STATE OF FLORIDA FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION

In Re: Kevin Burns		FEC 14-433
	F.O. No.:	FOFEC 16-130W

CONSENT FINAL ORDER

Respondent, Kevin Burns, and the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) agree that this Consent Order resolves all of the issues between the parties in this case. The parties jointly stipulate to the following facts, conclusions of law, and order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On November 17, 2014, a complaint was filed with the Commission alleging that Respondent violated Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.
- 2. On March 28, 2016, the staff of the Commission issued a Staff Recommendation, recommending to the Commission that there was probable cause to believe that the Florida Election Code was violated.
- 3. Respondent expressed a desire to enter into negotiations directed toward reaching a consent agreement.
 - 4. Respondent and the staff stipulate to the following facts:
 - a. Respondent was a candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of North Miami during the 2014 special municipal election cycle, and he served as his own campaign treasurer.
 - b. During his campaign, Respondent failed to disclose significant campaign

contributions and expenditures by failing to file the campaign's 2014 G4, 2014 G5, 2014 G6, and the 2014 G7 Reports.

c. According to the North Miami City Clerk's office, each of the four reports remain outstanding.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 6. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this cause, pursuant to Section 106.26, Florida Statutes.
- 7. Section 106.25(4)(i)3., Florida Statutes, allows the Commission to approve a consent agreement with a Respondent prior to the Commission finding probable cause that a violation of the election laws occurred. The consent agreement has the same force and effect as a consent agreement reached after the Commission finds probable cause.
- 8. The Commission staff and Respondent stipulate that all elements of the offense(s) staff recommends charging in the Staff Recommendation can be proven by clear and convincing evidence.

ORDER

- 9. The Respondent and the staff of the Commission have entered into this Consent Order voluntarily and upon advice of counsel.
- 10. The parties shall each bear their own attorney's fees and costs that are in any way associated with this case.
 - 11. The Commission will consider the Consent Order at its next available meeting.
- 12. The Respondent voluntarily waives the right to any further proceedings under Chapters 104, 106, and 120, Florida Statutes, and the right to appeal the Consent Order.
 - 13. This Consent Order is enforceable under Sections 106.265 and 120.69, Florida

Statutes. Respondent expressly waives any venue privileges and agrees that if enforcement of

this Consent Order is necessary, venue shall be in Leon County, Florida, and Respondent shall be

responsible for all fees and costs associated with enforcement.

14. If the Commission does not receive the signed Consent Order on or before

Friday, April 29, 2016, the staff withdraws this offer of settlement and will proceed with the

case.

15. Payment of the civil penalty by cashier's check or money order, good for at least

120 days, or attorney trust account check is a condition precedent to the Commission's

consideration of the Consent Order.

PENALTY

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission

finds that the Respondent has violated the following provisions of Chapters 106, Florida Statutes,

and imposes the following fines:

Respondent violated Section 106.19(1)(c) Florida Statutes, on four occasions, by falsely

reporting or deliberately failing to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes,

when he failed to file the campaign's 2014 G4, 2014 G5, 2014 G6, and the 2014 G7 Reports.

Respondent is fined \$750.00 for each of the four counts for a total of \$3,000.00.

Therefore it is

ORDERED that the Respondent shall remit to the Commission a civil penalty in the

amount of \$3,000.00, inclusive of fees and costs. The civil penalty shall be paid by cashier's

check or money order, good for at least 120 days, or attorney trust account check. The civil

penalty should be made payable to the Florida Elections Commission and sent to 107 West

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Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-1050.

Kevin Burns 2065 Alamanda Drive North Miami, FL 33161 Commission staff hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Consent Order on Amy McKeever Toman, J.D. Executive Director Florida Elections Commission 107 West Gaines Street Collins Building, Suite 224 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050 Approved by the Florida Elections Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting held on May 18-19, 2016 in Tallahassee, Florida. M. Scott Thomas, Chairman Florida Elections Commission Copies furnished to: Amy McKeever Toman, Executive Director Kevin Burns, Respondent

Respondent hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Order on

Stephanie Kienzle, Complainant

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