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Memorandum

TO: State Board Members
FROM: Jared DeMarinis, Director
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
DATE: **March 29, 2023**
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 nine waiver request. No Board action is required on the denials. Late fees collected year to date for Late Fee Waivers are \$7,633.82.

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

3/29/23

1. ABC of Chesapeake Shores PAC
2. Allen, Cathy for BOE
3. Ashraf, Zia For District 5
4. Banks, Kim for Clerk of the Court
5. Blanton, Chris Citizens For
6. Burdett, Jake Friends of
7. Culver, Bob Committee to Elect
8. Jackson, Carl Citizens for
9. Gillespie, Kerry Citizens for
10. Johnson, Dannine Friends of
11. Johnson, Steven T. Friends of
12. Malesh, William Friends for Public Education
13. Murtha, Troy for County Council
14. Nottingham, Andre Friends of
15. The Right Slate Friends of
16. Schauber, Allan Friends of
17. Sparaco, Dan Friends of
18. Speert, Katie Citizens for
19. Team 40 Slate
20. Vilus, Darren Friends of
21. White, Antoine Citizens for
22. Paschall, Patrick Friends of
23. Sneed, Shannon For Maryland
24. Coleman, Quincy Friends of

Denied

1. Branch, Talmadge Friends of
2. Mechanical Contractors Association Of Maryland PAC
3. Otonna, Collins, Real Change Coalition for
4. Realtors Political Action Committee of Harford Co. Assn
5. Terrell, China Friends of
6. Massett, Sabrina for Senate
7. Alfeo, Gian Committee to Elect
8. MD Black Businesses Matter PAC
9. Garcia, Michelle Friends of

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	ABC of Chesapeake Shores PAC	
CCF ID:	03007846	Status: Active
Date Established	5/22/86	
Date Waiver Requested	1/19/23	
Account Type	PAC Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Charles Bendall	Start Date: 11/29/22
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Jeffrey Ferguson	1/22/08
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
10/28/22		11/28/22	\$1000	\$1000
			\$	
				Total: \$1000.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
5/22/18	\$260	paid	N/A
1/16/13	\$90	paid	N/A
2/01/08	\$250	paid	N/A

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$3500	\$4008	\$53,779	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The chairman states, a new firm took over the filing for the Pac, they thought the 10/28/22 report had already been filed. A new system has been put in place so no other reports are late.

Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision

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Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: ABC of Chesapeake Shores PAC

Account Number: 03007846 Date of Request: 12/19/23

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Jeffrey Lyn Ferguson

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Fund Report(s): 2022 Pre-general report-substantial

Total Amount of late fees: \$ 1,000.-

The basis for the request: Our firm, Mullen Sondberg Wimbush & Stone PA, recently took over the filing of the PAC reports on behalf of ABC. I was under the impression this report had been filed timely. The website is confusing and I thought I hit "submit" but apparently I missed the final step to actually submit. We have a reminder system set up, along with step-by-step instructions so moving forward we won't have any problems. I would greatly appreciate your consideration in abating these penalties. If you need additional information from me to make this determination, please let me know.

Thank you,

Jill Shores, EA, Senior Accountant MSWS - 410-234-4920 - jshore@msws.com

(Signature)

(Date)

1/10/23

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

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Allen, Cathy for BOE	
CCF ID:	01007377	Status: Active
Date Established	11/01/2011	
Date Waiver Requested	1/25/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Bradford Allen	Start Date: 11/01/2011
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Mary Allen	3/28/12
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/23		1/24/23	\$120	\$120
			\$	
				Total: \$120.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A			

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$0	\$0	\$766	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The candidate states that the committee did not receive any communication that a report was due

Division Comments

As a first request, this is granted with the following note, the committee has been sent post, and several letters by email of the upcoming report. Also, when a committee logs into their account it is noted on the reminder page when the next report is due.

Administrator's Decision

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Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Allen, Cathy for BOE

Account Number: 01007377 Date of Request: 01/25/2023

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Cathy Allen

The Requestor is the: x Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Fund
Report(s): 01/18/2023

Total Amount of late fees: \$ 120.00

The basis for the request: Neither I nor my treasurer received a mailed notice of the date for the report. This is the first time in 23 years of filing campaign finance reports that we have been late in filing. The total amount earned during the past year on the account was 12 cents and there were no other contributions of any kind to report. My first indication of missing the report was an email informing my treasurer of the missed date. No email came to my email address to notify me of the fact. I respectfully request a waiver of the late fee based on a single mistake in 23 years and the fact that neither of us received a postcard noting the date. I have now added next year's filing date to my calendar in order to ensure no deadline is missed in the future. My sincere apology for missing this important date.

Cathy Allen
(Signature)

1/25/2023
(Date)

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

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Ashraf, Zia For District 5	
CCF ID:	01014749	Status: Active
Date Established	04/24/22	
Date Waiver Requested	12/03/22	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Hamza Sohail	Start Date: 4/24/22
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Zia Ashraf	4/24/22
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
10/28/22		11/02/22	\$100	\$100
11/22/22		11/23/22	\$20	\$20
				Total: \$120.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A			

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
10/28/22	\$200	\$2038	\$(1838)	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The candidate states, please waive the late fees.

Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision



Re: Late fee waiver for pre-gubernatorial report

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

Thu, Nov 3, 2022 at 9:02 AM

To: Zia Ashraf <ziaashraf396@gmail.com>, Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Received, thank you.

On Thu, Nov 3, 2022 at 8:50 AM Zia Ashraf <ziaashraf396@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning, I hope this email finds you well. It was great speaking with you over the phone this morning. If you could please waive the late fees for my report that will be highly appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions. Best regards,

Zia --

Best regards,

Zia Ashraf

410-463-6376

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Ebony R. Sherbert-Parran

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410-269-2922 - Direct Line

410-974-5415 (Fax)

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Banks, Kim for Clerk of the Court	
CCF ID:	01014498	Status: Active
Date Established	3/16/22	
Date Waiver Requested	1/29/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Keesha Parks	Start Date: 3/16/22
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Larry Bayne	3/16/22
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/22		12/14/22	\$785	\$785
			\$	
				Total: \$785.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
6/14/22	245	paid	yes

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
11/22/22	\$134	\$134	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The candidate states the treasurer was at fault in not filing timely as she did not understand the process.

Division Comments

Grant, upon closing the account.

Administrator's Decision

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02/08/2023

To

Campaign Finance
151 Wes Street
Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Campaign Finance ,

I was a candidate for Clerk of the Court in this last primary election 2022. My campaign committee is **Kim Banks for Clerk of the Court**.

My treasurer, Keesha Parks, was unfamiliar with the process and responsibilities of serving as a treasurer. I too, am new to this process. She was derelict in her duties and filed several reports untimely resulting in outstanding late fees in the amount of \$785.00.

She struggled in understanding how to complete the forms and sought the assistance of staff at your office. As a result of these issues, my committee cannot close out this account until these fees have been paid. The final report has been filed however. I have been told that my treasurer has waited too long to request a waiver.

I am asking for forgiveness of these fees as this is the first time that I have made this request and because it is of no fault of my own, except that that I chose an inept person to serve as treasurer. I would greatly appreciate the waiver. I am not able as a single parent to pay these fees. Thank you.

Kim Banks for Clerk of the Court

410-419-9871

1608 N Broadway
Baltimore, MD 21213

Kimberlypbanks68@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Kimberly Parks-Banks

Kimberly Parks-Banks

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Blanton, Chris Citizens For	
CCF ID:	01013846	Status: Active
Date Established	10/04/21	
Date Waiver Requested	2/2/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Karin Spignoio	Start Date: 5/10/21
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Chris Blanton	5/1/22
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/23		2/01/23	\$385	\$385
			\$	
				Total: \$385.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A			

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$0	\$689	\$3	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The treasurer states that as the candidate did not win the election they closed the bank account but were unaware they had to file a closeout report

Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision



Re: WAIVERv REQUEST/Blanton, Chris Citizens For

1 message

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

Thu, Feb 2, 2023 at 11:12 AM

To: mrsspiggy@atlanticbb.net, Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Hello Vicky,

I am forwarding you a waiver request by email for Karin Spingnolo. Thanks.

On Wed, Feb 1, 2023 at 4:43 PM <mrsspiggy@atlanticbb.net> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Karin L. Spignolo/Treasurer/Blanton, Citizens For/ CCF ID: 01013846

I was advised in speaking with "Jessica" at The Maryland State Board of Elections TODAY: 2/1/23 to petition The Board for a waiver of all fees relating to inadvertently not filing a Campaign Finance Report (CFR) for the last (2) timeframes, I believe.

Mr. Blanton-- a first time candidate--and I--a first time treasurer--filed all prior CFRs as directed without incident. Mr. Blanton did not win his election. He decided to no longer keep an open account and we filed what we believed to be the last report we were required to submit the next quarter after the election. I submitted that report and we noted that we had also closed out the campaign's bank account-- with Shore United Bank--on 11/21/22 with a "0" balance. The account tracked all deposits and expenditures and mirrored every CFR filing.

I did not know--though ignorance is no excuse--that we should also have filed a 'Close Out Report' to alert your agency that this account would no longer be "open" and utilized.

I filed this report TODAY--within hours of speaking with "Jessica". I am now emailing The Board in the hope that once I realized our error and in good faith attempted to reconcile all CFR's by filing The Close Out Report as instructed with your agency with the utmost alacrity, The Board might forgive the subsequent fees we inadvertently were amassing.

At this juncture, we are awaiting both confirmation that we have finally successfully closed out Mr. Blanton's account and that the campaign will not be required to pay the fees engendered as a result of my inexperience.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Karin L. Spignolo

Cell #: (631) 793-9957

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Burdett, Jake Friends of	
CCF ID:	01014775	Status: Active
Date Established	4/26/22	
Date Waiver Requested	2/11/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Joseph Burdett	Start Date: 4/26/22
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Jake Burdett	4/26/22
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/22	Y	1/05/23	\$1000	\$1000
			\$	
				Total: \$1000.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A			

Recent Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

The candidate states the report was not filed in a timely manner was just an honest mistake.

Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision

State of Maryland



Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Friends of Jake Burdett Account Number: 8031906788

Date of Request: 2/11/2023 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 4,000

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Jake Burdett

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 11/22/2022

1) The basis for the request: The spirit of this law, I believe, is to make sure candidates who are raising money are accurately & timely reporting it. However, I did not raise any money for my campaign, & only had to create a ~~campaign~~ campaign committee, get a treasurer, & open a bank account as a technicality due to being a member of a grassroots slate for Democratic Central Committee - the lowest possible office someone can run for, & our slate did not raise much money. My father & I's failure to file our report on time was a good faith, honest mistake, & it seems against the

Jake Burdett (Signature)

2/11/2023 (Date)

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Verification: _____
Bd. Decision: _____

local candidates more than their campaigns raised total. This was my first time running a campaign which required a campaign account. I am a young 24 year old law student with no employment or income, & would have difficulty paying this fine. I have since learned that a fellow slate member of mine, Rick Kohn, had received a fine for a late filing of his 6/14/22 campaign finance report, & that he was granted a waiver due to similar extenuating circumstances, as well as an additional waiver for failing to open a bank account. Filing my will later than candidates from running.

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Culver, Bob Committee to Elect	
CCF ID:	01006442	Status: Active
Date Established	6/30/10	
Date Waiver Requested	2/14/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Courtney Culver	Start Date: 2/25/19
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Robert Culver	6/30/10
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/22		11/26/22	\$80	\$80
			\$	
				Total: \$80.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
7/08/22	\$210	outstanding	yes

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavits for 2022	\$	\$	\$	\$
1/16/19	\$0	\$0	\$164	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The treasurer states the candidate passed away in 7/2020, she was overwhelmed with handling his estate.

Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision

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Courtney Culver, Treasurer
Committee to Elect Bob Culver
23777 Locust Lane
Quantico Md, 21856
410.251.8594

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February 14, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to request a waiver of the late fee's accumulated from a late filing of the July 08, 2022 Pre Primary 2 Gubernatorial report & the November 22, 2022 Gubernatorial Post-General report. My father, Bob Culver who was the candidate, passed away on July 26, 2020 during his second term as Wicomico County Executive. I was overwhelmed with trying to settle his estate and when the campaign finance reports were due. I usually would file the Affidavit since there had not been any expenses or donations from the account. I wanted to use the last \$164.78 and donate to a local campaign, but never got the chance. I struggled to file two of the reports on time. I did not realize that I had not changed my address or updated the campaign mailing address, so I was not receiving the notices.

I hope that you will consider waiving the late fees, but if not, I completely understand and would appreciate any kind of guidance the Board could give me to get this account closed. I have attached his death certificate and a print out of the main page for the campaign finance reporting. Should you have any questions or need further documentation, please reach out to me.

Thank you,



Courtney Culver

Treasurer for Committee to Elect Bob Culver

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Gillespie, Kerry Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01014341	Status: Active
Date Established	2/22/22	
Date Waiver Requested	1/27/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Lisa Smith	Start Date: 2/22/22
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Kerry Gillespie	2/22/22
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/22		1/27/23	\$1000	\$1000
1/18/22		1/27/23	\$210	\$210
				Total: \$1210.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A			

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
11/22/22	\$145	\$13,848	\$3,347	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The candidate states, she had trouble with her internet going in and out she thought the report had gone through but realized it had not when she received the notice.

Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision

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On Fri, Jan 27, 2023 at 3:17 PM Treasurer for Gillespie <Treasurer4Gillespie@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hello Mr. DeMarinis,

Thank you so much for speaking with me just now about the submission of a waiver for fees for the Citizens for Kerry Gillispie campaign.

As I mentioned on the phone and some below, this has been an ongoing issue unfortunately since November. While entering the entries for the November filing, I was having power outages flickering so my internet would go up and down. I thought I'd completed all the transactions though successfully and hit submit. I thought I was done.

I found out after some time that that was not the case, so I tried again. I did feel I did it correctly but apparently that time also didn't work. I'm not sure if because I was past the date and it was user error, but I again left it all alone thinking I'd entered them successfully. I also wrote and asked for someone to talk with for some resolution.

With all that, I even had issues today. I was in the middle of entering transactions and making corrections to those that wouldn't upload when I got the error message below. I finally got them all uploaded, again, and it says I've successfully filed both the November and January reports. I saved them this time for just in case third time wasn't a charm!

I do wonder now if the issue is my own computer. I was able to successfully enter transactions up until November without issues and make the deadlines. But to have this many issues starting in November, I do have to consider possibly my own computer is an issue and/or user error after missing the entry timeline and not understanding what I was doing.

I do apologize deeply for all the issues and delays. I've been trying to rectify this for months now, so I do hope that not only were the filings done correctly this go around, but that you consider my explanation for the delays.

There has never been any intention of fraud, misrepresentation, lack of intention or any other negative reason for the late filing. It's always been my intention, as well as Kerry Gillispie and her entire campaign, to be above board and run a clean and clear campaign. I am hoping that by getting these filings completed and offering an explanation assists with that.

Therefore, I formally request that the fees incurred are waived for Citizens for Kerry Gillispie.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or additional information.

Thank you,

Lisa M. Albanese Smith

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Jackson, Carl Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01011751	Status: Active
Date Established	6/09/17	
Date Waiver Requested	1/10/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Kenya Malone	Start Date: 6/09/17
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Ernest Leach	6/09/17
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/23		1/19/23	\$20	\$20
			\$	
				Total: \$20.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A			

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$9,825	\$7,779	\$15,511	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The treasurer states that she was sick the week the report was due.

Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision



Re: Citizens for Carl Jackson

1 message

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

Thu, Jan 19, 2023 at 4:12 PM

To: Kenya Battle-Malone <krbattle@verizon.net>, Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Hello Kenya,

I am forwarding your late fee request to Vicky Smith who handles the waiver process. She can be reached at victorica.smith@maryland.gov

On Thu, Jan 19, 2023 at 2:56 PM Kenya Battle-Malone <krbattle@verizon.net> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

My name is Kenya Malone and I am the treasurer for Delegate Carl Jackson. I am requesting a waiver for the late filing fee for the filing period of 1/18/2023. I had been really sick all week and wound up in urgent care on the actual filing date which was 1/18/2022. I don't have a backup person to assist me and I am the only person that is able to file the report so, unfortunately, I wasn't able to submit it on time. Although I am still not feeling well I had to push myself to get the report done as soon as possible. I submitted it one day late which was 1/19/2022. I would greatly appreciate your consideration of my request. It has been a rough couple of weeks. I have attached my doctor's note for your review. Please let me know if have any questions or need anything else. Thank you in advance.

Best
Kenya Malone
Treasurer for Citizens for Carl Jackson
443 831-2197

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Johnson, Dannine Friends of	
CCF ID:	01013926	Status: Active
Date Established	12/07/21	
Date Waiver Requested	1/19/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Kristian Daniels	Start Date: 12/06/21
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Dannine Johnson	12/06/21
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
8/30/22		9/02/22	\$60	\$60
11/22/22		11/23/22	\$20	\$20
				Total: \$80.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
7/08/22	\$20	outstanding	yes

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavit	\$	\$	\$	\$
8/30/22	\$50	\$6,562	\$(33)	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The candidate states that he was awaiting information to complete the report.

Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision

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Re: Request for Waiver of Fees

1 message

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

Thu, Jan 19, 2023 at 9:56 AM

To: Dannine Johnson <dannine_johnson@live.com>, Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Hello Dannine,

I am forwarding your fee waiver request to Vicky Smith at victorica.smith@maryland.gov. Thanks.

On Wed, Jan 18, 2023 at 8:05 PM Dannine Johnson <dannine_johnson@live.com> wrote:

I'd like to request a waiver of fees that my campaign committee has accumulated (\$100). My committee bank account does not have enough money to cover the fees. Also, I was never able to order checks. Not submitting the reports on time was not done on purpose. I was awaiting information for one report. This was my first experience with campaign finance, and it was a learning experience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dannine Johnson
Friends of Dannine Johnson

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Johnson, Steven T. Friends of	
CCF ID:	01014946	Status: Active
Date Established	12/28/22	
Date Waiver Requested	1/30/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Ashley Johnson	Start Date: 12/28/22
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Steve Johnson	12/28/22
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/23		1/30/23	\$315	\$315
			\$	
				Total: \$315.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A			

Recent Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

The candidate states the treasurer was ill and he didn't know he could also file the report.

Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision



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

Request for fee waiver

1 message

steven johnson <steventjohnson3@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 30, 2023 at 1:15 PM

To: "victorica.smith@maryland.gov" <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Greetings Board of Elections,

I am writing asking for a fee waiver for the January 18th reporting window. I do understand the need for deadlines and dates, however I was not intentionally disrespecting or avoiding the process. My treasurer took ill and has been back and forth in the need of care. I was unaware that I could file, thinking it was just the treasurer. I am dialed into the process now, will file ontime, even if I am doing it myself, and will not seek waiver of fees again. I am a rookie at this process, but I will hold myself accountable to getting the business of my committee complete. Thank you for hearing this waiver petition, and I thank you in advance, for a favorable outcome.

Best Wishes,

Steven T. Johnson
Direct Cell 443-254-0915

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Malesh, William Friends for Public Education	
CCF ID:	01010304	Status: Active
Date Established	2/24/14	
Date Waiver Requested	2/15/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Benjamin Malesh	Start Date: 2/24/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	William Malesh	2/24/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/23		2/03/23	\$485	\$485
			\$	
				Total: \$485.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
11/22/22	\$80	paid	
10/28/22	\$40	paid	
8/30/11	\$20	paid	

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$0	\$0	\$32	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The treasurer states, the candidate lost the election and I have attempted to close this account many times. Due to the help of staff, I was able to do the final report and am requesting a waiver of the fee.

Division Comments

Grant upon closing of the account.

Administrator's Decision

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Good evening,

My name is Benjamin Malesh and I am the treasurer for my father William Malesh's election. My father lost his local board of education election in November and I had attempted to close his election account with the state. I attempted to close the account multiple times each time apparently failing to do so and receiving more late. I believe I kept failing to close the account due to a technical error. I am asking that you please waive these fees. I have now successfully closed my account with you thanks to the help of your staff and I am hoping you will be willing to help me by waiving my late fees.

Thank you for your time,

Benjamin Malesh

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Murtha, Troy for County Council	
CCF ID:	01014739	Status: Active
Date Established	04/28/22	
Date Waiver Requested	1/19/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Josh Furnary	Start Date: 6/08/22
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Troy Murtha	4/28/22
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/22		12/30/22	\$1000	\$1000
			\$	
				Total: \$1000.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
10/28/22	\$100	outstanding	N/A

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/22	\$0	\$0	\$652	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The candidate states, the fees in question surpass the amount left in the account, and this would be an undue hardship on the officer s they are students.

Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision

Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Murtha, Troy for County Council

Account Number: 01014789

Date of Request: 1-19-23

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Troy Murtha_

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Fund Report(s): Post-General Report

Total Amount of late fees: \$ 1,000

The basis for the request:

I believe the late fees imposed on the campaign in this case are counterproductive to the goals of the State Board of Electors and unnecessarily putative. Furthermore, there were some mitigating circumstances.

The fee in question exceeds the remaining balance of campaign funds and the remaining personal liability would cause undue hardship. After the exhaustion of campaign funds, the fee would be borne personally by the officers. The officers are unsophisticated first-time campaigners making a good faith effort to participate in our democracy. The chairman is presently a student and the \$1,000 fine would represent a significant burden. Imposing fees upon officers personally would have a depressing effect on future democratic participation.

The public was not deprived of any information regarding the activities of the campaign. After losing the primary, the campaign largely ceased activity, spending no money. The campaign finance report in question contains no actions. Under Maryland's "sore loser" laws, this was largely required. All campaign reports up to the primary were promptly and correctly filed. The only benefit of the reports to the public would be a confirmation that a completed campaign was inactive. The only remaining activity that the campaign seeks to perform is to close out.

Finally, there were some mitigating circumstances. The candidate/chairman's grandfather died in October and the candidate/chairman traveled out of state to attend the funeral. Letters to the treasurer in this time frame were incorrectly delivered to the candidate's mailbox by building staff and went unread for some time.

Respectfully,
Troy Murtha

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Nottingham, Andre Friends of	
CCF ID:	01013946	Status: Active
Date Established	12/15/21	
Date Waiver Requested	1/12/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Jarriel Jordan	Start Date: 12/15/21
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Andre Nottingham	12/15/21
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
10/28/22		1/01/23	\$1000	\$1000
11/22/22		1/01/23	\$1000	\$1000
				Total: \$2000.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A			

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
8/30/22	\$502	\$2,931	\$3,036	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The treasurer states, the candidate did not advance past the primary election, the committee did not continue to receive contributions.

Division Comments

Reduce to half \$1000.00 with the closing of the account.

Administrator's Decision

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State of Maryland



Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: ANDRE NOTTINGHAM Account Number: 01013946

Date of Request: 11/12/2023 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 2,000.00

Name of the Requestor(s)*: JARRIEL JORDAN, SR

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 11/22/2022
10/28/2022

The basis for the request: CANDIDATE ANDRE NOTTINGHAM DID NOT ADVANCE PASS THE PRIMARY ELECTION ON JULY 19, 2022. HE DID NOT CONTINUE TO RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENSES. HIS ACCOUNT ONLY HAD BANK ADJUSTMENTS. HIS ACCOUNT BALANCE HAS BEEN \$125.17 SINCE AUGUST 2022.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT WE HAVE HAD A LATE FILING. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE FEE IS WAIVED.

(Signature)

11/13/2023
(Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	The Right Slate Friends of	
CCF ID:	02014628	Status: Active
Date Established	4/13/22	
Date Waiver Requested	1/29/23	
Account Type	Slate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Rebecca Buker	Start Date: 4/13/22
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Patricia Price	4/13/22
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
10/28/22		10/29/22	\$20	\$20
			\$	
				Total: \$20.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
6/14/22	\$140	paid	N/A

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$0	\$4	\$218	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The committee states, they check to make sure the report was filed on time. They don't understand why they are getting the late fee.

Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision

n Sun, Jan 29, 2023 at 10:15 PM Patricia Price <pajr10@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. DeMarinis,

I just received another fine from the State Board of Elections for \$20 from October. These are late filing fees that we filed on time.

Our campaign is registered the right slate. I ran for Central Committee with several other folks in Frederick County.

Each time we have filed, I have double checked to make sure that there were no pending reports. After a day or so, I double checked again. Even recently we filed on time, I checked to make sure they were no reports for the month of January pending, and I still got a postcard stating that we had not filed. This is been going on every single month.

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Schauber, Allan Friends of	
CCF ID:	01014465	Status: Active
Date Established	3/16/22	
Date Waiver Requested	2/01/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Sarah Maloney	Start Date: 3/16/22
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Allan Schaubert	3/16/22
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/22		1/01/23	\$1000	\$1000
			\$	
				Total: \$1000.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A			

Recent Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

The treasurer states they were out of town and did not have access to file the report.

Division Comments

Reduce to half \$500.00

Administrator's Decision

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- Forwarded message -----

From: Henrietta Maloney <HMaloney@pbkc.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 1, 2023 at 9:09 AM

Subject: Campaign Finance Report

To: jared.demarinis@maryland.gov <jared.demarinis@maryland.gov>

Please be advised that the Campaign Finance report for 11/22/2022 was filed on 01/01/2023 21:49:50. As you can see the report was filed late do to me being out of town and did not have access to file the report and when I returned I completely forgot about filing it. At this time I'm requesting that any fees be waived or forgiven because as you can see we have been filing Affidavit reports every time. Also we have not received any money to even be able to open an account to deposit money into. We would really appreciate your understanding of this matter and would like to take this time to thank you for all your help and guidance you have assisted with. I have also attached copies of the report and conformation of the filing. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank You,

Sarah Henrietta Maloney

Account: Schauber, Allan Friend of

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Sparaco, Dan Friends of	
CCF ID:	01011175	Status: Active
Date Established	9/03/15	
Date Waiver Requested	2/03/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Lindsey Hedrick	Start Date: 9/03/15
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Daniel Sparaco	9/03/15
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/23		2/02/23	\$435	\$435
			\$	
				Total: \$435.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
1/20/21	\$40	0	N/A

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$0	\$6,522	\$40	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The candidate states the committee filed to close the account a year ago but didn't realize they had to do a closeout report.

Division Comments

The waiver will be granted upon closing of the account within 30 days.

Administrator's Decision

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Campaign Account Name: Friends of Dan Sparaco

Account Number: 01011175 Date of Request: February 3, 2023

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Dan Sparaco

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Fund Report(s): 2023 Annual

Total Amount of late fees: \$ 435

The basis for the request: I mistakenly believed my treasurer and I had closed this account a year ago. Shortly after filing our 2022 Annual via ALCE, we disbursed the remaining funds in the account – a loan repayment to me, and a charitable donation to a non-profit serving youth in my neighborhood, the Greenmount West Community Center Foundation, Inc. We then closed the bank account (it was with M&T Bank). I did not realize that we had failed to make a closeout filing until receiving notices about the need to make a 2023 Annual filing, at which point I had to refresh my recollection of prior events and gather the information necessary to make that filing. No political activity or fundraising has happened in the name of this committee over the past two years. (Indeed, the committee should have been closed at the end of 2020, but the pandemic got the better of me.) Because our bank account was closed a year ago and there are no remaining funds, I request our late fees be waived. I am terribly sorry for our delayed filing. Sincerely,

/s/ Dan Sparaco
(Signature)

February 3, 2023
(Date)

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

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Speert, Katie Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01013909	Status: Active
Date Established	11/23/21	
Date Waiver Requested	2/01/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Beth Woodring	Start Date: 11/23/21
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Katelyn Speert	11/23/21
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
10/28/22		2/01/23	\$385	\$385
11/22/22		2/01/23	\$1000	\$1000
1/18/23		2/01/23	\$1000	\$1000
				Total: \$2,385.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
6/14/22	\$20	outstanding	yes
1/19/22	\$120	paid	N/A

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affidavits	\$1,672	\$1,029	\$642	\$0
6/14/22	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The candidate stated her email was no longer accessible, and the treasurer was unable to log in. The candidate says she was unable to reach the Campaign Finance department.

Division Comments

Reduce to \$596.25

Administrator's Decision

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Team 40 Slate	
CCF ID:	02014809	Status: Active
Date Established	5/11/22	
Date Waiver Requested	1/22/23	
Account Type	Slate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Zanes Cypress	Start Date: 5/11/22
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Quintin Lathan	5/11/22
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/22		12/30/22	\$1000	\$1000
			\$	
				Total: \$1000.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
10/28/22	\$120	paid	N/A
7/08/22	\$80	paid	yes

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$0	\$0	\$830	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The treasurer states he missed a step when filing the 11/22/22 report.

Division Comments

Reduce to \$500

Administrator's Decision

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Campaign Account Name: Team 40 Slate

Account Number: 02014809 Date of Request: 1/22/2023

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Zanes Cypress

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Fund Report(s): 11/22/2022 \$940.00

Total Amount of late fees: \$ 1,000.00

The basis for the request: When filing the most recent campaign report for 1/18/2023 and resolving some outstanding issues, I was reminded of the late fee waiver request process by Devki Dave. My submission is to request a late wavier for fees generated from 11/22 reporting. Unfortunately, I mistakenly thought I completed the submission process. Instead, I stopped just a step short when confirmation was provided (but it was for a preview summary). That effort was done on 11/25 and I was under they impression that I would have a \$60.00 (\$20 x 3 days late). When I did finally find out the 11/22 report was not actually filed it was January.

My ask is to receive a fee waived for the \$940.00 portion of the outstanding \$1,000.00 total amount. I am more than willing to pay the \$60.00 fee for the three days. My contact is cypress.zanes3@gmail.com and 443-7744-3917. After resolving this fee, I look to close the Team 40 Slate account. Thank you greatly, Victoria Smith for all your assistance. -Zanes Cypress



1/22/2023

(Signature)

(Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Vilus, Darren Friends of	
CCF ID:	01013668	Status: Active
Date Established	6/08/21	
Date Waiver Requested	1/13/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	N/A	Start Date:
Responsible Treasurer	Mary Conrad	6/08/21
Current Chairman	Darren Vilus	6/08/21
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
10/28/22		12/30/22	\$1000	\$1000
11/22/22		12/30/22	\$1000	\$1000
				Total: \$2000.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
8/30/22	\$1000	outstanding	yes
7/08/22	\$1000	outstanding	yes
6/14/22	\$1000	outstanding	yes

Recent Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

The candidate has been placed in a mental institution; the treasurer passed in 2021.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

On Fri, Jan 13, 2023 at 7:35 AM Holly Raub <Holly.Raub@sheppardpratt.org> wrote:

Good morning Diane.

I am contacting you in regards to Darren Vilus who is currently residing at a Sheppard Pratt mental health facility. I have been forwarded several scattered email correspondences between the two of you and wanted to contact you directly. Could you please inform me of any accounts, fees or dues that Darren may be responsible for, and what exactly they are associated with. As he is actively experiencing symptoms of his mental illness, it can be difficult to get proper information. I am happy to provide documentation that he has been hospitalized for some time now. My hope is that he would be relieved of these obligations since he has been confined. I look forward to speaking with you and gaining a better understanding of this situation.

With appreciation,

Holly C Raub

Residential Service Coordinator

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	White, Antoine Citizens for	
CCF ID:	0013387	Status: Active
Date Established	1/23/20	
Date Waiver Requested	1/18/2023	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	George Carter	Start Date: 1/23/20
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Antoine White	1/23/20
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
10/28/22		1/25/23	\$40	\$40
1/18/23		10/30/22	\$140	\$140
				Total: \$180.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
1/20/21	\$1000		yes
10/23/20	\$80	paid	N/A

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/22	\$0	\$0	(\$152)	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The candidate states that he won his seat in 2020 and has not campaigned since that time.

Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision

Forwarded message -----

From: Antoine White <citizensforantoinewhite@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jan 18, 2023 at 9:39 AM

Subject: Late fee bill

To: Jared.DeMarinis@maryland.gov <Jared.DeMarinis@maryland.gov>, Antoine White <citizensforantoinewhite@gmail.com>, George Carter <gwccrtc@gmail.com>

Good morning,

I ran for and won my seat on the Calvert County Board of Education in 2020. I have not campaigned since that time. I've completed all required filing to that point. Please make the necessary corrections in your system. Thank you in advance for your help.

Antoine White

410-610-3904

CCF ID : 01013387

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Paschall, Patrick Friends of	
CCF ID:	01013800	Status: Active
Date Established	9/07/21	
Date Waiver Requested	12/14/22	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	William Omondi	Start Date: 9/07/21
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Patrick Paschall	9/07/21
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/22		12/04/22	\$115	\$115
			\$	
				Total: \$115.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
N/A			

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
11/22/22	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The treasurer states the candidate lost the primary they thought they had done everything to close out the account.

Division Comments

Grant first request.

Administrator's Decision

State of Maryland



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Campaign Account Name: Friends of Patrick Paschall Account Number: 01013800

Date of Request: 12/14/2022 Total Amount of late fees: \$ approximated at 450.00

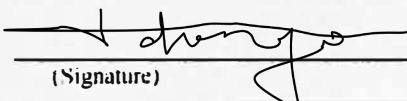
Name of the Requestor(s)*: William Omondi

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 2022 Post General Gubernatorial

The basis for the request: Our Candidate lost in the primary elections held on July 19th, 2022. The committee stopped all fundraising activities, we paid all campaign obligations and has no funds left on account ~~at~~ after the we paid all debts. The committee filed to close the account in October 2022, however one item, a campaign laptop is pending disposal from the committee in order for closure to be completed. Because this is our first attempt running a campaign, we did not know that the pre-general election reporting deadline impacted our committee as well when ~~we are~~ working to resolve the pending matter. We have since filed the Post General elections report.

We are working expeditiously to resolve pending computer issue and close the account. Thank you for your help, we look forward to your support closing this matter.


(Signature)

12/20/2022
(Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Sneed, Shannon For Maryland	
CCF ID:	01007296	Status: Active
Date Established	2/10/2011	
Date Waiver Requested	1/12/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Ramond Sneed	Start Date: 8/30/22
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Shannon Sneed	2/10/2011
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
10/28/22		11/07/22	\$245	\$245
11/22/22		12/20/22	\$1000	\$1000
				Total: \$1245.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
10/23/20	\$60	paid	yes
4/28/20	\$20	paid	N/A
1/16/19	\$10	paid	N/A

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$0	\$0	(\$2,551.00)	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The candidate states she was unaware the treasurer had not filed the report. The candidate did not win and is closing the account.

Division Comments

Reduce to \$500.00

Administrator's Decision

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Coleman, Quincy Friends of	
CCF ID:	01013276	Status: Active
Date Established	11/18/19	
Date Waiver Requested	1/20/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Candace Jaime	Start Date: 11/16/19
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Hope Coleman	11/16/19
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/23		1/20/23	\$40	\$40
			\$	
				Total: \$40.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
1/28/20	\$40	waived	N/A

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
Affadvits	\$	\$	\$	\$
1/20/21	\$0	\$584	(\$4,072.00)	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The treasurer states medical issues were the cause of the late filing.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

On Fri, Jan 20, 2023 at 3:44 PM Candace Jaimes <cjaimes.esq@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

I am respectfully requesting a waiver of the late fees for the Annual Report that was due on 1-18-23. We filed it today on 1-20-23. As the treasurer, it was my intention to timely file this report, however, for the past few days I have experienced medical illness. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Candace Jaimes

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Branch, Talmadge Friends of	
CCF ID:	01000020	Status: Active
Date Established	7/02/1998	
Date Waiver Requested	2/02/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Keith Woodlon	Start Date: 10/25/99
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Keith Timmons	5/01/03
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
10/28/22		1/17/23	\$1000	\$1000
11/22/22		1/17/23	\$1000	\$1000
				Total: \$2000.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
8/30/22	\$835	paid	yes
7/08/22	\$1000	paid	yes
6/14/22	\$1000	paid	yes

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$0	\$24	\$6,916	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The candidate states that the treasurer has been hard to contact and communicate with.

Division Comments

Deny, all prior reports have been sent to OSP/ history of non-compliance,

Administrator's Decision

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From: Del. Talmadge Branch <del.branch@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Feb 2, 2023 at 10:46 AM

Subject: Campaign Account

Thanks for reaching out to me. Please know that I have satisfied the issue that had my name added on the prosecutor's list. Unfortunately, as a result of my Treasurer not holding up to his responsibilities, I have been continuously paying fines for the required reports. Now that I have retired, he has really taken a back seat. It has been enormously hard to contact him to get the reports done. I am frustrated and can't wait to get closure. I am trying to close this account to avoid any further issues or fines. I currently owe an additional \$2,000 in fines, and would like to ask if there is any way to have these fines waived or any portion thereof? If not, I do understand and will certainly find a way to remedy this balance. Thanks so much for your consideration. I kindly await your reply.

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Mechanical Contractors Association Of Maryland PAC	
CCF ID:	03008007	Status: Active
Date Established	10/01/02	
Date Waiver Requested	1/23/23	
Account Type	PAC Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Jeffrey Ashe	Start Date: 1/06/22
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	David Fischer	10/06/17
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/23		1/20/23	\$40	\$40
			\$	
				Total: \$40.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
10/28/22	\$80	paid	N/A
1/18/17	\$500	waived	N/A
9/03/10	\$20	paid	N/A

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$0	\$0	\$2,364	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The administrator of the account states she had insufficient information on her calendar for filing the report.

Division Comments

Deny

Administrator's Decision

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Campaign Account Name: Mechanical Contractors Association of Maryland PAC

Account Number: 03008007 Date of Request: 1/23/23

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Melissa DeJuliis

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Fund Report(s): \$40

Total Amount of late fees: \$ 40

The basis for the request: Hello. My name is Melissa and I am the administrator on the report. I am asking that this fee be waived this one time due to insufficient information on my calendar to have it completed. I have since amended my calendar to prevent this from happening again, therefore, if you could waive this fee, I would be greatly appreciative.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

(Signature)

(Date)

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General

Account Name	Otonna, Collins, Real Change Coalition for	
CCF ID:	01011173	Status: Active
Date Established	8/28/15	
Date Waiver Requested	2/04/23	
Account Type	Candidate Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Raynald Joseph	Start Date: 10/19/19
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Collins Otonna	8/28/15
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
7/08/22		7/27/22	\$685	\$685
8/30/22		8/31/22	\$20	\$20
				Total: \$655.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
8/25/20	\$20	paid	yes
1/20/21	\$1000	waived	N/A
6/14/22	\$20	outstanding	yes

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
3/26/16	\$534	\$160	\$374	\$0
An affidavit has been filed since 2016	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The treasurer has been irresponsible for the last three months, according to the candidate. The candidate's brother was ill earlier in the year and died in July, this was a major distraction for the candidate.

Division Comments

Deny, the treasurer has not filed a report since 2017, all reports have been filed by the candidate. The committee has received a prior waiver.

Administrator's Decision

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1 message

Collins Otonna <collins.otonna@gmail.com>

Sun, Feb 12, 2023 at 6:19 PM

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

Waiver for outstanding late fees for campaign committee; Real change coalition for Collins otonna.

We beg for a subsequent and final waiver.

Dear Honorable Victoria Smith, Madam,

We humbly seek waiver for the total accumulated penalty fees accrued due to various late filings of our committee campaign reports.

In each instance there has either been forgetfulness from distractions or underlying circumstances that enabled failure to file timely.

I may not need to list each missed date and elucidate the reasons severally, but rather pray you waive for us the entire accrued sum of \$695.00 outstanding.

Behind this request Ma is that;

1)

We currently have no treasurer as my current treasurer has not been active or communicative.

My efforts to reach him personally in Frederick where he lives is ongoing, but I believe he may have lost interest in the task after being happy at the opportunity.

I have decided to replace him in time but will simply see that he is ok, and safe with his family.

2)

We have no money and have never really raised any as our account was ruined by Wellsfargo Bank staff's expressed 'inexperience' with campaign financing account.

They shut us down four times, each time reopening with 'apologies' and claiming we were miscategorised.

They finally closed the account and failed to reach us, or did not send notification to appropriate address.

We therefore, not seeking to operate abreach of campaign rules wish to close the committee as soon as possible.

Our efforts to shut down has been twisted often because we have outstanding balance.

We are not able at this time to pay this off as we understand arranged payments are disallowed.

Finally,we hope you enable us to close, reorganize and reestablish a new properly manned and banked committee in reasonable time.

God bless you Ma

We anticipate your kind response.

Collins Otonna
Chairperson/Candidate

Real Change coalition for Collins Otonna.

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Realtors Political Action Committee of Harford Co. Assn	
CCF ID:	03007974	Status: Active
Date Established	4/11/90	
Date Waiver Requested	1/17/23	
Account Type	PAC Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Theresa Simon	Start Date: 4/15/21
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Kathy Mcfadden	4/15/21
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
10/28/22		11/01/22	\$80	\$80
			\$	
				Total: \$80.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
5/22/20	\$280	waived	N/A
8/17/10	\$20	paid	N/A

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$3,338	\$0	\$19,138	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The committee has asked for a waiver. They state they have years of good history of filing timely.

Division Comments

Deny

Administrator's Decision

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From: **Mary P. Harris** <maryharris@comcast.net>

Date: Tue, Jan 17, 2023 at 3:07 PM

Subject: Harford County Assn of Realtors - CCFID 03007974

To: jared.demarinis@maryland.gov <jared.demarinis@maryland.gov>

Hi Jared,

Thanks for taking my call today.

I am in receipt of a Late Fee Bill for 2022 Pre-General2 Report Gubernatorial. The Association was fined a late fee of \$80.00. I would like to kindly ask that this fee be waived. Our Association has years of good history in filing timely.

Please take this request into consideration.

In advance, I thank you for your time and attention to this matter!

Thank you,
Mary Harris

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Terrell, China Friends of	
CCF ID:	01013486	Status: Active
Date Established	6/23/20	
Date Waiver Requested	1/26/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Andrew Parlock	Start Date: 2/27/21
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	China terrell	6/23/20
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
7/08/22		7/21/22	\$350	\$350
10/28/22		12/30/22	\$1000	\$1000
11/22/22		12/30/22	\$1000	\$1000
				Total: \$2350.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
6/14/22	\$20	paid	yes
1/19/22	\$20	Paid	N/A

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/23	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Candidate states system error her from filing timely.

Division Comments

Deny, reports were filed more than 30 days late.

Administrator's Decision

1424 Bolton Street
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January 26, 2023

William G. Voelp, Chairman
Justin Williams, Vice Chairman
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Michael G. Summer, Member
T. Sky Woodward, Member
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RE: Close out of Campaign Committee, "Friends of China Terrell"
CCF ID 01013486

Dear Board Members:

New information that assures me that my inability to file reports efficiently was not due to user error, as I had presumed but rather system errors with MD CRIS that continue to persist.

Accordingly, I am updating my request for a waiver. Not being reimbursed the earlier paid \$350 fine would be an unjust ruling given the Maryland SBOE has now confirmed that there were system errors complicating my attempts to file the report timely.

It would additionally be an unjust ruling if the Board required that I pay a \$2000 fine for not filing reports that would have reflected zero expenditures and zero contributions for an election phase to which I had not advanced and in which I did not participate. No harm resulted from this good faith review and interpretation of the rule.

In my earlier submitted waiver request, dated December 30, 2022, I referenced that I was able finally able to file the report due on July 8, on July 21, with assistance from SBOE. The challenges I experienced when attempting to file the report on July 8 were due to persistent SBOE errors, as SBOE later informed me after I had submitted the waiver request dated December 30.

Please note that at all times, the SBOE staff have been first class. Each person with whom I have interacted has been incredibly gracious, kind, well-informed and quickly responsive to my requests for assistance. Without the staff, I would still be trying to figure out why each entry in MD CRIS was getting duplicated. Nor would I have been able to ultimately file the reports work around ongoing system errors.

1. MD CRIS system errors—not user error—were the primary cause of my delay in filing the July 8 report such that I filed it on July 21.

Throughout the 2022 summer of filing reports, I was not able to make MD CRIS tabulation exactly match the spreadsheet totals that I was uploading.

Initially, the errors were small. After triple checking my uploads and confirming the information was correct, the system would still present a slightly different number. Because the differences were relatively small, I continued to move forward. However, when I began preparing the reports in advance of the July 8 deadline, the system reported numbers significantly different from my uploads and internal records.

Because I was solo-parenting my five-year old at the time, with my husband and treasurer both traveling overseas, I delayed filing the report because I did not want to file information in advance of the Primary election that I knew to be wildly incorrect.

After the election, I received assistance from your office to file the report. I learned that the contributions were duplicating themselves after I submitted them to MD CRIS, but at the time SBOE staff did not know why. In July and in August of 2022, your office helped me systematically go back through each report to remove duplicate entries of contributions.

In January 2023, when the office returned my call to discuss how to make the numbers properly align in the closeout report, I learned that MD CRIS itself was duplicating entries due to a system error and that staff had to help ensure that there were not duplicate entries in the submissions of several candidates.

This meant that my ability to efficiently file the July 8 report was not a user error, as I had presumed. Instead, I was not able to overcome the system error. That same system error had affected my two previous reports, such that by the third report there was an uncomfortable distance between my internal records and what MD CRIS was tabulating.

At the time, I believed the fine to be only \$20 per week so I waited to file until I had the bandwidth to figure out the problem. I did correct the problem with help from your staff, but I still believed it to be user error on my end, which it was not. Had the system worked properly when I tried to file my report on July 8, I would have been able to file it timely.

I should not be fined for not being able to file a report efficiently due to system errors. If I had understood there were system errors at the time affecting multiple candidates, I would have requested permission to file paper reports, which I could have done timely.

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Masset, Sabrina for Senate	
CCF ID:	01012383	Status: Active
Date Established	2/15/18	
Date Waiver Requested	1/06/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Linda Franklin	Start Date: 2/15/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Sabrina Massett	2/15/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/22/22		1/06/23	\$1000	\$1000
			\$	
				Total: \$1000.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
7/08/22	\$20	paid	N/A
1/20/21	\$635	waived	N/A

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
11/22/22	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The treasurer states they thought they had closed out the account with the 10/28/22 report, but missed a step in the process.

Division Comments

Deny.

Administrator's Decision

State of Maryland

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Campaign Account Name: Massett, Friends of Sabrina Account Number: 0102383

Date of Request: 1/6/2023 Total Amount of late fees: \$

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Linda A. Franklin

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 11/22/2022
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GUBERNATORAL

The basis for the request: I make this request because I misunderstood the process of closing a candidate committee. I filed our 10/28 report as our final one. I had closed the bank account, and distributed the remaining funds to another MD candidate. However, our report was not accepted as final because of a number of errors I had made. During the protracted effort to correct those mistakes, the 11/22/2022 report became due. I found out today that, in my consternation about not having the committee closed at that point, I had overlooked the statement that the committee "will remain active until the report is declared final," and that upcoming reports needed to be made. So, I had incorrectly assumed that since there had been no response or complaint about the papers I submitted to correct my initial mistakes, our committee was now inactive, and I needed not to submit the 11/22 report. That error was made clear today by Ms.Hankook. The 11/12 report was submitted today. Thank you.

Linda A. Franklin
(Signature)

1/6/2023
(Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Alfeo, Gian Committee to Elect	
CCF ID:	01013309	Status: Active
Date Established	12/22/19	
Date Waiver Requested	2/28/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	N/A	Start Date:
Responsible Treasurer	Ashley Alfeo	12/22/19
Current Chairman	Gian Alfeo	12/22/19
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
1/18/23		2/28/23	\$1000	\$1000
			\$	
				Total: \$1000.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
1/19/22	\$1000	waived	yes
5/22/20	\$80	paid	yes

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/18/22	\$0	\$2,308	(\$2,308.00)	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The committee should have been closed in June after the State Procecutor became involved.

Division Comments

Deny, committee failed to correct documents with negative cash balance.

Administrator's Decision

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State of Maryland



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Campaign Account Name: The committee to elect Gian Alfio Account Number: 01013309

Date of Request: 2/28/23 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 1000

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Gian Alfio

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 1/18/2023

The basis for the request: This committee should have been closed June 2022 upon completion of all documents AFTER state prosecutor had to get involved to help correct all miss communications. My account has been held open pending a decision from the director. It is now well over 7 months and nothing has been done. I also did not receive a postcard, I did not receive notice of filing till the evening before the due date. All of this is unacceptable behavior and dereliction of duties by staff you staff

[Signature]
(Signature)

2/28/23
(Date)

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RECONSIDERATION Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	MD Black Businesses Matter PAC	
CCF ID:	03013498	Status: Active
Date Established	8/04/20	
Date Waiver Requested	2/14/23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Sharon Holmes	Start Date: 8/04/20
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Greg Holmes	8/04/20
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/14/22		7/26/22	\$1000	\$1000
7/08/22		10/20/22	\$1000	\$1000
8/30/22		10/20/22	\$1000	\$1000
10/28/22		N/A	\$1000	\$1000
				Total: \$4000.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
1/19/22	\$1000	paid	Yes
1/20/21	\$1000	paid	Yes

Recent Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Outstanding/ Loans/ Obligations
1/20/22	\$0	\$0	\$1500	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The chairman stated that this committee has not raised any money and they have been inactive for 2 years. The treasurer is 75 years old and not tech-savvy. The spouse of the treasurer recently passed.

Division Comments

Deny, the committee has a history of non-compliance.

Administrator's Decision

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On Tue, Feb 14, 2023 at 9:07 PM Gregory Holmes <hmgcomplete@yahoo.com> wrote:

Mr Demarinis,

I'm writing to request an appeal to my request to given a waiver.

Since I submitted my request my father died in November 28th. He is survived by my mother Sharon Holmes who the Treasurer for this Committee. February 8th 2023 we were finally able to lay to rest at the cemetery. As you can image this has been an extremely difficult time for my Mom.

Due to the hardships around Hospital bills and other liabilities that my Mom and family are now responsible for, we are unable to pay the outstanding fees and need to desperately close this account so we can focus on supporting my Mom financially. The continued noticing are negatively impacting my mom as she/we are now dealing with my dad's liabilities.

I hope you and your Team will reconsider the waiver as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your attention to helping us get this resolved as soon as possible.

Greg Holmes

Sent from my iPhone

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Garcia, Michelle Friends of	
CCF ID:	01014872	Status: Active
Date Established	7/11/22	
Date Waiver Requested	2-15-23	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Dalena Garcia	Start Date: 7/11/22
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Mary Cook	7/11/22
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
10/28/22		1/03/23	\$1000	\$1000
11/22/22		1/03/23	\$1000	\$1000
1/18/23		1/29/23	\$280	\$280
				Total: \$2280.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
8/30/22	\$1000	outstanding	yes

Recent Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

The treasurer states, they were told by the local election board the reports did not pertain to them. They now realize the error and all reports going forward will be on time.

Division Comments

Deny

Administrator's Decision

Friends of Michelle García
10503 Lime Tree Way
Beltsville, Maryland 20705
friendsofmichellegarcia@gmail.com

February 15, 2023

Sent Via Electronic Mail Only

Maryland State Board of Elections
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Sir or Madam,

It has come to our attention that the campaign account of “Friends of Michelle Garcia” has outstanding penalty fees. We believe there has been a terrible misunderstanding. Initially, when these notices were received, we contacted our county board of elections to confirm the next steps. Unfortunately, we were informed that these notices are automatically generated. And, because the campaign committee was associated with a person on the central committee and no money had been raised, we could disregard the letters. We have since learned of the error in this communication and completed all necessary documentation.

Please accept my apologies and our assurance that we understand the correct way forward.

We request that the assessed fee balance be reconsidered. I can assure you this will not happen again.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dalena García
Treasurer

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Memorandum

TO: State Board Members
FROM: Jared DeMarinis, Director
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
DATE: March 29, 2023
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.

Pursuant to COMAR 33.20.07.01C, the State Administrator has denied six late fee waiver request. No Board action is required on the denials.

Late fees collected year to date for Title 14 Late Fee Waivers are \$3080.00

Waiver List Title 14 3/29/23

Grant

1. Monumental Paving & Excavating, Inc.

Denied

1. Best Buddies International
2. Business Health Services
3. Columbia Care LLC
4. The Heating And Air Conditioning Contractors Assoc
5. MAFSC
6. Odyssey Investment Partners, LLC

Business Contribution Disclosure System

Waiver Request Information Page-Late Fees

General

Account Name	Monumental Paving & Excavating, Inc.
BID ID:	14001566
Date Established	01/01/15
Date Waiver Requested	2/03/23
Account Type	Title 14-Person Doing Public Business

Officers

Current Filer	George Mahoney	Start Date: 01/01/15
Principal Officer	George Mahoney	Start Date: 01/01/15

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
8/31/15,11/30/15	12/16/22	\$1000	\$1000
5/31/16, 11/30/16	12/16/22	\$1000	\$1000
5/31/17, 11/30/17	12/16/22	\$1000	\$1000
5/31/18, 11/30/18	12/16/22	\$1000	\$1000
5/31/19, 11/30/19	12/16/22	\$1500	\$1500
5/31/20, 11/30/20	12/16/22	\$2000	\$2000
6/01/21, 11/30/21	12/16/22	\$2000	\$2000
			Total: \$9,500.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
	\$		

Reason for Waiver

The business was unaware of the obligation to file a disclosure report. Since becoming aware the business has filed all reports due which has resulted in the \$9,500 fine.

Agency Comments

Reduce to \$4000.00

MONUMENTAL
PAVING & EXCAVATING INC.

1815 EDISON HIGHWAY • BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21213 • PHONE: 410-675-0555 • FAX: 410-327-6754

February 3, 2023

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

Sent via email to: jared.demarinis@maryland.gov

Reference: Fines Regarding Campaign Finance Disclosure for Businesses

Dear Mr. DeMarinis,

Monumental Paving & Excavating, Inc. (“Monumental”) recently received an aggregate \$10,500.00 violation fine related to a comprehensive disclosure of relevant, historical contributions that the company made this past Fall. The purpose of this letter is to provide further context to the disclosure with the hope that the Maryland State Board of Elections might consider a reduction in fines given Monumental’s good-faith intent and the spirit of the campaign finance laws.

Monumental is a general contractor that has performed construction projects for private owners and various Maryland municipalities since its inception in 1984. As engaged citizens, officers of Monumental have also made contributions to different political campaigns throughout the years. All contributions have always been properly disclosed on candidate committee reports; there has never been any intent to conceal contributions, deceive reporting authorities, or otherwise not fully comply with all campaign finance laws.

However, this past Fall, Monumental became aware of the additional and separate disclosure requirement by business entities that do public business with Maryland municipalities. Upon learning of the requirement, Monumental immediately sought to disclose those same, historical individual contributions to comply with the state’s Disclosure by Business Entities laws. As such, Monumental made a number of disclosures across a variety of historical periods at one time, which is the reason for the large fine balance of \$10,500.00.

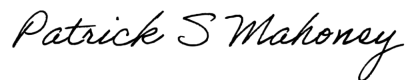
Monumental is immensely regretful and apologetic of its oversight of the state’s Campaign Finance requirements for business entities, as its objective has always been full compliance with all Maryland, federal, and local laws. Monumental is a firm of high integrity that takes immense pride in its reputation and does not wish for any appearance of impropriety. As such, upon learning of its misstep,

Monumental promptly and comprehensively self-reported. Monumental has also taken steps to implement internal controls such that it is always compliant and timely with its future disclosures.

Monumental understood that it might incur some penalty, but the totality of the fines felt excessively punitive on a small, local business that is trying to act in good faith with the spirit of the law. Monumental sincerely hopes that some leniency can be shown, and would be deeply appreciative of any waiver or similar relief that the Board might consider, given the context around its disclosure.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any clarifying questions or concerns. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Most sincerely and respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick S Mahoney".

Patrick S. Mahoney
Director, Monumental Paving & Excavating, Inc.

Business Contribution Disclosure System

Waiver Request Information Page-Late Fees

General

Account Name	Best Buddies International, Inc.
BID ID:	14000339
Date Established	4/27/15
Date Waiver Requested	2/15/23
Account Type	Title 14-Person Doing Public Business

Officers

Current Filer	Lori Penaloz	Start Date: 1/05/23
Principal Officer	Lori Penaloz	Start Date: 1/05/23

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/30/22	1/05/23	\$1000	\$1000
		\$	\$
			Total: \$1000.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
5/31/22	\$20	paid	N/A
6/01/21	\$40	paid	N/A
11/30/20	\$140	paid	N/A

Reason for Waiver

The filer states the business was late with the filing due to staffing changes and vacancies.

Agency Comments

Deny

Late Fee Waiver Request Form

- 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, candidate, filer, and principal officer***

The respondent's email (lorijohnsonedwards@bestbuddies.org) was recorded on submission of this form.

Campaign Account Name/Business Entity: *

Best Buddies International, Inc.

CCF ID NUMBER / BCDS ID NUMBER: *

Your CCF ID and BCDS ID can be looked up

at <https://campaignfinance.maryland.gov/Public/ViewCommittees> or <https://businessdisclosure-elections.maryland.gov/Public/ViewBusiness>

14000339

Name of the Requestor(s) *

Lori Penaloza

OFFICER POSITION *

- Chairman
- Treasurer
- Candidate
- Filer
- Principal Officer

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s) or Business Contribution Disclosure Statement (s): *

Check the Campaign Finance Report(s) that apply.

- Annual Report
- Pre-Primary Report 1
- Pre-Primary Report 2
- Pre-General Report 1
- Ballot Issue Report
- Pre-General Report 2
- Post-General Report
- Spring Business Contribution Statement
- Fall Business Contribution Statement
- Other:

Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *

1000

The basis for the request

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The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).

Requesting waiver of late fee due to staffing vacancy/staffing changes during the period of time the Fall 2022 report was due, which affected the report being submitted in a timely manner.

Print Name and Date:

*

By printing your name below, you certify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge and under the penalties of perjury.

Lori Penalosa

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Business Contribution Disclosure System

Waiver Request Information Page-Late Fees

General

Account Name	Business Health Services
BID ID:	14000036
Date Established	1/28/15
Date Waiver Requested	
Account Type	Title 14-Person Doing Public Business

Officers

Current Filer	Gunjan Patel	Start Date: 3/12/21
Principal Officer	Dawn Motovidlak	Start Date: 1/28/15

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/30/22	1/04/23	\$1000	\$1000
		\$	\$
			Total: \$1000.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
11/30/20	\$1000	paid	yes
11/30/19	\$140	paid	N/A
11/30/16	\$130	paid	N/A

Reason for Waiver

The filer states they started as the account specialist in July, the former account specialist was out on maternity leave.

Agency Comments

Deny

Late Fee Waiver Request Form

- 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, candidate, filer, and principal officer***

Email *

gpatel@bhsonline.com

Campaign Account Name/Business Entity: *

BUSINESS HEALTH SERVICES

CCF ID NUMBER / BCDS ID NUMBER: *

Your CCF ID and BCDS ID can be looked up

at <https://campaignfinance.maryland.gov/Public/ViewCommittees> or <https://businessdisclosure-elections.maryland.gov/Public/ViewBusiness>

14000036

Name of the Requestor(s) *

Gunjan Patel

OFFICER POSTITION *

- Chairman
- Treasurer
- Candidate
- Filer
- Principal Officer

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s) or Business Contribution Disclosure Statement (s): *

Check the Campaign Finance Report(s) that apply.

- Annual Report
- Pre-Primary Report 1
- Pre-Primary Report 2
- Pre-General Report 1
- Ballot Issue Report
- Pre-General Report 2
- Post-General Report
- Spring Business Contribution Statement
- Fall Business Contribution Statement
- Other:

Total Amount of late fee(s) \$ *

1000

The basis for the request *

The request must provide just cause for the waiver of the late fee(s).

Hello,

I am writing today in hopes that we can have our late fee waived for our contribution disclosure report. I started as the Director of Accounting of BHS in July and the Accounting specialist that handled this was out on Maternity leave therefore we unfortunately missed the deadline in the midst of the transition.

We would appreciate this late fee being waived, we will ensure that it is completed on time going forward.

Print Name and Date: *

By printing your name below, you certify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge and under the penalties of perjury.

Gunjan Patel

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Business Contribution Disclosure System

Waiver Request Information Page-Late Fees

General

Account Name	Columbia Care LLC
BID ID:	14001607
Date Established	5/02//22
Date Waiver Requested	
Account Type	Title 14-Person Doing Public Business

Officers

Current Filer	Adam Goers	Start Date: 5/02/22
Principal Officer	Nicholas Vita	Start Date: 5/02/22

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/30/22	12/01/22	\$20	\$20
		\$	\$
			Total: \$20.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

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

Reason for Waiver

The business thought they could register (11/30/22) and file on the same day, Business did not receive information for login until the next day 12/01/22.

Agency Comments

Deny

From: Judith Preston

Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 8:37 AM

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

Subject: Waiver Request

Jared,

I'm writing to request a waiver of any late fees that may apply to our filing of the MD Contribution Disclosure Statement one day late on December 1, 2022. I registered Columbia Care LLC on November 30, 2022 thinking we could file that same day, but we didn't receive our log-in credentials until December 1, 2022.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Best regards,

Judy Preston

Director, Corporate Compliance | Columbia Care | Judy.Preston@columbia.care | (978) 384-1210

Business Contribution Disclosure System

Waiver Request Information Page-Late Fees

General

Account Name	The Heating And Air Conditioning Contractors Assoc
BID ID:	14001871
Date Established	8/01/20
Date Waiver Requested	12/07/22
Account Type	Title 14-Person Doing Public Business

Officers

Current Filer	Stephine Anderson	Start Date: 10/01/22
Principal Officer	Stephine Anderson	Start Date: 10/01/22

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/30/22	12/07/22	\$140	\$140
		\$	\$
			Total: \$140.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

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

Reason for Waiver

The business states they submitted an affidavit for the disclosure report the week of Thanksgiving, they were confused about what else to submit.

Agency Comments

Deny

Business Contribution Disclosure System

Waiver Request Information Page-Late Fees

General

Account Name	MAFSC
BID ID:	14001228
Date Established	7/24/21
Date Waiver Requested	2/22/22
Account Type	Title 14-Person Doing Public Business

Officers

Current Filer	Steven Brownstein	Start Date: 7/24/21
Principal Officer	Steven Brownstein	Start Date: 7/24/21

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/30/22	1/11/23	\$1000	\$1000
		\$	\$
			Total: \$1000.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

Report	Late Fee	Waiver/payment	Referred OSP
5/31/22 Spring	\$1000	outstanding	Yes

Reason for Waiver

The filer states the business is in the process of dissolution for the past year, no one has been monitoring email or mail. The business was unaware a report was due.

Agency Comments

Deny



Fwd: late fee bill- waiver request

1 message

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

Wed, Feb 22, 2023 at 1:30 PM

To: Jessica Perkins -SBE- <jessica.perkins@maryland.gov>, Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

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

From: **Steve Brownstein** <steve@southwestliquorstore.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 22, 2023 at 12:46 PM

Subject: late fee bill- waiver request

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

Dear SBE:

On behalf of the MAFSC, I request waiver of late fee bill. MAFSC has been in the process of dissolution for the past year. No one has been monitoring the email or USPS mail. Therefore, I was unaware of the filing requirement or deadline.

Thank you,

Steven Brownstein

Principal Officer


MASFC

2806 Baneberry Court

Baltimore, MD 21209

410-646-2886

steve@southwestliquorstore.com

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Business Contribution Disclosure System

Waiver Request Information Page-Late Fees

General

Account Name	Odyssey Investment Partners, LLC
BID ID:	14001277
Date Established	2/14/22
Date Waiver Requested	2/15/23
Account Type	Title 14-Person Doing Public Business

Officers

Current Filer	Vivian Hadis	Start Date: 2/14/22
Principal Officer	Vivian Hadis	Start Date: 2/14/22

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
11/30/22	N/A	\$1000	\$1000
		\$	\$
			Total: \$1000.00

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

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

Reason for Waiver

The business was informed by MCERS of the obligation to file disclosure reports, they missed the 11/30/22 filing which has resulted in a penalty. Going forward they have taken steps to assure a timely filing.

Agency Comments

Deny

ODYSSEY CAPITAL PARTNERS IV, LLC
ODYSSEY CAPITAL PARTNERS V, LLC
590 Madison Avenue
39th Floor
New York, New York 10022

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

February 15, 2023

Ladies and Gentleman of the Board:

On behalf of Odyssey Investment Partners Fund IV, LP (“OIP IV”) and Odyssey Investment Partners Fund V, LP (“OIP V” and together with OIP IV, the “Funds”), Odyssey Capital Partners IV, LLC and Odyssey Capital Partners V, LLC (together, the “General Partners” or “we”), acting as the general partners of OIP IV and OIP V respectively, would like to formally request a fee reduction for failure to comply with the 2017 Maryland Code on Election Law (the “Code”), Title 14, Section 14-104.

OIP IV initially entered into an investment contract with the Montgomery County Employees’ Retirement System (“MCERS”) on February 4, 2009, in excess of \$200,000. On December 20, 2013, OIP V entered into an investment contract with MCERS in excess of \$200,000.

At the time the contracts were entered into by the Funds, MCERS notified the Funds that they were exempt from making any filings pursuant to the Code. At no time from the initial contract until the date hereof did the Funds or any affiliate make political contributions in the State of Maryland to any state officeholder covered by Title 14 of the Code.

MCERS recently notified the Funds that, due to a change in the law, the Funds were now subject to regular reporting obligations under the Code. As soon as MCERS provided the notice, we initiated an inquiry to confirm whether the Funds have any reporting obligations. After discussions with a representative from the Maryland State Board of Elections, it came to our attention that a 2016 update to the Code caused the contracts with MCERS alone, and without being coupled with political contributions by the General Partners or their affiliates, to give rise to filing requirements with the State of Maryland. Accordingly, the Funds will initiate the process of completing the requisite filings.

Given that the Funds have not been in compliance with the mandated reporting requirements since the 2016 Code revisions, and failure to submit the semi-annual filings gives rise to a monetary penalty, we would like to submit a request to have the fee burden owed by the Funds reduced. We understand the State of Maryland’s interest in having transparency regarding private entities entering in contracts with public officials. The Funds intend to submit all

necessary filings moving forward. Additionally, we would like to note that we have been proactive in rectifying any past failures of the Funds to meet their reporting requirements and ascertaining the Funds' future obligations to the State of Maryland. Accordingly, we would ask that the Maryland State Board of Elections consider reducing the fees owed by the Funds as a result of any previous non-compliance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be the initials 'DM' followed by a horizontal line.

Odyssey Capital Partners IV, LLC
Odyssey Capital Partners V, LLC