

COMPLAINT

The Commission's records and proceedings in a case are confidential until the Commission rules on probable cause. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the person against whom it is brought.

1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

Name: Stephanie Kienzle Work Phone: (____) _____
Address: 7535 SW 26 Court Home Phone: (305) 335-2093
City: Davie County: Broward State: FL Zip Code: 33314

2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:

If you intend to name more than one individual or entity, please file multiple complaints. A person can be an individual, political committee, political party, electioneering communication organization, club, corporation, partnership, company, association, or other type of organization.

Name of individual or entity: Andrise Bernard
Address: 17011 NE 19 Avenue (City Hall) Phone: (305) 787-6001
City: North Miami Beach County: Miami-Dade State: FL Zip Code: 33162

If individual is a candidate, list the office or position sought: City Clerk

Have you filed this complaint with the State Attorney's Office? (check one) Yes No

Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.271(2), F.S.? (check one) Yes No

Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.2715, F.S.? (check one) Yes No

3. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):

Please attach a **concise** narrative statement in which you list the provisions of the Florida Election Code that you believe the person named above may have violated. The Commission has jurisdiction only to investigate provisions of Chapter 104 and Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Please include the following items as part of your attached statement:

- The facts and actions that you believe support the violations you allege;
- The names/telephone numbers of persons whom you believe may be witnesses to the facts;
- A copy or picture of any political advertisement(s) you mention in your statement;
- A copy of each document you mention in your statement;
- An explanation of why you believe information you reference from websites is relevant; and
- Any other evidence supporting your allegations.

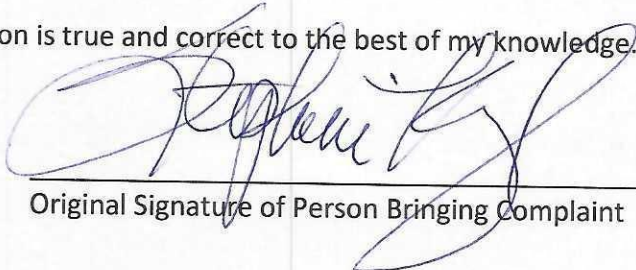
SEE REVERSE SIDE OF DOCUMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any person who files a complaint while knowing that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes.


4. OATH:

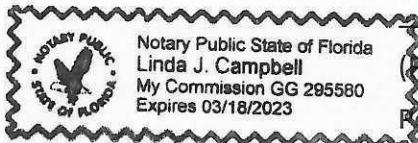
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Broward

I swear or affirm that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 day of
July, 20 21


Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oaths or Notary Public



(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally Known _____ Or Produced Identification _____

Type of Identification Produced _____

5. IMPROPERLY COMPLETED COMPLAINT FORMS MAY BE RETURNED:

- You **MUST** submit this completed complaint form in order to file a complaint.
- You **MUST** complete **ALL FOUR** of the above sections of this form. **DO NOT** leave any blanks.
- You **MUST** submit the **ORIGINAL** complaint form. Copied/faxed/emailed forms are returned.
- Each complaint can only be filed against **ONE PERSON** or **ENTITY**. If you wish to file against multiple parties, you **MUST** submit a complaint form for each party you wish to file against.
- **DO NOT** submit multiple complaint forms with one set of attachments applying to multiple complaints. You **MUST** attach copies of attachments to each complaint to which they apply.
- **MAKE SURE** the alleged violation(s) of Chapters 104 or 106 occurred within the last 2 years.
- **MAKE SURE** your complaint is sworn and there is no defect to the notarization in Section 4.

Allegations against North Miami Beach City Clerk Andrise Bernard

North Miami Beach City Clerk Andrise Bernard is the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) for the City's municipal elections. One of her duties as SOE is to fine candidates who file their Campaign Treasurer's Reports late. The City's 2020 Campaign Handbook for the November 3, 2020 election, a copy of which is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A**, lists the due dates for each of the reporting periods.

Florida Statute 106.0703(7)(a)(2)(b) states:

“(b) Upon determining that a report is late, the filing officer shall immediately notify the electioneering communications organization as to the failure to file a report by the designated due date and that a fine is being assessed for each late day. **The fine shall be \$50 per day for the first 3 days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day**, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. Upon receipt of the report, the filing officer shall determine the amount of the fine which is due and shall notify the electioneering communications organization. The filing officer shall determine the amount of the fine due based upon the earliest of the following:

1. **When the report is actually received by such officer.**
2. **When the report is postmarked.**
3. When the certificate of mailing is dated.
4. When the receipt from an established courier company is dated.
5. When the electronic receipt issued pursuant to s. 106.0705 or other electronic filing system authorized in this section is dated.

In the November 3, 2020 North Miami Beach municipal election, then-Candidate Michael Joseph, who won his seat in the General Election, was late filing at least ten (10) of his Campaign Treasurer's Reports. On May 7, 2021, SOE Andrise Bernard issued to Michael Joseph Notices of Late Filing letters for only seven (7) of those reporting periods. On May 28, 2021, she then sent a letter to Michael Joseph rescinding all the fines she imposed “after consultation with the Office of the City Attorney.”

Attached as **EXHIBIT B** are copies of the envelopes in which Michael Joseph's Campaign Treasurer's Reports were postmarked, as well as the corresponding Notice of Late Filing-Fine Due letters attached to each of the envelopes, as follows:

1. Reporting period **M2**, which was due March 10, 2020: Envelope is postmarked March 12, 2020, and received by the Clerk's Office on March 16, 2020. This report was filed two (2) days late. According to the Florida Statute, “the fine shall be \$50 per day for the first 3 days late, and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.” In this instance the fine should have been **\$100.00**, yet the SOE fined him only \$25.00.
2. Reporting period **M3**, which was due April 10, 2020: Envelope is postmarked April 13, 2020, and received by the Clerk's Office on April 15, 2020. This report was filed three (3) days late. The Clerk fined him the correct amount of **\$150.00**.

3. Reporting period M4, which was due May 10, 2020: Envelope is not postmarked, but it was received by the Clerk's Office on May 15, 2021. This report was filed five (5) days late. The Clerk did not issue a Notice of Late Filing-Fine Due letter. He should have been fined \$1,150.00.
4. Reporting period M5, which was due June 10, 2020: Envelope is postmarked June 11, 2021, and received by the Clerk's Office on June 15, 2020. This report was filed one (1) day late. The fine should have been \$50.00; however, the Clerk erroneously fined him \$500.00.
5. Reporting period M6, which was due July 10, 2020: Envelope is postmarked July 14, 2020, and received by the Clerk's office on July 16, 2020. This report was filed four (4) days late. The fine should have been \$650.00; however, the Clerk erroneously fined him \$1,250.00.
6. Reporting period M7, which was due August 21, 2020: Envelope is not postmarked, but it was received by the Clerk's Office on August 27, 2021. This report was filed six (6) days late. The Clerk did not issue a Notice of Late Filing-Fine Due letter. He should have been fined \$1,650.00.
7. Reporting period G1, which was due September 4, 2020: Envelope is postmarked September 15, 2020, and received by the Clerk's Office on September 17, 2020. This report was filed eleven (11) days late. The fine should have been \$4,150.00; however, the Clerk erroneously fined him \$2,352.03. (Note: Michael Joseph's receipts for that reporting period were \$60,735.50, and therefore, subject to be fined at the maximum rate.)
8. Reporting period G2, which was due September 18, 2020: Envelope is postmarked September 30, 2020, and received by the Clerk's Office on October 14, 2020. This report was filed twelve (12) days late. The fine should have been \$4,650.00; however, the Clerk erroneously fined him \$1,773.34. (Note: Michael Joseph's receipts for that reporting period were \$62,775.50, and therefore, subject to be fined at the maximum rate.)
9. Reporting period G3, which was due October 2, 2020: Envelope is postmarked October 5, 2020, and received by the Clerk's Office on October 8, 2020. This report was filed three (3) days late. The Clerk fined him the correct amount of \$150.00.
10. Reporting period G4, which was due October 9, 2020: Envelope is not postmarked, but it was sent via Certified Mail, and received by the Clerk's Office on October 28, 2020. According to the United States Post Office Tracking Report, which is attached, it was received by the Post Office on October 13, 2020, and picked up at the Postal Facility on October 28, 2020. This report was filed four (4) days late. The Clerk did not issue a Notice of Late Filing-Fine Due letter. He should have been fined \$650.00.

This complaint is being filed against SOE Andrise Bernard for:

1. Issuing only seven (7) Notice of Late Filing-Fine Due letters, when in fact, Michael Joseph was late filing his Campaign Treasurer's Reports for at least ten (10) reporting periods;
2. Imposing fines in the incorrect amounts;
3. Erroneously relying on Michael Joseph's office postage meter date and not the official United State Post Office postmark date as the actual date he mailed his reports;
4. Not collecting the fines owed by Michael Joseph for the late filing of ten (10) Campaign Treasurer's Reports in the aggregate amount of \$13,350.00; and
5. Rescinding all the fines she imposed and deemed his reports to be filed timely, when in fact, they were not.



2020

MUNICIPAL ELECTION
CANDIDATE HANDBOOK

Provided by the Office of the City Clerk
City of North Miami Beach, Florida

Andrise Bernard, CMC, City Clerk



August 2020

Dear Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a candidate for the City of North Miami Beach Mayor/Commission (Group/Seats 1, 3, 5, and 7).

Enclosed please find important information about the Tuesday, November 3, 2020 City of North Miami Beach General Election.

This packet is provided for your information and is intended to assist you in the election process. In this document you will find information for the filing of Campaign Treasurer's Reports, common reporting forms, qualifying documents and pertinent election information. Please be advised that the blue, underlined text will lead you to the respective form or website page. This Candidate Handbook will also be available on the City of North Miami Beach website at <https://www.citynmb.com/324/Municipal-Elections>

While we attempt to provide accurate information, you are legally responsible to ensure that your actions comply with applicable laws and regulations. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with all the election laws and requirements.

Should you require additional assistance, please contact us at 305-787-6001 or via email at Andrise.Bernard@citynmb.com

Sincerely,

Andrise Bernard

Andrise Bernard, CMC, City Clerk

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City of North Miami Beach 2020 Candidate Handbook

General Information

A General Election will be held on **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**. The members of the City Commission shall be elected from groups numbered 2, 4, and 6 for Four (4) year terms and 1, 3, 5, and 7 for Two (2) year terms. The groups shall be elected citywide by the qualified electors of the City of North Miami Beach. Commencing with the 2015 election and at each general election each four (4) years thereafter, the members of the City Commission running groups 1, 3, 5 and 7 shall be elected for four (4) year terms. The annual salary for the Mayor is \$3,600, and the annual salary for each Commission Member is \$3,000.

Each candidate must be a qualified elector of the City of North Miami Beach at the time of filing for the position; not have been convicted in this or any other State of any offense involving moral turpitude within the preceding five (5) years; not have been adjudicated insane or incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction with adjudication stands unrevoked; and be a bona fide resident of the City of North Miami Beach for one year prior to qualifying, and express an intent to remain permanently a bona fide resident of the City the entire term of office for which she or he is a candidate.

How to Begin Your Campaign:

- Read all of the enclosed materials
- Appoint a Campaign Treasurer who must be a registered voter of the State of Florida. You may appoint Deputy Treasurers at any time. Note: A candidate may be her/his own Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer.
- Complete Form DS-DE9 "Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository: and return the original form to the Office of the City Clerk at 17011 N.E. 19th Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL 33162
- Open a campaign account at a bank authorized to do business in the State of Florida. This account must be separate from any personal or business accounts. The bank should provide you with deposit slips and checks indicating it is a campaign account.
- Complete Form DS-DE 84 "Statement of Candidate" and return the original form to the Office of the City Clerk at 17011 N.E. 19th Avenue, North Miami Beach, FL 33162 within ten (10) days. Upon filing of this form, the candidate may begin to collect and spend monies for the campaign.

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Qualifying Information

Candidates may file their paperwork anytime from the start of qualifying on Monday, August 17th through Friday, August 21st from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, August 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to Before 12 Noon.

**** PLEASE NOTE - Due to the current state of emergency and the guidance limiting person-to-person contact to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, an emergency rule relating to candidate qualifying was filed. Read Rule No. 1SER20-1 for more information. ****

The following will be necessary for the filing of a candidacy:

- Form DS-DE9 "Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository" - **if not already filed**
- Form DS-DE 84 "Statement of Candidate" - **if not already filed**
- Qualifying Fee: *(Must be payable to the City of NMB from a campaign account.)*
Commission Seat (2-7) \$150.00 * Mayor's Seat (1) \$180.00 *
- Loyalty Oath (Sections 876.05-876.10, 99.012, Florida Statutes)/Oath of Candidate (Section 99.021, Florida Statute)
- Fingerprinting at the North Miami Beach Police Department - Ordinance 2010-27
- Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests 2019
- Affidavit of Candidate Residency Requirement
- Proof of Residency (one year prior to qualifying: FPL, Mortgage Deed, Lease, etc.)
- Florida Voter's Information Card
- Florida Driver's License
- Miami Dade County Voluntary Statement of Fair Campaign Practices. (Optional)

* Includes a State of Florida 1.0% Assessment Fee (Elections Commission Trust Fund/Elections Campaign Financing Trust Fund). This election assessment fee is not deposited in the City of North Miami Beach general fund. This fee is forwarded to the Department of State, Division of Elections, and is deposited in the following manner: two thirds of the amount is deposited in the State of Florida Elections Commission Trust Fund and one third is transferred to the State of Florida Election Campaign Financing Trust Fund.

EXHIBIT A

**CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH
2020 CANDIDATE HANDBOOK**

City of North Miami Beach 2020 Candidate Handbook

Treasurer's Reports

Florida's campaign finance laws require candidates to file periodic reports of their campaign financial activities. All reports must be original, postmarked no later than the specified deadline and hand-delivered or mailed to the Office of the City Clerk. The following is a schedule for the 2020 Municipal Election:

Form	Reporting Period	Code	Due Date
DS-DE 12 (Summary), DS-DE 13 (Contributions) and DS-DE 14 (Expenditures) or DS-DE 87 (Waiver)	8/01/20 - 8/13/20	M8	8/21/20
DS-DE 12 (Summary), DS-DE 13 (Contributions) and DS-DE 14 (Expenditures) or DS-DE 87 (Waiver)	8/14/20 - 8/28/20	G1	9/04/20 * (60 th day)
DS-DE 12 (Summary), DS-DE 13 (Contributions) and DS-DE 14 (Expenditures) or DS-DE 87 (Waiver)	8/29/20 - 9/11/20	G2	9/18/20 * (46 th day)
DS-DE 12 (Summary), DS-DE 13 (Contributions) and DS-DE 14 (Expenditures) or DS-DE 87 (Waiver)	9/12/20 - 9/25/20	G3	10/02/20 * (32 nd day)
DS-DE 12 (Summary), DS-DE 13 (Contributions) and DS-DE 14 (Expenditures) or DS-DE 87 (Waiver)	9/26/20 - 10/2/20	G4	10/09/20 * (25 th day)
DS-DE 12 (Summary), DS-DE 13 (Contributions) and DS-DE 14 (Expenditures) or DS-DE 87 (Waiver)	10/3/20 - 10/09/20	G5	10/16/20 * (18 th day)
DS-DE 12 (Summary), DS-DE 13 (Contributions) and DS-DE 14 (Expenditures) or DS-DE 87 (Waiver)	10/10/20 - 10/16/20	G6	10/23/20 * (11 th day)
DS-DE 12 (Summary), DS-DE 13 (Contributions) and DS-DE 14 (Expenditures) or DS-DE 87 (Waiver)	10/17/20 - 10/29/20	G7	10/30/20 * (4 th day)
**DS-DE 12 (Summary), DS-DE 13 (Contributions) and DS-DE 14 (Expenditures) - FINAL REPORT	10/30/20 - 2/1/21	TR	2/01/21

* Per Florida Statutes Title IX, Chapter 106, and City of NMB Code Section 7-8 Candidate Forms.

**Candidates who are elected or eliminated in the General Election must close their campaign account and submit a final report by February 1, 2021. (90 days following the Election.)

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2020 Run Off Election Calendar of Candidate Reporting Dates

DS-DE 12 (Summary), DS-DE 13 (Contributions) and DS-DE 14 (Expenditures) or DS-DE 87 (Waiver)	10/30/20 - 11/12/20	RUN OFF	11/13/20 * (4 th day)
*DS-DE 12 (Summary), DS-DE 13 (Contributions) and DS-DE 14 (Expenditures) - FINAL REPORT	11/13/20 - 2/10/21	TR	2/11/21 * (90 th day after Run off)

* Per Florida Statutes Title IX, Chapter 106.

Penalties for Violations of the Florida Election Code

Pursuant to Florida election laws, any candidate failing to file a report on the designated due date shall be subject to a fine of \$50 per day for the first three (3) days late and, thereafter, \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. However, for the reports due immediately preceding each primary or general election, the fine shall be \$500 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report. For a candidate's termination report, the fine shall be \$50 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25 percent of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater, for the period covered by the late report.

All fines must be paid from the candidate's personal funds - not campaign funds.

Additional information is available at the Florida Department of State's web site:
<https://www.dos.myflorida.com/elections/>

EXHIBIT B

MAILING ENVELOPS AND

NOTICE OF LATE FILING-

FINE DUE LETTERS

REPORT M2, DUE March 10, 2020

Michael Joseph
P.O. Box No. 613635
North Miami Beach, FL 333261

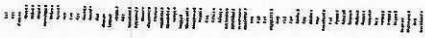
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17011 NE 19th Ave.
North Miami Beach, FL 33162

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City of North Miami Beach, Florida

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

May 7, 2021

Candidate Michael Joseph
P.O. Box No. 613635
North Miami Beach, Florida 33261

Subject: Campaign Treasurers Report M2

Due Date: March 10, 2020

Period Covered: 02/01/20 to 02/29/20

NOTICE OF LATE FILING –FINE DUE
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Dear Candidate Joseph:

The office of the City Clerk received your Campaign Treasurer's Report for the above-referenced reporting period on Monday, March 16, 2020 and it was postmarked on Thursday, March 12, 2020. Since this report was not filed on the appropriate filing date of March 10, 2020, you are assessed a fine of \$25.00 for the first 2 days late. Section 106.07(8)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

Our records reflect that this report was received on Monday, March 16, 2020 and it was postmarked on Thursday, March 12, 2020. Therefore, since your report was 2 days late you are being fined at a rate of \$50.00 per day for the first 4 days late and thereafter, \$500.00 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the above referenced report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500.00 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.

Section 106.07(8)(c) of the Florida Statute provides that you may appeal or dispute the assessed fine based upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date. You may request and will be entitled to a hearing before the Florida Elections Commission, which shall have the authority to waive the fine in whole or in part. Any such request must be in writing and must be received by the Florida Elections Commission within 20 days of your receipt of this notice. Our office must also be notified of your intent to bring this matter before the commission. Said fine must be paid to our office within 20 days of receipt of this notice unless appeal is made to the Florida Elections Commission, 107 West Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050.

The check should be made payable to "The City of North Miami Beach". **The amount of the fine is \$25.00** and said fine is not considered an allowable campaign expenditure and must be paid only from the personal funds of the candidates. Our office must also be notified of your intent to bring this matter before the Florida Elections Commission.

If you have any questions regarding campaign account reporting, please do not hesitate to call our office at (305) 787-6001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrise Bernard".

Andrise Bernard, CMC, City Clerk

REPORT M3, DUE April 10, 2020

Michael Joseph
P.O. Box 613635
North Miami Beach, FL 33261

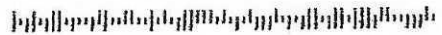
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City of North Miami Beach
17011 NE 19th Ave.
North Miami Beach, FL 33162

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City of North Miami Beach, Florida

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

May 7, 2021

Candidate Michael Joseph
P.O. Box No. 613635
North Miami Beach, Florida 33261

Subject: Campaign Treasurers Report M3

Due Date: April 10, 2020

Period Covered: 03/01/20 to 03/31/20

NOTICE OF LATE FILING -FINE DUE

Dear Candidate Joseph:

The office of the City Clerk received your Campaign Treasurer's Report for the above-referenced reporting period on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 and it was postmarked on Monday, April 13, 2020. Since this report was not filed on the appropriate filing date of April 10, 2020, you are assessed a fine of \$1,500.00 for the first 3 days late. Section 106.07(8)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

Our records reflect that this report was received on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 and it was postmarked on Monday, April 13, 2020. Therefore, since your report was 3 days late you are being fined at a rate of \$50.00 per day for the first 4 days late and thereafter, \$500.00 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the above referenced report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500.00 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.

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The check should be made payable to "The City of North Miami Beach". **The amount of the fine is \$1,500.00** and said fine is not considered an allowable campaign expenditure and must be paid only from the personal funds of the candidates. Our office must also be notified of your intent to bring this matter before the Florida Elections Commission.

If you have any questions regarding campaign account reporting, please do not hesitate to call our office at (305) 787-6001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrise Bernard".

Andrise Bernard, CMC, City Clerk

REPORT M4, Due May10, 2021

Michael J. J...
P.O. Box 613635
North Miami Beach, FL 33261

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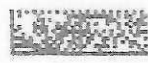
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City of North Miami Beach
17011 NE 19th Ave.
North Miami Beach, FL 33162

REPORT M5, Due June 10, 2020

Michael Joseph
P.O. Box No. 613635
North Miami Beach, FL 33261

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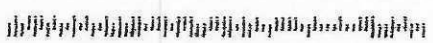
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City Clerk
City of North Miami Beach
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North Miami Beach, FL 33162

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City of North Miami Beach, Florida

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

May 7, 2021

Candidate Michael Joseph
P.O. Box No. 613635
North Miami Beach, Florida 33261

Subject: Campaign Treasurers Report M5

Due Date: June 10, 2020

Period Covered: 05/01/20 to 05/31/20

NOTICE OF LATE FILING –FINE DUE
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Dear Candidate Joseph:

The office of the City Clerk received your Campaign Treasurer's Report for the above-referenced reporting period on Monday, June 15, 2020 and it was postmarked on Thursday, June 11, 2020. Since this report was not filed on the appropriate filing date of June 10, 2020, you are assessed a fine of \$500.00 for the first 1 day late. Section 106.07(8)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

Our records reflect that this report was received on Monday, June 15, 2020 and it was postmarked on Thursday, June 11, 2020. Therefore, since your report was 1 day late you are being fined at a rate of \$50.00 per day for the first 4 days late and thereafter, \$500.00 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the above referenced report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500.00 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrise Bernard".

Andrise Bernard, CMC, City Clerk

REPORT M6, DUE July 10, 2020

Michael Joseph
P.O. Box No. 613635
North Miami Beach, FL 33261

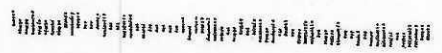
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North Miami Beach, FL 33162

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City of North Miami Beach, Florida

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

May 7, 2021

Candidate Michael Joseph
P.O. Box No. 613635
North Miami Beach, Florida 33261

Subject: Campaign Treasurers Report M6

Due Date: July 10, 2020

Period Covered: 06/01/20 to 06/30/20

NOTICE OF LATE FILING –FINE DUE
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Dear Candidate Joseph:

The office of the City Clerk received your Campaign Treasurer's Report for the above-referenced reporting period on Thursday, July 16, 2020 and it was postmarked on Tuesday, July 14, 2020. Since this report was not filed on the appropriate filing date of July 10, 2020, you are assessed a fine of \$1,250.00 for the first 4 days late. Section 106.07(8)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

Our records reflect that this report was received on Thursday, July 16, 2020 and it was postmarked on Tuesday, July 14, 2020. Therefore, since your report was 11 days late you are being fined at a rate of \$50.00 per day for the first 4 days late and thereafter, \$500.00 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the above referenced report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500.00 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.

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Sincerely,

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Andrise Bernard, CMC, City Clerk

REPORT M8, DUE August 21, 2020, no fine assessed

Michael Joseph Campaign
P.O. Box No. 613635
North Miami Beach, FL 33261

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REPORT G1, Due September 4, 2020

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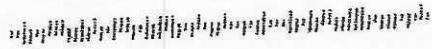
Michael Joseph Campaign
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City of North Miami Beach
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North Miami Beach, FL 33162

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City of North Miami Beach, Florida

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

May 7, 2021

Candidate Michael Joseph
P.O. Box No. 613635
North Miami Beach, Florida 33261

Subject: Campaign Treasurers Report G1

Due Date: September 4, 2020

Period Covered: 08/14/20 to 08/28/20

NOTICE OF LATE FILING – FINE DUE

Dear Candidate Joseph:

The office of the City Clerk received your Campaign Treasurer's Report for the above-referenced reporting period on Thursday, September 17, 2020 and it was postmarked on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. Since this report was not filed on the appropriate filing date of September 4, 2020, you are assessed a fine of \$2,352.03 for the first 11 days late. Section 106.07(8)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

Our records reflect that this report was received on Thursday, September 17, 2020 and it was postmarked on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. Therefore, since your report was 11 days late you are being fined at a rate of \$50.00 per day for the first 3 days late and thereafter, \$500.00 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the above referenced report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500.00 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.

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Sincerely,

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Andrise Bernard, CMC, City Clerk

REPORT G2, Due September 18, 2020

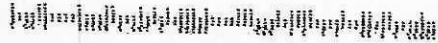
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City of North Miami Beach
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North Miami Beach, FL 33162

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City of North Miami Beach, Florida

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

May 7, 2021

Candidate Michael Joseph
P.O. Box No. 613635
North Miami Beach, Florida 33261

Subject: Campaign Treasurers Report G2

Due Date: September 18, 2020

Period Covered: 08/29/20 to 09/11/20

NOTICE OF LATE FILING –FINE DUE
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Dear Candidate Joseph:

The office of the City Clerk received your Campaign Treasurer's Report for the above-referenced reporting period on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 and it was postmarked on Wednesday, September 30, 2020. Since this report was not filed on the appropriate filing date of September 18, 2020, you are assessed a fine of \$1,773.34 for the first 12 days late. Section 106.07(8)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

Our records reflect that this report was received on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 and it was postmarked on Wednesday, September 30, 2020. Therefore, since your report was 12 days late you are being fined at a rate of \$50.00 per day for the first 3 days late and thereafter, \$500.00 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the above referenced report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500.00 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.

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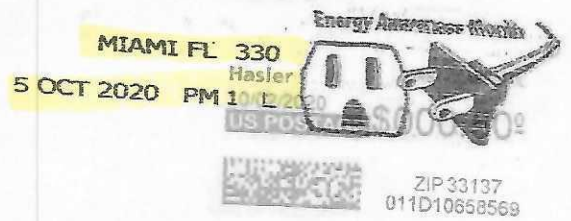
Sincerely,

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Andrise Bernard, CMC, City Clerk

REPORT G3, Due October 2, 2020

Michael Joseph
P.O. Box No. 613635
North Miami Beach, FL 33261



City Clerk
City of North Miami Beach
17011 NE 19th Ave.
North Miami Beach, FL 33162

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20 OCT 8 AM 10:49



City of North Miami Beach, Florida

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

May 7, 2021

Candidate Michael Joseph
P.O. Box No. 613635
North Miami Beach, Florida 33261

Subject: Campaign Treasurers Report G3
Due Date: October 2, 2020
Period Covered: 09/12/20 to 09/25/20

NOTICE OF LATE FILING –FINE DUE
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Dear Candidate Joseph:

The office of the City Clerk received your Campaign Treasurer's Report for the above-referenced reporting period on Friday, October 9, 2020 and it was postmarked on Monday, October 5, 2020. Since this report was not filed on the appropriate filing date of October 2, 2020, you are assessed a fine of \$150.00 for the first 3 days late. Section 106.07(8)(b) of the Florida Statutes.

Our records reflect that this report was received on Friday, October 9, 2020 and it was postmarked on Monday, October 5, 2020. Therefore, since your report was 3 days late you are being fined at a rate of \$50.00 per day for the first 3 days late and thereafter, \$500.00 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater for the period covered by the above referenced report. However, for the reports immediately preceding each primary and general election, the fine shall be \$500.00 per day for each late day, not to exceed 25% of the total receipts or expenditures, whichever is greater.

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Sincerely,

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Andrise Bernard, CMC, City Clerk

REPORT G4, DUE October 9, 2021, no fine assessed

Michael Joseph
PO Box 613635
North Miami Beach, FL 33261

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City of North Miami Beach, Florida

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

May 28, 2021

Sent via U.S Mail and email

Candidate Michael Joseph
P.O. Box No. 613635
North Miami Beach, Florida 33261

Subject: Campaign Treasurer's Reports

Dear Candidate Joseph:

Please be advised that after consultation with the Office of the City Attorney, I am rescinding the previous letters dated May 7, 2021, imposing fines for filing a late Campaign Treasurer's Report. As a result, no fines are being assessed against you.

Therefore, your Campaign Treasurer's Reports are deemed timely and no further action is required on your part. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Andrise Bernard, CMC, City Clerk

c: Office of the City Attorney, North Miami Beach