are adequately explained for absentee and provisional voters.

These audits are completed during the absentee and provisional ballot canvasses, which mean that our offices are simultaneously accepting delivery of mailed absentee ballots, researching provisional ballots, and performing the time-consuming process of opening absentee and provisional ballots by hand and ensuring that ballots cast totals ballots counted and voters checked in during the election. These tasks are all done at a time when our staff are exhausted, having just completed numerous long days preparing for the election, managing early voting, conducting the election, and canvassing absentee and provisional ballots. Due to the constraints that the local Boards of Elections operate with following an election, we support adopting

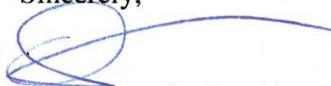
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technology that makes audits more efficient, accurate, and improves confidence in the voting process and the accuracy of the election results.

In our professional experience, a hand-count of election results using a percentage of actual ballots does not provide the level of confidence in the voting system that was demonstrated in 2016 by using an automated system to audit 100% of the election results statewide. A hand-count of ballot is time-consuming and is vulnerable to human error. When conducting a hand-count of ballots, we must routinely identify and resolve discrepancies that develop during the hand-count due to human error. As experienced election administrators, we find the automated method used in the 2016 Presidential General Election to be a more preferable and useful audit tool and consider it a far more effective tabulation audit method compared to recounting a percentage of ballots by hand.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at david.garreis@maryland.gov or call me at 410-222-0405.

Sincerely,



David Garreis, President
Maryland Association of Election Officials