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Florida Elections Commission,
Petitioner,

v.

Case No.: FEC 15-316

Carline M. Paul,
Respondent.

ORDER OF PROBABLE CAUSE

THIS MATTER was heard by the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 17, 2016, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Based on the Complaint, Report of Investigation, Staff's Recommendation, and oral statements (if any) made at the probable cause hearing, the Commission finds that there is **probable cause** to charge Respondent with the following violation(s):

Count 1:

On or about May 21, 2014, Carline M. Paul violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, when she certified that the campaign's 2014 M5 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

Count 2:

On or about July 2, 2014, Carline M. Paul violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, when she certified that the campaign's 2014 M6 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

Count 3:

On or about November 10, 2014, Carline M. Paul violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, when she certified that the campaign's 2014 M10 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

Count 4:

On or about December 10, 2014, Carline M. Paul violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, when she certified that the campaign's 2014 M11 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

Count 5:

On or about January 9, 2015, Carline M. Paul violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, when she certified that the campaign's 2014 M12 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

Count 6:

On or about February 10, 2015, Carline M. Paul violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, when she certified that the campaign's 2015 M1 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

Count 7:

On or about March 9, 2015, Carline M. Paul violated Section 106.07(5), Florida Statutes, when she certified that the campaign's 2015 M2 Report was true, correct, and complete when it was not.

Count 8:

On or around November 10, 2014, Carline M. Paul violated Section 106.19(1)(b), Florida Statutes, when she failed to report contributions required to be reported by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's 2014 M10 Report.

Count 9:

On or around May 21, 2014, Carline M. Paul violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when she deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's 2014 M5 Report.

Count 10:

On or around November 10, 2014, Carline M. Paul violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when she deliberately failed to include information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's 2014 M10 Report.

Count 11:

On or around March 9, 2015, Carline M. Paul violated Section 106.19(1)(c), Florida Statutes, when she falsely reported information required by Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, on the campaign's 2015 M2 Report.

Count 12:

On or about October 10, 2014, Carline M. Paul violated Section 106.07(7), Florida Statutes, when she failed to notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that she would not be filing her 2014 M9 Report.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Florida Elections Commission on August 17, 2016.



M. Scott Thomas, Chairman
Florida Elections Commission

Copies furnished to:
Stephanie J. Cunningham, Assistant General Counsel
Sabine Millien-Felix, Attorney for Respondent
Stephanie Kienzle, Complainant

<p>NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING</p>
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As the Respondent, you may elect to resolve this case in several ways. First, you may elect to resolve this case by consent order where you and Commission staff agree to resolve the violation(s) and agree to the amount of the fine. The consent order is then presented to the Commission for its approval. To discuss a consent order, contact the FEC attorney identified in the Order of Probable Cause.

Second, you may request an informal hearing held before the Commission, if you do not dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to make written or oral arguments to the Commission concerning the legal issues related to the violation(s) and the potential fine. At the request of Respondent, the Commission will consider and determine willfulness at an informal hearing. Otherwise, live witness testimony is unnecessary.

Third, you may request a formal hearing held before an administrative law judge in the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH), if you dispute any material fact in the Staff Recommendation. You have 30 days from the date the Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission to request such a hearing. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order. At the hearing, you will have the right to present evidence relevant to the violation(s) listed in this order, to cross-examine opposing witnesses, to impeach any witness, and to rebut the evidence presented against you.

If you do not elect to resolve the case by consent order or request a formal hearing at the DOAH or an informal hearing before the Commission within 30 days of the date this Order of Probable Cause is filed with the Commission, the case will be sent to the Commission for a formal or informal hearing, depending on whether the facts are in dispute. The date this order was filed appears in the upper right-hand corner of the first page of the order.

To request a hearing, please send a written request to the Commission Clerk, Donna Ann Malphurs. The address of the Commission Clerk is 107 W. Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050. The telephone number is (850) 922-4539. The Clerk will provide you with a copy of Chapter 28-106, *Florida Administrative Code*, and other applicable rules upon request. No mediation is available.