

Announcements & Important Meetings

Legislative Briefings

Each legislative session, the two committees with jurisdiction over election laws - the Senate's Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs (EHEA) Committee and the House's Ways and Means Committee - request briefings on the prior election and election-related activities for the coming year. During the 2021 Legislative Session, the EHEA Committee briefing was held on January 14, and the Ways & Means Committee's briefing was on January 22. A copy of the presentation, previously provided to the Board members, is part of the meeting materials.

Election Directors' Meeting

We hosted an election directors' meeting on January 21. Topics discussed included post-election audits, voter registration, the upcoming inventory process, and the electronic pollbook project. A copy of the meeting summary will be provided when it is available. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18.

National Association of State Election Directors' (NASSED) Winter Meeting

NASSED's winter meeting was held virtually from February 1 - 5. The agenda included updates from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, a briefing on misinformation trends seen in 2020, and election officials presented information sharing best practices, conducting an election in the midst of a natural disaster and global pandemic, election security practices, and election night results.

2020 General Election Overview

Election Report

Last week, we posted a [report on the 2020 General Election](#). It includes a timeline for and changes to the election in response to the global pandemic and summarizes all aspects of the election - from voter education efforts to providing voters with the information they needed to data about in-person and mail-in voting and to auditing the election. Considerations for future elections are included throughout the report and include ongoing voter education campaigns, expand our capacity to answer voters' questions, provide a simple, online way to update voter registration information, analyze the number and placement of vote centers, and improve the mail-in voting process. Appendices include a detailed timeline of election changes for the 2020 General Election, sample artwork used in the voter education campaign, and relevant correspondence.

Manual Audit

The manual audit of randomly selected ballots from the 2020 General Election is underway at local boards. As of this meeting, 15 local boards have completed manual audits. So far, the audits have verified the accuracy of the voting system. The remaining manual audits are scheduled to be completed this month.

Within 14 days after the conclusion of the audit, we will post a report describing: 1) the precincts and number of ballots selected for the manual audit in each county and the manner in which the precincts and ballots were selected; 2) results of the manual audit; and 3) any discrepancy shown by the manual audit and how the discrepancy was resolved. This report will be completed before the March meeting.

Voter Registration

Joint Application Design (JAD)

The 2020 JAD meeting was held from January 25 - 28. The JAD was successful with 17 of the local board's staff in attendance virtually. Some of the topics discussed were redistricting/GIS, flexible voting options, and pollbook integration requirements.

MVA Transactions

During January, MVA collected the following voter registration transactions:

New Registration - 7,640	Residential Address Changes - 19,433
Last name changes - 2,132	Political Party Changes - 3,963

Training - Critical Oversight Audits

A review of voter registration transactions is done each month by the local board of elections. Local boards audit similarly sized boards on various transactions, including the processing of electronic records and paper applications. These audits include everything regarding voter registration transactions. Janet Smith performed a thorough training on all the key required components of the audit.

Candidacy and Campaign Finance (CCF) Division

Candidacy

February 23, 2021 is the first day candidates can file candidacy paperwork for the 2022 Gubernatorial Election cycle. Systems are being prepared to accept the candidate information at the State and local offices, and SBE is developing a process for candidates to make an appointment to file the paperwork. Campaign committees may be established any time prior to filing a certificate of candidacy. No appointment or in-person meeting is required to establish a campaign committee.

Campaign Finance

The 2021 Annual campaign finance report was due January 20, 2021 for all political committees. Currently, the CCF Division has over 1,800 active political committees. Failure to file timely will result in a fine of \$20 per day for the first seven days, \$35 per day for next seven days, and \$50 per day thereafter, up to \$1,000. The late fee must be paid with campaign funds.

Enforcement

The CCF Division received payment for the following civil penalties:

1. Friends of Opel Jones committee paid \$25.00 on December 4, 2020 for disbursement by unauthorized method -Cash greater than \$25.00.
2. Friends of Michael J. Moore committee paid \$1,000.00 on December 4, 2020 for the failure to record all contributions and expenditures.
3. The Citizens for David Rudolph committee paid \$1,000.00 on December 4, 2020 for the failure to record all contributions and expenditures.
4. Friends of Leslie Coker committee paid \$200.00 on December 2, 2020 for the failure to record all contributions and expenditures.
5. Campaign to Elect Dyotha Rene' Sweat committee paid \$100.00 on December 4, 2020 for the failure to record all contributions and expenditures.
6. Let's Put Jeanette Dixon to Work for All Students committee paid \$250.00 on December 14, 2020 for the failure to record all contributions and expenditures.
7. Friends of Marnitta L. King committee paid \$1,600.00 on December 10, 2020 for disbursement by unauthorized method -Cash greater than \$25.00 and failure to record all contributions and expenditures.
8. Progressive Maryland Liberation Alliance PAC paid \$250.00 on December 14, 2020 for failure to include authority line violation.
9. Craig Carozza-Caviness for county council committee paid \$250.00 on February 1, 2021 for the failure to record all contributions and expenditures.

Financial Disclosure Statements

This is a reminder that the Board members need to file a financial disclosure statement with the Ethics Commission. The deadline is April 30, 2021.

Voting Systems Division

Voting System Upgrade

SBE is in the planning stages to implement an upgrade to the voting system. This upgrade contains significant benefits to the voting equipment and back-end processes associated with election-related activities. SBE expects to begin initial testing of the new election management suite this month.

Project Management Office (PMO)

Inventory Management

The FY21 Inventory Audit started on February 1 and will conclude on June 30, 2021. The early start this year - approved by the Department of General Services - accommodates the local boards so that they do not have to touch the equipment twice - once for the post-election maintenance starting in February and again in April for the inventory audit.

FY2022 Pollbook Project

The PMO continued working on tasks related to the project.

- In addition to the procurement efforts and the ongoing meetings with and responses to external agencies, the PMO continued to work with the Pollbook Project team on the many governance, financial, and technical aspects of the project.
- The deadline for the Requests for Proposals (RFP) was January 29, 2021. Five responses were received, one of which was eliminated from consideration. The proposal was deemed not susceptible for award for its failure to meet the requirements of the RFP.
- The evaluation team members have been selected and are working with the project team planning for the evaluation phase which started this week.
- The project team continued to conduct pollbook focus group meetings with SBE and the local boards covering several areas.
- An Agile Coach has been selected and will join the project team shortly.

Other

The Central Warehouse team continued to work on a number of activities and events at the facility, including the disposal of equipment and supplies through the auction and recycling options which is freeing up space in the warehouse for other needs.

Information Technology and Security

SBE's Information Technology Master Plan (ITMP) will be submitted to the Department of Information Technology by February 12, 2021.

Disaster Recovery (DR) Testing

SBE conducted a full-scale failover test from our primary data center to our secondary data center the week of February 1, 2021. The purpose of the test was to fully exercise our documented failover and fallback plans and identify any deficiencies in the plan as well as to identify any issues with system performance, processes, or procedures.

Legislation

The 2021 Legislative Session is busy with tracking about 170 pieces of legislation, with new additions daily. This volume includes election specific legislation, proposed constitutional amendment ballot questions and general State government operation. An email with links to the election specific legislation will be shared with the Board.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

February 11, 2021

1. *Fusaro v. Davitt et al.*, No. 20-1879 (U.S.C.A. for the 4th Cir.). No change from the last update. Plaintiff Dennis Fusaro brought a complaint in federal court alleging that Maryland violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments by limiting access to the voter list to Maryland voters and only for purposes related to the electoral process. On September 4, 2018, the State defendants' motion to dismiss the complaint was granted, and the plaintiff appealed. On July 12, 2019, the Fourth Circuit vacated the dismissal order, and remanded the case for further proceedings. The parties then conducted discovery and briefed dispositive summary judgment motions. On July 14, 2020, the Court awarded Summary Judgment to the defendants on the issue of whether the "electoral process" requirement was unconstitutionally vague, and declined to reach the issue of whether Maryland's registered voter requirement violates the First Amendment. Plaintiff has appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and briefing is now complete. Oral argument has not yet been scheduled.

2. *Johnson v. Prince George's County Board of Elections*, No. CAL16-42799 (Cir. Ct. Prince Georges Cnty.). No change from the last update. This case involves a challenge under the U.S. Constitution and Maryland Constitution and Declaration of Rights to the SBE's alleged failure to provide information and access to voter registration and voting resources to eligible voters detained by the Prince Georges County Department of Correction during the 2016 election. The case had been originally filed in the Circuit Court for Prince Georges County but was removed on the basis of the federal claims asserted by the Plaintiffs. On February 27, 2018, the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland granted SBE's motion to dismiss the Plaintiffs' federal claims, declined to exercise jurisdiction over the state claims, and remanded the case to the Circuit Court for further proceedings. The parties are awaiting further direction from the court.

3. *National Federation of the Blind, Inc., et al. v. Lamone et al.*, No. 1:19-CV-02228-ELH (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). On August 1, 2019, the National Federation of the Blind ("NFB"), NFB's Maryland chapter, and three individual plaintiffs filed a lawsuit against the State Administrator and the individual members of the State Board of Elections alleging that SBE's BMD policy has, in practice, violated the rights of voters with disabilities "to an equal opportunity vote in person by a secret ballot," in violation of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Plaintiffs seek an order requiring the State Board "in all future elections to offer BMDs to

every in-person voter as the default method of voting, with paper ballots offered only to those voters who affirmatively opt out of using the BMD or in cases where there are long lines of people waiting to vote.” On September 3, 2019, defendants filed a motion to dismiss the complaint, and on September 20, 2019, plaintiffs filed a motion for a preliminary injunction, seeking relief in time for the November 2020 election. On February 10, 2020, the court denied the defendants’ motion to dismiss, and denied the plaintiffs’ motion for preliminary injunction, and the parties proceeded to discovery. On October 6, 2020, the parties filed a joint motion to extend the discovery deadline to December 9, 2020, which was granted by the Court. On November 12, 2020, the parties filed a joint motion to stay the case for 60 days to allow for a focused period of settlement discussions, which was also granted by the Court. The stay was extended by 14 days, and then an additional 21 days. It is now set to expire on February 15, 2021.

4. *Chong Su Yi v. Hogan*, Nos. 480720, 480721, 480722, 480723 (Cir. Ct. Montgomery Cty.). No change from the last update. On March 6, 2020, plaintiff Chong Su Yi filed four complaints in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County challenging the results of Maryland’s 2018 elections, and naming Governor Larry Hogan as defendant. Specifically, Mr. Chong appears to be arguing that the results are invalid because of the use of religious facilities as polling places, that the State’s use of “scanners” to tabulate ballots is unconstitutional and/or not permitted by federal law, and that the State’s identification of candidates’ party affiliations on the general election ballot is not permitted by State law. Beginning on May 15, 2020, Mr. Chong filed amended complaints in these actions, this time adding the State of Maryland as a Defendant in addition to Governor Hogan. Defendants filed motions to dismiss and/or for summary judgment as to these complaints, and on August 25, 2020 those motions were granted. On August 26, 2020, the plaintiff filed motions for reconsideration of the Court’s dismissal order. On September 17, 2020, those motions were denied. On October 9, 2020, plaintiff filed notices of appeal to the Court of Special Appeals in each of these matters. Plaintiff also sought waivers of the filing fees associated these appeals, which were denied. On January 6, 2021, the Court of Special Appeals dismissed the appeals for failure to pay the filing fee. On February 4, 2021, plaintiff filed a petition for writ of certiorari in the Court of Appeals, and also requested waiver of the filing fees. That request is pending.

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Memorandum

TO: State Board Members

FROM: Jared DeMarinis, Director
Division Candidacy and Campaign Finance

SUBJECT: Administrative Closure of Campaign Accounts

DATE: February 11, 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

Administrative Closure

1. Ulysses Currie
2. Pamela Oatis

REQUEST TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT

Account Name	Currie, Ulysses Supporters of
CCF ID Number	01009228
Account Established Date	04/25/2013
Outstanding Debts/Loans	\$0.00
Cash Balance	\$4,511.39
Last Filed Campaign Finance Report (CFR)	2020 Annual
Outstanding Late Fees *	\$0.00
Office of the State Prosecutor (OSP) Action/s Taken:	
List name and address of last known officers:	
Candidate	Chairman
Ulysses Currie 6621 Lacona Street Forestville MD 20747	Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms 12022 Hunterton Street Upper Marlboro MD 20774 - 1614
Treasurer	
Shirley A Gravely-Currie 6621 Lacona Street Forestville, MD, 20747	
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 passed away. <p>Election Law Article § 13-313 (a) (3) requires the termination of campaign finance entity by the State Board when other extenuating circumstances exist to justify terminating the campaign finance entity.</p>	

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

**CANDIDACY AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION
AUDIT AND ENFORCEMENT UNIT
ADMIN CLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITY**

**COMMITTEE NAME: Currie, Ulysses Supporters of
CCF ID 1009228**

ESTABLISHED DATE: 4/25/2013

COMMITTEE STATUS AS OF REVIEW DATE: Inactive

FILING INFORMATION:

Last Report Filed

2020 Annual

Marked Final

Yes

No

Bank Balance

4,511.39

Remarks:

Cash Balance

\$4,511.39

Remarks:

Surplus Funds

\$4,511.39

Remarks:

Outstanding Loan Balance

\$0.00

Remarks:

Outstanding Bills Due

\$0.00

Remarks:

Outstanding Balance-Unpaid Fees

\$0.00

Remarks:

Remarks:

Referred to OSP

Yes

NO

OSP'S DETERMINATION

Pay Fees

\$0.00

OSP will not prosecute

AUDIT'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Administrative Closure

Statue of limitation exist

Extenuating circumstances exist

Committee officers cannot be located

CCF Director's Recommendation

Others

Remain Active/Inactive

Officers are other committees' officers

Remarks:

The candidate passed away.

Committee Verified by: _____

Auditor

Approved by:

Audit Manager/CCF Director

Processed by / Date: _____

Auditor

REQUEST TO ADMINISTRATIVELY CLOSE CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT

Account Name	Oatis, Pamela Friends Of
CCF ID Number	01006806
Account Established Date	07/06/2010
Outstanding Debts/Loans	N/A
Cash Balance	N/A
Last Filed Campaign Finance Report (CFR)	2019 Annual (ALCE)
Outstanding Late Fees *	\$2,000.00
Office of the State Prosecutor (OSP) Action/s Taken:	
The office declined to prosecute since the candidate was running for the central committee position.	
List name and address of last known officers:	
Candidate	Chairman
Pamela M. Oatis 727 Larchmont Avenue Capitol Heights MD 20743	Same as the candidate
Treasurer Rainie Carter 1908 County Road #T3 District Heights MD 20747	
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 was a central committee that was not required to establish a candidate committee. 2. The OSP declined to prosecute the candidate commit for the same reason stated above. Please see the OSP letter dated July 16, 2019. <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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July 16, 2019

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

Re: Friends of Pamela Oatis, CCF ID: 01006806

Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

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

Based on the memorandum dated March 17, 2017 from Jared DeMarinis noting that "a candidate for central committee is not required to establish an authorized candidate committee at the time of filing a Certificate of Candidacy if the candidate signs an affidavit" stating that he or she will not spend more than \$1,000 in personal funds or accept contributions, we exercise prosecutorial discretion and will not be pursuing the \$500.00 violation for the 2018 Gubernatorial Pre General 1 nor the \$160.00 for the 2018 Gubernatorial Pre Primary 1 reports.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah David".

Sarah David
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December 17, 2020

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

RE: *Friends of Pamela Oatis, 21-0087-FTF*

Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

The above-referenced case was referred to our office for election law violations stemming from the failure to file the 2020 Annual campaign finance report.

We have previously declined to prosecute this committee, as documented on the attached letter dated July 16, 2019, noting that the candidate was for a central committee position. Consistent with our previous position, we are declining to bring an enforcement action relating to the 2020 Annual Report. Absent new information or activity, we will continue to decline to prosecute future failures to file reports for this committee. Accordingly, SBE may wish to evaluate whether it is judicious to administratively close this account or to move it to inactive status.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Bird

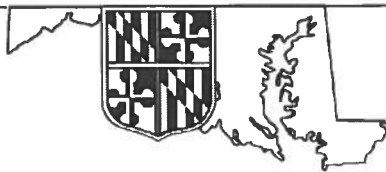
Lindsay Bird
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Memorandum

TO: State Board Members

FROM: Jared DeMarinis, Director
Candidacy and Campaign Finance Division

DATE: February 11, 2021

SUBJECT: Confidentiality Request

COMAR 33.04.02.02 identifies individuals who may request to have their residence addresses and telephone numbers designated as confidential as provided by regulation. The categories of individuals who may request confidentiality are law enforcement personnel, persons being threatened, victim of or witness to felony and others due to safety or serious invasion of privacy.

Please find attached a list of persons who requested their home address and telephone number be kept confidential on their public candidate information and/or their voter registration records. The Candidacy and Campaign Finance Division reviews all applications, documents submitted and verifies the employment of law enforcement personnel.

The State Board of Elections grants final approval of their request for confidentiality.

Please contact me directly at 410-269-2853 if you have any questions.

Confidentiality 2/11/21

1. Makeba Gibbs

ID# 2142306

Sitting Circuit Court Judge

State of Maryland

Confidentiality Request Form

Instructions: Please complete this form if you would like your residence address, telephone number, and email address to be designated as confidential and protected from public disclosure. Mail the completed form and documents to:

- > The local board of elections for the county in which you reside if your request relates to:
 - A Voter Registration Record;
 - A Certificate of Candidacy filed with the Local Board; or
- > The State Board of Elections if your request relates to: (please check all that apply)
 - A Certificate of Candidacy
 - A Statement of Organization
 - A campaign finance report on file with the State Board.

State Bd of Elections
12/13/21 AM 11:37

I, Makeba Gibbs, (Date of birth: 6/27/70) request that my residence address, telephone number, and email address as contained in my Voter Registration Record, Candidacy Record, and any Campaign Finance Reports be designated as confidential and precluded from disclosure under State Government Article, Title 10, Subtitle 6, Part III, Annotated Code of Maryland. I understand that if I am granted confidentiality, the election office will ask me to verify my information and confirm the continuing need for confidentiality every 2-years.

I am entitled to confidentiality due to the fact that I am an individual who falls under the category checked below. Please check the applicable category and include a copy of the requested proof with this completed form.

Law Enforcement Personnel

Subject to proof of employment (for example, letter from your employer), you may be entitled to confidentiality if you are a current or former:

- Police officer;
- Correctional employee with frequent inmate contact;
- Member of the State or federal judiciary; or
- Prosecutor or an investigator employed by a prosecutor.

Person Being Threatened

Subject to proof of a threat to your personal safety (for example, restraining order, police report, statement from a social service agency, or other documents satisfactory to the election board), you be made be entitled to confidentiality if you are:

- An abused spouse or other domestic partner;
- A "stalked" individual;
- An individual whose safety has been threatened by an unidentified person; or
- An individual for whom disclosure of your residence address, telephone number, or email address is likely to lead to an unwarranted and serious invasion of privacy.

Victim of or Witness to Felony

Subject to appropriate documentation satisfactory to the election board, you may be entitled to confidentiality if you are a victim of or a witness to a felony or a delinquent act that, if committed by an adult, would be a felony.

The following information is relevant to my request:

Judge of the Circuit Court

Alternate address for public disclosure for campaign finance reports:

200 Charles St. La Plata MD 20646

I acknowledge that, notwithstanding approval of the request for confidentiality, that the information will be made available to the jury commissioner, to other public officials as required by law, and as otherwise may be required by subpoena or other court order. Further, I waive any right of action against the State, the county, the State Board of Elections, the local board of elections, or their employees for failing to keep the information confidential. I affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the above information and any supporting documentation is true and correct.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

12/8/2021



State Board of Elections



House Ways & Means Committee
January 22, 2021 - 11 am

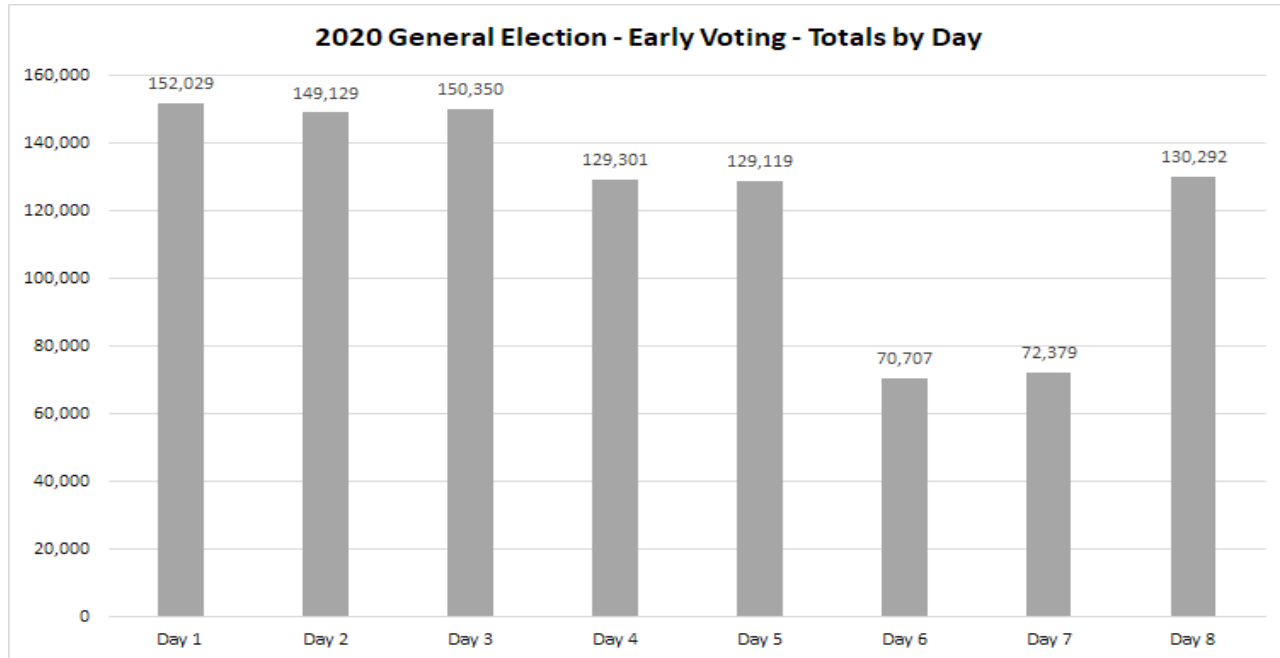
Turnout Overview

- 4,109,762 voters were eligible to vote
- 74.6% of eligible voters voted (3,066,956)
- 49.83% voted and returned a mail-in ballot (1,528,327)
- 50.17% voted in person (1,538,629)



In Person Voting: Early Voting

- 32% of voters voted at one of the 81 early voting centers (987,373)



In Person Voting: Election Day

- 14% of voters voted on election day at one of the 321 election day vote centers (439,094)
- 3.7% of voters voted a provisional ballot (112,162)



Mail -in Voting

- 1,724,776 ballots sent to requesting voters
- 1,528,327 voters returned voted ballots
 - 88.6% of voters returned a voted ballot
 - About 2/3 of the mail-in ballots were returned at a ballot drop box
- 99.7% of the mail-in ballots were accepted



Same Day Registration & Address Change

- 26,568 individuals registered and voted
 - 12,728 during early voting
 - 13,677 individuals on election day
- 7,311 voters updated their address during early voting

MD VOTES

Voter Education



- 65,849,393 impressions
- 870,707 clicks
- 2,417,030 plays of campaign videos (not including TV ads)
- 547,868 unique users directed to SBE's landing page
- Average user remained on the landing page for 0:40 seconds.
- Google Search ads received a click-through-rate of 32.16%
- More than 6,000 TV spots (most during news and prime-time programming)
- More than 3,700 radio spots on stations throughout the state
- 104 print ads in publications throughout the state.
- 28 press releases sent to about 750 media outlets and reporters generating just over 1,400 media placements.

Voter Education

- Engaged more than 1,900 business, civic, community and faith-based organizations and elected officials throughout the campaign, providing messaging, social media toolkits and summaries of SBE announcements.
- Participated in over 25 special community events, including webinars and town halls, to inform voters about the election process.



Voter Education: Effectiveness



- Promote voting by mail as the safest way to vote in a pandemic.
 - Almost 1.7 million voters asked for a mail-in ballot.
 - Almost 50% of voters who participated in this election voted by mail.
- Remind voters to return their mail-in ballots.
 - Almost 89% of voters who requested a mail-in ballot returned it.
 - This is the highest “return rate” since the 2008 General Election.
- Inform voters about using a ballot drop box to return voted ballots.
 - Over 1 million voters who received a mail-in ballot used a ballot drop box to return their voted ballot.
- Ask voters who wanted to vote in person to vote early - that is, vote during early voting and vote early during the early voting period.
 - First election where more voters voted during early voting than on election day.
 - First election where the two busiest early voting days were at the start of early voting.

Election Judges & Volunteers



Election Judges

- Over 14,200 election judges worked
- Almost 22,000 individuals used SBE's website to indicate their interest in serving

Health Ambassadors

- 381 individuals served as Health Ambassadors
- Worked at 27 early voting centers and 98 election day vote centers in 6 jurisdictions
- Contributed approximately 9,100 volunteer hours

Future Elections

- If move to an election day vote center model:
 - Analyze the number and placement of the election day vote centers
 - Review the types of facilities used and identify preferred features
- If send applications to request mail-in ballots:
 - Establish data processing centers to process requests
 - Start SBE's call center as the applications are sent
- Continue to email voters the status of their mail-in ballots



Future Elections

- Continue to use ballot drop off boxes
 - Use data to identify the best locations for these boxes
 - Consider resources to secure and manage boxes
- Continue to have statewide voter education campaigns to educate voters about the voting process
- If the percentage of voters who vote by mail equals or exceeds 50%, retool processes and explore technologies to help



2021 Activities

- Campaign Finance
- Candidacy
- 2021 Projects
- 2021 Legislative Session



Questions?



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Memorandum

TO: State Board Members
FROM: Jared DeMarinis, Director
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
DATE: February 11, 2021
SUBJECT: Waiver of late filing fees standards

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 seven 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 \$97,321.00.

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

Late Fee Waiver 2/11/21

- 1. Dvorak, James Friends of**
- 2. Geller, Paul Pals for**
- 3. Get Pamela Turner-Tingle to the BOE**
- 4. Kilmer, Marc Friends of**
- 5. Leadership with Integrity PAC**
- 6. Lindsey, Dawne Citizens For**
- 7. Meffley, (Dale) Bob Friends of**
- 8. Ochs, India Friends of**
- 9. Wheeler, (Wary) Faye for Clerk of the Circuit Court**
- 10. Veterinary PAC MD**

Denied

- 1. Baltimore City Fraternal Order of Police PAC Fund**
- 2. Bet on Maryland's Future Committee**
- 3. Guynes, Natasha Friends of**
- 4. Howard County Democratic Central Committee**
- 5. Project Cecil County PAC**
- 6. Scott, Keith Friends to Elect for Mayor**
- 7. U.S. ADJUSTMENTS AND RECOVERY ACT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Dvorak, James Friends of	
CCF ID:	01011837	Status: Active
Date Established	8/06/17	
Date Waiver Requested	1/25/21	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Robert Friscia	Start Date: 8/03/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	James Dvorak	8/6/17
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/20/21		1/25/21	\$100	\$100
			\$	\$
				Total: \$100.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
6/15/18	\$60.00	paid	N/A

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/20/21	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

We thought the committee had been closed.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

State of Maryland

Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Friends of James Dvork Account Number: 01011837

Date of Request: 1/25/2021 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 100.00 as of 1/25/2021

Name of the Requestor(s)*: James Dvork

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 2021 Annual
Due 1/20/2021

The basis for the request: We are requesting a waiver of the fine for the late filing based on a lack of notice of the filing deadline. Both myself and the committee treasurer Robert Friscia were under the impression that the committee had been closed for some time. As such the committee has been completely inactive. An examination of the committee's transaction history shows that there have been no transactions from the campaign account in almost two years or more. We were informed on 01/25/2021 that a letter had been sent informing us that the request to close the committee had been denied. However, neither myself nor Robert ever received such a letter. In addition, I did not receive the green slip notice of report due until 01/22/2021, two days after the filing deadline. (cont.)

(Signature)

(Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Geller, Paul Pals for	
CCF ID:	01013448	Status: Active
Date Established	1/24/20	
Date Waiver Requested	1/22/21	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Jaime Fishman	Start Date:	1/24/20
Responsible Treasurer			
Current Chairman	Paul Geller		1/24/20
Responsible Chairman			

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/20/21		1/22/21	\$40	\$40
			\$	\$
				Total: \$40.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A	\$		

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I filed this report late, unfortunately. Since this is a first-time error (and we are during a global pandemic), is it possible to waive the fee just this once? I know it is no excuse, but I am teleworking, juggling two kids at home doing online school, and this just got away from me.

Division Comments

Grant

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 22, 2021 at 12:03 PM

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

From: **Jaime Fishman** <jaimevfishman@hotmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jan 22, 2021 at 11:25 AM
Subject: Re: Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System - File Affidavit (ALCE)
To: info.sbe@maryland.gov <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

I filed this report late, unfortunately. Since this is a first time error (and we're in the midst of a global pandemic), is it possible to waive the fee just this once? I know it's no excuse, but I'm teleworking, juggling two kids at home doing online school, and this just got away from me.

If it's not possible to waive the fee, can you please send me instructions on how to pay it? Where do I send it and to whom do I make the check out to?
Thanks,
JVF

From: info.sbe@maryland.gov <info.sbe@maryland.gov>
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 11:15:53 AM
To: jaimevfishman@hotmail.com <jaimevfishman@hotmail.com>
Subject: Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System - File Affidavit (ALCE)

Dear JAIME FISHMAN,

This email is to inform you that the Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) has received your filing of the Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures for the 01/20/2021 Annual Report. Please retain this email as a receipt of the filing to the committee "Geller, Paul Pals for".

If you have any questions regarding this email or the filing, please contact us.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Maryland State Board of Elections
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Phone: 410.269.2880

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Get Pamela Turner-Tingle to the BOE	
CCF ID:	01013501	Status: Active
Date Established	8/6/20	
Date Waiver Requested	1/22/20	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Shawan Burke	Start Date: 8/27/20
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Pam Turner	8/6/20
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/20/21		1/22/21	\$40	\$40
			\$	\$
				Total: \$40.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A	\$		

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/20/21	\$0	\$0	\$167.00	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I went in a file the report on the 20th of Jan, I am not sure what happen but when I received the 2nd notice I file again.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

State of Maryland

Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Get Pamela Turner-Tingle to the BOE Account Number: 01013501

Date of Request: 1/22/2021 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 40.00

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Shawan Burke

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): Annual Report 2021

The basis for the request: As treasurer, I went into the campaign system on 1/20/21 to complete the report due. I even received a prompt notifying that a preliminary report was filed w/ an official notification coming w/ 4 hours. I never received an email until this morning notifying that the report wasnt filed & fees were assessed. I then went back in, completed the same steps, received the same prompt as well as an email. Im not sure what happened or what was different the 2nd time.

Shawan Burke
(Signature)

1/22/2021
(Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Kilmer, Marc Friends of	
CCF ID:	01009424	Status: Active
Date Established	9/23/13	
Date Waiver Requested	1/27/21	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Robert Laun	Start Date: 8/04/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Marc Kilmer	9/12/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/20/21		N/A	\$140	\$140
			\$	\$
				Total: \$140.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A	\$		

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Last week I received notice the Friends of Marc Kilmer committee was being assessed a late fee for failing to submit our 2021 annual report on January 20. Sadly, I did not receive the green card giving notice about a due date until January 21. Please note, the report was filed immediately, so we are looking at a single day of late fees in this situation

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision



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

Fwd: late filing fee

1 message

info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

Wed, Jan 27, 2021 at 8:39 AM

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

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

From: **Bob Laun** <boblaun@yahoo.com>

Date: Mon, Jan 25, 2021 at 2:25 PM

Subject: late filing fee

To: info.sbe@maryland.gov <info.sbe@maryland.gov>, Marc Kilmer <mkilmer@verizon.net>

Good afternoon,

Last week I received notice the Friends of Marc Kilmer committee was being assessed a late fee for failing to submit our 2021 annual report on January 20. Sadly, I did not receive the green card giving notice about a due date until January 21. Please note, the report was filed immediately, so we are looking at a single day of late fees in this situation.

We have always received notice with plenty of time in the past, so I can only assume the delay in this case came from the ongoing hold ups at the post office. Also, I went through my records and never found an email notice. The candidate also checked and received anything.

In light of the delayed notice, and the fact the report was filed immediately when we knew it was due, is there any way you can waive the fee at this time?

Please feel free to call if further explanation is needed.

All the best,

Bob Laun

Friends of Marc Kilmer, Treasurer

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Leadership with Integrity PAC	
CCF ID:	13013035	Status: Active
Date Established	6/12/18	
Date Waiver Requested	1/22/21	
Account Type	PAC Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Merle Cuttitta	Start Date: 6/12/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Lauretta Rodich	6/12/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/20/21		1/22/21	\$40	\$40
			\$	\$
				Total: \$40.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A	\$		

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

This PAC has never had any money and has always reported Affidavits of limited contributions and expenditures since its inception. This PAC Bank Account has been closed as of last Spring 2020.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision



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

Fwd: Late Fee and Closing Leadership with Integrity PAC (SEIU Local 500) CCF ID 13013035

1 message

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

Fri, Jan 22, 2021 at 2:55 PM

To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>, Meku Tafesewerq -SBE- <mequanenet.abaineh@maryland.gov>, "Lisa B. Hanzook -SBE-" <lisa.hanzook@maryland.gov>

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From: **Theresa Michael** <MichaelT@seiu500.org>

Date: Fri, Jan 22, 2021 at 2:35 PM

Subject: Late Fee and Closing Leadership with Integrity PAC (SEIU Local 500) CCF ID 13013035

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

Cc: Irodich@gmail.com <Irodich@gmail.com>

Hi Ebony,

Our Chair of the Leadership with Integrity PAC (SEIU Local 500) (CCF ID 13013035) received the following notice below. This PAC has never had any money and has always reported Affidavits of limited contributions and expenditures since its inception. This PAC Bank Account has been closed as of last Spring 2020.

As a result of the email below, an affidavit of limited contributions and expenditures has been filed for the 2021 Annual report today. While filing the Affidavit for the 1/20/2021 Annual report, we also checked off to close out this account so that the Maryland State Board of Elections would never expect another report. We respectfully ask that any fees be waived for late filing.

Please let me know if a hard signed copy of the affidavit filed for 1/20/2021 should be mailed to the State Board of Elections, as I will make sure it gets sent by UPS. Please also let me know if anything else needs to be done so that this PAC remains well and truly closed with Maryland. I appreciate any help and guidance you are able to give.

Thank you,

Terri Alexander

301-642-9152

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Lindsey, Dawne Citizens For	
CCF ID:	01000794	Status: Active
Date Established	1/30/02	
Date Waiver Requested	1/22/21	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Gary Lindsey	Start Date: 2/28/17
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Marie Miller	2/24/09
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/20/21		1/22/21	\$40	\$40
			\$	\$
				Total: \$40.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A	\$		

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I guess the notice to file got caught in post office issues and was super late arriving.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision



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

Fwd: Citizens for Dawne Lindsey 01000794

1 message

info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

Fri, Jan 22, 2021 at 12:03 PM

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

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From: **Dawne Lindsey** <Dawne.Lindsey@mdcourts.gov>

Date: Fri, Jan 22, 2021 at 11:07 AM

Subject: Citizens for Dawne Lindsey 01000794

To: info.sbe@maryland.gov <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

I just received in my mail today the green card reminding me to file my annual report that was due on Jan. 20th. I quickly filed the report few minutes and I would like to ask for waiver of late fees. I guess the notice to file got caught in post office issues and was super late arriving. I've NEVER been late before and I hope you can grant them one time request to waive the late fees.

Sincerely,

Dawne Lindsey

301 777-5923

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Meffley, (Dale) Bob Friends of	
CCF ID:	01013237	Status: Active
Date Established	8/28/19	
Date Waiver Requested	1/22/21	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Gordan Ginder	Start Date: 8/28/19
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Dale Meffley	8/28/19
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/20/21		1/22/21	\$40	\$40
			\$	\$
				Total: \$40.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A	\$		

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Committee filed wrong report.

Division Comments

Grant confirmed committee filed wrong report.

Administrator's Decision



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

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

2 messages

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

Fri, Jan 22, 2021 at 12:04 PM

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From: **Linda Rittenhouse Meffley** <lrirt2012@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jan 22, 2021 at 10:29 AM
Subject: Fwd: Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System - File Affidavit (ALCE)
To: <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

REF: Bob (Dale) Meffley, Friends of late filing....

Please find below confirmation that I did file an affidavit on Jan 14th, my mistake is I filed the wrong date. I selected 2022. Please correct this for me as soon as possible. Please forgive the fine as well. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Linda Meffley
4433506958 cell

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

From: **Gordon Ginder** <geginder19@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Jan 15, 2021 at 9:17 AM
Subject: Fwd: Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System - File Affidavit (ALCE)
To: Linda Rittenhouse <lrirt2012@gmail.com>

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

From: <info.sbe@maryland.gov>
Date: Thu, Jan 14, 2021, 9:22 PM
Subject: Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System - File Affidavit (ALCE)
To: <geginder19@gmail.com>

Dear GORDON GINDER,

This email is to inform you that the Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) has received your filing of the Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures for the 01/19/2022 Annual Report. Please retain this email as a receipt of the

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Ochs, India Friends of	
CCF ID:	01013289	Status: Active
Date Established	11/25/19	
Date Waiver Requested	1/22/21	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Max Ochs	Start Date: 11/25/19
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	India Ochs	11/25/19
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/20/21		1/22/21	\$40	\$40
			\$	\$
				Total: \$ 40.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A	\$		

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I misunderstood the instruction for the filing of the affidavit.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

State of Maryland



Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Friends of INDIA Ochs Account Number: 01013289

Date of Request: 1/22/21 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 40.00

Name of the Requestor(s)*: MAXWELL D. OCHS

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 1/20/21

The basis for the request: I misunderstood India's instruction that her affidavit had to be submitted by me, as treasurer. The tardiness was my error in misunderstanding. This is our first (and I hope, last) waiver request. Please thank Ms Victorica Smith for her courteous and patient assistance.

Maxwell D. Ochs 1/22/21
(Signature) (Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Wheeler, (Wary) Faye for Clerk of the Circuit Court	
CCF ID:	01012860	Status: Active
Date Established	2/27/18	
Date Waiver Requested		
Account Type	Candidate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Mary Myers	Start Date: 4/10/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Wary Wheeler	2/27/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/20/21		1/22/21	\$40	\$40
			\$	\$
				Total: \$40.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A	\$		

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/20/21	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

We thought account was closed.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

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: Wheeler, (Wary) Faye for Clerk of the Circuit Court Account Number: 01012860

Date of Request: 1/22/2021 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 40.00

Name of the Requestor(s)*: MaryKay Myers

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 05/22/2018

The basis for the request: I filed our last report May 22, 2018 and was certain I clicked final report and this report showed a balance of zero. I respectfully ask that the \$40 late fee be waived with my sincere apology.

MaryKay Myers
(Signature)

1/22/2021
(Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Veterinary PAC MD	
CCF ID:	03007924	Status: Active
Date Established	9/08/82	
Date Waiver Requested	1/25/21	
Account Type	PAC Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Liz Cottrell	Start Date: 1/21/21
Responsible Treasurer	James Reed	8/27/14
Current Chairman	Richard Street	8/06/15
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/21/21		1/22/21	\$40	\$40
			\$	\$
				Total: \$40.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
6/15/18	\$140.00	paid	N/A
1/17/18	\$90.00	paid	N/A
8/26/14	\$220.00	paid	Yes

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/20/21	\$0	\$317	\$13,515	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I would appreciate any leniency you could provide under the circumstances of dealing with a change in association management, banks, and getting the report filed in a timely manner. I am confident we can have it completed accurately by the end of the month.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision



On Fri, Jan 22, 2021 at 9:40 AM Marisa Francis <mfrancis@mdvma.org> wrote:
Good morning, Mr. DeMarinis.

I'm writing this morning to respectfully request an extension and/or to waive fees as a one-time courtesy.

The MD Veterinary Medical Association and Veterinary PAC MD underwent a management change beginning July 1, 2020. Since that time, our mailing address and phone number changed, as did the bank that holds our PAC funds. In addition, there is a new Treasurer. In light of these changes, correspondence from the State Board of Elections regarding campaign finance reporting have been delivered to our previous address and not forwarded and/or emailed and missed or filtered by spam.

These are not excuses, but reasons for not knowing that reports were due. I was made aware the morning of Tuesday, January 19 that a report was due on 1/20/2021.

Yesterday, change of address and change of officer forms were completed and I received usernames and passwords for logging into MDCRIS. This is my first experience with campaign finance reporting in Maryland, so there will be a bit of a learning curve. I also downloaded the user manual and am doing everything in my power to file the report today, if at all possible.

Your consideration of my request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Marisa

Marisa Francis | Executive Director
Maryland Veterinary Medical Association & Foundation
8574 Paxton Street, Hummelstown, PA 17036
Phone: (410) 305-7083



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

Re: request for extension

1 message

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

To: Rich Streett <rich.streett@gmail.com>

Cc: Marisa Francis <mfrancis@mdvma.org>, Elizabeth Cottrell <ecottrelldvm@gmail.com>, James Reed <jamesbreed@comcast.net>, Victorica Smith <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Mon, Jan 25, 2021 at 4:24 PM

Thank you for emails. We will process the waiver request and present it before the Board at the next meeting.

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

On Fri, Jan 22, 2021 at 10:35 AM Rich Streett <rich.streett@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. DeMarinis,

Thank you for considering our request submitted by Marisa Francis, who is our new Executive Director for the Maryland Veterinary Medical Association. I am the current PAC chairman. Our PAC is relatively small and we rarely get donations unfortunately, thus our contributions are limited as well. We know this is an extremely important report to allow for full and transparent disclosure of the use of PAC funds, which we fully support! I would appreciate any leniency you could provide under the circumstances of dealing with a change in association management, banks, and getting the report filed in a timely manner. I am confident we can have it completed accurately by the end of the month.

If you have any questions, you may reach me directly at 410.459.8066, and thank you again for your consideration.

Best Regards,

Rich

Richard P. Streett, III, D.V.M.
~Managing Partner~
T: 410.838.2255
F: 410.838.5817

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Baltimore City Fraternal Order of Police PAC Fund	
CCF ID:	03008459	Status: Active
Date Established	12/27/96	
Date Waiver Requested	11/18/20	
Account Type	PAC Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Chris Nunn	Start Date: 11/24/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Brendan Cassidy	11/24/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/17/20		11/23/20	\$120	\$120
			\$	\$
				Total: \$120.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
7/22/20	\$70.00	N/A	Yes
11/27/12	250	N/A	Yes
3/23/12	250	N/A	Yes

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
11/17/20	\$0	\$1003	\$119,708	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Our PAC Treasurer, P.O. Christopher Nunn, had to fly to Chicago for the unexpected and untimely death of his brother on 11/15/2020 and was unable to file the report. He notified SBE of this via ccf.sbe@maryland.gov prior to the deadline.

Division Comments

Deny committee has a history of non-compliance.

Administrator's Decision

Baltimore City Lodge #3
Fraternal Order of Police
3920 Buena Vista Blvd
Baltimore, MD 21211

November 18, 2020

Maryland State Board of Elections
PO Box #6486
Annapolis, MD 21401

To the attention of Maryland State Board of Elections Administrator Linda Lamone,

This is to formally request that our PAC's late fees be waived for the 11/17/2020 Post General Report with transactions ending 11/10/2020.

Our PAC Treasurer, P.O. Christopher Nunn, had to fly to Chicago for the unexpected and untimely death of his brother on 11/15/2020 and was unable to file the report. He notified SBE of this via ccf.sbe@maryland.gov prior to the deadline.

P.O. Nunn is critical to our PAC's filing procedures, but also to decision-making in funeral arrangements for his family. He will file the election report upon his return to Maryland next week.

Due to these unfortunate and unforeseen circumstances, our PAC hereby requests that the late fees be waived for this PAC report.

Sincerely Yours,



P.O. Brendan J. Cassidy
FOP3 PAC Chairman

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Bet on Maryland's Future Committee	
CCF ID:	04013161	Status: Inactive
Date Established	1/31/19	
Date Waiver Requested	1/22/21	
Account Type	Ballot Issue Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Bradley Myers	Start Date: 1/31/19
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Liz Byers	6/3/20
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/17/20		1/08/21	\$1000	\$1000
			\$	\$
				Total: \$1000.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
10/23/20	\$1000	Waived	Yes
10/9/20	\$1000	Waived	Yes
8/25/20	\$1000	Waived	Yes

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

We have taken steps to remedy the missed filing deadlines oversight. Each of the 4 delinquent campaign finance reports were filed via the State's Campaign Reporting Information System website on January 8th, 2021.

Division Comments

Denied committee has history of non-compliance.

Administrator's Decision

January 22, 2021

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

RE: Bet on Maryland's Future Committee (CCF-ID: 04013161) – Request For Waiver and Close Account

Dear Mr. DeMarinis,

We are in the process of formally closing the Bet on Maryland's Future Committee (CCF-ID: 04013161) with the State Board of Elections.

Bet on Maryland's Future Committee (CCF-ID: 04013161) never raised any money or spent any money, but we missed 4 filing deadlines: 2020 Pre-General 1 due on 8/25/2020; 2020 Ballot Issue Report due on 10/9/2020; 2020 Pre-General 2 due on 10/23/2020; and 2020 Post General report due on 11/17/2020.

We have taken steps to remedy the missed filing deadlines oversight. Each of the 4 delinquent campaign finance reports were filed via the State's Campaign Reporting Information System website on January 8th, 2021.

Additionally, we have paid the fees associated with the first 3 delinquent reports levied by the State Prosecutor's office. We have been notified by them that our case is closed in their office (see attached). We have also filed the paperwork to formally close the Committee with the State Board of Elections. Attached is the affidavit to close the Committee.

We respectfully ask that you consider our request to waive the fine associated with the 2020 Post General report. We would also like to take any final steps necessary to formally close the Bet on Maryland's Future Committee (CCF-ID: 04013161) account.

Cordially,

Bradley Myers, Treasurer

Elizabeth Byers, Chairperson

Attachments

Cc: Ebony R. Sherbert-Parran, Maryland State Board of Elections
Cc: Victoria Smith, Maryland State Board of Elections
Cc: Donna Duncan, Maryland State Board of Elections

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Guynes, Natasha Friends of	
CCF ID:	01013183	Status: Active
Date Established	3/18/19	
Date Waiver Requested	1/27/21	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Emily Orcutt	Start Date: 2/20/20
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Dan Dean	1/30/20
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/17/20		12/27/20	\$1000	\$1000
10/23/20		11/15/20	\$835	\$835
				Total: \$1835.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
8/25/20	\$940	N/A	Yes
5/22/20	\$40	paid	N/A
4/28/20	\$20	paid	N/A

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

COVID has impacted many of us in different ways, my team and I have just been trying to keep moving forward with work and our families.

Division Comments

Deny

Administrator's Decision

Dear Maryland State Board of Elections,

First, I want to sincerely apologize for the delays in filing the campaign finance reports for my campaign committee, Friends of Natasha Guynes. As an operations professional, I thoroughly understand the importance of submitting such filings on time.

As we all know COVID has impacted everyone's life in so many different ways. For me, and my team, many of us have just been trying to keep moving forward with our work and our families. I wish that I could say there was a more detrimental reason for not having the reports filed on time but it's just the overall lingering impact of a global pandemic.

At this time, I am also trying to determine whether or not to keep my campaign account open. I have not been doing any active fundraising or spending since the loss of the primary in June. I should make a decision on this in the next few weeks. In the meantime, I must request whether any or all portion of the late fees for the campaign committee can be waived.

Please let me know. Thank you.


Natasha Guynes

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Howard County Democratic Central Committee	
CCF ID:	05007544	Status: Active
Date Established	1/01/01	
Date Waiver Requested	1/26/21	
Account Type	Party CC Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Dhaval Shan	Start Date: 8/22/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Maureen Arthurs	8/22/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
4/9/20 Audit		7/28/20	\$1000	\$1000
			\$	\$
				Total: \$1000

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
7/15/19 Annual	\$500	N/A	Yes
Post General Audit	\$500	N/A	Yes
Pre-General Audit	\$500	N/A	Yes

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/20/21	\$525	\$2,977	\$7,038	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Since all the reports are based on previous reports, for correctness, I made sure to make amendments to the 2020 Annual report in October based on the fixes I did on the previous 5 reports since I had a subsequent report due for the Pre-General 2 Presidential by 10/23/2020. Therefore, we were wondering if there is any possibility that we could get this \$1,000 fine reduced as well?

Division Comments

Deny committee has a history of non-compliance.

Administrator's Decision



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

Regarding the 2020 Annual Report for the HCDCC

2 messages

Dhaval Shah <dhaval@shah4howard.com>

Mon, Jan 25, 2021 at 6:55 PM

To: jared.demarinis@maryland.gov

Cc: ebony.parran@maryland.gov, victorica.smith@maryland.gov, Shahanrizvi <shahanrizvi@gmail.com>, ALICIA ALTAMIRANO <aliciahoco@gmail.com>, Jeremy Eldridge <jeremy4howardcounty@gmail.com>, Morgan Murphy <mmurphy@mddems.org>

Good evening Jared,

First of all, thank you for working with us the past few months on the 5 reports prior to the 2020 Annual report that were reported to the State Attorney office and helping us bring some of our fines on those reports down due to the fact that we had notifications issue by letter and e-Mail.

However, we noticed that there is still a \$1,000 fine regarding the lack of making amendments to the 2020 Annual report. Originally, the amendments for this report was supposed to have been done by 04/09/2020 which was **BEFORE** we spoke in July 2020; and thus, it was due to the **same notification issue** as the 5 reports prior to it.

Due to the fact that all the reports are based on previous reports, for correctiveness, I made sure to make amendments to the 2020 Annual report in October based on the fixes I did on the previous 5 reports since I had a **subsequent** report due for the *Pre-General 2 Presidential* by 10/23/2020. Therefore, we were wondering if there is any possibility that we could get this \$1,000 fine reduced as well?

Furthermore, I have now been receiving notifications about upcoming reports due by e-Mail that I was not getting before we spoke in July 2020. With that being said, I want to make sure to avoid all of this in the future, there were 2 reports (Pre-Primary 1 & Pre-Primary 2) that were filed after the 2020 Annual report but **BEFORE** we spoke in July 2020 and the notification issues were resolved. I understand that the website has a schedule of when the original reports are due, but where could I find a schedule of when amendments to reports audited are due if we have this same issue in the future?

Thank you for your time, patience, and advice throughout all of this.

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~ Dhaval Shah ~

Treasurer, Howard County Democratic Central Committee

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

Tue, Jan 26, 2021 at 8:14 AM

To: Dhaval Shah <dhaval@shah4howard.com>

Cc: "Ebony R. Parran -SBE-" <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>, Victorica Smith <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>, Shahanrizvi <shahanrizvi@gmail.com>, ALICIA ALTAMIRANO <aliciahoco@gmail.com>, Jeremy Eldridge <jeremy4howardcounty@gmail.com>, Morgan Murphy <mmurphy@mddems.org>

We are in receipt of your email. The waiver request will be reviewed and presented to the Board for the next meeting.

1/26/2021

State of Maryland Mail - Regarding the 2020 Annual Report for the HCDCC

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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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	PROJECT CECIL PAC	
CCF ID:	13013271	Status: Active
Date Established	11/06/19	
Date Waiver Requested	12/9/20	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Kelly Dixon	Start Date: 11/06/19
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Matt Welch	5/01/20
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
8/25/20		10/28/20	\$1000	\$1000
			\$	\$
				Total: \$1000.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
5/22/20	\$1000	N/A	yes
4/28/20	\$1000	N/A	yes

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
8/25/20	\$0	\$0	\$1,500.00	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

We filed our report by mail as we were having trouble with MDCRIS system

Division Comments

Deny, committee has a history of non-compliance.

Administrator's Decision



PROJECT CECL PAC

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Maryland State Board of Elections
Mr. Jared DeMarinis, Director
PO Box 6486
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-0486

Dear Mr. DeMarinis,

I am writing to request a late fee waiver, or reduction in late filing fees.

With regards to your email of October 28, 2020, and per the conversation with you of that afternoon:

As we previously discussed the error in filing, and filing on time, was the result of a misunderstanding and not one of negligence.

When an in-kind contribution was made to pay for a political newspaper advertisement, prior to the April 28, 2020 Report filing, we realized we needed to report it; but hadn't received any notifications that a report was due, as we had received in the past. Nevertheless, we filed our report due April 28th via US mail. We were having trouble with CRIS login and password, and had to physically mail a hard-copy.

Shortly after your office received our filing, we received an email from your office stating no report was necessary and we only needed to file a year-end report. (See Enclosure)

As a result, we therefore assumed that we were not required to file any further reports for the 2020 year; and receiving no updates or notifications regarding any changes, we would just file any and all activities on the January 2021 report.

When your email alerted us to the oversight and misunderstanding, we immediately filed any and all required reports as you requested.

We hope this clears up the misunderstanding and miscommunications, and we hope that the Board will see that we were not negligent, and will waive or reduce the late fee filing fines.

Kelly M. Dixon,
Treasurer-Project Cecil PAC

PO Box 673
Elkton MD 21922
443-553-9332
projectcecilpac.org



Project Cecil PAC

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Scott, Keith Friends to Elect for Mayor	
CCF ID:	01013435	Status: Active
Date Established	1/24/20	
Date Waiver Requested	11/18/20	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Charese Adesalu	Start Date: 1/24/20
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Nykki Hill	1/24/20
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
8/25/20		11/18/20	\$1000	\$1000
			\$	\$
				Total: \$1000.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
10/23/20	\$1000.00	N/A	N/A
11/17/20	\$1000.00	N/A	N/A

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The former Baltimore City Mayoral Candidate, Keith Scott (Scott, Keith to elect for Mayor), is asking for a waiver of the \$1,000 assessed late fee. Due to unexpected family concerns and illnesses, campaigning ceased May 25, 2020. We did not collect any funds or have any expenses after May 25, 2020. My understanding was that if our campaign ceased the final reporting would cease. However, this error is my mistake and I truly apologize. Keith Scott does not have the funding in the campaign and personal bank accounts to pay the \$1,000 assessed late fee. We would be so grateful if a one-time waiver would be granted for this late fee due to my misunderstanding and no funds available.

Division Comments

Deny committee has a history of non-compliance.

Administrator's Decision



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

Fwd: Notice to Show Cause Letter for the 8/25/20 Pre General 1 Report

1 message

Info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

Wed, Nov 18, 2020 at 10:03 AM

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

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

From: Cj <cadesalu@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Nov 18, 2020 at 9:55 AM

Subject: Re: Notice to Show Cause Letter for the 8/25/20 Pre General 1 Report

To: <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

Good morning hope all is well. The former Baltimore City Mayoral Candidate, Keith Scott (Scott,Keith to elect for Mayor), is asking for a waiver of the \$1,000 assessed late fee. Due to unexpected family concerns and illnesses, campaigning ceased May 25, 2020. We did not collect any funds or have any expenses after May 25, 2020. My understanding was that if our campaign ceased the final reporting would cease. However this error is my mistake and I truly apologize. Keith Scott does not have the funding in the campaign and personal bank accounts to pay the \$1,000 assessed late fee. We would be so grateful if a one-time waiver would be granted for this late fee due to my misunderstanding and no funds available.

Thank you so much for considering this request. Have a great day.

On Wed, Nov 18, 2020 at 9:20 AM <info.sbe@maryland.gov> wrote:

To the Candidate, Chair and Treasurer,

This is to notify you that the 8/25/2020 Pre General 1 Report was received late and that the campaign committee has a late fee assessed for this report.

Attached you will find a copy of the Notice to Show Cause and a hard copy of the bill will be followed up to you in the mail. You can pay over the phone with a credit card if MasterCard or Visa by calling Vicky Smith at 410.269.2871 or Ebony at 410.269.2922.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Campaign Finance Division at 410.269.2880 and please leave a message. One of our staff will get back to you.

The State Board of Elections number is 410.269.2840 and has a call center currently in place helping SBE with the volume of calls coming in, so please be patient and ask to speak with someone in the Campaign Finance Division and they will transfer you over to us or send an email to the new Campaign Finance Division email address at: ccf.sbe@maryland.gov. Please add this email address to your contacts to help ensure you receive all of our email notifications from that address.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Maryland State Board of Elections

Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance

Phone: 410.269.2880

New Email: ccf.sbe@maryland.gov

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Charese Adesalu

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	U.S. ADJUSTMENTS AND RECOVERY ACT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND	
CCF ID:	04013474	Status: Active
Date Established	4/16/20	
Date Waiver Requested	1/26/21	
Account Type	Ballot Issue Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Victor Hall	Start Date: 4/16/20
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Mark Johnson	4/16/20
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/20/21		1/26/21	\$120	\$120
11/17/20		1/26/21	\$1000	\$1000
10/23/20		1/26/21	\$1000	\$1000
				Total: \$2120.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
10/9/20	\$1000	N/A	Yes
8/25/20	\$1000	N/A	Yes

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The basis for the request: COVID-19 caused the committee members not to meet or take interest or advancing the legislative interest for the public in the State of Maryland for descendants enslaved American.

Division Comments

Deny history of non-compliance.

Administrator's Decision

Late Fee Waiver Request Form

Maryland State Board of Elections – Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
P.O. Box 6486 • Annapolis, MD 21401-0486
410-269-2880 • 800-222-8683

Campaign Account Name: U.S. Adjustments and Recovery Act for Prince George's County, Maryland

Account Number: CCF ID: 04013474 - Date of Request: Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Mr. Mark A. Johnson, Sr.

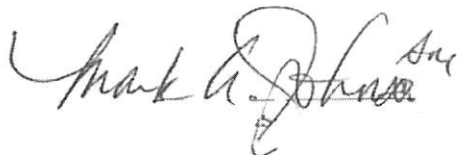
The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Fund Report(s): All reports that is applicable

Total Amount of late fees: \$ _____ (unknown because we just logged into and experienced the system through the support and kindness of Ms. Ebony Parron - ebony.parran@maryland.gov)

The basis for the request: COVID-19 caused the committee members not to meet or take interest or advancing the legislative interest for the public in the State of Maryland for descendants enslaved American.

Everyone resigned and had no interest due to COVID-19,



Tuesday, January 26, 2021

(Signature)

(Date)

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

Form Available online at www.elections.state.md.us



Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

P.O. Box 3604 ▲ Capitol Heights, MD 20791-3604

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2020 – 2022



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Assistant Financial
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Immediate Past President

December 30, 2020

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

Subject: 2020 Presidential Election Community Feedback

Dear Administrator Lamone:

The Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter (PGCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated would like to go on record with feedback on the November 3, 2020 General Election, to both the Maryland State Board of Elections and the Prince George's Board of Elections (PGCBOE). As a follow-up to the letter sent to you in July 2020 concerning voting issues from the June Primary election, we again canvassed our membership, family and friends for their experiences and issues. The responses this time were a resounding improvement from the concerns raised after the primary.

We want to commend you and your team for reviewing the issues, accepting the feedback from constituents, and making the necessary modifications to resolve the issues before the November election. We also would like to thank you for your August 23rd detailed response to our initial letter outlining the June issues and your offer to meet with us. Unfortunately, due to time constraints we were not able to schedule the meeting. But the offer was appreciated. The decision that your organization made resulted in changes that facilitated a successful election in one of the largest voter turnouts in Prince George's County's history. We would like to respectfully request that you consider making the improvements permanent for all upcoming elections.

If you recall, we are an organization of over 975 educated, black women within Prince George's County, who are deeply committed to the community and voting rights. For many years we have partnered with the Board of Elections in various adult and youth voting related activities such as voter training, registration, and education events. In this November Election, a number of our members stepped up to volunteer as election judges and poll workers to fill the void created by COVID-19 concerns of seniors.

Our members also conducted Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) activities, as well as provided up-to-date communications from the Prince George's County Board of Elections (PGCBOE) office at the Stand & Deliver food distribution sites across the County. The staff at that office acted as a true partner to us and the community by answering questions, giving guidance and direction on the election process, providing flyers, all while handling their other responsibilities. They were always patient, kind, very efficient and effective, even under the most stressful of circumstances.

Additionally, the staff's timely assistance to us was crucial to the success of our involvement in the Prince George's County Senior Voter Mobilization program. We believe that the dedication, commitment, process improvements and staff of the PGCBOE along with the decisions from your office, created a true sense of community partnering.

Overall, the feedback we received was incredibly positive as a result of the changes made by both the State and County Boards of Elections. The specific improvements mentioned included the following:

- 41 voting centers and drop boxes across the County,
- Improved security presence at all voter centers and drop box locations,
- Targeted communication and media campaigns to explain the processes, procedures & deadlines,
- Extending the early voting dates,
- Ability of voters to vote at any voting center,
- COVID-19 precautions at the voting centers,
- Assistance for the infirmed to avoid having to stand in long lines,
- Mail-in ballots were received timely along with confirmations,
- Ability to confirm that the ballots were counted,
- Overall customer service delivery of the entire Board of Election staff.

The only issues stated included:

- Confusion centered around having to request a Mail-in ballot Application be mailed to each voter instead of having the ballot itself mailed to the voter,
- Mail-in ballot never received after the application was delivered to the PGCBOE,
- Unclear that some mail in ballots would not be marked as counted until weeks after the election.

As a valued partner in the Prince George's County community, we would like to let you know that we recognize and appreciate all the hard work conducted by your office in ensuring that the problems from the June primary were greatly minimized/non-existent in the November election. We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback from the community and look forward to your office's continued success. We also would welcome your participation in the community forum we are planning in the future. Please let us know if there is anything, we can do to assist you in your efforts. We can be reached at 301-736-3250 or via email at president@pgcadst.org.

Sincerely,



Miriam L. Brewer
President

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