

**1. Announcements & Important Meetings**

Introduction of New Employees

Gary Hastings joined SBE as the newest member of our Information Technology (IT) Division. Gary started his service to the State of Maryland in 2008 with the Comptroller of Maryland as an IT Technical Support Specialist. He has a vast knowledge of system administration, application, and end-user support. With Gary, SBE's IT Division is now fully staffed.

Susan Tang has also joined SBE, although she has been working as our database administrator under a contract. Susan has been an integral member of the Voter Services project and inventory system, and we look forward to her supporting elections into the future.

SBE Tabletop Disaster Recovery Exercise

On September 11, 2018, we participated in a tabletop exercise and practiced preparing for and conducting an election in the face of a hurricane. The Category 3 hurricane hit the Eastern Shore on the Friday before the voter registration deadline and moved inland as a Category 1 hurricane. It caused widespread damage, power outages, and closed roads. This type of tabletop exercise was a different approach than the hands-on exercise we provided for the local boards in August, but it is equally valuable. We worked through entire election process under these conditions.

Pre-Election Meeting with Political Parties and Gubernatorial Campaigns

On September 12, 2018, we hosted a meeting for the political parties and gubernatorial candidates. We host this meeting before every election and share with the parties and campaigns information on how election litigation generally proceeds and other information relevant to the election. A summary of this meeting is included in the board meeting folder.

**2. Election Reform and Management**

2018 General Election - Absentee Ballots

On September 21, 2018, SBE transmitted emails to Election Systems & Software (ES&S), the State's vendor for printing, inserting and mailing absentee ballot packets to mail ballots to requesting military and overseas voters. We are happy to report that we complied with the deadline established in the federal Military and Overseas Empowerment Act (MOVE) and in response to a request from the U.S. Department of Justice, supplied data on our compliance.

On September 27, 2018, the first round of absentee ballots were transmitted to requesting domestic, civilian voters. This included ballots mailed by ES&S and emails with ballot log-in information sent by SBE.

As of September 30, 2018, SBE has sent 16,021 emails with information about how to access SBE's online ballot delivery system. Over 5,500 voters have successfully logged into their accounts, and over 2,500 voters printed their ballots.

Election Judge Training Evaluations

Erin Perrone and Cortnee Bryant are in the process of evaluating the election judge training classes in nine different local boards of elections. All 24 local boards will have

had their election judge training class evaluated between the 2016 and 2018 elections. Prior to the 2020 Primary Election, the election judge training class evaluations will begin again so that all 24 local boards of elections will be evaluated by the end of the 2022 General Election.

### 3. **Voter Registration**

#### National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 25th was National Voter Registration Day. Both Facebook and Google heavily promoted this event. On that day, over 8,800 individuals used our online voter registration and ballot request system and the system saw steady traffic in the days before and after September 25th.

#### Voter Registration Deadline

The deadline to register to vote or change a current voter registration record is 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16th. This is a postmark deadline, so those paper applications that have a postmark on or before October 16th will be deemed timely and therefore processed. All election board offices, including SBE, will be open until 9:00 p.m.

#### MVA Electronic Records

SBE staff members and select local board employees are currently processing the electronic records that MVA failed to forward to SBE. Each record must be closely reviewed to make sure good data is not being overwritten by outdated information. To date of the 16,000 records needing close review and processing, under 2,000 remain. The records will be processed prior to the voter registration deadline.

#### MDVOTERS

On Saturday, October 20th, the electronic pollbooks will be populated with the most current voter registration information allowing the local boards to move forward with the Logic and Accuracy testing of the electronic pollbooks.

#### MVA Transactions

During the month of September 2018, MVA collected the following voter registration transactions:

New Registration – 12,140	Residential Address Changes – 48,087
Last name changes - 2,407	Political Party Changes – 3,940

#### Non-Citizens

Due to staff being out on medical leave, there is no update.

Submitted to the Office of the State Prosecutor. 0

Removal of non-citizens - 0

Removal of non-citizens who voted - 0

Removal of non-citizens who voted multiple times - 0

Non-citizens forwarded to the Office of the State Prosecutor - unchanged since last reporting.

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

#### Candidacy

October 18th is the deadline for filing the certificate of candidacy for a write-in candidate.

### Campaign Finance

October 12th is the deadline for all Gubernatorial election participating ballot issue committees to submit the Ballot Issue Report. Notices of the due date of the report were sent to the chair, treasurer and candidates for those committees. Failure to file timely will result in a fine of \$10 per day up to \$500. The late fee must be paid with campaign funds.

October 26th is the deadline for all Gubernatorial election participating political committees to submit the 2018 Pre-General 2 Report. Currently, the CCF Division has over 2,300 participating political committees in the gubernatorial election. Notices of the due date of the report were sent to the chair, treasurer and candidates for those committees. Failure to file timely will result in a fine of \$10 per day up to \$500. The late fee must be paid with campaign funds.

### Public Financing Program

As of August 31, 2018, Montgomery County disbursed \$395,974 to the nine qualified candidates for the 2018 General Election. Two candidates are not eligible for disbursements because they are unopposed. Montgomery County received \$29,876 in unspent funds from the 2018 Primary Election.

The audit of the Madelano-Jenkins gubernatorial ticket committee is underway. The audit staff is working closely with committee to receive all the necessary documents.

### Campaign Finance Enforcement

The following committees had an Election Law Article violation(s) and paid a civil penalty as noted:

1. Friends of Steven Biddle: On August 14, 2018, paid a civil penalty of \$250.00 for an authority line violation.
2. Kyle Sefcik for Council: On August 20, 2018, paid a civil penalty of \$100.00 for making a cash disbursement greater than \$25.00.
3. Maryland Realtors Political Fund: On August 20, 2018, paid a civil penalty of \$16,626.17 for failing to timely file an independent expenditure report.
4. Friends of Ernest Canlas: On August 22, 2018, paid a civil penalty of \$200.00 for making a cash disbursement greater than \$25.00 and failing to maintain expenditure records.
5. Citizens for Rod McMillion: On August 22, 2018, paid a civil penalty of \$250.00 for an authority line violation.
6. 1199 SEIU NYS Political Fund: On August 27, 2018, paid civil penalties of \$8,580.00 for failing to register timely and late filing of reports.
7. Friends for Wayne Foote; Friends of Bob Farrell; and David Bohn for Board of Ed: On August 29, 2018, paid a civil penalty of \$250.00 for an authority line violation.
8. Elect Doug (Jeffrey) Rathell: On September 7, 2018, paid a civil penalty of \$250.00 for an authority line violation.
9. Democratic Central Committee Member Candidate – Jared Schablein: On September 10, 2018, paid a civil penalty of \$50.00 for an authority line violation.
10. Friends of Debbie Haddaway Ruzicka: On September 12, 2018, paid a civil penalty of \$250.00 for an authority line violation.
11. Friends of Sharon McCollough: On September 17, 2018, paid a civil penalty of \$100.00 for making a cash disbursement greater than \$25.00.

### International Election Missions

Per the delegated authority from 2016, the CCF Division is reviewing requests for international election observation missions for the 2018 General Election. Currently, the following organizations or entities have asked to observe the elections in Maryland:

1. Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)/Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODHIR) (approved in 2016)
2. OSCE/ODHIR Parliamentary Assembly (approved in 2016)
3. Central Election Commission of Bulgaria (At request of U.S. State Department)
4. United States International Center for Electoral Support (USICES)

Before approval, Jared conducts the necessary background checks with the appropriate federal, State, and local agencies. Jared has communicated with the U.S. State Department regarding all four groups. If any additional organizations or entities seek to observe an election in Maryland, we will inform the Board members.

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

### Inventory: Excess Equipment Disposal

The PMO continued to work with the Department of General Services (DGS) and the State's contract recycler to dispose of the TS-R6 voting system and other legacy equipment and supplies. Currently, SBE is reconciling the reports from the recycler for the TS-R6 and TSX units. In addition, SBE continues to work with DGS to auction off, recycle, or send to trash the other types of equipment that still remain at the central warehouse.

After making several attempts to sell the TS-R6 black cases. SBE is using the DGS trash contractor for the disposal of the black cases. To date, 2,276 of the 17,200 black cases have been picked up by the trash contractor.

### Inventory System Updates

The required annual reports for equipment and for supplies were both submitted to DGS in September. Keith Ross and Vince Omenka completed DGS's annual Property Officer training, held at the Maryland Department of Transportation Headquarters on October 1st.

### Other

SBE continues to work with the Worcester County Board of Elections and Worcester County concerning the financial concerns as it pertains to the replaced equipment. The uncleaned equipment, still located at the SBE Central Warehouse, will be disposed of according to DGS' disposal requirements.

In addition, SBE has received reports and corrective actions that were received from other local boards pertaining to leaks or other issues in their warehouses. There was no report of damage to any of the equipment.

## 6. **Voting Systems**

### Ballot Printing

SBE's ballot printing vendor has been printing and delivering ballots for early voting, Election Day, provisional voting, and some absentee voting (*e.g.*, the nursing home and assisted living program, in-person requests, and ballot packets mailed after ES&S stops mailing), in addition to test decks. Approximately 10.3 million ballot sheets are being printed and is scheduled to be completed this weekend. This large number of ballots is due

to the fact that Montgomery County and Prince George's County have three-page ballots, and seven other jurisdictions have two-page ballots.

Test decks are sets of pre-marked ballots that include each ballot style and at least one vote for each candidate. The test decks include marked pre-printed ballots and ballot activation cards marked by the ballot marking device. Ballot activation cards for the test decks are created using the touchscreen interface and the headset and keypad. The ballots in the test decks are used during pre-election testing to validate the tabulation of the voting system.

SBE has ordered ballot activation cards for use with the ballot marking devices. These cards have been delivered to the local boards.

#### Logic and Accuracy Testing

The local boards have started the pre-election Logic and Accuracy testing of the voting equipment for the 2018 General Election, and this will continue for the next three weeks. For each voting location, the local board will test one or more scanners and one ballot marking device. Each scanner will tabulate ballots in a test deck and generate results. The results are compared against the expected results to verify accurate tabulation. The local board of elections then clears the test results and seals the unit for the election.

#### Transportation

The transportation vendor is finalizing the schedule for delivery and pick up of equipment for the 2018 General Election. SBE is meeting with the transportation vendor to discuss issues arising from the large amounts of ballots, which will likely increase in the number of trucks used, especially for early voting.

Delivery of early voting equipment will start up to three days before early voting begins, but early voting equipment must be picked up after voting ends on the last day of early voting. Delivery of Election Day equipment typically starts eight days before Election Day and the return of the Election Day equipment typically takes a similar time.

### **7. Information Security & Technology**

#### Cybersecurity Training for Election Officials

In August, the Center for Technology and Civic Life offered an online, interactive cybersecurity course for election officials. SBE and almost all of the local boards participated in this three class course, which included a guides for future reference. The topics ranged from the basics of hacking to press communications during a cyber threat, and beyond. The technical topics were explained in layman's terms, and gave fictional and real-life examples as they related to election security.

#### State's Online Cybersecurity Training Program

The State Department of Information Technology has introduced a new online cybersecurity training program. All SBE employees and all local board employees with a maryand.gov email account are required to participate in this program. It includes a monthly, interactive online lesson on cybersecurity and how to protect the systems and data we use in State government.

#### New Computers at SBE

SBE has procured and deployed 20 Microsoft Windows 10 Professional computers. The new computers have replaced old Microsoft Windows 7 Professional computers. The goal

is to replace and/or upgrade all the computers at SBE to Windows 10 Professional before the end of 2019. There is also improved performance and security with Windows 10. Microsoft has announced that they will no longer support Windows 7 systems and will stop providing security updates after January 20, 2020.

#### Emergency Generator

An emergency standby generator has been rented for the 2018 General Elections in the rare occurrence of a power outage at SBE. The emergency standby generator will be delivered, installed, and tested on October 22, 2018. Within seconds of a power outage, an automatic transfer switch senses the power loss and commands the standby generator to start and then transfers the electrical load to the generator. The emergency standby generator is scheduled to be returned on November 19, 2018.

## ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

October 4, 2018

1. *Benisek v. Lamone*, No. 1:13-cv-03233 (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). No change from the last update. This case involves claims that the State's congressional districting map is an unconstitutional political gerrymander. On June 18, 2018, the Supreme Court affirmed the denial of the preliminary injunction entered by the three-judge district court, holding that the court below did not abuse its discretion in concluding that the balance of the equities and the public interest both weighed in favor of the denial. The Court did not discuss the merits of the case. After remand, the parties submitted supplemental briefing on the impact of *Gill v. Whitford*, No. 16-1161, slip op. (June 18, 2018) and other late-term Supreme Court rulings on the issues in this case. On the morning of October 4, 2018, a hearing was held on the parties' fully briefed, cross-motions for summary judgment.

2. *Fusaro v. Davitt et al.*, No: 1:17-cv-03582 (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). 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 case was dismissed. On September 26, 2018, the plaintiff appealed.

3. *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.

4. *Claudia Barber v. Maryland Board of Elections*, No. C-02-CV-17-001691 (Cir. Ct. Anne Arundel Cnty.) On January 25, Ms. Barber appealed from the Circuit Court's January 11 dismissal of her complaint. Ms. Barber sought damages and judicial review of, among other things, the State Board's decision not to issue a declaratory ruling

permitting her to use campaign funds to pay for litigation costs she incurred in her unsuccessful attempt to retain her position as an administrative law judge in the District of Columbia. Ms. Barber was ruled ineligible for that position due to her candidacy in 2016 for Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, Maryland. The appeal is fully briefed, and the case is scheduled for argument in February 2019.

5. *Judicial Watch v. Lamone*, No. 1:17-cv-02006-ELH (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). No change from the last update. This case involves the denial of access to Maryland’s voter registration database. Under Maryland law, access to the voter registration list is limited to Maryland registered voters and only for non-commercial, election-related uses. Judicial Watch—an elections watchdog group located in Tennessee—requested Maryland’s voter registration “database” and was denied because it was not a Maryland registered voter. Judicial Watch filed suit, arguing that the database was required to be disclosed under the federal National Voter Registration Act. On June 4, 2018, the district court denied our motion to dismiss, concluded that it is plausible that voter registration lists have to be provided under the NVRA, but also concluded that it was unclear whether the “database” that Judicial Watch sought was the same thing as the voter registration “list.” The court issued a scheduling order and the case is currently in discovery.

6. *Egbuonu v. Lamone*, No. CAL18-26458 (Cir. Ct. for Prince George’s Cnty.). On July 25, 2018, four Prince George’s County voters filed a petition for judicial review of the State Board’s acceptance and processing of the nomination of April Ademiluyi by the Libertarian Party for the contest for Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County, alleging that the nomination was not made in accordance with the Libertarian Party of Maryland’s constitution and therefore was not proper under Maryland law. On August 24, the court entered a preliminary injunction prohibiting the State defendants from certifying ballots containing Ms. Ademiluyi’s name. An emergency appeal was taken directly to the Court of Appeals, which affirmed the entry of the preliminary injunction on September 6. A final hearing on the merits was held on September 14, and judgment was awarded to the plaintiffs.

6A. *Libertarian Party of Maryland v. Lamone*, No. 1:18-cv-02825 (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). On September 11, 2018, the Libertarian Party of Maryland brought an action challenging the removal of Ms. Ademiluyi’s candidacy for Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County as a violation of the party’s constitutional rights under the First and Fourteenth Amendments. Initially, the party sought unsuccessfully to stay the state court proceedings in *Egbuonu v. Lamone*, and then, after judgment was entered in that state proceeding, sought to enjoin the State defendants from following the

judgment in *Egbuonu*. On September 20, 2018, the Court held a hearing on the party's motion for preliminary injunction was held, and denied the motion. The State Defendants' answer is due on November 12.

7. *The Washington Post, et al. v. McManus, et al.*, No. 1:18-cv-02527 (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). This case presents a challenge by a coalition of newspaper publishers that maintain an online presence to certain provisions of the recently-passed Online Electioneering Transparency and Accountability Act (the "Act"). Specifically, the plaintiffs challenge the constitutionality of the Act's imposition of disclosure obligations on newspaper publishers that accept online political ads, its use of terms in defining those obligations that are allegedly vague and overbroad, and its empowerment of the Attorney General to pursue injunctive remedies for violations of the Act. The plaintiffs also contend that the Act is preempted by the federal Communications Decency Act. The plaintiffs filed their complaint along with a motion for preliminary injunction on August 17, 2018, naming the individual members of the State Board, the State Administrator, and the Attorney General as defendants. On September 12, 2018, the Defendants filed an opposition to the motion for preliminary injunction. On September 24, Campaign Legal Center and Common Cause of Maryland On August 20, 2018, the Court entered a scheduling order requiring Defendants to submit their opposition to the motion on September 4 and Plaintiffs to submit their reply on September 17, and setting a hearing on the motion for October 10, 2018.

8. *Hanna v. Maryland State Board of Elections*, No. C-02-CV-002660 (Cir. Ct. Anne Arundel Cnty.). On September 5, 2018, plaintiff Willie Hanna filed suit to challenge the State Board's rejection of his petition candidacy for the contest for Delegate representing the 40<sup>th</sup> legislative district, on the ground that he had not submitted sufficient verifiable signatures in support of his petition. Mr. Hanna used a petition form that omitted several components that are required by Maryland law. On September 11, a summons was issued but to date only the complaint has been served on the Defendant.

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**Memorandum**

**TO:** State Board Members  
**FROM:** Jared DeMarinis, Director  
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
**DATE:** October 4, 2018  
**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 nineteen waiver request, for the month of October. No Board action is required on the denials. Late fees collected year to date for Late Fee Waivers are \$37,299.00

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



Waiver Request 10/04/18

1. Arikan, Lauren Friends of
2. Baltimore City Orphans' Court Campaign Slate
3. Banach, Richard Citizens for
4. Bernstein, Charles "Chuck" Friends of
5. Blue, Michael for County Council, Citizens for
6. Cochran, Susan Citizens for
7. Collins, Cynthia Friends of
8. Cooper, Tyrone for the People
9. Crawford, Tim for Sheriff
10. Dixon, Felicia A. Friends of
11. Fiotes, Chris Citizens for
12. Friends of HoCo Slate 6
13. Garrett, Lewyn Scott Committee to Re-Elect
14. Goddard, Urcille Friends of
15. Harbaugh, Jeremy Friends of
16. James, Jr. Walter Lee Friends of
17. Jones, Ricarra Friends of
18. Loewenthal, Michele E. Committee to Re-Elect
19. Mack-Boyd, Angel Friends for
20. Oxenham, Christopher for Central Committee
21. Roche,(Winifred) Wini Friends of
22. Schneckenburger, Dan Friends of
23. Skovron, Kate for Delegate
24. Strickland Lucas, (JoWanda) for Register of Wills
25. Thornton, Autrese Elect SB
26. Waugh, Steve Friends of
27. Wicomico Co. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge III PAC Fund
28. Yoho, Karen Citizens for

Denied Waiver 10/04/18

1. Bury, Betsy Friends of
2. Camp, Marva Jo, Friends of
3. Campos-Escobar, Will Friends for
4. Coates, Thomasina Vote
5. Collier, Scott Friends of
6. Dove, Spencer Friends of
7. F.O.P. Political Action Committee, Maryland
8. For Women PAC, Maryland
9. Gauthier, Rachel Friends of Board of Education
10. Green, William (Henry), Friends of
11. Guy, James (Randy), Citizens for
12. Higginbotham II, Robert M. The Committee to Elect
13. Hodge, Gary V. Citizens for
14. Jones, James H. Citizens for
15. Montgomery County NOW PAC
16. Sherrod, Nashonda Friends of
17. Smith, Brencis D. The Committee to Elect
18. Solesky, Tony The Write Committee for
19. Tarrant, Shawn Friends Of

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Arikan, Lauren Friends Of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01011796	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	7/17/17	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

### Start Date

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Yusuf Arikan	7/17/17
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Lauren Arikan	7/17/17
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/28/18	\$190	9/14/18	N/A	\$190
5/22/18		5/23/18	\$20	9/14/18	N/A	\$20
					Total	\$ 210.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
8/28/18	\$14,188	\$33,138	\$223	\$21,737
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

This was my first election and I fail to reconcile the books in a timely manner, and the system was not operating properly.

### Division Comments

Reduce to \$105.00

### Administrator's Decision

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

Friends of Lauren Arikan  
3820 Salem Church Rd  
Jarrettsville, MD 21084  
CCF ID: 01011796

RE: Late fee waiver request

To Whom It May Concern:

I am requesting first and last time late fee waiver for filing financial reports late for total amount of \$210 late fee.

Report Submission Date: 05/23/2018 Late Fee: \$20

The system wasn't operating properly at 10pm on 05/22/2018 and I had to submit next day.

Report Submission Date: 06/28/2018 Late Fee: \$190

This was my first election and I failed to reconcile the books in a timely manner to file the report.

Please approve my request for late fee waiver for good cause.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (443) 722 1818.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yusuf Percin Arikan', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Yusuf Percin Arikan  
Treasurer

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Baltimore City Orphans' Court Campaign Slate	
CCF ID:	02011873	Status: Active
Date Established	8/07/17	
Account Type	Slate Account	

### Officers

### Start Date

Current Treasurer	Robert Horne	8/07/17
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Isaac Klein	8/07/17
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
6/15/18		8/26/18	\$170	8/06/18	N/A	\$170
			\$			\$
					Total	\$ 170.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

In docketing the due date for various the treasurer docketed the incorrect date. The treasurer is in the middle of a contentious divorce and child custody issue and did not double check the date.

### Division Comments

Grant first request.

### Administrator's Decision

Robert M. Horne  
7 Saint Paul Street, Suite 600  
Baltimore, MD 21202

August 6, 2018

VIA FACSIMILE 410-974-2019

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

Re: Request for Waiver of Late Fee 2018 Pre-Primary2 Gubernatorial  
Account: Baltimore City Orphans' Court Campaign Slate ("Slate")  
CCF ID: 02011873

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is a request to waive the late fee assessed on the above-referenced campaign Slate. The undersigned is the Treasurer of the above-referenced campaign Slate. In docketing due dates for various things, the Undersigned docketed the incorrect due date for the Pre-Primary Gubernatorial2 filing. The undersigned is in the middle of a contentious divorce proceeding, including child custody issues, and simply did not double check the date that was internally docketed to file the report.

Please contact the undersigned if you require any additional information. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,



Robert M. Horne

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Banach, Richard Citizens for	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	15011863	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	8/20/17	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	9/4/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Public Financing Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Robert Banach	<b>Start Date:</b> 8/20/17
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Rich Banach	8/20/17
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/22/18	\$130	9/4/18		\$130
			\$			\$
					Total	\$ 130.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
6/15/18	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

My son is a college student I didn't receive the notice of the filing schedule.

### Division Comments

Grant first request.

### Administrator's Decision

4501 Dalton Road  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
August 27, 2018

Ms. Linda H. Lamone, Administrator  
Mr. Jared DeMarinis, Director  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

RECEIVED  
SEP 04 2018  
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Dear Ms. Lamone and Mr. DeMarinis:

HELP!

I learned early on that the Maryland state board of elections was having issues with the candidate reporting portal, but didn't realize how extensive those issues are until receiving invoices for supposed late filings.

As treasurer for my son's campaign, I have only received selective emails about reporting and have had to have the candidate, Richard Banach forward others to me once I learned of their existence after calling the office.

My son, the candidate, is a college student, and had decided to run without raising any money or spending any money so we did not open a bank account. When we received notice to file the first report in June, I found there was no provision for his financial decision and after calling the office and speaking to a number of individuals, including David Walker, Erin Dennis, and Vicki Molina, I learned the best course of action was to print out the form, sign it and send it in. When I called a few days later Ms. Molina explained the form was on her desk but there was no way to load it into the system.

Then, I did not receive the email my son received about the second filing deadline, nor did I receive the email with the list of filing dates that he received, but when he told me about the second filing email a few days after the deadline, I called and was told by the person answering the phone on 6/22/18 how the state wanted me to complete the filing online. Since the first filing was still listed on the screen as being unfiled, I figured I'd follow the new procedure for the second filing to see what would happen.

Then, even though I was told the first filing was received on time by Ms. Molina, your system sent us a bill for \$370 for a late filing—**even though it wasn't late** since I had mailed it in on time. So, now you need to figure out how to correct the system since we are not paying the fine that is not owed. I also don't see any reason to pay the second filing fine of \$130 since, as treasurer, I didn't receive the email alerting me that it was due. And, since I never received the original list of filing deadlines send to the candidate I had no idea there was a deadline. As I now have that email from my son, I am aware of the third deadline and filed that report on time.

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Bernstein, Charles "Chuck" Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01011823	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	7/27/17	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

		<b>Start Date</b>
<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Robert Horne	7/27/17
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Isaac Klein	7/27/17
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/26/18	\$170	8/6/18	N/A	\$170
			\$			\$
					Total	\$ 170.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

In docketing the due date for various the treasurer docketed the incorrect date. The treasurer is in the middle of a contentious divorce and child custody issue and did not double check the date.

### Division Comments

Grant first request

### Administrator's Decision

Robert M. Horne  
7 Saint Paul Street, Suite 600  
Baltimore, MD 21202

August 6, 2018

VIA FACSIMILE 410-974-2019

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

Re: Request for Waiver of Late Fee 2018 Pre-Primary2 Gubernatorial  
Account: Bernstein, Charles "Chuck" Friends of ("Campaign")  
CCF ID: 01011823

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is a request to waive the late fee assessed on the above-referenced candidate Campaign. The undersigned is the Treasurer of the above-referenced Campaign. In docketing due dates for various things, the Undersigned docketed the incorrect due date for the Pre-Primary Gubernatorial2 filing, which was an Affidavit filing. The undersigned is in the middle of a contentious divorce proceeding, including child custody issues, and simply did not double check the date that was internally docketed to file the report.

Please contact the undersigned if you require any additional information. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

  
Robert M. Horne

Cc: Hon. Charles Bernstein (*via email only*)

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Blue, Michael for County Council, Citizens for	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012397	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/16/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	9/10/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Maryanne Fox	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/16/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Mike Blue	2/16/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
8/28/18		8/29/18	\$20			\$20
			\$			\$
					Total	\$ 20

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
8/28/18	\$850	\$2,194	\$5,501	\$1,393
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I had difficulty filing the last report due, I'm request a waiver as it was only a day late. I have since talk with someone at the board who directed me in how to file

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

September 4, 2018

RE: CITIZENS FOR MICHAEL BLUE FOR COUNTY COUNCIL

To Whom It May Concern,

I have difficulty filing the last campaign report and it was filed a day late.

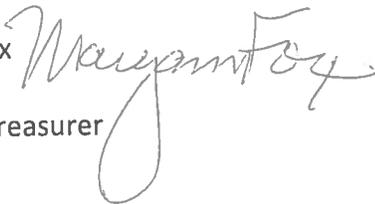
I have since spoken with an individual at the State Board of Elections to inquire if there would be a fee for this late filing. I was told that I would need to send a check for \$20.00, but if I send a letter to the board, that this fee may be forgiven.

I would greatly appreciate it if this fee was forgiven.

Thank you for your consideration,

Maryann Fox

Campaign Treasurer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maryann Fox". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name "Maryann Fox".

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Cochran, Susan Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01012705	Status: Active
Date Established	2/27/18	
Date Waiver Requested	8/24/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Clarence Cochran	Start Date: 2/27/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Susan Cochran	2/27/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		7/09/18	\$300	\$300
			\$	\$
			Total	\$300

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

### Prior Waiver and Fees

4/17/18 late fee \$30 paid

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
6/15/18	\$270	\$1148	\$1304	\$2678
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I made a good faith effort to file admittedly late but It was just 3 days I thought.

### Division Comments

Reduce to \$150.00

### Administrator's Decision

332 Hamlet Circle  
Edgewater, MD 21037  
August 20, 2018

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

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Dear Members:

I am appealing a late fee assessment for the 2018 Pre-Primary2 Gubernatorial report. I hope that the Board will reduce the assessment as I made a good faith effort to file, admittedly late, but just three days late. I have been assessed \$300 since the system says it did not receive the report until July 9. I am asking if I could be assessed \$60 for the first three days I was late to my knowledge.

The account is Citizens for Susan Cochran  
CCF ID: 1012705  
Report Due Date: 06/15/2018  
Report Received 07/09/2018  
Amount Owed: \$300

I made a good faith effort to file the report on July 18. This was admittedly late, I had a question to ask of the report help in the sbe office. Since the question came up after hours on Friday evening, I waited until Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup> to call and ask my question. I was advised to go ahead and file. So I did, as far as I knew.

I signed the report and hit file on July 18. All the entries were in compliance according to the report sheet, I fully believed it was accepted.

I do not have the emails of any further notices from the system. However, some time later I received a card saying that the report was overdue and penalties were running. The card was not dated, so I can't give you the date.

A few complications delayed my filing again to have the report accepted. For a couple of days I left messages to the candidate support office, but the messages

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Collins, Cynthia Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012969	Status: Active
Date Established	5/03/18	
Date Waiver Requested	8/13/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Tracy Lee	Start Date: 5/03/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Cynthia Collins	5/03/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		7/16/18	\$370	\$370
			\$	\$
			Total	\$370

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

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
6/15/18	\$3800	\$150	\$3650	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

The filing was delayed due to our lack of clarity in the filing process.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

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Friends of Cynthia Collins

1105 Wentworth Drive  
Oxon Hill, MD 20745  
(240) 346-2205

August 6, 2018

Vickie Smith

Assistant to Linda Lamone, Administrator of Elections, Maryland State Board of  
Elections

151 West Street, Suite 200

Annapolis, MD 21401

(410) 269-2840

Dear Vickie,

I am writing on behalf of Cynthia Collins, 2018 Democratic Central Committee At-Large Candidate for District 26 in Prince George's County, regarding the late filing of her Campaign Finance Report. We are requesting a waiver for the late fee of \$370. The filing was delayed due to our lack of clarity in the filing process. However, the report was sent shortly after the June 15th deadline. Please accept our lack of knowledge in the process.

Sincerely yours,

Tracy Lee-Williams, Treasurer, Friends of Cynthia Collins

## Reconsideration Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Cooper, Tyrone for the People	
CCF ID:	01012173	Status: Active
Date Established	1/12/18	
Date Waiver Requested	9/10/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Gertrude Cooper	Start Date: 1/12/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Tyrone Cooper	1/12/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/22/18	\$130	\$130
			\$	\$
			Total	\$130

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

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

I am a first time candidate and was unaware of the filing date/deadline.
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### Division Comments

Grant
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### Administrator's Decision

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TO: Jared DeMarinis  
From: Mr. Tyrone D. Cooper  
RE: Letter of Reconsideration  
(Campaign Finance Report)  
*June 15, 2018 – Past Due*

September 5, 2018

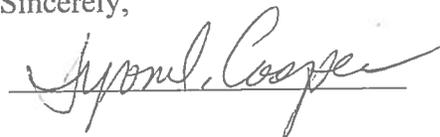
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Dear Mr. DeMarinis

I am writing for reconsideration for filing my Campaign Finance Report late. **I have less than \$100.00 in my account.** When I first opened the Campaign Fund, I use One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) of my own money to start the account. I am a first-time candidate and was unaware of the filing date/deadline. I hardly ever visit the website but promise to make every effort not be late again. I would like to ask the Board to reconsider waiving the late fees. “Thank you,” very much for understanding, and granting my request. Please feel free to contact me at the email or cell phone listed below.

Mr. Tyrone D. Cooper – (BCC, M.Div., LBSW)  
[tc04236@yahoo.com](mailto:tc04236@yahoo.com)  
(410) 845-8305

Sincerely,



## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Crawford, Tim For Sheriff	
CCF ID:	01005347	Status: Inactive
Date Established	9/28/09	
Date Waiver Requested	9/5/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Tracey Crawford	Start Date: 9/28/09
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Henry Romero	9/28/09
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
6/15/18		8/6/18	\$500			\$500
5/22/18		8/06/18	\$500			\$500
					Total	\$ 1000.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
8/28/18	\$0	\$403	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

My wife the treasurer is going through medical treatment.

### Division Comments

Reduced to \$500.00 committee has a history of non-compliance.

### Administrator's Decision

State Board of Elections  
P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, Md. 21401-0486  
Attn: Linda H. Lamone, Administrator

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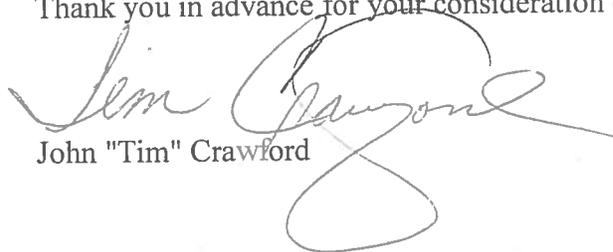
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Ms. Lamone,

I am writing to request a waiver of fines imposed on the "Tim Crawford for Sheriff" Committee, CCF ID#01005347. I was contacted on Friday, August 3, 2018, by the chairman telling me that he had received a letter stating the Committee was being fined \$500.00 for missing reports. I explained to him that in December, 2017 I had personally contacted the board and spoke with a person there who had given me instructions on how to close out the committee. I explained to the woman at the board that my wife, Treasurer, was going through medical treatment and couldn't file the report and asked if she could assist me with the filing, she told me it had to be done by the treasurer and/or chairman, that as the candidate I couldn't file it. Due to my wife's health I then attempted the best I could with the limited instructions provided to file the reports and close this committee.

On Monday August 6, 2018 I contacted the Board again and explained to an extremely helpful lady, by the name of Vicki, the aforementioned facts and explained to her that I contacted the Board in December 2017 and thought the committee was closed out. I was once again trying my best to closeout this committee as my wife, the treasurer, was going through cancer treatments and I just needed some help and a little patience with walking me through the process. Vicki was very helpful in explaining and walking me through each report in an attempt to closeout the committee. I would be greatly appreciative of any favor you could show by waiving the fines for the committee and please extend to Vicki all of my thanks and gratitude for help during these trying times.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request,



John "Tim" Crawford

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Dixon, Felicia A. Friends of	
CCF ID:	01011437	Status: Inactive
Date Established	2/02/16	
Date Waiver Requested	8//20/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	William Dixon	Start Date: 2/02/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Felicia Dixon	2/02/16
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		8/20/18	\$500	\$500
5/22/18		8/20/18	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$1000

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

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

### Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

My account was withdrawn I however was unaware I had to close /dissolve the campaign committee.

### Division Comments

Grant with reduction \$500.

### Administrator's Decision

# State of Maryland

## Late Fee Waiver Request Form

**Instructions:** Please print clearly or type. If you assert as the basis for the request that you were personally unable to file the report, please explain why the other responsible parties could not file the report. Please limit your request to this document only. *\*Requests may 011/y be made by The committee Chairman, treasurer or candidate.*

Campaign Account Name: Dixon Felicia Friends of Account Number: 01011437

Date of Request: 8/20/18 Total Amount of late fees: \$1,000

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: Felicia Dixon

The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer  Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 5/22/2018 & 6/15/2018

The basis for the request:

Maryland Board of Elections  
151 West St Ste 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Friends of Felicia A. Dixon

To the Maryland Board of Elections:

My account was withdrawn however was unaware I had to also close out/dissolve the campaign committee aspect. No revenue was ever collected from any outside entities or persons for the committee for Dixon Felicia Friends of.

I am asking to please closeout/dissolve The Committee for Friends of Felicia A. Dixon.

Thank you so much,  
Felicia Dixon  
3207 Westdale Ct  
Waldorf, MD 20601

Felicia A Dixon

(Signature)

August 20, 2018

(Date)

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

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Fiotes, Chris Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01012162	Status: Active
Date Established	1/11/18	
Date Waiver Requested	8/13/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Christina Fiotes	Start Date: 1/11/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Chris Fiotes	1/11/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/22/18	\$130	\$130
			\$	\$
			Total	\$130

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

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

### Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

This is my first election as a new treasurer I was unfamiliar with the reporting requirements.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

Chris P. Fiotes, Jr.  
12300 Turley Drive  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Maryland State Board of Elections  
Attn.: Ms. Linda Lamonde  
151 West Street, #200  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
FAX: 410-974-2019

August 17, 2018

Re: Fiotes, Citizens for Chris – Late Fee Bill  
(CCF ID 01012162)

Dear Ms. Lamonde,

I would like to ask for a waiver of the fee charged for my late filing of the June 15 campaign finance report. I became ill the week of June 11, went to the emergency room on June 15, was admitted to the hospital on June 16 and discharged on June 21. My daughter Christina Fiotes, who serves as my campaign treasurer, was attending to me during my illness and was unable to file the report until June 22. I regret the late filing, but given the circumstances would appreciate the Board's consideration to waive the late fee.

If you have any questions, please call me on 301-948-3797. Again, thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,



Chris P. Fiotes, Jr.  
Candidate for  
Montgomery County Council-at Large

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Friends of HoCo Slate 6	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	02012977	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	5/02/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	9/17/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Slate Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Chris Forman	<b>Start Date:</b> 6/18/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Frank Mirabile	5/02/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
8/28/18		9/04/18	\$130	9/17/18		\$130
			\$			\$
					Total	\$ 130.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
8/28/19	\$0	\$955	\$545	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I filed the report on the due date but it wasn't accepted because the numbers were incorrect.

### Division Comments

Grant first request

### Administrator's Decision

Friends of HOCO Slate 6  
10225 Red Lion Tavern Ct.  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

September 17, 2018

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

*Re: Fee Running Notice for report due 8/28/2018*

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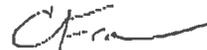
Dear Maryland State Board of Elections,

I am writing this letter after my phone call to your office and speaking with Ebony. I also **STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS** that my filing had not been entered correctly, but Ebony was very helpful and assured me that it was entered correctly.

I originally completed the report on the filing date, but it was not accepted by the system because my numbers were incorrect. I was not sure how to correct the error so I attempted to call your office. I was not able to speak to one of your representatives, so I left a message. Since it was the filing day, and getting later in the day and I didn't receive a call back, I faxed the report to your office so you could see that I made an attempt to file on time. By Tuesday, September 4, 2018 I had not received a call back and called your office again. I explained what happened and was told that faxed reports were not accepted. Then the representative was able to assist me in correcting the filing error and the report was filed that day.

I am enclosing a copy of my faxed report to show that I made a good faith effort to file on time. I am asking to have the \$130 fee running notice waived. I hope that the fee can be waived at this time. I can be reached at (410) 262-8018 or dcbforman@verizon.net

Thank you for your consideration,



Christine Forman,  
Treasurer Friends of HOCO Slate 6

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Garrett, Lewyn Scott Committee to Re-Elect	
CCF ID:	01011822	Status: Active
Date Established	7/27/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

#### Start Date

Current Treasurer	Robert Horne	7/27/17
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Isaac Klein	7/27/17
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/26/18	\$170.00		N/A	\$170.00
			\$			\$
					Total	\$170.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

In docketing the due date for various the treasurer docketed the incorrect date. The treasurer is going thur a contentious divorce and chidld custody issue and did not double check the date.

### Division Comments

Grant first request

### Administrator's Decision

Robert M. Horne  
7 Saint Paul Street, Suite 600  
Baltimore, MD 21202

August 6, 2018

VIA FACSIMILE 410-974-2019

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

Re: Request for Waiver of Late Fee 2018 Pre-Primary2 Gubernatorial  
Account: Garrett, Lewyn Scott Committee to Re-Elect ("Campaign")  
CCF ID: 01011822

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is a request to waive the late fee assessed on the above-referenced candidate Campaign. The undersigned is the Treasurer of the above-referenced Campaign. In docketing due dates for various things, the Undersigned docketed the incorrect due date for the Pre-Primary Gubernatorial2 filing, which was an Affidavit filing. The undersigned is in the middle of a contentious divorce proceeding, including child custody issues, and simply did not double check the date that was internally docketed to file the report.

Please contact the undersigned if you require any additional information. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,



Robert M. Horne

Cc: Hon. Lewyn Scott Garrett (*via email only*)

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Goddard, Urcille Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012060	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	11/22/17	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

### Start Date

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Joshua Kane	11/22/17
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Urcille Goddard	11/22/17
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
8/28/18		9/18/18	\$270	8/29/18	N/A	\$270
			\$			\$
					Total	\$ 270.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
8/28/18	\$1,100	\$913	\$373	\$140
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I tried to get into the MDCRIS system, but to no avail. I did the trouble loggin in but received no password.

### Division Comments

Grant first request

### Administrator's Decision

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Campaign Account Name: friends of Urcille Goddard Account Number: 01012060

Date of Request: 8/29/2018 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 20.00

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: Urcille Goddard

The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer  Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 2018 Gubernatorial Pre-General Election Report

The basis for the request: I was trying to get into the MD-CRIS online system with my username and password, but to no avail. I clicked on the "forgot password" feature, or rather "trouble logging in" and the system said that they were sending me a temporary password; However, the system did not send a temporary password. I checked my e-mail for the temporary password, including my junk mail, but the password wasn't there.

Urcille D. Goddard  
(Signature)

08/29/2018  
(Date)

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*This was resolved because I came into the Annapolis office to get*

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Harbaugh, Jeremy Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01013057	<b>Status:</b> Inactive
<b>Date Established</b>	6/25/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

#### Start Date

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Lauren Harbaugh	6/25/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Jeremy Harbaugh	6/25/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
8/28/18		9/04/18	\$130	9/04/18	N/A	\$130
			\$			\$
					Total	\$ 130.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

I was led to believe that nothing needed to be filed if the balance was zero, obviously that conflicts with the notification.

### Division Comments

Grant first request.

### Administrator's Decision



Victorica Smith -SBE- &lt;victorica.smith@maryland.gov&gt;

**Fwd: Request for Waiver**

1 message

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

Tue, Sep 4, 2018 at 2:47 PM

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Jared DeMarinis  
Director - Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
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Phone: 410-269-2853

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From: **Linda Lamone -SBE-** <linda.lamone@maryland.gov>  
Date: Tue, Sep 4, 2018 at 2:22 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Request for Waiver  
To: Jared DeMarinis <Jared.Demarinis@maryland.gov>

Can you please respond to him.

Linda H. Lamone  
Administrator of Elections  
410 269 2840

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From: <jayhardball@yahoo.com>  
Date: Tue, Sep 4, 2018 at 2:08 PM  
Subject: Request for Waiver  
To: linda.lamone@maryland.gov

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to request a waiver to late fees incurred for my campaign's "2018 PRE-GENERAL1 REPORT GUBERNATORIAL." The campaign's affidavit was filed immediately after receiving the email notification that it was late.

I was previously led to believe nothing would need to be filed if the campaign balance was zero and no transactions had occurred. Obviously, that conflicts with what the notification states.

Please excuse our misunderstanding about the filing procedures. I hope that the fee of \$130.00 can be waived in this circumstance.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Jeremy Harbaugh

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	James, Jr. Walter Lee Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012166	Status: Active
Date Established	1/03/18	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

### Officers

### Start Date

Current Treasurer	John Parrish	1/03/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Walter James	1/03/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
4/17/18		4/28/18	\$110	9/4/18	N/A	\$110
			\$			\$
					Total	\$ 110.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
8/28/18	\$620	\$650	\$1,089	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

There was a complication outside of human control, the system would not allow the report to be verified at the time of injection. I called and was instructed to remove and read the associated account and this cleared the issue.

### Division Comments

Grant first request.

### Administrator's Decision

From: Johnny Parrish, Treasurer for Friends of Walter L. James

To: State Board of Elections

Subject: Late filing for 17 April, 2018 (2018 Spring Report)

The finance report for 17 April was submitted, however there was an issue regarding signing and verification of the report in a timely manner. There were complications outside human control because the system would not allow the report to be verified at the time of injection into the systems. I called the finance number on the system after finding out the verification never went through after being notified in writing. I was instructed to remove and re-add the associated account information and this cleared the issue. This did not happen until 27 April and the report was filed the next day.

Please accept this explanation and waive the associated late fee of \$110 for this account. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.



Johnny L. Parrish, Treasurer  
Friends of Walter L. James



Larry Parrish, Chairman  
Friends of Walter L. James

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Jones, Ricarra Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012921	<b>Status:</b> active
<b>Date Established</b>	4/02/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	9/20/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Denise Johnson	<b>Start Date:</b> 4/02/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Ricarra Jones	4/02/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
8/28/18		9/05/18	\$140			\$140
6/15/18		6/24/18	\$150			\$150
					Total	\$ 290.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
8/28/18	\$0	\$675	\$1,358	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I had difficulty filing my report due to not being able to access my account, I still had difficulty even after contacting your office.

### Division Comments

Reduce to \$140.00

### Administrator's Decision

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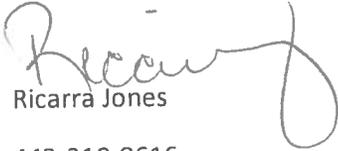
Account: Jones, Ricarra Friends of

CCF ID: 01012921

To Whom It May Concern:

I am requesting the late fees that were assessed on my account be waived. I had difficulty filing my report due to the being unable to access my account. I contacted this office for assistance on numerous occasions and still had difficulty and was finally able to file my report once I could access my account.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ricarra Jones", written in black ink.

Ricarra Jones

443-310-0616

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Loewenthal, Michele E. Committee to Re-Elect	
CCF ID:	01011821	Status: Active
Date Established	7/27/17	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

### Start Date

Current Treasurer	Robert Horne	7/27/17
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Isaac Klein	7/27/17
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/26/18	\$170	8/06/18	N/A	\$170
			\$			\$
					Total	\$ 170.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

In docketing the due date for various the treasurer docketed the incorrect date. The treasurer is in the middle of a contentious divorce and child custody issue and did not double check the date.

### Division Comments

Grant first request

### Administrator's Decision

Robert M. Horne  
7 Saint Paul Street, Suite 600  
Baltimore, MD 21202

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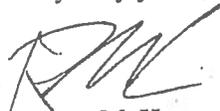
Re: Request for Waiver of Late Fee 2018 Pre-Primary2 Gubernatorial  
Account: Loewenthal, Michele E. Committee to Re-Elect ("Campaign")  
CCF ID: 01011821

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is a request to waive the late fee assessed on the above-referenced candidate Campaign. The undersigned is the Treasurer of the above-referenced Campaign. In docketing due dates for various things, the Undersigned docketed the incorrect due date for the Pre-Primary Gubernatorial2 filing, which was an Affidavit filing. The undersigned is in the middle of a contentious divorce proceeding, including child custody issues, and simply did not double check the date that was internally docketed to file the report.

Please contact the undersigned if you require any additional information. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

  
Robert M. Horne

Cc: Hon. Michele E. Loewenthal (*via email only*)

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Mack-Boyd, Angel Friends for	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01011598	<b>Status:</b> Inactive
<b>Date Established</b>	2/28/17	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	9/17/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Shirley Mack	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/28/17
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Angel Mack	2/28/17
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/31/18	\$150	9/17/18		\$150
			\$			\$
					Total	\$ 150.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

I am request a waiver due to not receiving any money or spending any money. I ceased from being a candidate and have been removed from the ballot.

### Division Comments

Grant, first request.

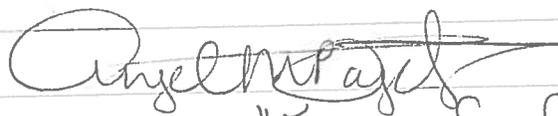
### Administrator's Decision

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To whom it may concern:

I am requesting a waiver of the late fees incurred on the May finance report. I'm requesting a waiver due to not receiving any campaign contributions or spent any money on the campaign. I ceased from being a candidate and have been removed from the ballot.

Thank you for the consideration



"Friends for Angel Mack-Boyer"

P.S.

If there is a specific to be completed & please don't hesitate to inform, my contact is listed below.

Cellphone: 667-228-9553

email: angel4delegate@gmail.com

Thank you again!

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Oxenham, Christopher for Central Committee	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01013030	<b>Status:</b> Inactive
<b>Date Established</b>	6/11/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	9/4/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Nicole Oxenham	<b>Start Date:</b> 6/11/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Chris Oxenham	6/11/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
8/28/18		9/04/18	\$	130		\$130
			\$			\$
					Total	\$ 130.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

I was misinformed, I thought the account was closed out after I lost thre primary.

### Division Comments

Grant, first request

### Administrator's Decision



Christopher W. Oxenham, CHFC®  
Financial Advisor, Verus Capital Partners, LLC

I am requesting a waiver of the \$130 late fee as I was misinformed as I thought this was closed out after my unsuccessful primary. I even called in, back in July.

Please see the attached affidavit + waive

Thanks,  
Chris Oxenham

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Roche,(Winifred) Wini Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012844	<b>Status: Active</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	2/23/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

### Start Date

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Kathy Mader	<b>2/23/18</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Wini Roche	<b>2/23/18</b>
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
8/28/18		9/04/18	\$130	9/04/18	N/A	\$130
			\$			\$
					Total	\$ 130.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
8/28/18	\$1,420	\$116	\$3,004	\$1,464
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I thought I had submitted the report. I entered all the transaction for this period but the trouble seems to be in submitting the report, I was one step short.

### Division Comments

Grant first request.

### Administrator's Decision



Victorica Smith -SBE- &lt;victorica.smith@maryland.gov&gt;

**Fwd: Fee Running Notice for the 8/28/18 Pre General 1 Report - transactions ending 8/21/18**

1 message

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

Tue, Sep 4, 2018 at 2:48 PM

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Jared DeMarinis  
Director - Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
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Annapolis, MD 21401-0486  
Phone: 410-269-2853

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From: **Kathleen Mader** <maderka@hotmail.com>  
Date: Tue, Sep 4, 2018 at 2:35 PM  
Subject: Fee Running Notice for the 8/28/18 Pre General 1 Report - transactions ending 8/21/18  
To: "info.sbe@maryland.gov" <info.sbe@maryland.gov>, "jared.demarinis@maryland.gov" <jared.demarinis@maryland.gov>  
Cc: Wini Roche <wini@winiroche.com>

Dear Mr. Demarinis,

I was dismayed today to read the email stating that the campaign committee for which I am treasurer, Friends of Wini Roche, has been assessed a fine due to failure to submit our required report 8/28/18.

I know how important it is to file these reports accurately and promptly, and I respect both my candidate and the process. I seek diligently to adhere to all aspects of campaign finance law and regulation.

I immediately placed a call to the 410.269.2880 number for the Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance to learn what has gone amiss, as I am certain that I did in fact comply with the 8/28 deadline. The nice lady who answered my call walked me through the process, which I have completed on time already for all previous deadlines during this election cycle. I assured her that yes, I had already entered our transactions for this period; the trouble seems to have been with my submission of the report.

It appears I failed to click something correctly on 8/28. I thought I had done it correctly, because I remember the question, "Is there another officer present to verify this report?" to which I always reply "no."

But in following your employee's directions on the phone today, I did submit the file correctly this time. She also told me that I can write to you, Mr. Demarinis, to request a waiver of the fee incurred as a result of my mistake, and that is the purpose of this letter.

I respectfully request that you consider the following with regard to my request:

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Schneckenburger, Dan Friends of	
CCF ID:	01009705	Status: Active
Date Established	1/06/14	
Date Waiver Requested	8/16/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Faith Addair	Start Date: 12/07/15
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Dan Schneckburger	1/06/14
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/29/18	\$130	\$130
			\$	\$
			Total	\$130

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

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
5/22/18	\$5800	\$2305	\$8582	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

My name is Faith Addair and I'm the treasurer for Dan, I was hospitalized around the time the report was due. When I realized the report was going to be late I notified Dan.

### Division Comments

Grant, first request.

### Administrator's Decision

# Faith L. Addair

45 Willard Drive  
North East, MD 21901  
443-309-4004  
[faith@ameventservices.com](mailto:faith@ameventservices.com)

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August 6, 2018

RE: CCF ID 01009705

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to notify you of the situation that caused the campaign report due on 5/22/18 to be delinquent. I am the treasurer for Friends of Dan Schneckenburger and I was hospitalized at Christiana Hospital in Newark, DE on May 14 & 15, 2018 and then again May 17 through May 26, 2018.

I realized the report would be late and notified Dan Schneckenburger. He immediately notified Jared Demarinis to explain the situation.

Please consider forgiving this late fee penalty as this is the first report that we have been delinquent on.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Faith Addair  
Treasurer  
Friends of Dan Schneckenburger

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Skovron, Kate for Delegate	
CCF ID:	01012628	Status: Inactive
Date Established	2/23/18	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

### Officers

### Start Date

Current Treasurer	Joan Skovron	2/23/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Kate Skovron	2/23/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/01/18	\$160	9/04/18	N/A	\$160
			\$			\$
					Total	\$ 160.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

This was because of a misunderstanding on my part, I mark the report final as I knew I would not be campaigning. I am in the third trimester of a difficult pregnancy I didn't realize my name would still be on the ballot or that reports still needed to be filed.

### Division Comments

Grant first request.

### Administrator's Decision

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Campaign Account Name: KATE SKOVRON FOR DELEGATE Account Number: 01012628

Date of Request: 7.18.2018 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 160.00

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: KATE SKOVRON

The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer  Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 5/22/2018

The basis for the request: To whom it may Concern,

This was caused by a misunderstanding of my part  
In April, I marked the Campaign finance Report as  
"Final" because I knew that I would not be actively  
campaigning and/or raising money for my campaign  
I was in the third trimester of a very difficult program  
I didn't realize that if my name was still on the ballot  
that I would have to file an affidavit each month.  
I sincerely apologize for my error.  
Thank you for your time.

Kate Skovron  
(Signature)

7.18.2018  
(Date)

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Verification: _____	
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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Strickland Lucas, (Jo Wanda) for Register of Wills	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012867	<b>Status: Active</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	2/27/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	9/14/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Doreen Watters	<b>Start Date: 5/02/18</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Jo Lucas	2/27/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
8/28/18		9/14/18	\$230			\$230
			\$			\$
					Total	\$230.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
8/28/18	\$2,718	\$2,583	\$134	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

After entering the report we thought it had been submitted, I didn't follow up because of medical issues.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

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Strickland-Lucas

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Campaign Account Name: Strickland-Lucas For Register of Wills Account Number: 0001041070

Date of Request: 9/14/18 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 230.00

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: Doreene Walters

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

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): October 2018

The basis for the request: Medical Issue

After entering the report I thought it had been submitted. I have not followed up due to medical issues where I was hospitalized and then I re-injured my ankle and had to undergo additional surgery.

To Wanda Strickland-Lucas notified me to correct the issue which went to spam email. We tried several times to submit with no success and were not sure why it kept referring to the registration, when the registration was accurate. We thought that when submit button was hit, it was submitted but it never took.

(Signature)

9/14/18

(Date)

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Thornton, Autrese Elect SB	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012549	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/25/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	9/10/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Cari Harris	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/25/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Autrese Thornton	2/25/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
4/17/18		5/04/18	\$170			\$170
5/22/18		5/29/18	\$130			\$130
					Total	\$ 300.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
8/28/18	\$0	\$0	\$-368	\$40
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

This wa our first time participating in the process we were unfamiliar on how to accurately file a report.

### Division Comments

Reduce to \$150.00

### Administrator's Decision

Cari Harris  
3507 Orchard Shade Road  
Randallstown, MD. 21133

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

August 28, 2018

Dear Jared DeMarinis,

Autrese Thornton and I were officers of the board of education campaign in district 004 of Baltimore County, Maryland this year. We are extremely grateful to the state for the opportunity to run for office. Although, the results for us were negative, we will not be discouraged to run again. We believe in the values of this state and we aspire to uplift our community in any way that we can.

Autrese has spent almost two decades in education and currently serves as a service coordinator for the not-for-profit, Service Coordination. I am a recent college graduate working in the field of economics, planning to get a master's degree in applied economics. I am writing this letter to you asking for you to waive the delinquent campaign fees that we owe, as this was our first time participating in this process. We were very unfamiliar and still need to do a bit more research on how to accurately record campaign fees given we had not raised any funds. We also need to become fluent in actually raising money for our next campaign.

Please take this request for a waiver into consideration. Feel free to contact me at (443)-834-6864 or autresefortheboard@gmail.com with any questions.

Take care,

Cari Harris



## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Waugh, Steve Friends Of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01005459	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	12/28/09	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	9/04/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Paul Croisetiére	<b>Start Date:</b> 12/28/09
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Steve Waugh	12/28/09
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
8/28/18		8/29/18	\$20	9/4/18		\$20
			\$			\$
					Total	\$ 20

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
8/28/18	\$8,872	\$36,714	\$7,318	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

I submitted the report at 12:03 am, would it be possible to receive a waiver.

### Division Comments

Grant first request.

### Administrator's Decision



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

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**Fwd: RECENT FILING**

1 message

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

Tue, Sep 4, 2018 at 11:35 AM

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

From: **Paul Croisetièrè** <paulcroisetièrè@gmail.com>  
Date: Wed, Aug 29, 2018 at 2:15 PM  
Subject: RECENT FILING  
To: info.sbe@maryland.gov

Hello Maryland State Board of Elections,  
I hope this note finds you well!

I am the Treasurer for the entity - Friends of Steve Waugh, Entity Number 01005459

Our report was submitted at 12:03 am this morning. I submitted the 'draft' before mid-night on 28 August, and didn't realize my error until it was 3 minutes in to the new day.

Accordingly, would it be possible to obtain a waiver for the late submission violation?

Thank you very much for considering this request.

Sincerely,  
Paul

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Wicomico Co. Fraternal Order of Police Lodge III PAC Fund	
CCF ID:	03008444	Status: Active
Date Established	4/1/10	
Date Waiver Requested	9/17/18	
Account Type	PAC Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Shelly Lewis	Start Date: 1/26/15
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Nick Amendolagine	7/15/16
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
6/15/18		8/14/18	\$500	9/17/18		\$500
			\$			\$
					Total	\$500.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

The FOP is currently in the process of getting a new treasurer, because of health issue involving the child of the treasurer.

### Division Comments

Grant

### Administrator's Decision

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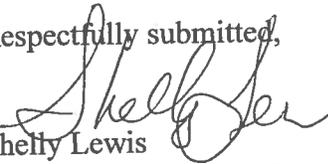
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To: Campaign Finance  
From: Shelly Lewis FOP 111 PAC Fund Treasurer  
Date: 4/29/17

I am requesting a waiver of the late fee for the 2018 filing due on 6/15/18. The FOP is currently in the process of turning over the Treasurer responsibilities to a new person due to the current health issues involving the child of the current treasurer. Please inform me if this letter is sufficient to have the fee waived.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Shelly Lewis

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Yoho, Karen Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01012266	Status: Active
Date Established	1/30/18	
Date Waiver Requested	8/31/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Joe Yoho	Start Date: 1/30/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Karen Yoho	1/30/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		8/28/18	\$500	\$500
			\$	\$
			Total	\$500

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

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
6/15/18	\$220	\$379	\$1190	\$4,602
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

This is my first time being a treasure we had thought the committee was under the \$1000 mark and filed an affidavit. Once we started on the next report we relized we had forgot to inculed the purchase of a van for \$700 which put us over the 1000. We had to go back anf amend the prior which resulted in late fees.

### Division Comments

Grant
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### Administrator's Decision

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August 29, 2018

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Annapolis, MD 21401

To the State Board of Elections,

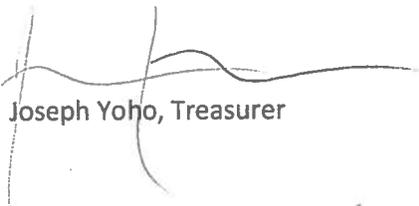
I am the treasurer for Citizens for Karen Yoho. My wife is the candidate and chairperson of the campaign committee. This is my first experience with being a campaign treasurer. At the time of the June 10 financial filing, I had thought the campaign was under the \$1000 allowance, so we filed an affidavit. Once we began to work on the August 21 report, we quickly realized that we had forgotten to include the purchase of the VAN for \$700, which put the campaign at about \$1300 of activity for that reporting period.

We are writing to request a waiver of the penalty fee of \$500. At the time of the June report, Karen was finishing up her 25-year teaching career and very busy campaigning for the quickly approaching primary and associated early voting. I run a small electrical contracting business which heavily relies on my personal involvement. Our oversight was not done purposefully, but rather occurred from being overly busy and my being new to this position.

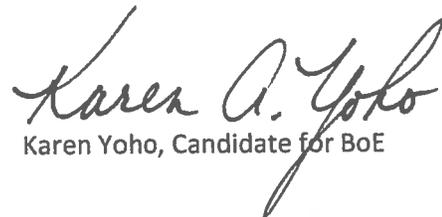
We understand that the \$500 fee is meant to be a deterrent and in future it will be. Our campaign is small in terms of personnel and financial resources and there is not \$500 currently in the bank. With Karen now a retired teacher and me with a small business, we would feel the pinch of having to pay the fine out of pocket.

We would very much appreciate having the fine forgiven this one time for the infraction of the rules.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,



Joseph Yoho, Treasurer



Karen Yoho, Candidate for BoE

Citizens for Karen Yoho  
PO Box 231  
Monrovia, MD 21770

By authority of Joseph Yoho, Treasurer

## RECONSIDERATION Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Bury, Betsy Friends of	
CCF ID:	01010868	Status: Active
Date Established	2/14/14	
Date Waiver Requested	6/28/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	John Hutson	Start Date: 2/14/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Liz Bury	2/14/14
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/22/18	\$370	\$370
6/15/18		6/22/18	\$130	\$130
			Total	\$500

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

### Prior Waiver and Fees

1/17/18 late fee \$20

### Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

I was under the impression that central committee only had to file in January.

### Division Comments

Deny, committee has a history of non-compliance.

### Administrator's Decision

September 24, 2018

Maryland State Board of Elections  
151 West St, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Greetings,

I spoke with Jared DeMaraniss in your office today and he advised me to write to you a second time to seek reconsideration of my request for a waiver for a fine I inadvertently accrued for failing to file campaign finance reports in May and June of this year on my 2014 Central Committee account.

I ran for Central Committee in 2014 and had a campaign committee and account. I had contributions and expenditures in 2014, but in 2015, 2016 and 2017 I had no expenditures so on the campaign filing system, I just filed an affidavit every January in keeping with the law at the time.

While I tried to stay abreast of all relevant rules and follow both the spirit and letter of the law in dealing with campaign finance filings, apparently the rules as I understood them changed at some point. I had thought that with no expenditures that filing an affidavit every January was sufficient. It was not until I received the notices earlier this summer that fines were accruing that I realized I was supposed to file in May and June of this year.

Promptly upon receiving these messages, I took steps to close out my account and bring myself immediately into compliance with the rules.

I am writing to you today to make a second request for a waiver of the \$500 in fines that accrued. My campaign finance account is zeroed out and closed. Any fine I must pay must come from my personal finances, which represents a hardship to me. I am no longer an active candidate and no longer serve on the Central Committee; I did not run in 2018. My campaign in 2014 was as small stakes affair for which I raised only around \$1000 total.

I would appreciate any consideration in this matter and request that you waive the fines in this case given the nature of my candidacy and my good faith efforts to comply with the law.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Betsy Bury  
Candidate – Friends of Betsy Bury  
Jonathan Hutson Treasurer

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Camp, Marva Jo, Friends of	
CCF ID:	01010534	Status: Active
Date Established	2/25/14	
Date Waiver Requested	8/16/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Bunni Young	Start Date: 2/25/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Marva Young	2/25/14
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/20/18	\$100	\$100
			\$	\$
			Total	\$100

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

### Prior Waiver and Fees

1/17/18 late fee

### Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

I mailed the report, as in the past in enough time to be received by the due date. I cannot explain why it was not received late.

### Division Comments

Deny

### Administrator's Decision

MARVA JO CAMP, ESQ.

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301.943.0255

MJCAMP@COMCAST.NET

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

RE: Friends of Marva Jo Camp  
CCF Id. 01010534

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing regarding the above referenced account to request a waiver of the late fee. I mailed the report, as in the past, in enough time to be received by the due date. I cannot explain why it was not received until June 20, 2018. Your consideration is greatly appreciated

Sincerely,



Marva Jo Camp

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Campos-Escobar, Will Friends For	
CCF ID:	01002785	Status: Active
Date Established	7/13/04	
Date Waiver Requested	8/13/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Steven Slaughter	Start Date: 6/12/13
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	N/A	
Responsible Chairman	N/A	

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		7/01/18	\$220	\$220
5/22/18		6/04/18	\$190	\$190
			Total	\$410

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

### Prior Waiver and Fees

1/17/18 referred to OSP
2/20/16 Referred to OSP
11/18/14 late fee \$110 paid
8/26/14 late fee \$250 paid

### Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
6/15/180	\$	\$0	\$2493	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

The committee is no longer active. Treasurer is currently working to close account. Chairman has resigned without notice.

### Division Comments

Deny, committee has a history of non-compliance.

### Administrator's Decision

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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: Campos-Escobar, Will Friends For Account Number: 61002785

Date of Request: 8/8/18 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 190.00

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: Steven Slaughter

The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer  Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 2018 Pre-Primary  
5-22-18

The basis for the request: The Committee is no longer active and the treasurer is currently working to close out this account. The chairman has resigned without notice to the treasurer and the party is no longer active. Remaining funds in account don't exceed \$25.00 US and will be donated to a non profit of state school by Sept 1st 2018

[Signature]  
(Signature)

8/8/18  
(Date)

For Board Use Only	
Date Rcvd: _____	Date Heard: _____
Verification: _____	
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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Coates, Thomasina Vote	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012376	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/14/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	9/17/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Cynthia Rogers	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/14/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Thomasina Coates	2/14/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
8/28/18		9/04/18	\$130	9/17/18		\$130
4/17/18		4/18/18	\$10	6/05/18	waived	\$10
					Total	\$ 130.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
8/28/18	\$2,950	\$2,126	\$2,060	\$1,881
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

When I submitted the report it look like it went through, I wasn't aware it had not been submitted until a few days later.

### Division Comments

Deny

### Administrator's Decision

**Vote Thomasina Coates**

P.O. Box 633  
White Plains, MD 20695  
Phone: 301-609-1436  
Email: thomasinacoates@yahoo.com

**COATES****Maryland State Board of Election**

Jared Demarinis, Director  
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

**Greetings,****September 14, 2018**

Reference Violation fee:

- This letter is regarding a violation for not filing the August 28, 2018 Report on time.

The 2018 Pre-General 1 Report Gubernatorial was submitted on August 28, 2018 prior to 11:59 pm. When I submitted it looks as thou it went thru okay but I wasn't aware until a few days later that it wasn't submitted. After going back in and several tries it was finally submitted and accepted properly.

Please review and you can see how there were temps of filing around 11:45 pm on August 28, 2018. Here going forward I will do everything possible to submit prior to the due date next due date of October 28, 2018 and then follow up the next morning to confirm it's been accepted properly.

Sincerely,

**Cynthia M. Rogers**

Ph: 301-643-4740  
Treasurer for Thomasina Coates,  
Charles County District 2

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Collier, Scott Friends of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01010778	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/25/14	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	9/24/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Louis Botteon	<b>Start Date:</b> 2/24/14
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Scott Collier	2/24/14
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
8/28/18		9/16/18	\$250	9/24/18	N/A	\$250
1/20/16		8/01/16	\$500	7/16/16	Reduced	\$250.00
					Total	\$ 250.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

I am asking SBE to waive any penalties against my campaign because I had difficulty filing the report.

### Division Comments

Deny

### Administrator's Decision



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

**Request for waiver**

3 messages

Scott Collier <dundalktv@gmail.com>  
To: Ebony Parran -SBE- <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>

Mon, Sep 24, 2018 at 10:56 AM

I would like to thank the Maryland State Board of Elections for the positive experiences I have had while interacting with your staff since my 2014 campaign. Unfortunately, the same can not be said about filing campaign finance reports on your website. I can't remember using the site without experiencing difficulties. According to SBE, Ebony Parran and the notice I received in the mail, my campaign finance report was not received by your office before the last reporting deadline. Rather amazing considering the fact I was prepared to send my campaign finance report to your office an hour before the filing date had begun, but I couldn't because the website had timed-out. The SBE website also indicated I could not send my report until later. During that week I tried sending the report several more times, but experienced even more problems with the website. Thankfully, I successfully sent the report via the website (or so I had thought) prior to the deadline. I am asking the SBE campaign finance division to please waive any filling penalty against my campaign due to the aforementioned issues I experienced. If the board is interested I am willing to share a few suggestions that would make your website more user friendly. Please feel free to contact me anytime. Many thanks to the board for your time and understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

Scott M. Collier

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

Mon, Sep 24, 2018 at 11:02 AM

Waiver Request from Scott Collier  
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Ebony R. Sherbert-Parran  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
151 West Street, Suite 200, P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-0486  
410-269-2922  
410-974-5415 (Fax)

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

Mon, Sep 24, 2018 at 11:39 AM

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*Victorica Smith*

Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
410 269-2840 Phone  
410 974-5415 Fax

*Tomorrow this day will be gone forever, let what you have left behind be something good.*

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Dove, Spencer Friends Of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01009581	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	11/21/12	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	8/31/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Eric Johnson	<b>Start Date:</b> 11/12/15
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Bill Taylor	11/21/12
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
8/28/18		8/31/18	\$60	8/31/18		\$60
01/18/17		1/26/17	\$80	2/10/17	Waived	\$80
					Total	\$ 60.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

My mail was held up I called the post office but recived no answer.

### Division Comments

Deny

### Administrator's Decision



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

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## Fee Waiver Request

1 message

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**Eric Johnson** <erijoe88@gmail.com>

Fri, Aug 31, 2018 at 4:53 PM

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

Good Afternoon Victorica,

The campaign for Friends of Spencer Dove is requesting a fee waiver for the late filing fee of \$60 on the account. Unfortunately the Pre-Report filing was not completed until today 8/31/18, which is 3 days past the due date, because I just received the green mailer card today to file, along with a lot of other mail that was held up. I've called my local USPS office to inquire about the hold up, but cannot get anyone on the phone that knows why my mail wasn't being delivered. I've also not received any emails for this campaign report period.

I know this isn't SBE's fault but I'm hoping that since this was caused by an issue outside of my control, that the board will grant a fee waiver. I appreciate the consideration.

Thank you,

Eric Johnson  
Treasurer

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	F.O.P. Political Action Committee, Maryland	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	03008456	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	12/12/96	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	8/13/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	PAC Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Matt Frasca	<b>Start Date:</b> 12/14/16
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Percel Alston	4/27/15
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/22/18	\$130	\$130
			\$	\$
			Total	\$130

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

### Prior Waiver and Fees

1/15/14 late fee \$160  
 12/18/15 late fee \$40  
 1/18/12 late fee \$50  
 10/22/10 Late fee \$250

### Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

This was my first election as a new treasurer, I was not familiar with the reporting requirements.

### Division Comments

Deny

### Administrator's Decision

Matthew Frasca  
PAC Treasurer  
F.O.P. Political Action Committee, Maryland  
18512 Office Park Dr.  
Montgomery Village, MD 20876

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AUG 13 2018  
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Subject: Waiver Request

August 10, 2018

Dear Mrs. Lamone,

I am writing to you to request a waiver of a recent late fee assessment of \$130.00 due to a late filing on 6/22/2018. First, I would like to apologize about the late filing date and having to cause you this added work. Second, I would like to explain why this occurred and what led to my error and misunderstanding.

This is my first election cycle as the new Treasurer for the F.O.P. Political Action Committee, Maryland, and I was unfamiliar with the reporting requirements. As such, I received *my first notice for the May 22, 2018 filing deadline on May 2, 2018. I filed my report on May 19, 2018. I received another notice on May 30, 2018 for the June 15, 2018 report filing. I mistakenly assumed it was an error as I had already filed a report just 11 days earlier, not realizing that another report was due on June 15, 2018. I received a letter in the mail stating I was being assessed the \$130.00 fine shortly afterwards and immediately went online and filed the report on June 22, 2018.*

I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience and hope that the board will grant a waiver in this instance. I will do my best to file future reports in a timelier manner. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach me at the below number.

Thank you,



Matthew Frasca  
Treasurer  
F.O.P. Political Action Committee, Maryland  
(240) 388-7965

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	For Women PAC, Maryland	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	03011575	<b>Status:</b> Inactive
<b>Date Established</b>	2/10/17	
<b>Account Type</b>	PAC Account	

### Officers

### Start Date

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Kiscott Ganu	<b>2/10/17</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Michelle Knox	<b>2/10/17</b>
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
6/15/18		7/16/18	\$370	7/16/18	N/A	\$370
5/22/18		7/16/18	\$500	7/16/18	N/A	\$500
1/17/18		7/16/18	\$500	7/16/18	N/A	\$500
					Total	\$ 1370.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

The committee disbanded and never proceeded with its original mission and purpose for this reason the reports were not filed.

### Division Comments

Deny committee has a history of non-compliance.

### Administrator's Decision



## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Gauthier, Rachel Friends of Board of Education	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01011951	<b>Status: Active</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	10/03/17	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	9/20/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Kathy Mader	<b>Start Date: 10/03/17</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Pat Seipel	10/03/17
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
8/28/17		9/07/18	\$160	10/03/17		\$160
10/24/14		11/04/14	\$120	2/25/14	Waived	\$120
					Total	\$160.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

I thought I had successfully filed the report, once I learned of the problem I filed the affidavit.

### Division Comments

Deny

### Administrator's Decision

9/20/2018

Maryland.gov Mail - Fwd: Fee Running Notice for the 8/28/18 Pre General 1 Report - transactions ending 8/21/18



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

**Fwd: Fee Running Notice for the 8/28/18 Pre General 1 Report - transactions ending 8/21/18**

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

Thu, Sep 20, 2018 at 10:17

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

From: Kathleen Mader <maderka@hotmail.com>

Date: Wed, Sep 19, 2018 at 2:20 PM

Subject: FW: Fee Running Notice for the 8/28/18 Pre General 1 Report - transactions ending 8/21/18

To: "info.sbe@maryland.gov" <info.sbe@maryland.gov>, "jared.demarinis@maryland.gov" <jared.demarinis@maryland.gov>, "linda.lamone@maryland.gov" <linda.lamone@maryland.gov>, Rachel Gauthier <chloesmama@comcast.net>

Dear Mr. Demarinis,

I sent you a letter regarding the campaign committee, Friends of Wini Roche, earlier this month.

It seems that the other campaign committee of which I am treasurer, Friends of Rachel Gauthier, also was not filed correctly for the 8/28/18 reporting period. I was up late the night of 8/28 and truly thought I had successfully filed for both my candidates as I had done for the other periods.

In the case of Rachel, it was simply the affidavit, because there were no contributions or transactions to report. She certainly does not have \$160 in fees to pay. But this is the amount I am told has been assessed because once I learned of the problem and filed the affidavit, it was September 7.

The reports have been filed.

I know how important it is to file these reports accurately and promptly, and I respect both my candidate and the process. I seek diligently to adhere to all aspects of campaign finance law and regulation.

I placed a call to the 410.269.2880 number for the Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance to learn what has gone amiss, as I am certain that I did in fact comply with the deadline. The nice lady who answered my call walked me through the process and the reports were completed on time already for all previous deadlines during this election.

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Guy, James (Randy), Citizens for	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01010490	<b>Status:</b> Active
<b>Date Established</b>	2/24/14	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	9/5/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	John Raley	<b>Start Date:</b> 1/30/18
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	James Guy	2/24/14
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/19/18	\$80	9/5/18		\$80
1/21/15		1/31/15	\$100	7/16/15	Waived	\$100
					Total	\$80.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

I am request a waiver of the late fee I had a change of treasurer, and failed to take action at that time.

### Division Comments

Deny

### Administrator's Decision

Citizens For Randy Guy  
CCF ID: 01010490  
P.O. Box 111  
Clements, MD. 20624

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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

Dear State Board of Election,

I am requesting relief from the \$80.00 fee for late filing. I had a change of Treasurer and I failed to be active at that time. I know that it is my responsibility for filing and I promised to keep on top of the action.

If I could get relief from this penalty I would appreciate it.

Sincerely  
Janice R. Guy  
Chairperson

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Green, William (Henry), Friends of	
CCF ID:	01009786	Status: Active
Date Established	2/07/14	
Date Waiver Requested	8/13/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Greg Kenefick	Start Date: 8/05/15
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Ann Remillard	2/07/14
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		N/A	\$500	\$500
			\$	\$
			Total	\$500

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

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

### Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

Mr. Green was not a candidate for office during this period, as the campaign treasurer I failed to see the notice

### Division Comments

Deny, report has not been filed.

### Administrator's Decision

August 10, 2018

Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE)  
151 West St, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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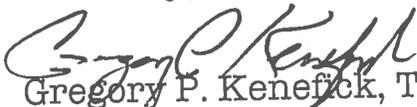
To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Henry Green and "Friends of Henry Green," I am requesting a waiver of late filing penalties for our committee's lapse in filing an Affidavit of Limited Campaign Expense (ALCE) for the reporting period 5/22/2018 Pre Primary Gubernatorial. There have been no expenditures that require filing since 2014.

Mr. Green was not a candidate for public office during the period encompassed by the 5/22/2018 report. As the campaign treasurer, I failed to see the notification. I apologize for this lapse. We have subsequently filed a late affidavit for the 5/22/2018 Pre Primary Gubernatorial time frame and for the current Pre General 1 deadline, August 28, 2018.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Gregory P. Kenefick, Treasurer  
Friends of Henry Green  
222 Cape St. John Rd  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
410 274 8604

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Higginbotham II, Robert M. The Committee to Elect	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01011809	<b>Status: Active</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	7/24/17	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	9/10/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Michael Higginbotham	<b>Start Date: 7/24/17</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Jose Anderson	7/24/17
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
8/28/18		9/05/18	\$140	\$140
6/15/18		9/05/18	\$500	\$500
5/22/18		9/05/18	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$1140.00

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

### Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors
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### Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

We simply were new to the process. While we had all the manuals and call-in assistance provide by the state we failed to meet the reporting requirements.

### Division Comments

Grant for 5/22/18 deny for 6/15/18 and 8/28/18.

### Administrator's Decision

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# The Committee To Elect Robert M. Higginbotham II

C/O Robert M. Higginbotham II  
10 East Lee Street  
Unit 1805  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202-6021

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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

Re: Request For Abatement Of All Late Fees And Penalties  
Associated With **All** Report Filings For: The Committee  
To Elect Robert M. Higginbotham II, CCI ID: 01011809

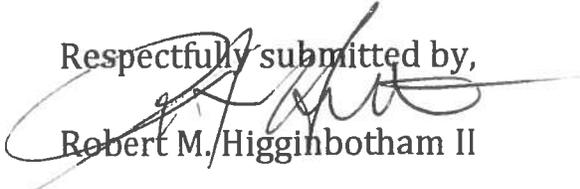
## MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

I, the first time candidate, Robert M. Higginbotham II, come before you requesting that all the fee's and penalties presently assessed be abated.

While we admit not filing as required, this was not due to any **intent** or **lack of effort** on our parts in trying to comply with each and every deadline and conducting a campaign worthy of the respect of the citizens of Baltimore City.

We simply were new to this process. While we had all the manuals and call-in assistance provided by the State Board; which we did use, we failed to meet the reporting requirements because our file buttons were grayed out and not red. In fact we had the assistance of the State Board personnel in filing our first report, but subsequently we made a very simple mistake that was not readily apparent to us or apparent to the accountants we finally asked to help us out. We simply were logged in improperly and this prevented us from filing. State Board personnel figured this out during our last very frustrated call-in and all the filing have been made. We respectfully ask you to consider this error and abate all fines knowing that paying them would create great hardship.

Respectfully submitted by,

  
Robert M. Higginbotham II

## RECONSIDERATION Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Hodge, Gary V. Citizens For	
CCF ID:	01000886	Status: Active
Date Established	3/15/02	
Date Waiver Requested	9/15/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Steve Walter	Start Date: 3/15/02
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Gary Hodge	3/15/02
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		7/02/18	\$470	\$470
			Total	\$470

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

### Prior Waiver and Fees

1/18/17 late fee \$10 paid  
 5/27/14 late fee \$20 paid  
 1/16/13 late fee \$10 paid  
 6/15/18 late fee \$230 granted

### Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

I am not a candidate for election this year I have not solicited or collected any funds and have no funds in my account

### Division Comments

Deny

### Administrator's Decision



Victorica Smith -SBE- &lt;victorica.smith@maryland.gov&gt;

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**Appeal for a Waiver of \$470.00 Late Fee for Pre-Primary 1 Report**

1 message

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**garyvhodge@aol.com** <garyvhodge@aol.com>  
To: Victorica.Smith@maryland.gov  
Cc: GaryVHodge@aol.com

Sat, Sep 15, 2018 at 10:27 PM

September 15, 2018

Ms. Linda H. Lamone  
Administrator  
State Board of Elections  
P. O. Box 6486  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-0486

Attention: Ms. Victorica Smith  
Division and Candidacy and Campaign Finance

Dear Ms. Lamone:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 29 informing me that you have waived the late fee of \$230.00 for the 2018 Pre-Primary 2 report, and are requesting payment of a late fee of \$470.00 for the 2018 Pre-Primary 1 report. I have been advised by Ms. Victorica Smith of your staff that I may make a further appeal for a waiver of the \$470.00 late fee by letter to you.

On July 2, I sent Mr. Jared DeMarinis, Director, Candidacy and Campaign Finance Division, a letter describing the circumstances regarding my late filing of the Pre-Primary 1 and 2 reports, and requesting a waiver of the late fees.

I filed an Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures (ALCE) on January 17, 2018, believing that this would cover my reporting requirements for the 2018 election cycle.

I am not a candidate for elected office this year, and have not solicited, received or disbursed any funds from my campaign account. And there are no funds remaining in my campaign account.

I received a green "Pre-Primary Notice" informing me that a Pre-Primary Report was due on May 22, 2018 and contacted your office on May 23 at 4:13 p.m. to confirm

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Jones, James H. Citizens for	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01012730	<b>Status: Inactive</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	2/27/18	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	9/18/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Orin Carroll	<b>Start Date: 2/27/18</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	James Jones	2/27/18
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
6/15/18		7/03/18	\$240	9/18/18		\$240
8/28/18		9/18/18	\$270	9/18/18		\$270
					Total	\$ 510.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

I was unable to file because someone in your off entered the wrong email address.

### Division Comments

Deny committee has a record of non-compliance.

### Administrator's Decision

September 18, 2018

REQUEST FOR WAIVER

TO: Whom It May Concern

FROM: James Hugh Jones

RE: Family & Friends Of James Hugh Jones For Governor

I'm writing this letter to ask that the late fees for the months of June 15 - August 28, 2018 be waived? The reason is because someone in that office entered the email address incorrectly so I could not file.

I thank you for your cooperation & understanding.

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Montgomery County NOW PAC	
CCF ID:	03007931	Status: Active
Date Established	11/25/85	
Date Waiver Requested	8/13/18	
Account Type	PAC Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	N/A	Start Date:
Responsible Treasurer	N/A	
Current Chairman	Molly Immingbalangero	8/25/17
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/04/18	\$190	\$190
			\$	\$
			Total	\$190

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

### Prior Waiver and Fees

1/17/18 late fee \$120 waived

### Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

The organization has been in disarray for nearly a year. We are in the process of reorganizing and hope to have full complement officers by September.

### Division Comments

Deny

### Administrator's Decision



P.O. Box 7716 • Silver Spring MD • 20907

August 9, 2018

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

Re: Fee Running Notices – Montgomery County NOW PAC – CCF # 03007931

Dear Administrator:

I am writing on behalf of the Montgomery County NOW PAC regarding the above-noted Fee Running Notices.

The PAC regrets the delay in filing required reports, mainly caused by the death of Montgomery County NOW Treasurer Edith G. Miller, who also served as PAC Treasurer. Part of Ms. Miller's duties for this volunteer organization was to file the mandatory reports to the Board of Elections.

As the Administrator of Ms. Miller's estate, I enclose 1) a Letter of Administration for the Estate of Edith Miller and 2) Certificate of Death.

Unfortunately, the organization received notices at the addresses of Ms. Miller and at the former PAC Chair Molly Immingbalangero, who has not communicated with Montgomery County NOW for almost a year. The organization has been in disarray for nearly that length of time, with the Acting President Elissa Blattman assuming responsibility for the Treasurer's job, as well.

As the PAC has historically been doing neither fundraising nor donating to candidates, the reporting process had consisted of online filing of a simple form, which was done routinely by Ms. Miller, thus overlooked by the acting officers after Ms. Miller's death.

On behalf of the Montgomery County NOW PAC I hereby request a waiver of the late fees. If additional documentation is required, please respond to

Montgomery County NOW PAC  
c/o Linda Mahoney  
224 Thistle Drive  
Silver Spring, MD 20901

The Montgomery County NOW chapter is in the process of reorganizing and hopes to have a full complement of officers by mid-September. They will notify you with names and contact info as soon as elections have taken place.

Sincerely,

Linda Mahoney  
President Emerita, Maryland NOW

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Sherrod, Nashonda Friends of	
CCF ID:	01011885	Status: Active
Date Established	8/30/17	
Date Waiver Requested	8/21/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Joyce Sherrod	Start Date: 8/30/17
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Nashonda Sherrod	8/30/17
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/08/18	\$230	\$230
			\$	\$
			Total	\$230

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

### Prior Waiver and Fees

1/17/18 late fee \$440 paid

### Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

I was trying to file it but for some reason it was not going through the system. When I spoke with some on 6/816 they walk me through the process of how to file.

### Division Comments

Deny

### Administrator's Decision

Account: Nashonda Sherrod

CCF ID: 01011885

Report Due Date 5/22/2018(2018 Pre-Primary1 Gubernatorial)

Report Received 6/8/2018

Amount Owed 230.00

RE: Delinquent Fee

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter asking for a waiver on the Delinquent Fee of a campaign account. The reason for the late filing, I was trying to file it but for some reason it was not going through the system.

I made several calls to the State Board of election office to get help, but it would only allow me to leave a message for someone to give me a call. I never received a respond from anyone. When I finally spoke with someone on 6/8/2018 they walk we through the process of how to file the report. I ask would I be penalized with a delinquent fee and was inform that I would not be.

Thank you for your consideration and I eagerly wait for your reply.

Sincerely,

*JOYCE T. SHERROD*

Joyce T Sherrod Treasurer

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Smith, Brencis D. The Committee to Elect	
CCF ID:	01012261	Status: Inactive
Date Established	1/30/18	
Date Waiver Requested	9/19/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Gentry Jones	Start Date: 1/30/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Brencis Smith	1/30/18
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Waiver Request Date	Outcome	Total Fees
8/28/18		9/05/18	\$140			\$140
6/15/18		9/05/18	\$500			\$500
5/22/18		9/05/18	\$500			\$500
					Total	\$ 1140.00

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

### Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
8/28/18	\$799	\$28	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

### Reason for Waiver

We uploaded our reports and thought that was the submission.

### Division Comments

Deny Committee has a history of non-compliance.

### Administrator's Decision

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Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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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: The Committee to Elect Brennis Smith Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

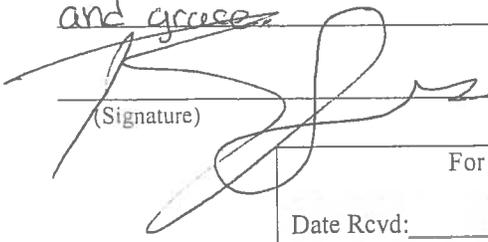
Date of Request: 9/19/2018 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 1140

Name of the Requestor(s)\*: Brennis Smith

The Requestor is the:  Chairman  Treasurer  Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 5/22/18, 6/15/18, 8/28/18

The basis for the request: Please recognize this submission as our humble apology to the state board of elections for not filing correctly on time. When we uploaded our reports we thought that was submission. Later we were notified of late fees thinking there was an error that would be corrected on the state board's end. After discussing the issue, the candidate came in to the office of the state board and was given all the information need so that we could file correctly. We then went back and entered each one by one instead of the excel spreadsheet. This was our first campaign and are asking for your mercy and grace.

  
(Signature)

9/19/2018  
(Date)

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

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## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

Account Name	Solesky, Tony The Write Committee for	
CCF ID:	01010228	Status: Active
Date Established	2/24/14	
Date Waiver Requested	6/7/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

### Officers

Current Treasurer	Earl Rickerds	Start Date: 2/24/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Irene Solesky	2/24/14
Responsible Chairman		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/04/18	\$190	\$190
6/15/18		6/21/18	\$120	\$120
			Total	\$310

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

### Prior Waiver and Fees

5/27/14 late fee \$20 paid  
 12/18/15 late fee \$30 waived  
 4/15/14 late fee \$110 paid

### Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

Due to our lack of computer literacy, we had to change treasurer and bank account.

### Division Comments

Deny

### Administrator's Decision

The Write Committee for Tony Solesky  
249 Ridge Avenue  
Towson, MD 21286  
410-790-9048

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

June 4, 2018

RE: 2018 Pre-primary1 Gubernatorial  
Report Due Date May 22, 2018

Dear Mrs. LaMone,

We are running a write-in campaign for Baltimore County executive. I am contacting you in regard to a late fee imposed on my campaign due to both my own and my staff's lack of computer literacy. We had to change our treasurer due to his moving to Florida, as well the bank we were using was taken over and we had to and did, successfully find a new treasurer and open a new account with a different bank. As a result of the bank change and our computer literacy issues, we are having difficulty knowing how to show the proper reconciliation of the bank account balance on the campaign finance website.

On the morning of May 21 2018, we contacted and spoke with a very helpful lady that informed us that the most important thing was to file the report and then during business hours we could come into the Annapolis office any day Monday to Friday and get the assistance we needed. We were told to file now and we could amend and resubmit the report when we come in. We were elated and hung up and we hit the file prompt but we failed to realize that there were additional prompts we needed to wait for so that the report could be electronically accepted on your end.

After a short time, we received a US Mail letter dated May 29, 2018 informing us we had failed to file our report. We immediately called the campaign finance office on June 4, 2018 and explained our issue. We were directed through the process by Mrs. Vicki Malena and as of this time, June 4, 2018, Mrs. Malena confirmed while on the phone that we are filed.

We will be coming down to Annapolis to receive the in person guidance we need to fulfill our reporting responsibility. In this letter, we are requesting in view of our tiny campaign funds, (under 600.00) and our sincere attempt but mistakes in trying to get it right, that the board waive the late fee. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Thank You,

Irene Solesky  
Chairperson

## Waiver Request Information Page

### General

<b>Account Name</b>	Tarrant, Shawn Friends Of	
<b>CCF ID:</b>	01002562	<b>Status: Active</b>
<b>Date Established</b>	11/21/12	
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	8/20/18	
<b>Account Type</b>	Campaign Account	

### Officers

<b>Current Treasurer</b>	Robin Fowlkes	<b>Start Date: 11/21/12</b>
<b>Responsible Treasurer</b>		
<b>Current Chairman</b>	Anita Farrow	11/21/12
<b>Responsible Chairman</b>		

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		7/31/18	\$500	\$500
			\$	\$
			Total	\$

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

### Prior Waiver and Fees

5/27/14 late fee \$20 paid	11/28/06 late fee \$250 paid
8/17/10 late fee \$130 paid	9/01/06 late fee \$250 paid
7/23/10 late fee 250 waived	8/15/06 late fee \$250 paid
1/16/08 late fee \$10 paid	

### Financial Activity History

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

### Reason for Waiver

There is a zero balance in the account, which we are trying to close out. We have no future plans of running for office.

### Division Comments

Deny committee has a history of non-compliance.

### Administrator's Decision

Friends of Shawn Tarrant

8/20/18

Dear Mr. Jammone

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Please accept our apology for not checking the box Campaign account closed. There is a zero balance in the Friends of Shawn Tarrant account. I will not now or in the future plan to use this account or file for office.

Can you please waive the fee of \$500.00. The balance report due will be filed and has checked in the first report due is August by my treasurer Robin Fowlkes.

Thank you,

Shawn Z. Tarrant

410-336-8718

sztarrant@gmail.com

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Memorandum

**TO:** State Board Members  
**FROM:** Jared DeMarinis, Director  
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance  
**DATE:** October 4, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Waiver of late filing fees – Persons Doing Public Business, Title 14 of the Election Law Article

Enclosed are the waiver requests, which were submitted by businesses that have been assessed late filing fees. The attached Waiver Request Information Page contains an overview of each entity as well as the Agency’s recommendation to the Board.

The Board should consider the following factors in determining whether just cause exists to grant a waiver.

1. Administrative error of any kind on the part of the Division.
2. The lateness is due to extenuating circumstances, i.e. physical illness or death in the family; or
3. Computer problems occurred which made timely filing impossible. However, the filer still must have demonstrated a good faith effort to timely file.

Prior to the meeting please review each waiver request. Note the recommendations that you may disagree with or have questions on that you would like to discuss.

§ 14-107(c) Late Filing Fees

- (1) As provided in this subsection, the State Board may impose fees for late filing of:
  - (i) a statement required under § 14–104 of this title; or
  - (ii) an amended statement required under subsection (b) of this section.
- (2) The State Board may impose late filing fees in the same amounts and in the same manner as provided under § 13–331(a) and (b) of this article for late filing of campaign finance reports.
- (3) Late filing fees imposed under this subsection shall be distributed to the Fair Campaign Financing Fund.

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

Grant/Reduced

1. Zuckerman Spaeder LLP

Denials

1. Albourne America LLC
2. Allied Contractors, Inc.
3. Optotraffic, LLC
4. Stantec, Inc.

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

### General

Account Name	Albourne America LLC
BID ID:	14000518
Date Established	8/01/2015
Date Waiver Requested	7/31/2018
Account Type	Title 14 – Persons Doing Public Business

### Officers

Current Filer	Christine Edwards	Start Date: 5/02/2018
Principal Officer	John Claisse	Start Date: 5/02/2018

### Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/31/2018	6/04/2018	\$40	\$40
		\$	\$
		Total	\$40

### Prior Waiver and Fees

N/A

### Reason for Waiver

The report was filed late due to no fault of their own as they were unable to login and file it.

### Agency Comments

Deny.

There was an issue with the new Filer verifying their information in order to receive the email with temporary password to log into the system. On May 22nd we notified PCC to look into the problem. The issue was fixed before 5/31/18, but the Filer was not receiving the temporary password emails. We asked the business to add [info.sbe@maryland.gov](mailto:info.sbe@maryland.gov) to their email contacts to help ensure they receive our emails and check with their IT Dept. to see if there is a firewall and if emails were being quarantined. SBE had to manually change the password so they could log in and file the report. The Principal Officer could have logged in and filed the report as they have the ability to do so.

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

**General**

<b>Account Name</b>	Allied Contractors, Inc.
<b>BID ID:</b>	14000316
<b>Date Established</b>	1/01/2015
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	8/10/2018
<b>Account Type</b>	Title 14 – Persons Doing Public Business

**Officers**

<b>Current Filer</b>	Douglas Kendall Franz	Start Date: 1/01/2015
<b>Principal Officer</b>	Richard F Pecora	Start Date: 1/01/2015

**Waiver Request Dates**

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/31/2018	7/31/2018	\$500	\$500
		\$	\$
		Total	\$500

**Prior Waiver and Fees**

2/05/15 report was filed on 2/24/15 and the late fee of \$190 was waived

**Reason for Waiver**

Once they received the Notice To Show Cause letter, they filed the missing report.

**Agency Comments**

Deny.

We sent out Pre Report Notice 5/02/2018 and a Fee Running Notice on 6/06/2018. They have been filing reports on 5/31 and 11/30 for the last 3 years with no issue.

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

**General**

<b>Account Name</b>	Optotraffic, LLC
<b>BID ID:</b>	14000687
<b>Date Established</b>	11/01/2015
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	7/05/2018
<b>Account Type</b>	Title 14 – Persons Doing Public Business

**Officers**

<b>Current Filer</b>	Casey Jolicoeur	Start Date: 11/01/2015
<b>Principal Officer</b>	Thomas Bouchard	Start Date: 11/01/2015

**Waiver Request Dates**

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/31/2018	6/06/2018	\$60	\$60
		\$	\$
		Total	\$60

**Prior Waiver and Fees**

N/A

**Reason for Waiver**

This was their fault. They data entered the contributions but forget to do the second step and send/file the report.

**Agency Comments**

Deny.

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

**General**

<b>Account Name</b>	Stantec, Inc.
<b>BID ID:</b>	14000829
<b>Date Established</b>	11/01/2016
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	8/03/2018
<b>Account Type</b>	Title 14 – Persons Doing Public Business

**Officers**

<b>Current Filer</b>	Katherine Hewitt	Start Date: 11/01/2016
<b>Principal Officer</b>	Paul Alpern	Start Date: 11/01/2016

**Waiver Request Dates**

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/31/2018	6/01/2018	\$10	\$10
		\$	\$
		Total	\$10

**Prior Waiver and Fees**

N/A

**Reason for Waiver**

They tried filing the report on the last day of 5/31/18 the due date. They had technical difficulty and was not able to file the report until the next day.

**Agency Comments**

Deny.

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

**General**

<b>Account Name</b>	Zuckerman Spaeder LLP
<b>BID ID:</b>	14000940
<b>Date Established</b>	Original 5/30/18 and changed date to 10/01/2015 per business
<b>Date Waiver Requested</b>	6/11/2018
<b>Account Type</b>	Title 14 – Persons Doing Public Business

**Officers**

<b>Current Filer</b>	Daria Ambush	Start Date: 10/01/2015
<b>Principal Officer</b>	Colin Burdick	Start Date: 5/31/2018

**Waiver Request Dates**

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/30/15	7/06/18	\$500	\$500
5/31/16	7/08/18	\$500	\$500
11/30/16	7/08/18	\$500	\$500
5/31/17	7/06/18	\$500	\$500
11/30/17	7/06/18	\$500	\$500
		Total	\$2500

**Prior Waiver and Fees**

N/A
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**Reason for Waiver**

They originally filed their registration on 5/30/2018. They entered a contract with the State back in October 2015 and should have registered then. They asked SBE to change the registration date from 5/30/18 to 10/01/2015 so they could file the reports they should have been filingsince 2015 in BCDS.
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**Agency Comments**

Reduce to \$1,500.
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attached hard copies of statements showing contributions by the firm's partners for the interim reporting periods, which cover the following time frames:

Period	Due Date for Reporting
5/1/2017 to 10/31/2017	November 30, 2017
11/1/2016 to 4/30/2017	May 31, 2017
5/1/2016 to 10/31/2016	November 30, 2016
11/1/2015 to 4/30/2016	May 31, 2016
10/24/2015 to 10/31/2015	November 30, 2015

The online system would not permit us to file statements for periods other than the initial reporting period and the most recent period. Please let me know if we need to take additional steps to complete the filings for these periods. And if you have other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Conor O' Croinin*

Conor B. O' Croinin

cc: Jared DeMarinis (jared.demarinis@maryland.gov)  
Cy Smith (csmith@zuckerman.com)

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September 3, 2018

Linda Lamone, Administrator  
State Board of Elections  
P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-0486

Dear Ms. Lamone:

The Baltimore City Board of Elections is requesting several emergency polling place changes. I am requesting these changes due to the closing of several schools for renovations or demolition. These changes will result in Baltimore City still having 296 precincts.

We are requesting an emergency change for the following precincts:

03001 03002

Old: School #734 Baltimore Alternative Learning Academy	1601 E Lombard St	21231
New: School #8 City Springs Elem/Middle	100 S Caroline St	21231

26024

Old: School #49 Northeast Middle	5001 Moravia Rd	21206
New: School #431 Maritime Industries Academy	5001 Sinclair Lane	21206

26025

Old: School #206 Furley Elem	4633 Furley Ave	21206
New: Furley Recreation Center	4633 Furley Ave	21206

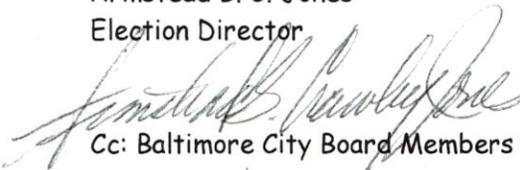
28007 28008

Old: Liberty Recreation Center	3901 Maine Avenue	21207
New: Liberty Elem School #64	3901 Maine Ave	21207

Thank you in advance for your attention in this matter and we look forward to the approval of these polling place changes.

Sincerely,

Armstead B. C. Jones  
Election Director

  
Cc: Baltimore City Board Members

Paul Lubell - President  
Bruce Robinson – Vice President  
Bruce Harris - Secretary  
Carol Byrd – Substitute Member  
Gloria Mason - Substitute Member



Katie Brown - Director  
Ann 'Nancy' Stratton – Deputy Director  
Andrew Bailey – Board Counsel

## Board of Elections

September 21, 2018

Ms. Linda H. Lamone  
State Administrator of Elections  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**RE: Emergency Precinct Change  
Baltimore County  
Election District 15, Precinct 001**

Dear Ms. Lamone:

I write to you today to request an emergency relocation of one of our precincts. The current location – Colgate Elementary – is under construction and will not be available for the General Election.

We have secured another site –Department of Economic and Workforce Development – Career Center at Eastpoint, 7930 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21224.

I know that moving a precinct in the middle of an election cycle can cause problems. In an effort to alleviate some of the problems letters will be mailed to all eligible voters at this precinct and appropriate signage will be placed at Colgate Elementary to redirect errant voters to the temporary location.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this important issue. Should you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie A. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Katie A. Brown  
Director

cc: Senator Johnny Ray Salling  
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September 18, 2018

Linda Lamone  
Maryland State Board of Elections  
151 West Street, Suite 200  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE:** Prince George's County Board of Elections Emergency Polling Place Change – 2018 General Election

Dear Ms. Lamone:

The Prince George's County Board of Elections (PGCBOE) is requesting to change the following polling place:

**FROM:** District/Precinct 06-05  
District Heights Elementary School  
2200 County Road  
District Heights, MD 20747

**TO:** District/Precinct 06-05  
Spauldings Branch Library  
5811 Old Silver Hill Road  
District Heights, MD 20747

The polling place change is being requested because PGCBOE staff was notified that District Heights Elementary School is closed to the public because of black mold contamination. The proposed replacement site, Spauldings Library, is accessible, meets the space, electrical and other requirements necessary for a polling place. In addition, it is approximately 1/2 of a mile from District Heights Elementary School.

If this request is approved, registered voters in district/precinct 06-05 will be mailed new Voter Notification Cards.

Should you need additional information please don't hesitate to contact me on 301-341-7300.

Sincerely,

Alisha L. Alexander  
Elections Administrator

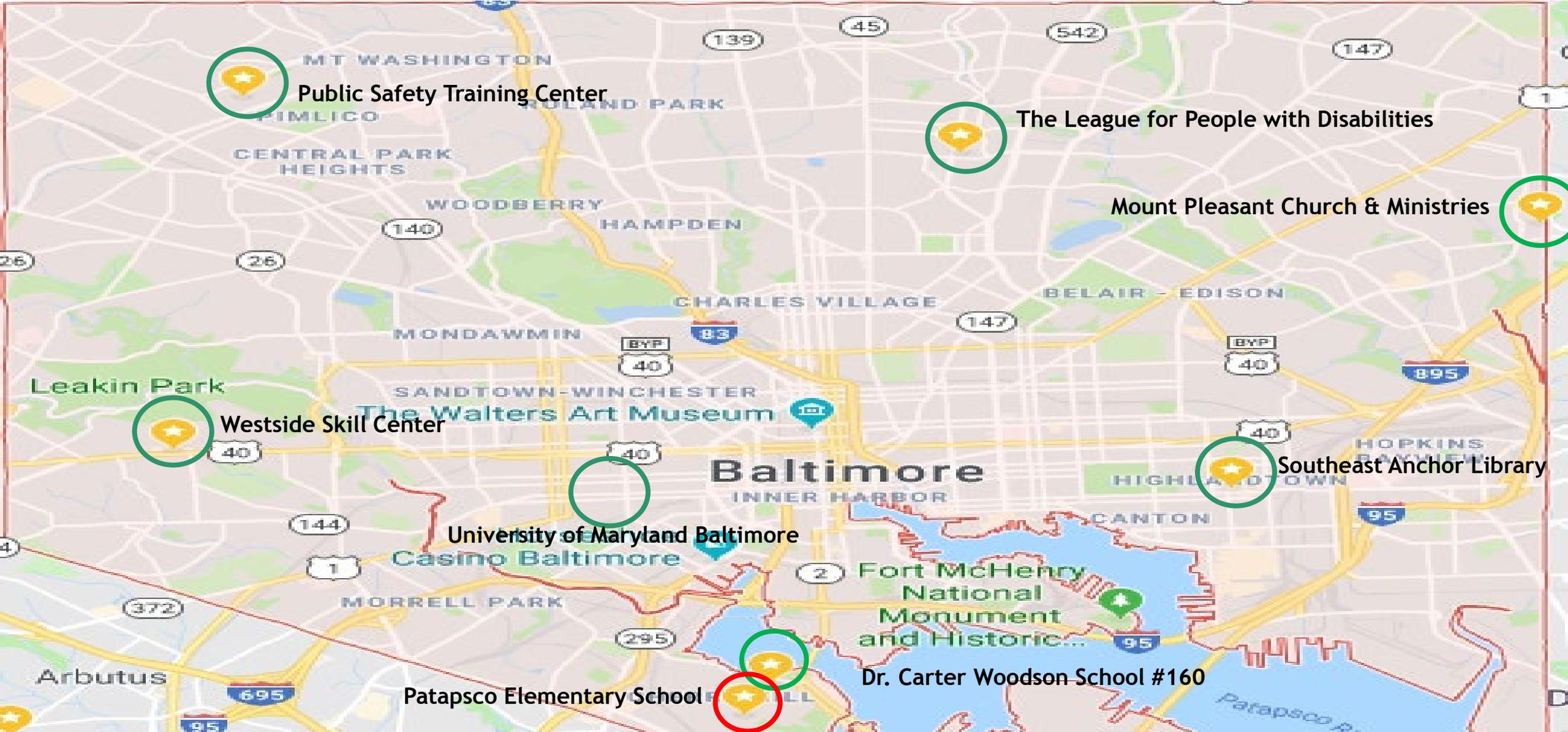
# Newly Proposed Early Voting Center for the 2018 General Election Baltimore City

State Board of Elections  
October 4, 2018 Meeting

# Baltimore City- 7 early voting centers

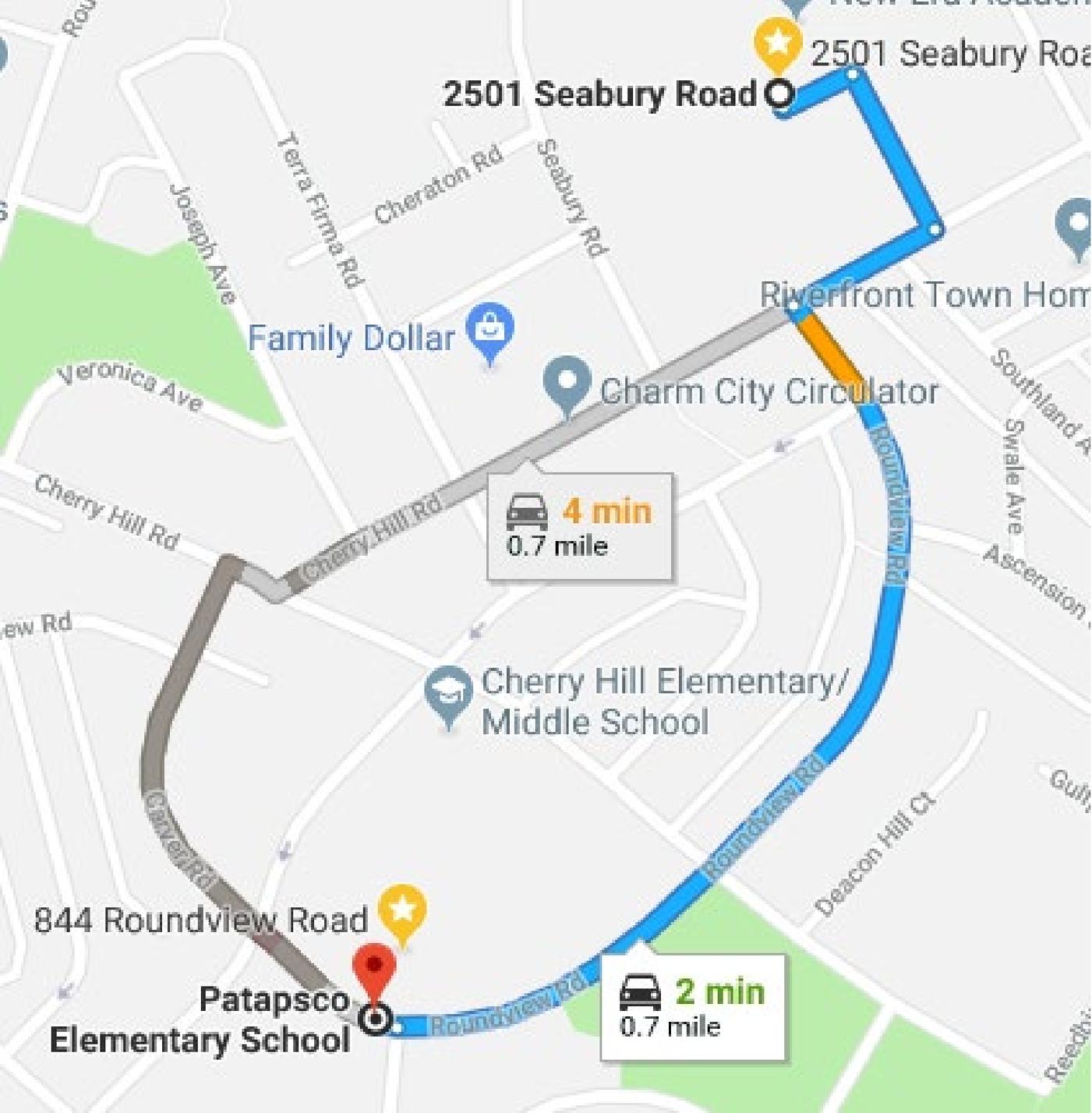
## Patapsco Elementary School

- ▶ Replaces Dr. Carter G. Woodson Modular Building School #160 because of construction
- ▶ 80% of voters live within 5 miles of one of the proposed centers
- ▶ Accessible for 2018 early voting
- ▶ Allows for electioneering
- ▶ Adequate parking
- ▶ Adequate to handle estimated peak voting hour
- ▶ Accessible by public transportation



Location of all Early Voting Centers (RED - proposed new center, GREEN - existing centers)

Baltimore City is replacing Dr. Carter Woodson School and proposing to replace it with the Patapsco Elementary School. They are using six of the same centers from the 2018 primary election. At least 80% of the registered voters live within 5 miles of one of the early voting centers.



The distance between the old center, Dr. Carter Woodson School, is less than one mile away from the proposed new center, Patapsco Elementary School.



Front Entrance



Overhead View of Building and Parking Lot

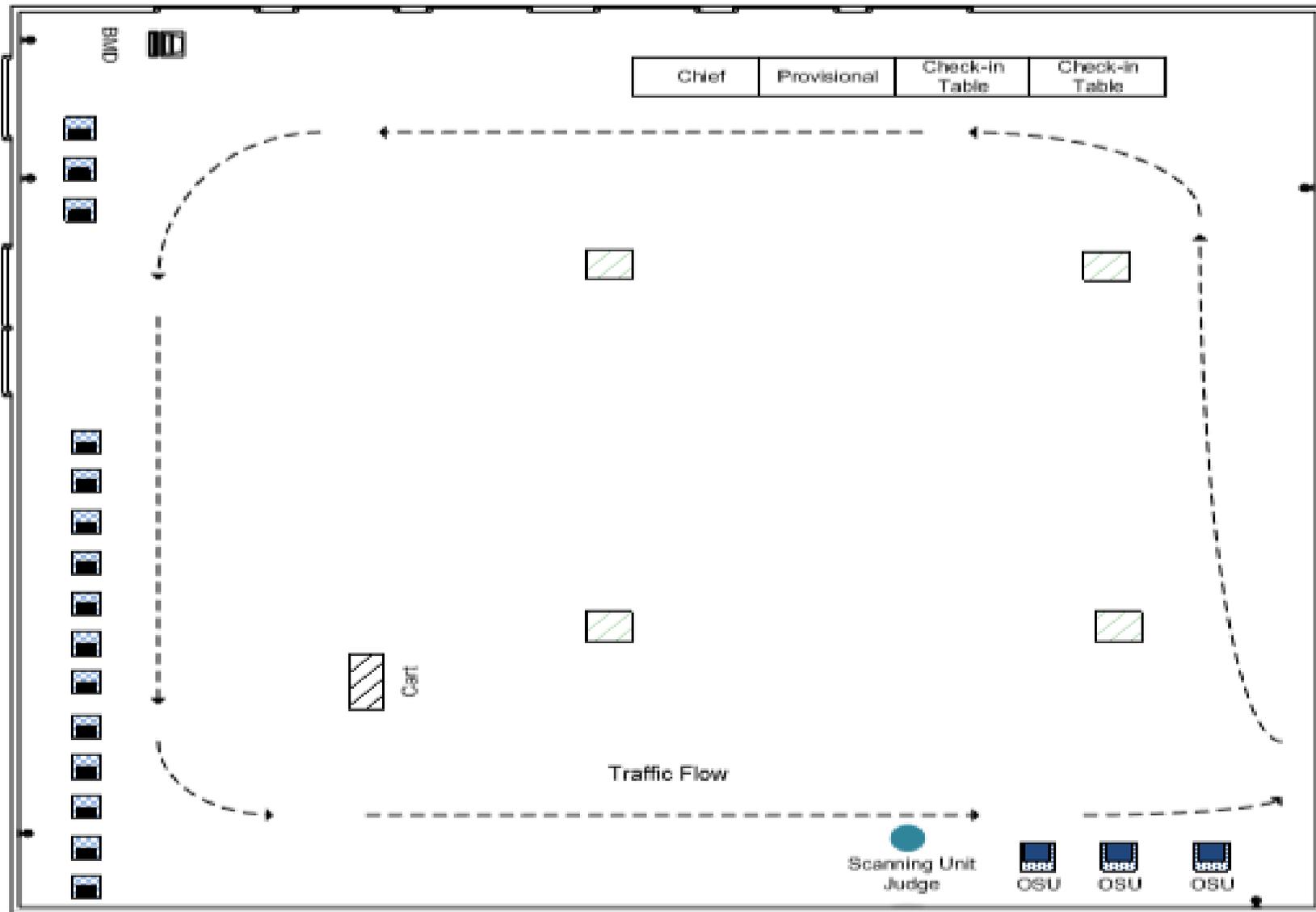
# Baltimore City Board of Elections

PATAPSCO ELEM

Cafeteria

41'

65'



- 1 Ballot Marking Devices (BMD)
- 3 Optical Scan Units (OSU)
- 1 Cart
- 5 Pollbooks
- 5 Pollbook Printers
- 14 Voting Booths

# Baltimore City

Public Safety Training Center

Southeast Anchor Library

Mount Pleasant Church & Ministries

The League for People with Disabilities

Westside Skill Center

University of Maryland Baltimore

Patapsco Elementary School

Recommendation: Approve



# Wicomico County Board of Elections

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PHONE: 410.548.4830 • FAX: 410.548.4849

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 4091 • Salisbury, MD 21803-4091  
EMAIL: [election@wicomicocounty.org](mailto:election@wicomicocounty.org)

September 11, 2018

Maryland State Board of Elections

151 West Street, Suite 200

Annapolis MD 21401

Dear President and Members of the Board:

I'm writing to request approval to deploy an additional Ballot Marking Device (BMD) to our Early Voting Center during the November 2018 General election.

During the June 2018 Primary, an advocacy group brought a van of special needs voters to the Center and they had to wait a prolonged amount of time to use the single BMD we had deployed. We expect this group to once again provide this service to their clients in November.

In addition, we will again have local ballot questions in Wicomico County, which prolongs the amount of time each voter needs to navigate the BMD unit, just as it did during the November 2016 General election.

Thank you for your consideration as we strive to ensure that every voter enjoys a positive voting experience this November.

Anthony Gutierrez

Wicomico County Election Director

From: **Guy Mickley**

Date: Mon, Oct 1, 2018 at 10:22 AM

Subject: Multiple BMD Polling Places

To>, Nikki Charlson -SBE- <Linda Lamone -SBE

Good morning!

I have several polling places and two Early Voting Centers where I would like to place two BMDs.

Each one of these are for the same reasons- There are a lot of voters and the elderly population that likes to use the BMD has caused lines at the BMD in each of these places. Most all of these polling places are consolidations where there are anywhere from two to five precincts consolidated into a single room, where if they were broken out, they would each have their own BMD anyway.

Here are the polling places and the two early voting centers...thank you in advance!

01-10 Howard High

02-09 The Heartlands

02-10 Centennial High

05-03 Vantage House

05-04 Wilde Lake High

05-13 Athlonton High

06-01 Forest Ridge Elem

06-21 Long Reach High

EV-02 The Bain Ctr

EV-03 Miller Branch Library

Guy Mickley

Election Director

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October 3, 2018

Linda Lamone, Administrator  
State Board of Elections  
151 West St – Suite 200  
Annapolis MD 21401

Re: Ballot Marking Device

Dear Ms. Lamone:

The Montgomery County Board of Elections is requesting a waiver from the requirement for deployment of one ballot marking device per location during Early Voting and Election Day. Specifically, I am requesting that all eleven Early Voting Centers and 60 polling places deploy two BMDs.

Early Voting Centers:

Mid County Community Rec Center  
Executive Office Building  
Germantown Community Rec Center  
Marilyn Praisner Community Rec Ctr  
Silver Spring Civic Center  
Activity Center at Bohrer Park  
Damascus Community Rec Center  
Jane Lawton Community Rec Center  
St Catherine Laboure Church  
Potomac Community Rec Center  
Sandy Spring Volunteer Fire Dept

Polling places identified for two Ballot Marking devices based up several factors or combination of factors:

- above average senior citizen population,
- large precinct population,
- three page ballot impact on voters waiting in lines for scanners:

01-02 Goshen Elementary School  
02-02 Kingsview Middle School

02-01 Rocky Hill Middle School  
02-03 Water's Landing Elem. School

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02-04 Lake Seneca Elem. School	04-01 Rockville High School
04-03 Carver Education Service Ctr.	04-12 Winston Churchill High School
04-16 Thomas Wooten High School	04-21 Fallsmead Elementary School
05-01 Charles Drew Elementary School	05-03 Francis Scott Key Middle School
05-04 Riderwood Village	05-06 White Oak Middle School
05-09 Westover Elementary School	05-11 Cannon Road Elementary School
05-12 Galway Elementary School	05-13 White Oak Community Ctr.
05-23 Praisner Community Rec. Ctr	06-05 Quince Orchard High School
06-09 Darnestown Elementary School	07-03 Clara Barton Community Ctr.
07-04 Bethesda Elementary School	07-10 St Jane Frances De Chantal Church
07-11 Somerset Elementary School	07-15 Thomas Pyle Middle School
07-25 Grosvenor School Center	08-01 St. Peter's Parish
08-02 Greenwood Elementary School	08-09 Cashell Elementary School
09-08 Seneca Valley High School	09-09 Covenant United Methodist Church
09-20 Gaithersburg Middle School	09-22 Strawberry Knoll Elementary School
09-35 Lakelands Park Middle School	10-02 Potomac Presbyterian Church
10-09 Our Lady of Mercy School	10-12 Bells Mill Elementary School
12-01 Damascus Elementary School	12-03 Woodfield Elementary School
12-04 Cedar Grove Elementary School	13-02 John F Kennedy High School
13-03 Temple Emanuel	13-05 Silver Spring Library
13-13 Highland View Elementary School	13-14 St Luke Lutheran Church
13-15 Eastern Middle School	13-20 Col. E. Brooke Lee Middle School
13-30 Holiday Park Senior Center	13-38 Cedar Lane Unitarian Church
13-39 Rock Creek Forest Elem. School	13-44 Arcola Elementary School
13-47 Montgomery College Cultural Arts Center	
13-54 Leisure World – Clubhouse 1	13-56 Argyle Middle School
13-58 Singer Elementary School	13-61 James Hubert Blake High School
13-68 Takoma Park Rec. Ctr.	13-69 Leisure World Clubhouse II
13-71 Leisure World Inter-Faith Chapel	

The purpose is to ensure there is always a functioning ballot marking device in these sensitive precincts and to provide a positive voting experience for the voters in Montgomery County.

Sincerely,

  
Margaret A. Jurgensen

Election Director

Montgomery County MD

SBE Policy 2018-01: Contingency Plans for the 2018 General Election

Each local board of elections must ensure that voting during early voting and on election day continues without interruption if all or some combination of the equipment fails, is inoperable, or is unavailable.

**General Contingency Plan Requirements**

1. Within 2 hours of the equipment failing or becoming inoperable or unavailable:
  - a. The equipment must be functioning; or
  - b. Replacement equipment must be delivered and functioning.

The appropriate contingency supplies must be used until the deployed or replacement equipment is functioning.

2. Except for **electronic pollbook back-up supplies and** extended hours voting supplies, a local board can distribute the contingency supplies to an early voting center or a polling place before voting starts (*e.g.*, with other election supplies) **or** if they are needed.
  - a. If a local board distributes contingency supplies before voting starts:
    - 1) The local board must label the supplies and specify when they are to be used; and
    - 2) The election judges must immediately use the contingency supplies and continue using them until the deployed or replacement equipment is functioning.
  - b. If a local board distributes the supplies only if needed, the election judges must use the regular provisional voting process to facilitate voting until one of the conditions in §1 above is met. All contingency supplies must be delivered within 1 hour during early voting and within 2 hours on election day.
  - c. **Electronic pollbook back-up supplies and** ~~E~~extended hours voting supplies **must** be deployed with the election judges.
3. A chief judge must notify the local board of the need for the contingency plan. A local board can require the chief judges to provide notice before or immediately after implementing the plan.

**Early Voting Contingency Plans**

1. *Electronic Pollbook Back-Up* – Use this contingency plan if **none** of the electronic pollbooks at an early voting center are functioning. Keep the plan in place until the deployed or replacement electronic pollbooks are functioning.
  - a. For counties with one early voting center:
    - 1) To check in voters, use:
      - a) At least one computer with: (1) the pollbook emulator software<sup>1</sup> to check in voters; and (2) a searchable list of registered voters to look up voters (*preferred option*); **or**
      - b) A paper precinct register (the ballot style number is printed in the precinct register); **and**
      - c) Blank voter authority cards.
    - 2) For voting, use the ballot style written on the voter authority card to issue each voter a privacy sleeve and:
      - a) A pre-printed ballot; or

<sup>1</sup> SBE will provide pollbook emulator software, a searchable list of registered voters, and instructions for loading software and list onto the computer(s). The searchable list is a back-up to the emulator software in case the emulator software has the same issues as the software on the electronic pollbook.

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- b) A blank ballot activation card if the voter needs to use the ballot marking device. Write on the back of the ballot activation card the voter’s ballot style number, and manually select the voter’s ballot style on the ballot marking device.
    - 3) For individuals who want to use the same day registration or address change process, issue a regular provisional ballot application, pre-printed ballot, and orange provisional privacy sleeve.
  - b. For counties with more than one early voting center:
    - 1) To check in voters, use:
      - a) At least one computer with: (1) the pollbook emulator software<sup>1</sup> to check in voters; and (2) a searchable list of registered voters to look up voters; and
      - b) Blank voter authority cards.
    - 2) For voting, use the ballot style written on the voter authority card to issue each voter a privacy sleeve and:
      - a) Pre-printed ballot; or
      - b) Blank ballot activation card if the voter needs to use the ballot marking device. Write on the back of the ballot activation card the voter’s ballot style number and manually select the voter’s ballot style on the ballot marking device.
    - 3) For individuals who want to use the same day registration or address change process, issue a regular provisional ballot application, pre-printed ballot, and orange provisional privacy sleeve.
  - c. The following supplies are needed for this contingency plan. The local board must **deploy** ~~have~~ one set of supplies for each early voting center.
    - 1) At least one computer (*preferred*) or one paper precinct register;
    - 2) Blank voter authority cards;
    - 3) Regular provisional ballot applications for the same day registration and address change process;
    - 4) Extra pens; and
    - 5) Instructions for the election judges, including how to select the ballot style on the ballot marking device.
- 2. *Electronic Pollbook Network* – This contingency plan only applies to counties with more than one early voting center. Use this plan if the network connection for the electronic pollbooks is not functioning. Keep the plan in place until the network connection is restored.
  - a. To check in voters, follow the normal process with the electronic pollbooks.<sup>2</sup>
  - b. For voting, follow the normal process to issue each voter a pre-printed ballot or ballot activation card and privacy sleeve.
  - c. For individuals who want to use the same day registration or address change process, follow the normal check-in and ballot issue process.
  - d. No supplies are needed for this contingency plan.
- 3. *Ballot Marking Device Back-Up* – Use this contingency plan if **none** of the ballot marking devices at an early voting center are functioning. Keep this plan in place until the deployed or replacement ballot marking devices are functioning.
  - a. For all counties:

<sup>2</sup> If the network connection is not functioning, electronic pollbooks in the county’s other early voting centers will not be updated as voters check in to vote. Once the network connection is restored, these electronic pollbooks will be updated. If any voter voted more than once during this time, election officials will be alerted and will take the appropriate action.

- 1) To check in voters, follow the normal process with the electronic pollbooks.
  - 2) For voting, issue each voter a pre-printed ballot and privacy sleeve. After manually marking the ballot, the voter will feed the ballot into the precinct tabulator.
  - b. For counties with one early voting center, also give voters the following options:
    - 1) Go to the local board to vote an absentee ballot;
    - 2) Return to the early voting center later that day or on another early voting day; or
    - 3) Vote on election day.
  - c. For counties with more than one early voting center, also give voters the following options:
    - 1) Go to another early voting center;
    - 2) Go to the local board to vote an absentee ballot;
    - 3) Return to the early voting center later that day or on another early voting day; or
    - 4) Vote on election day.
  - d. The following supplies are needed for this contingency plan. The local board must have one set of supplies for each voting center.
    - 1) Pens;
    - 2) Ballot receptacle;
    - 3) Instructions for the election judges; and
    - 4) Handout with voters' options (as specified in §4(b) or §4(c) above).
4. *Voting System Back-Up* – Use this contingency plan if **none** of the ballot scanning units at an early voting center are functioning. Keep the plan in place until the deployed or replacement scanning units are functioning.
- a. For all counties:
    - 1) To check in voters, follow the normal process with the electronic pollbooks.
    - 2) For voting, follow the normal process to issue a pre-printed ballot or ballot activation card and privacy sleeve. After making selections, the voter will put the marked ballot in the emergency compartment. This ballot will be tabulated later.
  - b. For counties with only one early voting center, also give voters the following options:
    - 1) Go to the local board to vote an absentee ballot;
    - 2) Return to the early voting center later that day or on another early voting day; or
    - 3) Vote on election day.
  - c. For counties with more than one early voting center, also give voters the following options:
    - 1) Go to another early voting center;
    - 2) Go to the local board to vote an absentee ballot;
    - 3) Return to the early voting center later that day or on another early voting day; or
    - 4) Vote on election day.
  - d. The following supplies are needed for this contingency plan. The local board must have one set of supplies for each voting center.
    - 1) Ballot receptacle;
    - 2) Instructions for the election judges; and
    - 3) Handout with voters' options (as specified in §4(b) or §4(c) above).
5. *Extended Voting Hours* – This plan is implemented if a court orders one or more early voting centers to remain open past 8 pm during early voting. Keep the plan in place until the closing time in the court order.
- a. The local boards must train election judges on extended hours voting and deploy extended hours voting supplies.
  - b. To check in voters, follow the normal process with the electronic pollbooks.

- c. For voting:
  - 1) For voters who would have voted a regular ballot during normal voting hours, issue a pre-printed paper ballot and extended hours envelope.
  - 2) For voters who would have voted a provisional ballot during normal voting hours, issue a provisional ballot and regular provisional ballot application stamped or marked with an "E."
- d. The following supplies are needed for this contingency plan. The local board must ~~deploy~~ ~~have~~ one set of supplies for each early voting center.
  - 1) Extended hours envelopes in a quantity to be determined by the State Administrator;
  - 2) Regular provisional voting applications (stamped or marked with "E" written on the application) in a quantity to be determined by the State Administrator;
  - 3) Instructions for the election judges; and
  - 4) Forms for election judges to complete at the end of extended voting hours.

### Election Day Contingency Plans

1. *Electronic Pollbook Back-Up* – This contingency plan is implemented if **none** of the electronic pollbooks in a precinct are functioning. Keep the plan in place until the deployed or replacement electronic pollbooks are functioning.
  - a. To check in voters, use a paper precinct register and blank voter authority cards.
  - b. For voting, follow the normal process to issue a pre-printed ballot or ballot activation card and privacy sleeve. If a voter needs to use the ballot marking device, write on the back of the ballot activation card the voter's ballot style number and manually select the voter's ballot style on the ballot marking device.
  - c. The following supplies are needed for this contingency plan. The local board must ~~deploy~~ ~~have~~ one set of supplies for each precinct.
    - 1) Paper precinct register;
    - 2) Blank voter authority cards; and
    - 3) Instructions for the election judges.
2. *Ballot Marking Device Back-Up* – Use this contingency plan if **none** of the ballot marking devices in a precinct are functioning. Keep this plan in place until the deployed or replacement ballot marking devices are functioning.
  - a. To check in voters, follow the normal process with the electronic pollbooks.
  - b. For voting, follow the normal process to issue a pre-printed ballot and privacy sleeve.
  - c. The only supplies needed for this contingency plan are instructions for the election judges. The instructions must include how election judges can provide assistance to voters with disabilities. The local board must have one set of instructions for each precinct.
3. *Voting System Back-Up* – This contingency plan is implemented if the ballot scanning unit in the precinct is not functioning. Keep the plan in place until the deployed or replacement ballot scanning unit is functioning.
  - a. To check in voters, follow the normal process with the electronic pollbooks.
  - b. For voting, follow the normal process to issue a pre-printed ballot or ballot activation card and privacy sleeve. After marking the ballot, the voter will put the marked ballot in the emergency compartment. This ballot will be tabulated later.
  - c. The only supplies needed for this contingency plan are instructions for the election judges. The local board must provide one set of instructions for each precinct.

4. *Extended Voting Hours* – This plan is implemented if a court orders one or more precincts to remain open past 8 pm on election day. Keep the plan in place until the closing time in the court order.
- a. The local boards must train election judges on extended hours voting and deploy extended hours voting supplies with the election judges.
  - b. To check in voters, follow the normal process with the electronic pollbooks.
  - c. For voting:
    - 1) For voters who would have voted a regular ballot during normal voting hours, issue a pre-printed paper ballot and extended hours envelope.
    - 2) For voters who would have voted a provisional ballot during normal voting hours, issue a provisional ballot and regular provisional ballot application stamped or marked with an “E.”
  - d. The following supplies are needed for this contingency plan. The local board must **deploy** ~~have~~ one set of supplies for each precinct.
    - 1) Extended hours envelopes in a quantity to be determined by the State Administrator;
    - 2) Regular provisional voting applications (stamped or marked with “E” written on the application) in a quantity to be determined by the State Administrator;
    - 3) Instructions for the election judges; and
    - 4) Forms for election judges to complete at the end of extended voting hours.

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# Memorandum

**To:** Members of the State Board of Elections  
**From:** Nikki Charlson  
**Date:** September 24, 2018  
**Re:** Proposed Regulations for October 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting

House Bill 1278 of the 2018 Legislative Session (codified in Election Law Article, §11-309) requires that election officials perform an automated software audit of all electronic images after each election and a manual audit of paper ballots after each general election. A manual audit of paper ballots is optional after a primary election. This law also requires SBE to adopt regulations to implement the requirements of §11-309.

Accompanying this memo are the draft regulations to implement these requirements, and this memo summarizes the proposed regulations and proposed changes to 33.08.05 – Post Election Verification and Audit. A copy of House Bill 1278 is also attached for your information.

1. Regulation .01 – Definitions (page 1): Four terms related to the audit requirements are defined. Three of the terms – “manual audit,” “previous comparable audit,” and “voter-verifiable record” are defined in §§ 9-102 or 11-309 of the Election Law Article.
2. Regulation .08 – Post-Election Audit – Ballot Tabulation Audit – In General (page 1): This new regulation explains that SBE performs the automated software audit, and the local boards perform the manual audits. The regulation requires SBE to post certain reports after each audit.
3. Regulation .09 – Post-Election Audit – Ballot Tabulation Audit – Manual Audit (pages 2 - 3): This new regulation requires, to the extent practicable, public observation of the manual audit and requires a manual audit after a primary election under certain circumstances. For the manual audit after a general election, this proposed language defines when the State Board selects precincts and contests to be audited manually and how many ballots shall be audited.
4. Regulation .10 – Post-Election Audit – Ballot Tabulation Audit – Automated Audit (page 3): This new regulation defines when SBE must complete the automated audit of early voting and election day results and absentee and provisional results.

In addition to these regulations, I would like to propose a change to COMAR 33.16.07.02. This proposed change resolves a conflict between COMAR 33.08.03, which allows for observers at a canvass to visually inspect provisional ballot applications, and 33.16.07.02, which – as currently

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written – prohibits public access to provisional ballot applications. The proposed changes allow visual inspection by the public observing a canvass of provisional ballot applications presented at that canvass. This proposed change is on page 4 of the attached regulations.

If you have any questions before the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, please do not hesitate to ask. Otherwise, I'm happy to answer your questions at the meeting.

**Title 33 State Board of Elections**  
**Subtitle 08 Canvassing**  
**Chapter 05 Post Election Verification and Audit**

Authority Line: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 2-202(b), 9-403, [and] 11-201, and 11-309(f), Annotated Code of Maryland

**.01 Definition.**

- A. In this chapter, the following [term has] *terms have* the [meaning] *meanings* indicated.
- B. [Term] *Terms Defined.*
- (1) *“Discrepancy” means the difference between the voting system results and the results of an automated or manual audit.*
  - (2) *“Manual audit” has the meaning stated in Election Law Article, §11-309, Annotated Code of Maryland.*
  - (3) *“Precinct” includes an early voting center.*
  - (4) *“Previous comparable general election” has the meaning stated in Election Law Article, §11-309, Annotated Code of Maryland.*
  - (5) *“Voter-verifiable paper record” has the meaning stated in Election Law Article, §9-102, Annotated Code of Maryland.*

**.08 Post-Election Audit – Ballot Tabulation Audit – In General.**

- A. *Audits Conducted by the State Administrator. The State Administrator shall conduct an automated software audit of the electronic images of all ballots cast:*
- (1) *After each statewide primary election; and*
  - (2) *After each statewide general election.*
- B. *Audit Conducted by the Local Boards. Each local board shall conduct a manual audit of voter-verifiable paper records:*
- (1) *After each statewide general election; and*
  - (2) *After a statewide primary election at the direction of the State Administrator.*
- C. *Reporting of Audit Results.*
- (1) *Within 14 days after the conclusion of the manual audit, the State Administrator shall post on the website a report that describes:*
    - (a) *The precincts and number of votes selected for the manual audit in each county and the manner in which the precincts and votes were selected;*
    - (b) *The results of the manual audit; and*
    - (c) *Any discrepancy shown by the manual audit and how the discrepancy was resolved.*
  - (2) *Before the State Board of Canvassers certifies the results of an election, the State Administrator shall post on the website information about the automated audit, including:*
    - (a) *An overview of the automated audit process;*
    - (b) *The audit reports generated for each county; and*
    - (c) *An explanation of any discrepancy greater than 0.5% of total votes cast in any given contest; and*
    - (d) *Any additional steps taken to resolve any discrepancy.*

**.09 Post-Election Audit – Ballot Tabulation Audit – Manual Audit.**

**A. In General.**

(1) A local board shall allow, to the extent practicable, for public observation of each part of the manual audit process.

(2) If there is a discrepancy greater than 0.5%, the State Administrator:

(a) Shall require the local board to resolve or explain the discrepancy;

(b) Shall compare the manual audit results to the automated audit results;

(c) May expand the manual audit; and

(d) May take any other actions it considers necessary to resolve the

discrepancy.

**B. Primary Election Audit.**

(1) The State Administrator shall require a local board to conduct a manual audit of voter-verifiable paper records if the automated audit shows a discrepancy in any precinct of greater than 0.5% of total votes cast in any contest and the discrepancy cannot be resolved or explained.

(2) The local board shall conduct the manual audit of the precinct in accordance with instructions issued by the State Administrator.

(3) If a local board is directed to conduct a manual audit, the local board of canvassers shall not certify the results of the primary election until:

(a) The manual audit of the precinct with the unresolved or unexplained discrepancy is complete;

(b) The local board provides the State Administrator with a written report and findings of the manual audit; and

(c) The State Administrator concurs with the report and findings.

**C. General Election Audit.**

(1) At least 60 days before the election, the State Administrator shall instruct each local board as to the minimum number of voter-verifiable paper records from early voting and the absentee and provisional canvasses to audit manually.

(2) The State Board shall select the contest to be manually audited and randomly select the precincts to be manually audited.

(a) The State Board shall select the precincts and contest to be manually audited within 15 days after the election.

(b) The State Board may exclude certain precincts based on the number of registered voters in that precinct in each county before randomly selecting precincts.

(3) A local board shall conduct a manual audit of voter-verifiable paper records cast during the election as follows:

(a) For voter-verifiable paper records cast during early voting, the local board shall manually audit a number equal to at least 1% of votes cast in the previous comparable election.

(b) For voter-verifiable paper records cast on election day, the local board shall manually audit at least one randomly chosen precinct in the county and any other precinct selected by the State Board.

(c) For voter-verifiable paper records canvassed during the absentee canvasses, the local board shall audit a number equal to at least 1% of the statewide total of absentee ballots from the previous comparable general election.

(d) For voter-verifiable paper records canvassed during the provisional canvasses, the local board shall audit a number equal to at least 1% of the statewide total of provisional ballots from the previous comparable general election.

(4) A local board shall complete the manual audit within 120 days after a general election.

**.10 Post-Election Audit – Ballot Tabulation Audit – Automated Audit.**

The State Administrator shall complete the automated audit of:

A. Early voting and election day results before the local boards of canvassers certify the election results; and

B. Absentee and provisional results before the State Board of Canvassers certifies the election results.

**Title 33 State Board of Elections  
Subtitle 16 Provisional Voting  
Chapter 07 Post-Election Procedures**

Authority Line: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 2-202(b), 9-402, 9-403, 9-404, 9-406,  
and 11-303(c) and (e) Annotated Code of Maryland

**.02 Public Information.**

A. Access to Provisional Ballot Applications.

(1) Except as provided in §A(2) of this regulation, [Public] public access to provisional ballot applications prior to the completion of the canvass is prohibited.

(2) Members of the public attending a canvass shall be provided visual access to the provisional ballot applications presented at that canvass.

[B.] (3) After the canvass, access to provisional ballot applications for inspection purposes is permitted.

[C.] B. Upon request, the State Administrator may provide a list of registered voters who were checked in to vote as provisional voters.

**Title 33 State Board of Elections  
Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing  
Chapter 10 Prohibitions**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§ 2-102(b)(4), 13-218, 13-221, 13-225-13-237, 13-239, and 13-245, and Title 13, Subtitle 3, Annotated Code of Maryland Annotated Code of Maryland

.03 Prohibited Expenditures.

A.-C. [text unchanged]

*D. Walk-around Services.*

*(1) Direct or indirect cash disbursements by a political committee or a person acting on behalf of the political committee for walk-around services are prohibited.*

*(2) A payment to individuals contracted or employed for walk-around services by a vendor, consultant or other person at the direction of or agreement by the political committee shall be by check.*

*(3) The vendor, consultant or person paid by the political committee for walk around services shall provide the treasurer of the political committee for the account books of the political committee the names, address and amount paid of individuals hired by the vendor, consultant or person for the performance of walk around services.*

**Title 33 State Board of Elections  
Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing  
Chapter 21 Online Platforms**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§1-101, 2-102(b)(4), 13-405, 13-603, 13-604, Annotated Code of Maryland Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 Definitions

*A. In General. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.*

*B. Terms Defined.*

*(1) (a) "Ad Network" means any entity whose business is to facilitate the placement of advertisements on behalf of a third party for a fee by buying or selling directly or indirectly advertisement space on third party online platforms, websites, software applications or social media sites seeking to host advertisements.*

- (b) "Ad Network" includes any programmatic or other automated advertising network, service, or exchange that makes or accepts real-time bids for advertising inventory on an online platform through an automated platform, program or application.*
- (2) "Online platform" has the meaning stated in Election Law Article, § 1-101, Annotated Code of Maryland.*
- (3) "Political Advertising Purchaser" means any of the following entities to the extent it seeks to disseminate, distribute or publish a qualifying paid digital communication on an online platform:*
- (a) A political committee;*
- (b) A candidate;*
- (c) A person required to register to file an independent expenditure report pursuant to Election Law Article, §13-306, Annotated Code of Maryland;*
- (d) A person required to register to file an electioneering communication report pursuant to Election Law Article, §13-307, Annotated Code of Maryland;*
- (e) A participating organization;*
- (f) An out-of-State political committee required to file a campaign finance report;*  
*and*
- (g) An agent as defined in COMAR 33.13.07.01.*
- (4) "Qualifying paid digital communication" has the meaning stated in Election Law Article, § 1-101, Annotated Code of Maryland.*

*.02 Political Advertising Purchaser Responsibilities.*

*A. Notice. A political advertising purchaser must provide notice that it is disseminating a qualifying paid digital communication to:*

- (1) The online platform on which it intends to disseminate that qualifying paid digital communication; or*
- (2) An ad network through which it intends to disseminate that qualifying paid digital communication.*

*B. Required Information. A political advertising purchaser shall provide to the online platform at the time of the initial point of purchase for the dissemination of a qualifying paid digital communication by or on the online platform the following information:*

- (1) The name of the political advertising purchaser; and:
  - (a) If an agent, the name of the political committee or entity represented by the agent;*
  - (b) If a person required to register pursuant to Election Law Article §13-306 or §13-307, Annotated Code of Maryland, the name of the individual or individuals who exercises control or direction over the person;*
  - (c) If a political committee, the name of the treasurer of the political committee;**
- (2) A telephone number, mailing address and email address of the political advertising purchaser;*
- (3) A copy of the qualifying paid digital communication;*
- (4) The identity of the candidate or ballot issue to which the qualifying paid digital communication relates;*
- (5) Whether the qualifying paid digital communication supports or opposes the candidate or ballot issue to which it relates; and*
- (6) The total amount paid for the placement of the qualifying paid digital communication.
  - (a) If the amount will be calculated at a later date, the political advertising purchaser may provide a reasonable approximation of the total amount to be paid.*
  - (b) If the amount will be calculated at a later date, or if the amount changes after it is first reported by the political advertising purchaser, the political advertising purchaser shall provide an updated total amount paid within 48 hours after it is known to the political advertising purchaser.**
- (7) The dates and times, or, if applicable, the range of dates, on which the qualifying paid digital communication will appear on the online platform;*
- (8) The approximate geographic locations where the qualifying paid digital communication will be viewable on the online platform, if a particular geographic distribution is a component of the arrangement for the placement*

*of the qualifying paid digital communication between the political advertising purchaser and the online platform; and*

- (9) The approximate description of the audience that was or will be able to view the qualifying paid digital communication, if a particular audience is targeted as a component of the arrangement for the placement of the qualifying paid digital communication between the political advertising purchaser and the online platform.*

*C. Notice to the State Board. If a political advertising purchaser is not able to provide the notice required by §A because the online platform is not equipped to receive such notice or did not provide a mechanism to identify the proposed advertisement as a qualifying paid digital communication, then the political advertising purchaser shall provide in writing within 48 hours to the State Board:*

- (1) Notice that the online platform failed to provide a mechanism for disclosing to the online platform that the political advertising purchaser is disseminating a qualifying paid digital communication; and*
- (2) All of the information required in §B(1), (2) and (6); and*
- (3) The contact information of the online platform. .*

### *.03 Online Platform Responsibilities.*

*A. Notice. An online platform shall provide a clear and conspicuous mechanism for a political advertising purchaser to provide notice to the online platform that it is placing a qualifying paid digital communication for dissemination.*

*B. Database requirements. If the online platform is the initial point of the purchase for the dissemination of a qualifying paid digital communication, the online platform shall make available for public inspection on a website owned or controlled by the online platform in a machine readable, electronically searchable and downloadable database, within 48 hours after receiving the notice described in §A:*

- (1) the information described in Regulation .02B(1), .02B(2), and .02B(6) of this Chapter, within 48 hours of receiving such information from the political advertising purchaser; and*
- (2) The date of the notice to disseminate the qualifying paid digital communication;*

*(3) If the online platform is an ad network, the websites or applications where the qualifying paid digital communication was or will be placed.*

*C. Qualifying Paid Digital Communications Placed Through Ad Networks.*

*(1) Except as provided in §C(2) of this Regulation, if the online platform is not the initial point of purchase for the dissemination of a qualifying paid digital communication and receives the qualifying paid digital communication from an ad network, the online platform shall make available for public inspection on a website owned or controlled by the online platform in a machine readable electronically searchable and downloadable database within 48 hours after receiving compensation for the placement of the qualifying paid digital communication the following information:*

*(a) The date of the notice or payment by the ad network to disseminate a qualifying paid digital communication on an online platform*

*(b) A link to the database on the website owned or controlled by the ad network from which it received the qualifying paid digital communication referenced in §B; and*

*(c) The name, business address, and contact information of the ad network or online platform that placed the qualifying paid digital communication on its website or application for the ad network .*

*(2) An online platform need not provide the information required in §C(1) if:*

*a. The website of the ad network that is the initial point of purchase containing the database referenced in §B of this Regulation is identified in the authority line of the qualified paid digital communication;*

*b. The online platform clearly discloses that the source of the qualified paid digital communication is an ad network; and*

*c. The online platform maintains a list containing the identities and contact information of all ad networks through which advertisements are placed on the online platform.*

*E. Disclosure Database. The databases referenced in this Regulation shall be clearly and conspicuously identified as disclosures about political advertisements.*

*F. Ad Network. An ad network has 100,000 or more unique monthly United States visitors or users for a majority of months during the immediately preceding 12 months if that is true of its own public-facing website, web applications, or digital applications, or if that is true of the websites, web applications or digital applications of any third party with which it has a contractual relationship for the placement of advertisements.*

*G. Safe Harbor.*

- (1) An online platform may rely on the information provided by the political advertising purchaser or, if the online platform is not the initial point of purchase, by the ad network that is the initial point of purchase, and will not be held liable for failure to include a qualifying paid digital communication on its database if the political advertiser purchaser or ad network that is the initial point of purchase did not provide the notice required by Regulation .02A or .03A of this Chapter.*
- (2) An online platform is not required to provide the mechanism described in §A if the online platform institutes a policy of not disseminating, distributing, publishing or displaying qualifying paid digital communications on its websites. An online platform may institute such policy by:
  - (a) Directing in writing that any ad networks with which it has a written contractual relationship not deliver or place a qualifying paid digital communication to its website or applications;*
  - (b) Publicly stating its policy of prohibiting the dissemination, distribution or publication of qualifying paid digital communications on its websites, applications or at any point of purchase for the placement qualifying paid digital communication;*
  - (c) Having a written policy directing the employees of the online platform not to accept a qualifying paid digital communication for placement on its websites or applications;*
  - (d) Establishing an internal review mechanism or protocols to prevent the placement of any qualifying paid digital communication on its websites or applications.**

*H. Records.*

*The online platform that is the initial point of purchase shall maintain and make available to the State Board upon request, the following records:*

- (1) *The information described in Regulation .02B of this Chapter; and*
- (2) *The total number of impressions generated by the qualifying paid digital communication.*

*I. Records Retention.*

- (1) *An online platform that is the initial point of purchase shall retain the records in §H of this Regulation for at least 1 year after the General Election to which the qualifying paid digital communication relates.*
- (2) *An online platform that is not the initial point of purchase shall retain the records in §C of this Regulation for at least 1 year after the General Election to which the qualifying paid digital communication relates.*
- (3) *Failure to provide a mechanism for the political advertiser purchaser to provide notice of its intent to disseminate a qualifying paid digital communication does not relieve the online platform of its obligations to retain the records in §H.*
- (4) *If the online platform institutes a policy of not disseminating, distributing, publishing or displaying qualifying paid digital communications on its websites, an online platform shall make reasonable efforts to retain the records identified in §H for any qualifying paid digital communication that erroneously was placed on its website or application.*

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**Title 33 State Board of Elections  
Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing  
Chapter 10 Prohibitions**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§ 2-102(b)(4), 13-218, 13-221, 13-225-13-237, 13-239, and 13-245, and Title 13, Subtitle 3, Annotated Code of Maryland Annotated Code of Maryland

.03 Prohibited Expenditures.

A.-C. [text unchanged]

*D. Walk-around Services.*

*(1) Direct or indirect cash disbursements by a political committee or a person acting on behalf of the political committee for walk-around services are prohibited.*

*(2) A payment to individuals contracted or employed for walk-around services by a vendor, consultant or other person at the direction of or agreement by the political committee shall be by check.*

*(3) The vendor, consultant or person paid by the political committee for walk around services shall provide the treasurer of the political committee for the account books of the political committee the names, address and amount paid of individuals hired by the vendor, consultant or person for the performance of walk around services.*

**Title 33 State Board of Elections  
Subtitle 13 Campaign Financing  
Chapter 21 Online Platforms**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§1-101, 2-102(b)(4), 13-405, 13-603, 13-604, Annotated Code of Maryland Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 Definitions

*A. In General. In this chapter, the following terms have the meanings indicated.*

*B. Terms Defined.*

*(1) (a) "Ad Network" means any entity whose business is to facilitate the placement of advertisements on behalf of a third party for a fee by buying or selling directly or indirectly advertisement space on third party online platforms, websites, software applications or social media sites seeking to host advertisements.*

- (b) "Ad Network" includes any programmatic or other automated advertising network, service, or exchange that makes or accepts real-time bids for advertising inventory on an online platform through an automated platform, program or application.*
- (2) "Online platform" has the meaning stated in Election Law Article, § 1-101, Annotated Code of Maryland.*
- (3) "Political Advertising Purchaser" means any of the following entities to the extent it seeks to disseminate, distribute or publish a qualifying paid digital communication on an online platform:*
- (a) A political committee;*
- (b) A candidate;*
- (c) A person required to register to file an independent expenditure report pursuant to Election Law Article, §13-306, Annotated Code of Maryland;*
- (d) A person required to register to file an electioneering communication report pursuant to Election Law Article, §13-307, Annotated Code of Maryland;*
- (e) A participating organization;*
- (f) An out-of-State political committee required to file a campaign finance report;*  
*and*
- (g) An agent as defined in COMAR 33.13.07.01.*
- (4) "Qualifying paid digital communication" has the meaning stated in Election Law Article, § 1-101, Annotated Code of Maryland.*

*.02 Political Advertising Purchaser Responsibilities.*

*A. Notice. A political advertising purchaser must provide notice that it is disseminating a qualifying paid digital communication to:*

- (1) The online platform on which it intends to disseminate that qualifying paid digital communication; or*
- (2) An ad network through which it intends to disseminate that qualifying paid digital communication.*

*B. Required Information. A political advertising purchaser shall provide to the online platform at the time of the initial point of purchase for the dissemination of a qualifying paid digital communication by or on the online platform the following information:*

- (1) The name of the political advertising purchaser; and:
  - (a) If an agent, the name of the political committee or entity represented by the agent;*
  - (b) If a person required to register pursuant to Election Law Article §13-306 or §13-307, Annotated Code of Maryland, the name of the individual or individuals who exercises control or direction over the person;*
  - (c) If a political committee, the name of the treasurer of the political committee;**
- (2) A telephone number, mailing address and email address of the political advertising purchaser;*
- (3) A copy of the qualifying paid digital communication;*
- (4) The identity of the candidate or ballot issue to which the qualifying paid digital communication relates;*
- (5) Whether the qualifying paid digital communication supports or opposes the candidate or ballot issue to which it relates; and*
- (6) The total amount paid for the placement of the qualifying paid digital communication.
  - (a) If the amount will be calculated at a later date, the political advertising purchaser may provide a reasonable approximation of the total amount to be paid.*
  - (b) If the amount will be calculated at a later date, or if the amount changes after it is first reported by the political advertising purchaser, the political advertising purchaser shall provide an updated total amount paid within 48 hours after it is known to the political advertising purchaser.**
- (7) The dates and times, or, if applicable, the range of dates, on which the qualifying paid digital communication will appear on the online platform;*
- (8) The approximate geographic locations where the qualifying paid digital communication will be viewable on the online platform, if a particular geographic distribution is a component of the arrangement for the placement*

*of the qualifying paid digital communication between the political advertising purchaser and the online platform; and*

- (9) The approximate description of the audience that was or will be able to view the qualifying paid digital communication, if a particular audience is targeted as a component of the arrangement for the placement of the qualifying paid digital communication between the political advertising purchaser and the online platform.*

*C. Notice to the State Board. If a political advertising purchaser is not able to provide the notice required by §A because the online platform is not equipped to receive such notice or did not provide a mechanism to identify the proposed advertisement as a qualifying paid digital communication, then the political advertising purchaser shall provide in writing within 48 hours to the State Board:*

- (1) Notice that the online platform failed to provide a mechanism for disclosing to the online platform that the political advertising purchaser is disseminating a qualifying paid digital communication; and*
- (2) All of the information required in §B(1), (2) and (6); and*
- (3) The contact information of the online platform. .*

### *.03 Online Platform Responsibilities.*

*A. Notice. An online platform shall provide a clear and conspicuous mechanism for a political advertising purchaser to provide notice to the online platform that it is placing a qualifying paid digital communication for dissemination.*

*B. Database requirements. If the online platform is the initial point of the purchase for the dissemination of a qualifying paid digital communication, the online platform shall make available for public inspection on a website owned or controlled by the online platform in a machine readable, electronically searchable and downloadable database, within 48 hours after receiving the notice described in §A:*

- (1) the information described in Regulation .02B(1), .02B(2), and .02B(6) of this Chapter, within 48 hours of receiving such information from the political advertising purchaser; and*
- (2) The date of the notice to disseminate the qualifying paid digital communication;*

*(3) If the online platform is an ad network, the websites or applications where the qualifying paid digital communication was or will be placed.*

*C. Qualifying Paid Digital Communications Placed Through Ad Networks.*

*(1) Except as provided in §C(2) of this Regulation, if the online platform is not the initial point of purchase for the dissemination of a qualifying paid digital communication and receives the qualifying paid digital communication from an ad network, the online platform shall make available for public inspection on a website owned or controlled by the online platform in a machine readable electronically searchable and downloadable database within 48 hours after receiving compensation for the placement of the qualifying paid digital communication the following information:*

*(a) The date of the notice or payment by the ad network to disseminate a qualifying paid digital communication on an online platform*

*(b) A link to the database on the website owned or controlled by the ad network from which it received the qualifying paid digital communication referenced in §B; and*

*(c) The name, business address, and contact information of the ad network or online platform that placed the qualifying paid digital communication on its website or application for the ad network .*

*(2) An online platform need not provide the information required in §C(1) if:*

*a. The website of the ad network that is the initial point of purchase containing the database referenced in §B of this Regulation is identified in the authority line of the qualified paid digital communication;*

*b. The online platform clearly discloses that the source of the qualified paid digital communication is an ad network; and*

*c. The online platform maintains a list containing the identities and contact information of all ad networks through which advertisements are placed on the online platform.*

*E. Disclosure Database. The databases referenced in this Regulation shall be clearly and conspicuously identified as disclosures about political advertisements.*

*F. Ad Network. An ad network has 100,000 or more unique monthly United States visitors or users for a majority of months during the immediately preceding 12 months if that is true of its own public-facing website, web applications, or digital applications, or if that is true of the websites, web applications or digital applications of any third party with which it has a contractual relationship for the placement of advertisements.*

*G. Safe Harbor.*

- (1) An online platform may rely on the information provided by the political advertising purchaser or, if the online platform is not the initial point of purchase, by the ad network that is the initial point of purchase, and will not be held liable for failure to include a qualifying paid digital communication on its database if the political advertiser purchaser or ad network that is the initial point of purchase did not provide the notice required by Regulation .02A or .03A of this Chapter.*
- (2) An online platform is not required to provide the mechanism described in §A if the online platform institutes a policy of not disseminating, distributing, publishing or displaying qualifying paid digital communications on its websites. An online platform may institute such policy by:
  - (a) Directing in writing that any ad networks with which it has a written contractual relationship not deliver or place a qualifying paid digital communication to its website or applications;*
  - (b) Publicly stating its policy of prohibiting the dissemination, distribution or publication of qualifying paid digital communications on its websites, applications or at any point of purchase for the placement qualifying paid digital communication;*
  - (c) Having a written policy directing the employees of the online platform not to accept a qualifying paid digital communication for placement on its websites or applications;*
  - (d) Establishing an internal review mechanism or protocols to prevent the placement of any qualifying paid digital communication on its websites or applications.**

*H. Records.*

*The online platform that is the initial point of purchase shall maintain and make available to the State Board upon request, the following records:*

- (1) *The information described in Regulation .02B of this Chapter; and*
- (2) *The total number of impressions generated by the qualifying paid digital communication.*

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**1. Introductions and Exchange of Contact Information**

Nikki and Linda welcomed all the participants. The following persons were present:

- Linda Lamone- Administrator, SBE
- Nikki Charlson- Deputy Administrator, SBE
- Jared DeMarinis- Director of Candidacy & Campaign Finance, SBE
- Donna Duncan- Assistant Deputy for Election Policy, SBE
- Tracey Hartman- Director of Special Projects, SBE
- Andrea Trento (by phone) - Assistant Attorney General for SBE
- Patrick O’Keefe- Director, MD Republican Party
- Dirk Haire- Chairman, MD Republican Party
- Jim Barrett- Hogan campaign
- Chris Ashby- Hogan campaign
- Allison Curry- Hogan campaign
- Hunt Hobbs- MD Green Party
- Michael Cornell- MD Green Party
- Brian Bittner- Schlakman for Governor campaign
- James Temple- Jealous Campaign
- Amanda LaForge- Maryland Democratic Party
- Joe Sandler- Counsel to the Maryland Democratic Party
- Eva Lewis- Political Director, Maryland Democratic Party

**2. Litigation Venue: Anne Arundel County**

- Linda requested that any suits filed against candidates, parties, or SBE be filed in Anne Arundel County. If a suit is filed in a county other than Anne Arundel, SBE will file for a change in venue, which will only delay the process.
- Please talk to each other and SBE before filing suits to see if an agreement can be worked out.
- If you plan to file a suit, notify SBE as soon as possible.

**3. Requests for Data: Deadline to Request Data is Tuesday, October 16th**

The deadline to submit requests for voter data, including voters who vote during early voting and request an absentee ballot is Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Donna stated that SBE has requests from the Maryland Republican and Democratic Parties for this data. If another party or campaign wants this data, the request must be received by the deadline.

**4. Campaign Signs**

- a. *Placement on State Roads* – Jared stated that we are now within the acceptable time to place signs on State roads. If there are issues or complaints regarding sign placement, they should be directed to the State Highway Administration. SBE does not enforce or regulate campaign sign placement on State roads.
- b. *Placement at Early Voting Centers and Polling Places*- Jared stated that the law is clear for sign placement at early voting centers and polling places. Early voting centers and polling places must allow candidates to begin placing signs at 5 pm on the eve of early voting and Election Day.

- c. *Clean up after the General Election*– Jared stated that all campaigns pick up their signs by 8 am the day after the last day of early voting and after the day after election day.

## 5. Voting

- a. *Preapproval of Absentee Ballot Mailers by Campaigns*- SBE needs to preapprove any absentee ballot mailers that are sent by campaigns to ensure that the absentee ballot section of the mailer is accurate. SBE will not review other parts of the mailers. The turnaround on approvals will be quick.
- b. *Use of Ballot Marking Device at Voting Locations*- Similar to the 2016 elections, most voters will mark a paper ballot during early voting and on election day unless they choose to use the ballot marking device. There will be at least 1 ballot marking device at each early voting center and polling place.

## 6. Public Observation and Electioneering

- a. *Campaign Instructions for Challengers & Watchers*
- i. *Campaign Instructions*- A manual for challengers and watchers is on the SBE website.  
([https://elections.maryland.gov/pdf/Challenger\\_and\\_Watchers\\_Manual.pdf](https://elections.maryland.gov/pdf/Challenger_and_Watchers_Manual.pdf))  
If a campaign intends to distribute its own manual to its challengers and watchers, SBE asks to review a draft of the manual before it is distributed. SBE needs several days to review the draft manuals.
  - ii. *Notice to Local Boards*- It is preferred that (to the extent that it is possible) campaigns notify local boards with the name of challengers and watchers ahead of early voting and Election Day.
  - iii. *Challenger & Watcher Certificate*- Regardless of advance notice to the Local Board or not, each campaign entity (candidate, party, or other political committee) must provide each challenger and watcher with the Challenger & Watcher Certificate, which the challenger or watcher must have with them at all times when performing those duties. Complete instructions and the form can be found at:  
[https://elections.maryland.gov/get\\_involved/challenger\\_watcher.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/get_involved/challenger_watcher.html)
- b. *No Electioneering Zone*- 100 ft. except Montgomery County- There is to be no electioneering within the 100 foot zone at any voting location, except in Montgomery County, where the zone ranges from 25 to 100 ft.
- c. *Early Voting- Opening & Closing*- A summary of the opening and closing activities in voting locations are located on SBE's website. Candidates can and should include this information with any manuals they give to electioneers. Nikki pointed everyone to two documents on the SBE website regarding the opening and closing of polls that provide an overview of the process:
- General Information for Challengers & Watchers – Opening the Polls  
([https://elections.maryland.gov/get\\_involved/Challenger%20%20Watcher%20Summary%20-%20Opening%20the%20Polls.pdf](https://elections.maryland.gov/get_involved/Challenger%20%20Watcher%20Summary%20-%20Opening%20the%20Polls.pdf))
  - General Information for Challengers & Watchers – Closing the Polls  
([https://elections.maryland.gov/get\\_involved/Challenger%20%20Watcher%20Summary%20-%20Closing%20the%20Polls.pdf](https://elections.maryland.gov/get_involved/Challenger%20%20Watcher%20Summary%20-%20Closing%20the%20Polls.pdf))
  - The list of Early Voting Centers – 2018 Elections was also made available.  
([https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/documents/2018\\_Early\\_Voting\\_Centers\\_web.pdf](https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/documents/2018_Early_Voting_Centers_web.pdf))

#### d. *Election Night*

- i. *Canvass of Early Voting Results*- The canvass of the results of early voting can begin no earlier than 9 am on Election Day and the local boards of elections must be finished by 7 pm.
- ii. *Posting of Early Voting Results: After all polls are closed*- Results from early voting will not be posted until ALL polls have closed, which includes any polls that were ordered by a court to stay open later. However, even if there are still voters in line to vote once a poll closes, results can begin to be posted. Generally, assuming a polling place closes at 8 pm, results are usually posted by 8:30 pm.

### 7. Election Security

- *Protecting Campaign Information*- Nikki stated that SBE has signed up and actively uses all free security resources offered by the Department of Homeland Security, and encouraged the campaigns to sign up for these resources also. Nikki also referenced the Belfer Center (<https://www.belfercenter.org/D3P>) at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, which has a plethora of information on its website regarding protecting information. Specifically, the following documents were recommended and distributed:
  - What Every Candidate Should Know About Cybersecurity (<https://www.belfercenter.org/sites/default/files/2017-11/Candidate%20handout%201.2.pdf>)
  - What Every Campaign Staffer Should Know About Cybersecurity (<https://www.belfercenter.org/sites/default/files/2017-11/Staff%20handout%201.2.pdf>)
  - Cybersecurity Campaign Playbook, available as a single download or downloadable by section. (<https://www.belfercenter.org/publication/cybersecurity-campaign-playbook>)
- *Protecting Election Systems and Data*- Nikki stated that information regarding SBE's practices regarding securing our election systems and data are available on the SBE website. ([https://elections.maryland.gov/about/election\\_security.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/about/election_security.html)). SBE is always available to answer any questions for the parties or candidates. Nikki and Linda again reiterated the importance of campaigns taking advantage of the free security services offered by DHS. . The following documents, available on SBE's website, were distributed:
  - Maryland's Voting System – Security Features and Practices (<https://elections.maryland.gov/voting/documents/Voting%20System%20Security%20Talking%20Points.pdf>)
  - Maryland's Voter Registration Systems – Security Features and Practices- Online Voter Registration & Statewide Voter Registration Database ([https://elections.maryland.gov/press\\_room/Voter%20Registration%20Security%20Talking%20Points.pdf](https://elections.maryland.gov/press_room/Voter%20Registration%20Security%20Talking%20Points.pdf))

### 8. Miscellaneous Items

- *Call Center for the General Election*- The call center will begin Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> through the day after election day. The purpose of the call center is to help field basic calls (e.g., where do I vote, am I registered) that SBE frequently receives during election time.. More complicated calls are directed to either the appropriate SBE staff member or local board.

- *Robo calls*- This is a reminder that all federal laws regarding campaign ads apply to robo calls, including authority lines. Any anonymous robo calls will be handed over to the State Prosecutor.

*Online Electioneering Transparency and Accountability Act*- Jared stated the new process for placing an online or social media political ad by political committees. If an online platform or ad network places a qualifying paid digital communication without providing a mechanism for the political committee to give notice, the political committee must report the issue to SBE and provide certain required information and a copy of the ad. Jared has contact with Facebook, Google and other sites to help facilitate any issues that may arise. The Green Party noted it had an issue with the placement of political ads regarding its slates. Jared would follow up with the Green Party after the meeting.

## **9. Other Questions and Topics**

- There were many questions regarding the Post-Election Ballot Tabulation Audit. Tracey and Nikki briefly explained what the audit does and how it checks the accuracy of the voting system. Tracey offered her assistance to any party or campaign that wanted more information or a demonstration of how the Post-Election Ballot Tabulation Audit works.
- There was a question regarding whether the judges of the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court were available for filing suit after hours. Linda responded that Anne Arundel County has electronic filing for the official paperwork, but that she would be able to contact judges regarding time-sensitive election suits filed after hours.
- A question was asked whether a statewide election judge training manual exists. Nikki responded that there is not one statewide manual, as each local board issues its own Election Judge training manual. SBE, however, issues a template for the manual and approves all manuals before publication.