




BROWARD OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Rex Hardin, Mayor, City of Pompano Beach
and Members, City of Pompano Beach City Commission

From: John W. Scott, Inspector General 

Date: October 23, 2019

Subject: **OIG Final Report Re: Campaign Finance Misconduct by City of Pompano Beach Mayor Rex Hardin During His November 2018 Election Campaigns for Mayor and Commissioner, Ref. OIG 18-010-M**

Attached please find the final report of the Broward Office of the Inspector General (OIG) regarding the above-captioned matter.

The OIG determined that City of Pompano Beach Mayor Rex Hardin engaged in campaign finance misconduct during his November 2018 campaign for commissioner, from which he ultimately withdrew, and his campaign for mayor in the same election cycle.

After withdrawing from the commissioner's race in May 2018, Mayor Hardin improperly disposed of the contributions donated to that campaign by transferring them to his mayoral campaign account, an option that was not legally available to him. Furthermore, he did not report any commissioner campaign activity or termination after April 2018 until he filed the termination report for his commissioner campaign in November 2018, three months after his final reporting deadline.

The OIG further determined that, for the mayoral campaign, Mayor Hardin used the services of his own company, Cypress Printing Center, Inc., of which he was the sole employee. Cypress Printing invoiced the campaign an aggregate of \$17,751.45, of which the campaign paid only \$12,149.85. Mayor Hardin improperly claimed the \$5,601.60 difference as in-kind contributions from himself despite the fact that he, personally, did not provide the campaign with anything of value, other than his services, to influence the results of the election. By law, any volunteered services from the candidate could not constitute an in-kind contribution. If they were in-kind contributions, they came from Cypress Printing and exceeded the \$1,000 maximum contribution allowed by law.

The OIG also determined that Mayor Hardin originally reported eleven of his "in-kind contributions" as loans when he did not, in fact, make such loans.

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In addition, we found that, in February 2019, Mayor Hardin falsely reported in the mayoral campaign's termination report that he had transferred \$5,737.70 in surplus campaign funds to his office account; however, he did not make that transfer for another six months, which was six months past the disposal and reporting deadline. We identified other campaign finance violations, including numerous errors that Mayor Hardin addressed in amended reports he filed on the eve of his interview with our office.

In light of our findings, and in accordance with our charter mandate, we are referring this matter to the Florida Election Commission (FEC) and to the Broward State Attorney's Office for whatever action those agencies deem appropriate.

Attachment

cc: Hon. Mark D. Bogen, Mayor, Broward County Board of County Commissioners
Hon. Lamar P. Fisher, Commissioner, Broward County Board of County Commissioners
Greg Harrison, City Manager, City of Pompano Beach
Mark Berman, City Attorney, City of Pompano Beach

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FINAL REPORT

OIG 18-010-M
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*Campaign Finance Misconduct by City of Pompano Beach Mayor Rex
Hardin During His November 2018 Election Campaigns
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SUMMARY

The Broward Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has concluded its investigation into several allegations against City of Pompano Beach Mayor Rex Hardin,¹ including that he failed to report certain expenditures of his mayoral campaign for the November 2018 election. The investigation substantiated that he engaged in campaign finance misconduct in that campaign as well as in his campaign to be re-elected commissioner during the same election cycle.

In October 2017, Mayor Hardin commenced his mayoral campaign for the November 2018 election. Between April 2018 and May 2018, he concurrently campaigned to keep his commission seat, which was not improper under Florida law. We determined that, after withdrawing from the commissioner's race in May 2018, Mayor Hardin did improperly dispose of the contributions donated to that campaign by transferring them in July 2018 to his mayoral campaign account, an option that was not legally available to him. Furthermore, he did not report any commissioner campaign activity or termination after April 2018 until he filed the termination report for his commissioner campaign in November 2018, three months after his final reporting deadline.

During the mayoral campaign, Mayor Hardin used the services of his own company, Cypress Printing Center, Inc., of which he was the sole employee. Cypress Printing invoiced the campaign an aggregate of \$17,751.45, of which the campaign paid only \$12,149.85. The difference was \$5,601.60, which the candidate improperly claimed as thirteen in-kind contributions from himself. He reported these in-kind contributions. If they were in-kind contributions, they came from Cypress Printing and exceeded the \$1,000 maximum contribution allowed by law. Moreover, any volunteered services from the candidate could not constitute an in-kind contribution. Thus, these reported contributions either amounted to an excessive contribution or the candidate willfully certified the CTRs that reported them as true and correct when they were not.

The OIG also determined that Mayor Hardin originally reported as loans eleven of his "in-kind contributions," when he did not, in fact, make such loans.

In addition, we found that, in February 2019, Mayor Hardin falsely reported in the mayoral campaign's termination report that he transferred \$5,737.70 in surplus mayoral campaign funds to

¹ We refer to him as Mayor Hardin or the candidate throughout this report, although he was serving as a city commissioner and not yet as mayor during most of the times of the conduct we recount here.

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his office account.² We determined that, instead, a check to his office account for the actual balance (\$5,803.12) did not clear until six months later, which was six months past the disposal and reporting deadline.

We identified other violations of campaign finance law in the form of various errors in both campaigns' finance reports, including the failure to properly report contributions and expenditures. On the eve of his interview with our office, Mayor Hardin filed amended reports for the majority of these errors in addition to an amended termination report for the mayoral race.

This was the second time in three years that the OIG concluded that Mayor Hardin violated campaign finance law.³ The first time involved his 2014 commissioner re-election campaign, which resulted in a Florida Elections Commission fine. In accordance with our charter mandate, once again, we are referring this matter to the FEC and the Broward State Attorney's Office for whatever action those agencies deem appropriate.

OIG CHARTER AUTHORITY

Section 10.01 of the Charter of Broward County empowers the Broward Office of the Inspector General to investigate misconduct and gross mismanagement within the Charter Government of Broward County and all of its municipalities. This authority extends to all elected and appointed officials, employees, and providers of goods and services to the county and the municipalities. On his own initiative, or based on a signed complaint, the Inspector General may commence an investigation upon a finding of good cause. As part of any investigation, the Inspector General shall have the power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of documents and records, and audit any program, contract, and the operations of any division of the county, its municipalities and any providers. The Broward Office of the Inspector General is also empowered to issue reports, including recommendations, and to require officials to provide reports regarding the implementation of those recommendations.

RELEVANT GOVERNING AUTHORITIES AND BACKGROUND

Campaign Treasurer's Reports

The Florida Division of Elections has promulgated four types of Campaign Treasurer's Report (CTR) Summaries: Monthly Reports, Primary Reports, General Election Reports, and Termination Reports. Each type of CTR is filed in a different phase of an election campaign (pre-qualifying, between the qualifying deadline and the primary date, after the primary date up to the general election date, and after the candidate is no longer a candidate). Each report within those types has

² According to Florida state law, an office account is a bank account that a successful candidate for office may, with certain limitations, set up with surplus campaign funds and use during his term to fund expenses related to holding office. Florida Statutes Section (F.S. §) 106.141.

³ See [OIG Final Report Re: Campaign Finance Misconduct by City of Pompano Beach Commissioner Rex Hardin and Others, Ref. OIG 15-007](#), issued on September 28, 2016. Based on our referral, Mayor Hardin subsequently entered into a [consent agreement with the Florida Elections Commission](#) (FEC) and paid a \$1,300 fine.

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a different filing deadline and covers a specific time period as set forth in the instructions for CTRs and published by the city clerk, the statutory filing official.

Florida Campaign Financing Statutes

Florida Statutes, Chapter 106, governs municipal campaign financing including, among other matters, the appointment and duties of the campaign treasurer, CTR reporting requirements, use of campaign funds, and contribution limits.

Relevant sections of Chapters 106 in effect in 2018 are as follows:

Section 106.011, Florida Statutes – Definitions: . . .

(5) “Contribution” means:

(a) A gift, subscription, conveyance, deposit, loan, payment, or distribution of money or anything of value, including contributions in kind having an attributable monetary value in any form, made for the purpose of influencing the results of an election or making an electioneering communication. . . .

(c) The payment, by a person other than a candidate or political committee, of compensation for the personal services of another person which are rendered to a candidate or political committee without charge to the candidate or committee for such services. . . .

Notwithstanding the foregoing meanings of “contribution,” the term may not be construed to include services, including, but not limited to, legal and accounting services, provided without compensation by individuals volunteering a portion or all of their time on behalf of a candidate or political committee or editorial endorsements. . . .

(14) “Person” means an individual or a corporation, association, firm, partnership, joint venture, joint stock company, club, organization, estate, trust, business trust, syndicate, or other combination of individuals having collective capacity. The term includes a political party, affiliated party committee, or political committee. . . .

Section 106.021, Florida Statutes - Campaign treasurers; deputies; primary and secondary depositories:

Among other instructions, the section explains that a candidate may change the designation of office for which he or she intends to qualify for by filing a new Form DS-DE 9 and a written statement indicating the change with the filing officer. However, upon doing so, the candidate must notify each contributor in writing and offer to return his or her contribution through a specified procedure. If, after the candidate has complied with the procedure, the contributor is non-responsive, the candidate may use the contribution for the newly designated office up to the maximum of the contribution limits allowed by law.

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Section 106.07, Florida Statutes - Reports; certification and filing:

The treasurer must file regular reports of all contributions received and all expenditures made. The contributor's name, address, occupation if over \$100, and amount must be listed. The report must also include a statement of each receipt not otherwise listed; each payee's name and address, amount, date, and purpose of each expenditure; and each reimbursement payee's name and address, amount, date, and purpose. The treasurer must keep a receipt. The candidate and treasurer must certify to each report's correctness. Each person so certifying bears responsibility for the accuracy and veracity of the report.

In any reporting period during which a candidate has not received funds, made any contributions, or expended any reportable funds, the filing of the required report for that period is waived. In instances where the candidate's duty to file the report is waived, the next report filed must specify that the report covers the entire period between the last submitted report and the report being filed. The candidate must notify the filing officer in writing on the prescribed reporting date that no report is being filed on that date.

It is a first-degree misdemeanor to willfully certify to correctness of a CTR knowing it is incorrect.

Section 106.08, Florida Statutes – Contributions; limitations on:

(1)(a) Except for political parties or affiliated party committees, no person or political committee may, in any election, make contributions in excess of the following amounts: . . .
2. To a candidate for retention as a judge of a district court of appeal; a candidate for legislative office; a candidate for multicounty office; a candidate for countywide office or in any election conducted on less than a countywide basis; or a candidate for county court judge or circuit judge, \$1,000.

(b) The contribution limits provided in this subsection do not apply . . . to amounts contributed by a candidate to his or her own campaign. . . .

(3)(a) Any contribution received by a candidate with opposition in an election or by the campaign treasurer or a deputy campaign treasurer of such a candidate on the day of that election or less than 5 days before the day of that election must be returned by him or her to the person or committee contributing it and may not be used or expended by or on behalf of the candidate.

(b) Any contribution received by a candidate or by the campaign treasurer or a deputy campaign treasurer of a candidate after the date at which the candidate withdraws his or her candidacy, or after the date the candidate is defeated, becomes unopposed, or is elected to office must be returned to the person or committee contributing it and may not be used or expended by or on behalf of the candidate. . . .

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(7) (b) Any person who knowingly and willfully makes or accepts two or more contributions in violation of subsection (1) or subsection (5) commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. [775.082](#), s. [775.083](#), or s. [775.084](#). If any corporation, partnership, or other business entity or any political party, affiliated party committee, political committee, or electioneering communications organization is convicted of knowingly and willfully violating any provision punishable under this paragraph, it shall be fined not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$50,000. If it is a domestic entity, it may be ordered dissolved by a court of competent jurisdiction; if it is a foreign or nonresident business entity, its right to do business in this state may be forfeited. Any officer, partner, agent, attorney, or other representative of a corporation, partnership, or other business entity, or of a political committee, political party, affiliated party committee, or electioneering communications organization, or organization exempt from taxation under s. 527 or s. 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, who aids, abets, advises, or participates in a violation of any provision punishable under this paragraph commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. [775.082](#), s. [775.083](#), or s. [775.084](#).

(8) Except when otherwise provided in subsection (7), any person who knowingly and willfully violates any provision of this section shall, in addition to any other penalty prescribed by this chapter, pay to the state a sum equal to twice the amount contributed in violation of this chapter. Each campaign treasurer shall pay all amounts contributed in violation of this section to the state for deposit in the General Revenue Fund. . . .

Section 106.11, Florida Statutes - Expenses of and expenditures by candidates and political committees:

A treasurer must make expenditures from funds on deposit and only by bank checks or debit cards. Checks must include the signature of the treasurer, exact purpose for expenditure, and payee. The check signer is responsible for completeness, accuracy, and ensuring it is authorized.

A candidate who withdraws his candidacy, becomes unopposed, is eliminated, or is elected may spend funds to purchase “thank you” advertising within 75 days, to pay for previously obligated items, to close the campaign and prepare final reports, and to dispose of surplus funds as provided in F.S. § 106.141.

A candidate who makes and reports a loan to the campaign may reimburse himself for the loan at any time the account has sufficient funds and satisfy its outstanding obligations.

Section 106.141, Florida Statutes - Disposition of surplus funds by candidates:

A candidate who withdraws his candidacy, becomes unopposed, is eliminated, or is elected must dispose of surplus funds and file a final report within 90 days. Prior to disposing surplus funds, he may reimburse himself for any loan he made to the campaign account.

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If a candidate receives a refund check after all surplus funds are disposed, he must file an amended report showing the refund and its method of disposition.

The disposition of surplus funds must be done in one or more of the following ways:

- Returned to each contributor on a pro rata basis;
- Donated to an IRS-designated 501(c)(3) organization;
- Up to \$25,000 may be given to the affiliated party committee or political party to which the candidate belongs; or
- If the candidate is for municipal office, to the municipality for deposit in its general fund.

A successful municipal candidate may also transfer up to \$5,000 multiplied by the number of years in the term of office to an “office account.”

Office accounts must be separate from any personal or other account. They may only be used for legitimate expenses related to holding office, including:

- travel expenses incurred by the officer or a staff member;
- personal taxes payable on the office account;
- CPA or attorney fees for preparing the official’s financial disclosure form;
- certain holiday card or newsletter costs;
- fees or dues to a religious, civic, or charitable organization to which the official belongs;
- items of modest value such as flowers and greeting cards for a constituent special event;
- personal expenses incurred by attending certain meetings; and
- costs of operating the official’s office including employment of additional staff.

Office account reports must be made each calendar quarter until the account is closed. Such reports must reflect the payee’s name and address, amount, and payment purpose, and the official must certify them as true and correct and file them with the qualifying officer.

A candidate required to dispose of surplus funds per this section must do so and report the disposition within 90 days of withdrawal, elimination, or election, including:

- The name and address of each person to whom funds were distributed and amounts;
- The name and address of each person to whom an expenditure was made, amounts, and purposes; and
- The amount transferred to an office account and the name and address of the financial institution holding the account.

The candidate and treasurer must sign and certify such a report as true and correct.

Any successful candidate who transfers surplus campaign funds to an office account must file a report on the tenth day following the end of each calendar quarter until the account is closed. The information must include the name and address of each person to whom any disbursement was made, the amounts, and the purposes, and the name and address of

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any person from whom the candidate received any refund or reimbursement and the amount. The candidate must sign and certify as true and correct any such report, made on a form prescribed by the Florida Division of Elections.

The failure to properly dispose of surplus campaign funds is a first-degree misdemeanor.

Section 106.19, Florida Statutes - Violations by candidates, persons connected with campaigns, and political committees:

It is a first degree misdemeanor to accept an excessive contribution, fail to report any contribution required to be reported, falsely report or deliberately fail to include required information, or make or authorize any prohibited expenditure.

INDIVIDUAL AND ENTITY COVERED IN THIS REPORT

Rex Hardin

Rex Hardin first became a City of Pompano Beach commissioner in 1998 and served a two-year term. He was elected again as a commissioner in 2007 and re-elected to that office until November 2018, when he was elected mayor. While he used a campaign treasurer during two of his earlier campaigns, he acted as his own treasurer for the remaining campaigns, including the campaigns at issue in this report and the campaign at issue in our prior report of Mayor Hardin's campaign finance misconduct.⁴

He has owned and managed Cypress Printing Center, Inc., since 1984. He has been its sole employee during all times relevant to this report.

Cypress Printing Center, Inc.

According to the Florida Secretary of State Division of Corporations, Cypress Printing Center, Inc., is a Florida for profit corporation that was originally incorporated in 1984. Rex Hardin has been the registered agent and a director of the corporation since its inception. Its principal place of business is in Pompano Beach.

INVESTIGATION

Investigation Overview

This investigation was predicated on an allegation that Mayor Hardin failed to report campaign expenditures during his mayoral campaign for the November 2018 election.⁵ Our investigation

⁴ See Footnote 3.

⁵ Specifically, the tipster alleged that the campaign failed to report the purchase of internet website domain names to make them unavailable to another candidate in the mayoral race. We also came to learn that a similar complaint was filed with the FEC, which ultimately determined there was no probable cause to believe that the candidate violated campaign finance laws by failing to report the purchase of domain names that a rival candidate could have used. In the meantime, we uncovered the violations reported here.

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substantiated that the official engaged in campaign finance misconduct by failing to properly dispose of the surplus funds in both his commissioner re-election and mayoral election campaigns, by accepting excessive contributions or improperly reporting in-kind contributions from himself or both, and by willfully certifying as true reports that he knew were incorrect. We also found errors, including the failure to report campaign contributions and expenditures, in the CTRs that he filed for the campaigns.

During the investigation, the OIG analyzed documents including the mayor's November 2018 pre-qualifying and qualifying documents, CTRs, and amended CTRs filed for his campaign to be elected mayor and for his campaign to be re-elected commissioner. The OIG also reviewed the campaign treasury records, bank records, and office account records. Finally, we interviewed Mayor Hardin, who served as his own treasurer in both campaigns.

Hardin's Two November 2018 Campaigns

On October 9, 2017, Mayor Hardin filed prequalifying documents, including a Form DS-DE 9 Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates, for election to the office of Pompano Beach city mayor in the November 6, 2018, election. (Composite Exhibit 1) He appointed himself as the campaign treasurer and ultimately designated Bank of America as his mayoral campaign's depository. Prequalifying documents included a Florida Secretary of State Division of Elections Statement of Candidate form confirming that he was provided access to, read, and understood the requirements of Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. On October 17, 2017, he opened a campaign account with Bank of America titled, "Rex Hardin," which he used for his mayoral campaign contributions and expenditures. He filed his qualifying documents on June 18, 2018, during the qualifying period of June 18 to June 22, 2018.

On April 16, 2018, without withdrawing his candidacy for mayor, Mayor Hardin filed prequalifying documents, including a new DS-DE 9, for re-election to the office of Pompano Beach city commissioner for district 3 in the same election cycle. (Composite Exhibit 2) Florida law prohibits a candidate from qualifying for more than one office;⁶ however, it does not prohibit electioneering for two or more offices at one time, prior to qualifying deadlines.

Mayor Hardin appointed himself as the campaign treasurer and designated Bank of America as the campaign depository. On April 17, 2018, he opened a second campaign account with Bank of America titled, "Rex Hardin Campaign Election Committee - Campaign Account." He used this particular account for his commissioner campaign contributions and expenditures.

He formally withdrew from the campaign for commissioner on May 21, 2018, prior to the qualifying period. (Exhibit 3) The commissioner campaign account remained active until July 31, 2018, when the candidate withdrew the balance of the account through a \$2,893 check payable to the mayoral campaign and deposited it into the mayoral campaign account.

He was the successful candidate in the November 2018 election and became the city mayor.

⁶ This is part of Florida's so-called "resign-to-run law." F.S. § 99.012(2).

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Hardin Engaged in Misconduct by Improperly Transferring the Balance of his Commissioner Campaign Account to the Mayoral Campaign Account

During our investigation, we determined that Mayor Hardin engaged in misconduct by failing to properly dispose of the surplus funds in his commissioner campaign account when he withdrew from the commissioner race in May 2018.

Section 106.021(1)(a), Florida Statutes, and the Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook direct how a candidate can properly change the office for which he is running. Specifically, the candidate must file a “new Form DS-DE 9 and a written statement indicating the change with the filing officer.”⁷ Indeed, Form DS-DE 9 includes a section in which the filer is to select whether he or she is filing the form for the first time or is refiling the form for the purpose of changing the designation of the office.

As explained above, in October 2017, Mayor Hardin filed his papers to run for mayor. During his interview with the OIG, he explained that it was always his intention to run for mayor once the seat became available. However, he did not want to risk missing the deadline for running for re-election as commissioner if the incumbent mayor did not resign.⁸ Thus, on April 16, 2018, Mayor Hardin filed a new form DS-DE 9 indicating that the form was an initial filing to run for city commissioner.

Notably, he did not seek to change the designation of the office for which he already filed, that is, he did not change the office for which he was running. Instead, Mayor Hardin campaigned for both the mayoral seat and the commissioner seat simultaneously until May 21, 2018, when he formally withdrew from the campaign for commissioner. Although it was not unlawful to campaign for two seats simultaneously prior to qualifying, by withdrawing from the commissioner campaign, Sections 106.11(5) and 106.141, Florida Statutes, limited how Mayor Hardin could spend or dispose of the funds in his commission campaign account.

Upon withdrawal, he could have spent the contributed funds to purchase “thank you” advertising within 75 days, paid for previously obligated items, paid for items necessary to close the campaign office and prepare final campaign reports, and disposed of surplus funds and reported the same within 90 days.

He could have disposed of surplus funds by any combination of the following:

- By reimbursing himself for any loans he may have made to the campaign,
- By returning a prorated share to each contributor,
- By donating the funds to a qualifying charitable organization,
- By giving up to \$25,000 of the funds to the political party to which he belonged, and
- By depositing the funds into the city’s general fund.

But Mayor Hardin chose none of the approved disposition methods.

⁷ Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook (Rev. 2018), Florida Secretary of State Division of Elections, at p. 7.

⁸ At the time, the incumbent mayor was considering a run in the county commission.

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Instead, upon withdrawing from the commissioner race, Mayor Hardin offered his donors a return of their prorated contribution, and when all but one declined, he wrote a check dated July 31, 2018, for the surplus of \$2,893 and deposited it into his mayoral campaign account. The check's memo read, "Transfer to mayor acct." (Exhibit 4) He reported this as a July 31, 2018, expenditure on his commissioner campaign TR CTR, which he filed on November 28, 2018. (Exhibit 5) He listed the contributors of those funds on the original M7 CTR in the mayoral account, dating each of the contributions July 31, 2019. (Exhibit 6)

Had he, in April 2018, filed a DS-DE 9 form changing the designation from mayor to commissioner instead of starting a second campaign and engaging in two campaigns and holding open two campaign accounts at the same time, Section 106.021, Florida Statutes, would have controlled the disposition of his mayoral and then commission campaign funds. Under that section, the law would have allowed the candidate to (1) offer to return contributions to the mayoral campaign on a pro rata basis and transfer remaining surplus funds into his commissioner campaign account and then (2) when switching back to run for mayor, he could have offered to return contributions to the commissioner campaign and transferred the remaining surplus funds back to the mayoral campaign account.

But his choice to run two campaigns simultaneously precluded his ability to transfer contributions from one account to another.

Mayor Hardin told the OIG that he believed the transfer of funds from his commission campaign to his mayoral campaign complied with the statutes. He claimed that his attorney, whom he named, advised him that he was permitted to transfer funds from one campaign to another in the same jurisdiction, as both seats were considered commission seats. He also said that, after withdrawing from the commissioner campaign, he sought advice about how to accomplish transferring the contributions from the commission campaign to the mayoral campaign, but he said he could not remember who advised him how to do that.

Mayor Hardin declined to waive his attorney-client communication privilege so that we could interview his attorney and corroborate his account, but he did offer and then transmitted an email thread between him and his attorney regarding the purported advice.⁹ Nonetheless, this email did not support Mayor Hardin's account. In fact, it strengthened our finding that he knowingly violated the law.

Six weeks after he filed his prequalifying papers in the second (commissioner) campaign and eleven days after he withdrew from that race, Mayor Hardin, in a June 1, 2018, email, titled, "Quick Question," asked his attorney:

What is the Statute that deals with campaign contributions if you *change the office you are running for*? Or is it gone? It used to be that if you had received campaign contributions to run for office but then *changed your mind to run for a different office* you could send a letter to your contributors asking if they wanted their pro

⁹ This act of disclosure of privileged information to a third party constitutes a waiver of the privilege. F.S. § 90.507; *St. Paul Fire and Marine Ins. Co. v. Welsh*, 501 So. 2d 54 (Fla. 4th DCA 1987).

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rata contribution back or would they like to roll it over to the new office that you are seeking. I have reviewed the current statutes but don't find the provision that deals with this. Can you direct me to the correct area of the Florida Statutes, if it exists?

(emphasis added) (Exhibit 7)

In reply, the attorney cited and provided F.S. § 106.021, a proper response given the fact that the candidate had asked him about the disposition of surplus campaign funds after *changing the office* for which he was running as opposed to simultaneously running for two different offices and *withdrawing* his candidacy in one of them. (Exhibit 7) The candidate's failure to properly dispose of the surplus funds in his commissioner campaign account amounted to a violation of F.S. § 106.141(11), a first degree misdemeanor.

Hardin Engaged in Misconduct by Failing to Properly and Timely Dispose of the Surplus Funds in his Mayoral Campaign Account

We also determined that Mayor Hardin engaged in misconduct by failing to dispose of the surplus funds in his mayoral campaign account properly and timely. According to state law, the newly elected mayor had 90 days following the November 6, 2018, election to dispose of surplus funds in his campaign account, that is, on or by February 4, 2019.

According to the original termination (TR) CTR that he filed for his mayoral campaign account on February 7, 2019, he had transferred the campaign's surplus funds, \$5,737.70, into his office account. (Exhibit 8) But we determined that Mayor Hardin had not disposed of the surplus funds on or by February 7, 2019, the date of his TR CTR. According to the records of the bank holding the mayoral campaign treasury account, \$5,803.12 remained in the campaign account until August 8, 2019, nine months after the election and six months after the surplus funds disposal deadline. (Exhibit 9)

In fact, on July 16, 2019, the day before he was scheduled to give an interview to the OIG, Mayor Hardin filed an amended TR CTR, this time indicating that he had transferred a surplus amount of \$5,803.12 into his office account. (Exhibit 10) At his interview the next day, July 17, 2019, he informed us that, on the day before, he wrote two checks from his mayoral campaign account. One \$750 check was to a charitable organization that he failed to report on any CTR, and the other moved the balance to his office account. Bank records corroborated this admission. (Exhibit 9)

He could not provide a reason for failing to dispose of the surplus funds on time, other than to suggest that it may have been due, in part, to a pending refund for an excessive contribution, which was also the subject of an FEC complaint that the agency advised it would be closing.¹⁰

Because Mayor Hardin willfully certified the correctness of the TR CTR knowing that it was incorrect, he violated F.S. § 106.07(5). His failure to properly dispose of the surplus funds in his mayoral campaign account amounted to another violation of section F.S. § 106.141(11). The

¹⁰ If the pending FEC investigation was Mayor Hardin's impediment to disposing of the surplus funds in his mayoral campaign account, then we do not understand why he would have certified that he had done so when he had not.

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unreported July 16, 2019, donation to a charitable organization violated F.S. § 106.07. Each of these was a first-degree misdemeanor.

Other Reporting Issues in Hardin’s Mayoral and Commissioner Campaigns

Excessive In-Kind Contributions, Incorrect Reporting of In-Kind Contributions and Printing Expenditures, and Mischaracterized Loans

During the OIG’s review of the CTRs against the campaign’s bank records and its own records, we discovered that the candidate failed to report or improperly reported certain expenditures and contributions to the campaign, as follows:

Once again, the candidate used his own company, Cypress Printing Services, Inc., to arrange for his campaign’s printing.¹¹ The law considers a corporation to be a “person” separate from any individual who may own it or belong to it.¹² Contributions to local elections campaigns are limited to \$1,000 per person, and knowing and willful excessive contributions from corporations are penalized through fines of between \$10,000 and \$50,000.¹³

We inspected 15 Cypress Printing invoices from the campaign records that totaled \$17,751.45 (Composite Exhibit 11) and, after reviewing them against bank records and CTRs, noted serious errors with how Mayor Hardin reported this activity. OIG Appendix A summarizes the Cypress Printing invoices, when they were generated, for how much, when the campaign paid for the services billed on the invoices, and how the campaign reported the printing as expenditures, loans, and contributions.

At the outset, despite the fact that the instructions on the CTR form specifically direct filers to report the campaign’s actual expenditures during the particular reporting period in which the expenditure occurred, Mayor Hardin did not do so. As he wrote six campaign checks to Cypress Printing between March 1, 2018, and November 23, 2018, he should have contemporaneously reported six expenditures, one for each check, on the appropriate, corresponding original CTRs.

Instead, Mayor Hardin reported on various CTRs and amended CTRs that his campaign paid Cypress Printing for printing on 15 occasions on 14 different dates between March 1, 2018, and November 23, 2018. Mayor Hardin told us that, during the campaign, he did not have time to prepare the Cypress Printing invoices for the campaign. After the election, when he had time, he generated the final eleven of the 15 invoices on November 29, 2018, with a notation of the actual date the goods and services were provided.

¹¹ During its prior investigation, the OIG learned that Mayor Hardin owned Cypress Printing, which had no employees other than himself and did not usually perform printing services itself but rather arranged other companies to do printing jobs. See Footnotes 3 and 15.

¹² “‘Person’ means an individual or a corporation, association, firm, partnership, joint venture, joint stock company, club, organization, estate, trust, business trust, syndicate, or other combination of individuals having collective capacity.” F.S. § 106.011(14).

¹³ F.S. § 106.08.

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We noted that Mayor Hardin did not report most of these expenditures until November 1, 2018, and he did not invoice most of them (as Cypress Printing) until November 29, 2018. When we cross-referenced the campaign's bank records, we discovered that he only wrote one check on the mayoral campaign account for ten of these invoices for \$4,066.95 on October 29, 2018. (Composite Exhibit 12) Mayor Hardin wrote this check one month before Cypress Printing even issued the corresponding invoices. The candidate should have reported this check as one expenditure on the appropriate, original CTR in October 2018.

Furthermore, and more disturbingly, we determined that Mayor Hardin improperly reported \$5,601.60 in contributions as in-kind contributions from himself (after first reporting most of these as loans, as we explain below). Thirteen of the invoices included handwritten notations that helped to explain corresponding contribution entries in the CTRs. For example, invoice number 22075, dated September 25, 2018, showed a charge of \$2,258.88 for 500 campaign signs, 500 stakes, and sales tax. The campaign's copy of the invoice reflected the following, undated handwritten notations:

\$1800.38 – Paid From Campaign
\$458.50 – INK From Rex Hardin

Inv. 22075 & 22076
Paid Check #1028

(Composite Exhibit 11)

Invoice number 22076, dated September 25, 2018, showed a charge of \$2,345.54 for 50 large campaign signs and sales tax. The campaign's copy of this invoice reflected the following handwritten notations:

\$1745.54 – Paid From Campaign
\$600.00 – INK From Rex Hardin

Inv. #22076 & 22075
Paid ck. #1028

(Composite Exhibit 11)

Indeed, we determined that the campaign reported a \$3,545.92 expenditure to Cypress Printing on the G4 CTR, which represented the campaign's combined payment on invoices 22075 and 22076. (Exhibit 13)

But Mayor Hardin subsequently reported on an amended G4 CTR, which he filed on February 7, 2019, the unpaid \$458.50 from invoice 22075 and the unpaid \$600.00 from invoice 22076—the difference between the amounts invoiced and the amounts paid—as in-kind contributions from himself on September 25, 2018. (Exhibit 14) The handwritten notations on thirteen of the 15 invoices, which reflected a total of \$5,601.60 in reductions, all

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corresponded with in-kind contributions that Mayor Hardin reported as having personally contributed to the campaign on CTRs.

We were particularly troubled to ascertain that Mayor Hardin initially reported nine of these thirteen expenditures to Cypress Printing as payments in full for the amounts billed on nine invoices, only to later amend the expenditures to reduce them to the amounts indicated in the handwritten notations. At the same time that he reported the full expenditures, he also reported loans from himself to the campaign in amounts corresponding to the handwritten notations on the invoices.

At no time did Mayor Hardin write a personal check to the campaign account or Cypress Printing or otherwise make any monetary loan to the campaign for the amounts that corresponded to the exact amounts noted on the invoices as “in-kind contributions,” which he initially reported on September 13, 2018, and November 1, 2018, as loans, and then characterized as in-kind contributions for the first time on February 7, 2019. (OIG Appendix A)

When we interviewed him, he insisted that the in-kind contributions were personally from him and not from Cypress Printing. He said he did not recall how he calculated the portion of each invoice that he identified as an in-kind contribution or even whether the calculation was related to cost or profit. He said he did not know how much profit Cypress Printing made from the sale of goods and services to the campaign and that he was not sure if he could calculate the exact cost or profit.

In-kind contributions are contributions having an attributable monetary value in any form, made for the purpose of influencing the results of an election or making an electioneering communication, but they do not include services from individuals who volunteer a portion of or all of their time on behalf of a candidate.¹⁴ Thus, to the extent that the candidate reported the unpaid portions of the invoices as in-kind contributions from himself, he improperly characterized the \$5,601.60 as his in-kind contributions where he, personally, did not provide the campaign with anything of value, other than his services, to influence the results of the election. If the unpaid portions should not have been reported as contributions, the candidate’s true total contributions and expenditures were misreported, the total contributions from all donors appearing \$5,601.60 higher and the expenditures to all vendors appearing \$5,601.60 lower than what they should have been.¹⁵

¹⁴ F.S. § 106.011 (5)(a), (5)(c), and (14).

¹⁵ In the OIG’s investigation into Mayor Hardin’s campaign finance misconduct in his November 2014 election, the OIG determined that the candidate used Cypress Printing to provide campaign printing but outsourced most of the actual printing to other companies, paid their bills with his personal credit card, and later charged the campaign up to 307% more than he paid to the third-party printers. In addition to Cypress Printing’s mark-up for actual printing, there were also itemized fees for Mayor Hardin’s labor in the design, sorting and delivery to the post office of his own campaign materials. See [OIG Final Report Re: Campaign Finance Misconduct by City of Pompano Beach Commissioner Rex Hardin and Others, Ref. OIG 15-007](#). Although the FEC ultimately determined there was probable cause to believe that Mayor Hardin violated campaign finance law by certifying to the correctness of CTRs when they were incorrect or complete, failing to include required information on two expenditures, and making or authorizing prohibited expenditures, it did not find

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The reductions from the amounts that the campaign paid to Cypress Printing, reflected on the invoices and CTRs as “INK from Rex Hardin,” were excessive and unreported contributions from a corporation, incorrectly reported as loans and contributions from the candidate, or both. As explained in *Division of Elections Opinion 86-15* (Sept. 8, 1986), “The singular fact that a corporation is majority-owned by a candidate does not convert the corporate entity into candidate status for the purpose of avoiding the contribution limits imposed by law.” At all relevant times, Cypress Printing Center, Inc., was an active Florida profit corporation. While Mayor Hardin, as the candidate, was at liberty to make unlimited contributions to his own campaign, his company was limited to contributing \$1,000—in-kind or otherwise. Accordingly, to the extent that the unpaid portions of Cypress Printing’s invoices amounted to in-kind contributions from the company, the company’s contributions exceeded the maximum allowed by law by \$4,601.60.

In order to avoid violating the contribution maximum allowed by law, and to properly certify the CTRs as Mayor Hardin filed them, the candidate’s only legal avenue was to have personally paid Cypress Printing the value of the invoices’ reductions. However, he did not. He confirmed to the OIG that he did not personally reimburse or pay Cypress Printing for any of the \$5,601.60.

Making or accepting multiple contributions in excess of the maximum allowed by law comprise third-degree felonies. The willful certifications of CTRs as true and correct when they are not are first-degree misdemeanors.

Errors in the Mayoral Campaign’s CTRs

Our review of the CTRs that Mayor Hardin filed for his mayoral campaign between November 9, 2017, and February 7, 2019, revealed a number of incorrect entries in reporting. Although we intended to discuss them with him during our interview, at the interview, he explained that he filed another round of amended CTRs, including an amended TR CTR for his mayoral campaign, a day earlier, that is, on July 16, 2019. Indeed, these amended CTRs corrected some of the errors we identified. However, some still remained. We discuss several of them below.¹⁶

Duplicate Reporting and Duplicate Payment of Expenditures to Cypress Printing

As reported above, Mayor Hardin improperly reported a reduction of invoice number 22075 as an in-kind contribution to himself personally. Our review of invoice number 22075 and its handwritten notations determined that the candidate also reported the full \$2,258.88 invoiced amount as a separate expenditure on the TR CTR, a duplicate of

probable cause for a violation in the use of his printing company to make a profit from the campaign. See [FEC Consent Final Order RE Rex Hardin](#).

¹⁶ We limited this report to the more substantive errors in the mayoral campaign CTRs.

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what he previously reported. (Composite Exhibit 11) He did not file an amended CTR correcting this error.¹⁷

Moreover, the CTRs originally identified 15 expenditures to Cypress Printing occurring on 14 different dates between March 1, 2018, and November 23, 2018, totaling \$16,472.07. (OIG Appendix A) Mayor Hardin later amended the expenditures to match the amounts noted on the invoices as the campaign's portion. Thus, he ultimately reported \$12,149.85 in expenditures to Cypress Printing. However, bank records showed that the campaign issued six campaign checks to Cypress Printing totaling \$12,629.07, or \$479.22 more than what the CTRs finally reported. (Composite Exhibit 12) A review of these circumstances suggested that the campaign erroneously paid invoice 22088 twice: once with check number 1044 and a second time with check number 1048. Mayor Hardin ultimately corrected this error. Updated bank records reflected Cypress Printing Service's \$479.22 payment back to the campaign on July 12, 2019, five days before the mayor's interview with our office, correcting the error.

Amended TR CTR Calculation Errors

In addition to the errors discussed above, we noted that the (amended) TR CTR reported a cumulative total of \$94,933 in monetary contributions to, and expenditures from, the mayoral campaign account. However, these figures did not match the campaign's bank records, which reflected deposits of \$94,644.50 into the account between the date of the first deposit on October 17, 2017, and July 10, 2019—\$288.50 less than reported on the amended TR CTR.

We noted that two deposits were made into the mayoral campaign account after the closing date for the campaign treasury's July 2019 statement—one for \$479.22 and one for \$10.05, for refunds and reimbursements, respectively, that were not reported on any CTR.

The campaign's bank records also did not reconcile with the reported expenditures on the amended TR CTR. Specifically, although the amended TR CTR reported \$94,933 in expenditures from the campaign account, bank statements showed that, between the date of the first expenditure on December 6, 2017, and February 4, 2019, the end of the amended TR CTR reporting period, the campaign only spent \$88,580.65. Of course, we note that the campaign's amended TR CTR reported \$5,803.12 that was transferred to the office account—but that transfer did not happen until August 8, 2019. Even if Mayor Hardin had properly transferred this money, the expenditures would still only have amounted to \$94,383.77, that is, \$549.23 short of what he reported on the CTRs.

¹⁷ We also originally found duplicate expenditures in Mayor Hardin's G7 CTR and first amended G7 CTR; Mayor Hardin deleted the duplicates in the third amended G7 CTR that he filed the day before his interview.

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Late Filing of the TR CTR for Mayor Hardin's Commissioner Campaign Account

Finally, we noted that Mayor Hardin's TR CTR for his commissioner campaign account was not timely. Specifically, the candidate filed just two CTRs for his campaign to be re-elected commissioner, the M4 CTR, which he filed on May 10, 2018, and the TR CTR, which he filed November 28, 2018. Although Mayor Hardin received campaign contributions in May 2018, he did not file an M5 CTR in June 2018, as required. Instead, he reported the commissioner campaign's May 2018 activity in the TR CTR.

Because he withdrew from the commissioner's race on May 21, 2108, he had 90 days to properly dispose of the funds and file a TR CTR, that is, until August 20, 2018. He did not file the TR CTR until November 28, 2018, more than three months late.

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

As a part of the investigation, OIG Special Agents conducted several interviews. The statements made in the significant interviews are summarized below.

Interviews of Rex Hardin

Mayor Hardin was first elected to the city commission in 1998 and served until 2000. He was elected again to the commission in 2007 and served continuous two-year terms until November 2018, when he was elected to fill the remaining two years of the former mayor's four-year term ending in November 2020.

He has launched at least six campaigns during his political career. Except for two of his earliest campaigns, he served as his own campaign treasurer. He was familiar with the state campaign laws and the Florida Division of Elections (DOE) Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook. Although he did not recall reviewing the handbook prior to the 2018 campaigns, he characterized his understanding of the treasurer's legal responsibilities as "fair."

He opened two campaign accounts, one for his 2018 mayoral campaign, and one for his 2018 campaign to be re-elected to the city commission. For each of these, he served as the sole campaign treasurer. He completed all the CTRs, was the sole signatory on the accounts, made all the contribution deposits, and signed all the campaign checks.

While the incumbent city mayor's term was not set to expire until November 2020, he (the incumbent) had expressed interest in running for county commissioner. Because then-city Commissioner Hardin was interested in pursuing the city mayoral seat, if available, he opened his mayoral campaign account in October 2017. It was unknown if, or when, the incumbent mayor would file to formally qualify for election to the county commission, at which point he would have to resign as city mayor.

Because there was uncertainty about whether the incumbent would vacate his mayoral seat, in April 2018, Mayor Hardin decided to also announce his candidacy for re-election to his District 3 city commission seat. He did not notify the city clerk that he was ending his mayoral

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campaign because he was not ending the campaign. If the mayor resigned to run for county commission, he (Hardin) would continue the mayoral campaign; if not, he would withdraw from the mayoral campaign and pursue re-election to the city commission. A short time later, the incumbent mayor formalized his intention to run for county commission and, in May 2018, Mayor Hardin ended his campaign for city commissioner.

At that time, he sent out letters to all the commission contributors notifying them that he was ending the campaign and that they had the option of receiving their contribution back or allowing it to roll over to the mayoral campaign. Eventually, he rolled all but one contribution to the mayoral campaign.

He filed his CTRs by mail, personal delivery to the city clerk's office, and via e-mail on at least one occasion. At the time of the interview, the OIG was aware of 36 CTRs, 21 of which were amended CTRs. The amendments were necessary due to a variety of errors and omissions that he had made. When a mistake on a CTR was discovered, it could result in several subsequent CTRs having to be amended. He filed several amended CTRs in February 2019, contemporaneous with filing the termination (TR) CTR.

Mayor Hardin explained that, in addition, on July 16, 2019,¹⁸ he filed at least five amended reports, including an amended TR CTR, for the mayoral campaign. His review of his CTR filings was precipitated by two complaints filed with the FEC. Since learning of the FEC's inquiries, he has reviewed all his CTR filings and believed the amended CTRs corrected all the CTR errors.

One of the FEC complaints was related to contributions received from Mt. Vernon Property Holdings. Mt. Vernon contributed \$500 and later contributed \$1,000 to the mayoral campaign. Mayor Hardin noticed the overage and contacted the FEC to find out how to remedy it. They advised him to refund the overage and file an amended report reflecting the refund, which he did. However, shortly after he filed the CTR reporting the initial contributions and the clerk published it, someone filed a complaint with the FEC alleging that the candidate accepted excess contributions from Mt. Vernon.

Although Mayor Hardin mailed Mt. Vernon a refund check and letter, he later realized that the company did not cash the refund check. FEC staff advised him to account for the outstanding refund check and amend the respective CTR, which he did.¹⁹

Other than his elected position, Mayor Hardin's only other occupation has been as owner and sole employee of Cypress Printing Center, Inc. The campaign purchased print products and services from Cypress Printing.

Several of the invoices Mayor Hardin supplied to the OIG included a notation that a portion of each invoice was an in-kind contribution to the campaign and the in-kind contributions were

¹⁸ Mayor Hardin's statement was made to the OIG at a pre-arranged interview on the following day, July 17, 2019.

¹⁹ According to Mayor Hardin, FEC staff informed him that they would not be recommending any further action. The complainant filed a second FEC complaint against him. The complaint was related to the purchase of domain names. The mayor stated that the FEC legal staff recommended the commission find no probable cause and that the commission closed the matter in May 2019, finding no probable cause to proceed with any violations.

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reported on the respective CTRs. The in-kind contributions were personally from him, not Cypress Printing. Mayor Hardin recalled that he initially reported some of the Cypress Printing expenditures and in-kind contributions incorrectly but that the amended CTRs he recently filed should have corrected the errors, including an approximately \$479 overpayment to Cypress Printing that had since been refunded to the campaign.

Mayor Hardin used his personal credit cards to make purchases for the campaign and reported the expenditures and reimbursements on the CTRs. While there may have been some errors or omissions in the reporting of the credit card purchases and reimbursements, the recently amended CTRs should have corrected any errors.

Mayor Hardin filed only two CTRs for the commission campaign, the M4 (for the reporting period of April 1, 2018, to April 30, 2018) and TR CTRs (May 1, 2018, to February 4, 2019). He did not file any amended reports for the commission campaign. Although the campaign accepted contributions in May 2018, Hardin had no explanation why he did not file an M5 CTR (May 1, 2018, to May 31, 2018) to report those contributions and instead reported them on the TR CTR. Mayor Hardin believed the due date for filing his commission TR CTR was in February 2019, and he was not familiar with a rule that required the TR CTR to be filed within 90 days of his withdrawal from the campaign.

He consulted attorney M.H. about opening his campaign for commissioner and having simultaneous campaigns and campaign accounts for two municipal elected offices. Although the mayor did not recall how he phrased the question, M.H. informed him that it was permissible. Although he was not familiar with the specific requirements regarding the disposition of surplus funds, his understanding of M.H.'s advice was that he was allowed to transfer funds from one campaign to another in the same jurisdiction. It was his understanding that he would not be allowed to transfer the funds to a campaign for another level of government, such as state office. Accordingly, he believed the transfer of funds from his commission campaign to his mayoral campaign complied with the statutes.

After withdrawing from the commission campaign, he sought advice from someone, whose name he didn't recall, on how to accomplish transferring the contributions from the commission campaign to the mayoral campaign. He ultimately transferred the commission contributions to his mayoral account and identified the contributors and their contributions on the mayoral M7 CTR (for the reporting period of July 1, 2018, to July 31, 2018).

After the election, Hardin intended to donate a portion of the surplus mayoral campaign funds to charitable causes and transfer the balance to his office account, however, the account remained open until the day before the OIG's interview (July 16, 2019), when he wrote two checks from his mayoral campaign account. One \$750 check was to a charitable organization and the other effected the transfer of the balance to his office account, thereby, closing the account. Those were the only checks he had written on the account since filing the first TR CTR in February 2019. Mayor Hardin did not have a specific reason why he did not transfer the balance of the account before July 2019, but suggested it was in part because of the uncashed Mt. Vernon check and the pending disposition of the related FEC investigation.

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He did not pay Cypress Printing any of the amounts he reported on CTRs as in-kind contributions from himself.

RESPONSES TO THE PRELIMINARY REPORT

In accordance with Section 10.01(D)(2)(a) of the Charter of Broward County, preliminary copies of this report were provided to the municipality and the implicated party for their discretionary written responses. The OIG did not receive a response from either the city or Mayor Hardin.

CONCLUSION

The OIG investigation substantiated that, during his campaigns for commissioner and mayor in the November 2018 election cycle, Mayor Hardin engaged in campaign finance misconduct in both of his campaign accounts.

With regard to his commissioner's campaign account, Mayor Hardin improperly transferred the contributions he received during his commissioner campaign into his mayoral campaign account. This option was not available to him as he did not change the designation of the office for which he was running when he decided to run for commissioner after filing prequalifying documents to run for mayor. He also failed to report treasury activity in the commissioner campaign after April 2018 until November 2018, when he filed his termination report, which was three months after the disposal and final reporting deadline set by law.

In addition, he falsely certified that, at the conclusion of his campaign to be elected mayor, he transferred the over \$5,000 in remaining funds in his mayoral campaign account to his mayoral office account when he had not. In fact, the funds remained in his mayoral campaign account until after July 16, 2019, five months after the disposal and reporting deadline.

We also found that Mayor Hardin used his own printing company, Cypress Printing, to provide campaign printing services to his mayoral election campaign. Cypress Printing invoiced the campaign a total of \$5,601.60 more than the campaign paid it. The candidate reported the \$5,601.60 as thirteen in-kind contributions from himself when, if they were in-kind contributions, they came from the company and exceeded the \$1,000 maximum contribution allowed by law. Moreover, any volunteered services from the candidate could not constitute an in-kind contribution. Thus, these reported contributions either amounted to an excessive contribution or the candidate willfully certified the CTRs that reported them as true and correct when they were not. We also ascertained that Mayor Hardin originally reported as loans eleven of his "in-kind contributions," when he did not, in fact, make such loans.

We further found numerous other errors in the CTRs that the official filed for both campaigns, including the failure to properly report contributions and expenditures, the majority for which he filed amended CTRs the day before interviewing with our office.

Considering the campaign finance violations detailed here, in accordance with our charter mandate, we are again referring this matter to the Florida Election Commission and to the Broward State Attorney's Office for whatever action those agencies deem appropriate.

OIG 18-010-M

**COMPOSITE
EXHIBIT 1**

**CANDIDATE OATH –
NONPARTISAN OFFICE**

(Do not use this form if a Judicial or School Board Candidate)

check box **only** if you are seeking to qualify as a write-in candidate:

Write-in candidate

CITY OF POMPAÑO BEACH
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

2018 JUN 18 PM 4:58

OFFICE USE ONLY

Candidate Oath

(Section 99.021(1)(a), Florida Statutes)

I, Rex Hardin

(Print name above as you wish it to appear on the ballot. If your last name consists of two or more names but has no hyphen, check box . (See page 2 - Compound Last Names). No change can be made after the end of qualifying. Although a write-in candidate's name is not printed on the ballot, the name must be printed above for oath purposes.)

I am a candidate for the nonpartisan office of Pompano Beach Mayor AT-LARGE
(Office) (District #)

 , ; I am a qualified elector of Broward County, Florida;
(Circuit #) (Group or Seat #)

I am qualified under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; I have qualified for no other public office in the state, the term of which office or any part thereof runs concurrent with the office I seek; and I have resigned from any office from which I am required to resign pursuant to Section 99.012, Florida Statutes; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number (located on your voter information card): 101300104

Phonetic spelling for audio ballot: Print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot as may be used by persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form): *[Not applicable to write-in candidates.]*
rex hardin

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Address City State ZIP Code

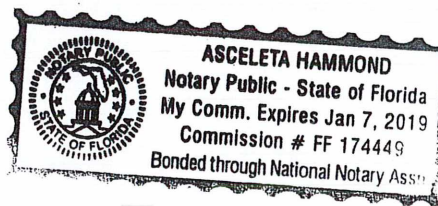
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Broward

[Signature]
Signature of Notary Public
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this 18th
day of June, 2018.

Personally Known: _____ or Produced Identification: _____

Type of Identification Produced: _____



**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)


(Please print or type)

I, Rex Hardin ,

candidate for the office of Pompano Beach Mayor ;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X



Signature of Candidate

October 5, 2017

Date

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

**NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying
officer before opening the campaign account.**

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Treasurer/Deputy Depository Office Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

Rex Hardin

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5. E-mail address

rex@rexhardin.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

Pompano Beach Mayor

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

8. If a candidate for a partisan office, check block and fill in name of party as applicable: My intent is to run as a

Write-In No Party Affiliation _____ Party candidate.

9. I have appointed the following person to act as my Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

10. Name of Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

Rex Hardin

11. Mailing Address

131 SE 7 ST

12. Telephone

(954) 328-5967

13. City

Pompano Beach

14. County

Broward

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

33060

17. E-mail address

rex@rexhardin.com

18. I have designated the following bank as my Primary Depository Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

Bank Of America

20. Address

PO Box 25118

21. City

Tampa

22. County

Hillsborough

23. State

FL

24. Zip Code

33622

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date

October 17, 2017

26. Signature of Candidate

X

27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Rex Hardin, do hereby accept the appointment

(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

October 17, 2017

Date

X

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Treasurer/Deputy Depository Office Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

Rex Hardin

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

131 SE 7 ST
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

4. Telephone

(954) 328-5967

5. E-mail address

rex@rexhardin.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

Pompano Beach Mayor

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

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13. City

Pompano Beach

14. County

Broward

15. State

FL

16. Zip Code

33060

17. E-mail address

rex@rexhardin.com

18. I have designated the following bank as my Primary Depository Secondary Depository

19. Name of Bank

Discover Bank

20. Address

PO Box 30416

21. City

Salt Lake City

22. County

Salt Lake

23. State

UT

24. Zip Code

84130

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING FORM FOR APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN DEPOSITORY AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

25. Date

October 9, 2017

26. Signature of Candidate

X 

27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Rex Hardin, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

October 9, 2017

Date

X 

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

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**COMPOSITE
EXHIBIT 2**

**APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER
AND DESIGNATION OF CAMPAIGN
DEPOSITORY FOR CANDIDATES**

(Section 106.021(1), F.S.)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

NOTE: This form must be on file with the qualifying officer before opening the campaign account.

OFFICE USE ONLY

1. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES):

Initial Filing of Form Re-filing to Change: Treasurer/Deputy Depository Office Party

2. Name of Candidate (in this order: First, Middle, Last)

Rex Hardin

3. Address (include post office box or street, city, state, zip code)

131 SE 7 ST
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

4. Telephone

(954) 328-5967

5. E-mail address

rex@rexhardin.com

6. Office sought (include district, circuit, group number)

City Commissioner District 3

7. If a candidate for a nonpartisan office, check if applicable:

My intent is to run as a Write-In candidate.

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14. County

Broward

15. State

FL

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Hillsborough

23. State

FL

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33622

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25. Date

April 16, 2018

26. Signature of Candidate

X

27. Treasurer's Acceptance of Appointment (fill in the blanks and check the appropriate block)

I, Rex Hardin, do hereby accept the appointment
(Please Print or Type Name)

designated above as: Campaign Treasurer Deputy Treasurer.

April 16, 2018

Date

X

Signature of Campaign Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer

**STATEMENT OF
CANDIDATE**

(Section 106.023, F.S.)

(Please print or type)

I, Rex Hardin ,

candidate for the office of City Commissioner District 3 ;

have been provided access to read and understand the requirements of
Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

X

Signature of Candidate

April 16, 2018

Date

Each candidate must file a statement with the qualifying officer within 10 days after the Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository is filed. Willful failure to file this form is a first degree misdemeanor and a civil violation of the Campaign Financing Act which may result in a fine of up to \$1,000, (ss. 106.19(1)(c), 106.265(1), Florida Statutes).

Rex Hardin

131 Southeast 7th Street ■ Pompano Beach, Florida 33060 ■ 954-786-1692

Office - 136 S.W. 15th Street ■ Pompano Beach, FL 33060 ■ 954-785-7716, 954-785-1247 Fax

May 21, 2018

2018 MAY 21 PM 1:19
CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

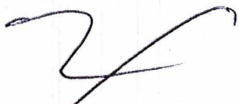
Asceleta Hammond, City Clerk
City of Pompano Beach
100 West Atlantic Boulevard
Pompano Beach, Florida 33060

Dear Ms. Hammond,

I am officially withdrawing my candidacy for the office of City Commissioner District 3.

I will dispose of all campaign funds as specified in Florida Statutes and will file all appropriate forms with your office.

Thank you,



Rex Hardin
954-785-7716
954-328-5967 Cell

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DATE 7/31/18

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Rex Hardin
 Name
 (2) 131 SE 7 ST
 Address (number and street)
Pompano Beach, FL 33060
 City, State, Zip Code

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2018 NOV 28 PM 6:01

CITY OF POMPAÑO BEACH
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Check here if address has changed (3) ID Number: _____

(4) Check appropriate box(es):
 Candidate Office Sought: City Commission District 3
 Political Committee (PC)
 Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO) Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded
 Party Executive Committee (PTY) Check here if PTY has disbanded
 Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications) Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 5/01/18 To 2/04/19 Report Type: TR
 Original Amendment Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks	\$	_____	1,918.00
Loans	\$	_____	0
Total Monetary	\$	_____	1,918.00
In-Kind	\$	_____	0

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures	\$	_____	3,013.00
Transfers to Office Account	\$	_____	0
Total Monetary	\$	_____	3,013.00

(8) Other Distributions
 \$ 0

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date
 \$ _____ 3,013.00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date
 \$ _____ 3,013.00

(11) Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name) Rex Hardin
 Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X _____
 Signature

(Type name) Rex Hardin
 Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X _____
 Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Rex Hardin (2) I.D. Number _____

(3) Cover Period 5/1/18 through 2/4/19 (4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
(6) Sequence Number		Type	Occupation				
5/7/18	Greg Eickhorn 370 SE 11 ST Pompano Beach, FL 33060	I		CHE			100.00
01							
5/4/18	Salah H. Elroweny 7530 Banyan Way Tamarac, FL 33321	I	Architect	CHE			500.00
02							
5/4/18	Lasing Melbourne Group, LLC 812 E. Strawbridge Ave. Melbourne, FL 32901	B		CHE			100.00
03							
5/9/18	Shiff Construction and Development Inc. 1350 NE 56 ST, Ste. 100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334	B	Constructio n	CHE			1000.00
04							
5/17/18	Lynda Gelpi 540 SE 5th Ct. Pompano Beach, FL 33060	I		CHE			100.00
05							
5/21/18	Ilene Michelson 4809 Woodlands Blvd. Tamarac, FL 33319	I	Attorney	CHE			118.00
06							

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Rex Hardin

(2) I.D. Number _____

(3) Cover Period 5 / 01 / 18 through 2 / 04 / 19

(4) Page 1 of 1

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
07 / 02 / 18 1	Jim Morehead 250 SE 5 Terr. Pompano Beach, FL 33060	Return of Contribution	MON		20.00
07 / 16 / 18 2	Rex Hardin 131 SE 7 ST Pompano Beach, FL 33060	Repay Loan	MON		100.00
07 / 31 / 18 3	Rex Hardin Campaign 131 SE 7 ST Pompano Beach, FL 33060	Transfer Contributions to Mayor Race	DIS		2893.00
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Rex Hardin

Name

(2) 131 SE 7 ST

Address (number and street)

Pompano Beach, FL 33060

City, State, Zip Code

Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: _____

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(4) Check appropriate box(es):

Candidate Office Sought: Mayor

Political Committee (PC)

Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO)

Party Executive Committee (PTY)

Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications)

Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded

Check here if PTY has disbanded

Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 7/01/18 To 7/31/18 Report Type: 2018 M7

Original

Amendment

Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$ 9,318.00

Loans \$ 199.97

Total Monetary \$ 9,517.97

In-Kind \$ 0

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$ 13,989.64

Transfers to Office Account \$ 0

Total Monetary \$ 13,989.64

(8) Other Distributions

\$ 0

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$ 36,807.97

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$ 17,000.35

(11) Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name) Rex Hardin

Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X

Signature

(Type name) Rex Hardin

Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X

Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Rex Hardin (2) I.D. Number _____

(3) Cover Period 7/1/18 through 7/31/18 (4) Page 3 of 5

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
(6) Sequence Number							
7/18/18	PG's on the Green 1103 N. Federal Highway Pompano Beach, FL 33062	B	Restaurant	CHE			1000.00
15							
7/27/18	J.E.S. Lyons Den, Inc. 100 SW 15 ST Pompano Beach, FL 33060	B	Entertainme nt	CHE			500.00
16							
7/31/18	WD Thompson, Inc. 220 NE 13 ST Pompano Beach, FL 33060	B		CHE			100.00
17							
7/31/18	Sheila Rose Gillespie 2781 NE 5 ST Pompano Beach, FL 33062	I		CHE			100.00
18							
7/31/18	Stephen Purkiss 2840 NE 47th Street Lighthouse Point, FL 33064	I		CHE			50.00
19							
7/31/18	Mrs. Marvin F. Buntrock 2380 SE 7 Dr. Pompano Beach, FL 33062	I		CHE			50.00
20							
7/31/18	Carol Ann Foster 271 SE 12 ST Pompano Beach, FL 33060	I		CHE			25.00
21							

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Rex Hardin (2) I.D. Number _____

(3) Cover Period 7/1/18 through 7/31/18 (4) Page 4 of 5

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
7/31/18	Mark Irwin P.A. 1011 NE 46 Ct. Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334	B	Realtor	CHE			150.00
22							
7/31/18	Jim Morehead 250 SE 1st Terr. Pompano Beach, FL 33060	I		CHE			20.00
23							
7/31/18	Gallo Herbert Architects 1311 W Newport Center Dr., Ste. A Deerfield Beach, FL 33442	B	Architect	CHE			500.00
24							
7/31/18	Gregory Eickhorn 370 SE 11 ST Pompano Beach, FL 33060	I		CHE			100.00
25							
7/31/18	Salah Elroweny 7530 Banyan Way Tamarac, FL 33321	I	Architect	CHE			500.00
26							
7/31/18	Lansing Melbourne Group 812 E. Strawbridge Ave. Melbourne, FL 32901	B		CHE			100.00
27							
7/31/18	Shiff Construction and Development Inc. 1350 NE 56 ST, Ste. 100 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334	B	Constructio n	CHE			1000.00
28							

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Rex Hardin (2) I.D. Number _____

(3) Cover Period 7/1/18 through 7/31/18 (4) Page 5 of 5

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
(6) Sequence Number							
7/31/18	Lynda Gelpi 540 SE 5 Ct. Pompano Beach, FL 33060	I		CHE			100.00
29							
7/31/18	Ilene Michelson 4809 Woodlands Blvd. Tamarac, FL 33319	I	Attorney	CHE			118.00
30							
7/31/18	Rex Hardin 131 SE 7 ST Pompano Beach, FL 33060	I		LOA	Postage		98.00
31							
7/31/18	Rex Hardin 131 SE 7 ST Pompano Beach, FL 33060	I		LOA	LH & Env.		89.80
32							

From: [Mark Herron](#)
To: [Rex Hardin](#)
Subject: RE: Quick Question
Date: Friday, June 1, 2018 9:43:54 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[ATT00001.txt](#)

Here it is:

106.021 Campaign treasurers; deputies; primary and secondary depositories.—

(1)(a) Each candidate for nomination or election to office and each political committee shall appoint a campaign treasurer. Each person who seeks to qualify for nomination or election to, or retention in, office shall appoint a campaign treasurer and designate a primary campaign depository before qualifying for office. Any person who seeks to qualify for election or nomination to any office by means of the petitioning process shall appoint a treasurer and designate a primary depository on or before the date he or she obtains the petitions. At the same time a candidate designates a campaign depository and appoints a treasurer, the candidate shall also designate the office for which he or she is a candidate. If the candidate is running for an office that will be grouped on the ballot with two or more similar offices to be filled at the same election, the candidate must indicate for which group or district office he or she is running. This subsection does not prohibit a candidate, at a later date, from changing the designation of the office for which he or she is a candidate. **However, if a candidate changes the designated office for which he or she is a candidate, the candidate must notify all contributors in writing of the intent to seek a different office and offer to return pro rata, upon their request, those contributions given in support of the original office sought. This notification shall be given within 15 days after the filing of the change of designation and shall include a standard form developed by the Division of Elections for requesting the return of contributions.** The notice requirement does not apply to any change in a numerical designation resulting solely from redistricting. **If, within 30 days after being notified by the candidate of the intent to seek a different office, the contributor notifies the candidate in writing that the contributor wishes his or her contribution to be returned, the candidate shall return the contribution, on a pro rata basis, calculated as of the date the change of designation is filed.** Up to a maximum of the contribution limits specified in s. [106.08](#), a candidate who runs for an office other than the office originally designated may use any contribution that a donor does not request be returned within the 30-day period for the newly designated office, provided the candidate disposes of any amount exceeding the contribution limit pursuant to the options in s. [106.11\(5\)\(b\)](#) and (c) or s. [106.141\(4\)\(a\)1., 2., or 4.](#); notwithstanding, the full amount of the contribution for the original office shall count toward the contribution limits specified in s. [106.08](#) for the newly designated office. A person may not accept any contribution or make any expenditure with a view to bringing about his or her nomination, election, or retention in public office, or authorize another to accept such contributions or make such expenditure on the person's behalf, unless such person has appointed a campaign treasurer and designated a primary campaign depository. A candidate for an office voted upon statewide may appoint not more than 15 deputy campaign treasurers, and any other candidate or political committee may appoint not more than 3 deputy campaign treasurers. The names and addresses of the campaign treasurer and deputy campaign treasurers so appointed shall be filed with the officer before whom such candidate is required to qualify or with whom such political committee is required to register pursuant to s. [106.03](#).

From: Rex Hardin [mailto:rex@cypressprintingcenter.com]

Sent: Friday, June 01, 2018 8:03 PM

To: Mark Herron

Subject: Quick Question

What is the Statute that deals with campaign contributions if you change the office you are running for? Or is it gone?

It used to be that if you had received campaign contributions to run for office but then changed your mind to run for a different office you could send a letter to your contributors asking if they wanted their pro rata contribution back or would they like to roll it over to the new office that you are seeking.

I have reviewed the current statutes but don't find the provision that deals with this.

Can you direct me to the correct area of the Florida Statutes, if it exists?

Thank you,

Rex Hardin
954-785-7716

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Rex Hardin

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

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2019 FEB -7 AM 9:04

(1) Rex Hardin

Name

(2) 131 SE 7 ST

Address (number and street)

Pompano Beach, FL 33060

City, State, Zip Code

Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: _____

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

Candidate Office Sought: Mayor

Political Committee (PC)

Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO)

Party Executive Committee (PTY)

Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications)

Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded

Check here if PTY has disbanded

Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 11/02/18 To 2/04/19 Report Type: TR

Original

Amendment

Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$ _____

Loans \$ _____

Total Monetary \$ _____

In-Kind \$ _____

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$ 25,477.87

Transfers to Office Account \$ 5,737.70

Total Monetary \$ 31,215.57

(8) Other Distributions

\$ 0

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$ 94,698.00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$ 94,698.00

(11) Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name) Rex Hardin

Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X

Signature

(Type name) Rex Hardin

Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X

Signature



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POMPANO BEACH, FL 33060-8433

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REX HARDIN

Account number: XXXXXXXXXX 9624

Account summary

Beginning balance on July 11, 2019	\$6,063.85
Deposits and other additions	489.27
ATM and debit card subtractions	-0.00
Other subtractions	-0.00
Checks	-6,553.12
Service fees	-0.00
Ending balance on August 9, 2019	\$0.00

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How to Contact Us - You may call us at the telephone number listed on the front of this statement.

Updating your contact information - We encourage you to keep your contact information up-to-date. This includes address, email and phone number. If your information has changed, the easiest way to update it is by visiting the Help & Support tab of Online Banking.

Deposit agreement - When you opened your account, you received a deposit agreement and fee schedule and agreed that your account would be governed by the terms of these documents, as we may amend them from time to time. These documents are part of the contract for your deposit account and govern all transactions relating to your account, including all deposits and withdrawals. Copies of both the deposit agreement and fee schedule which contain the current version of the terms and conditions of your account relationship may be obtained at our financial centers.

Electronic transfers: In case of errors or questions about your electronic transfers - If you think your statement or receipt is wrong or you need more information about an electronic transfer (e.g., ATM transactions, direct deposits or withdrawals, point-of-sale transactions) on the statement or receipt, telephone or write us at the address and number listed on the front of this statement as soon as you can. We must hear from you no later than 60 days after we sent you the FIRST statement on which the error or problem appeared.

- Tell us your name and account number.
- Describe the error or transfer you are unsure about, and explain as clearly as you can why you believe there is an error or why you need more information.
- Tell us the dollar amount of the suspected error.

For consumer accounts used primarily for personal, family or household purposes, we will investigate your complaint and will correct any error promptly. If we take more than 10 business days (10 calendar days if you are a Massachusetts customer) (20 business days if you are a new customer, for electronic transfers occurring during the first 30 days after the first deposit is made to your account) to do this, we will provisionally credit your account for the amount you think is in error, so that you will have use of the money during the time it will take to complete our investigation.

For other accounts, we investigate, and if we find we have made an error, we credit your account at the conclusion of our investigation.

Reporting other problems - You must examine your statement carefully and promptly. You are in the best position to discover errors and unauthorized transactions on your account. If you fail to notify us in writing of suspected problems or an unauthorized transaction within the time period specified in the deposit agreement (which periods are no more than 60 days after we make the statement available to you and in some cases are 30 days or less), we are not liable to you and you agree to not make a claim against us, for the problems or unauthorized transactions.

Direct deposits - If you have arranged to have direct deposits made to your account at least once every 60 days from the same person or company, you may call us to find out if the deposit was made as scheduled. You may also review your activity online or visit a financial center for information.

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Date	Description	Amount
07/12/19	BKOFAMERICA ATM 07/12 #000002511 DEPOSIT MCNAB ROAD POMPANO BEACH FL	479.22
07/16/19	BKOFAMERICA ATM 07/16 #000003004 DEPOSIT MCNAB ROAD POMPANO BEACH FL	10.05
Total deposits and other additions		\$489.27

Checks

Date	Check #	Amount	Date	Check #	Amount
07/19/19	1062	-750.00	08/08/19	1063	-5,803.12
Total checks				-\$6,553.12	
Total # of checks				2	

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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Rex Hardin

Name

(2) 131 SE 7 ST

Address (number and street)

Pompano Beach, FL 33060

City, State, Zip Code

Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: _____

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Candidate Office Sought: Mayor

Political Committee (PC)

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Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 11/02/18 To 2/04/19 Report Type: TR

Original Amendment 7/18 Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$ 500.00

Loans \$ _____

Total Monetary \$ _____

In-Kind \$ _____

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$ 26,280.40

Transfers to Office Account \$ 5,803.12

Total Monetary \$ 32,083.52

(8) Other Distributions

\$ 0

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$ 94,933.00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$ 94,933.00

(11) Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name) Rex Hardin

Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X _____
Signature

(Type name) Rex Hardin

Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X _____
Signature



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No. **22092**

Date 11/29/2018

Customer P.O. No.

Rex Hardin
Rex Hardin For Mayor Campaign
136 S.W. 15th Street
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT								
500	Campaign Signs, 18" X 24" 2/2 on white coroplast. 500 signs with 500 stakes. Ordered 10/30/18 for final sign blitz on 11/5. <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive;"> Paid \$ 2258.88 CK. # 1059 </div>	2,131.01								
Please pay from this invoice. www.CypressPrintingCenter.com Thank you!		<table border="0"> <tr> <td>SUBTOTAL</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,131.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SALES TAX</td> <td style="text-align: right;">127.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,258.88</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AMOUNT DUE</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,258.88</td> </tr> </table>	SUBTOTAL	2,131.01	SALES TAX	127.87	TOTAL	2,258.88	AMOUNT DUE	2,258.88
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No. **22075**

Date 9/25/2018

Customer P.O. No.

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 Rex Hardin For Mayor Campaign
 136 S.W. 15th Street
 Pompano Beach, FL 33060

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
500	Campaign Signs, 18" X 24" 2/2 on white coroplast. 500 signs with 500 stakes. <i>\$1800.38 - Paid From Campaign</i> <i>\$ 458.50 - INK From Rex Hardin</i> <i>Inv. 22075 & 22076</i> <i>paid check # 1028</i>	2,131.01
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No. **22076**

Date 9/25/2018

Customer P.O. No.

Rex Hardin
Rex Hardin For Mayor Campaign
136 S.W. 15th Street
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
50	<p>Large Campaign Signs, 4' X 8' Campaign Signs print one side on white corplast material. No bleed. Full color prints.</p> <p><i>\$ 1745.54 - Paid From Campaign</i> <i>\$ 600.00 - INK From Rex Hardin</i></p> <p><i>Inv. # 22076 + 22075</i> <i>Paid ck. # 1028</i></p>	2,212.77
<p>Please pay from this invoice.</p> <p>www.CypressPrintingCenter.com</p> <p>Thank you!</p>		<p>SUBTOTAL 2,212.77</p> <p>SALES TAX 132.77</p> <p>TOTAL 2,345.54</p> <p>AMOUNT DUE 2,345.54</p>



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No. **22070**

Date 8/10/2018

Customer P.O. No.

Rex Hardin
 Rex Hardin For Mayor Campaign
 136 S.W. 15th Street
 Pompano Beach, FL 33060

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
500	Campaign Signs, 18" X 24" 2/2 on white coroplast. 500 signs with 250 stakes. <i>Paid \$1592.15 - ck# 1018</i> <i>400.75 - INK From Rex Hardin</i> <hr/> <i>\$1992.90</i> <i>Additional INK From Rex Hardin</i> <i>\$200.25 For 250 Sign Stakes</i> <i>To Campaign</i>	1,880.09
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No. **22003**

Date 2/28/2018

Customer P.O. No.

Rex Hardin
Rex Hardin For Mayor Campaign
136 S.W. 15th Street
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1,000	Elect Rex Hardin as Mayor Letterheads and Envelopes. Letterheads print 2/0 with red and blue and envelopes print 2/0 red and blue. White 60# Offset for letterheads and regular #10 envelope. 1000 of each. <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive;"> Paid \$685.95 CK # 1004 </div>	647.12
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No. **22088**

Date 11/29/2018

Customer P.O. No.

Rex Hardin
Rex Hardin For Mayor Campaign
136 S.W. 15th Street
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
5,000	Northwest Area Postcard, 6" X 11" Postcard prints on 14 point card stock. Ordered 10/23/18. <i>\$478.22 - Paid CK. # 1048</i> <i>\$540.50 - INK From Rex Hardin</i>	962.00
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No. **22082**

Date 11/29/2018

Customer P.O. No.

Rex Hardin
Rex Hardin For Mayor Campaign
136 S.W. 15th Street
Pompano Beach, FL 33060

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
8	<p>Large and small car magnets for volunteers. Ordered 9/3/18, amend to that report.</p> <p><i>Pd. \$72.10 - Campaign</i> <i>\$135.51 - INK Rex Hardin</i></p> <p><i>CK. # 1044</i></p>	195.85
<p>Please pay from this invoice.</p> <p>www.CypressPrintingCenter.com</p> <p>Thank you!</p>		<p>SUBTOTAL 195.85</p> <p>SALES TAX 11.76</p> <p>TOTAL 207.61</p> <p>AMOUNT DUE 207.61</p>

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No. **22083**

Date 11/29/2018

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Rex Hardin For Mayor Campaign
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Pompano Beach, FL 33060

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
10,000	Palm Aire EDDM Postcard, 8.5" X 11" Postcard prints on 14 point card stock. Ordered 9/24/18, amend to that report.	1,145.00
2,500	John Knox EDDM Postcard, 8.5" X 11" Postcard prints on 14 point card stock. Ordered 9/24/18, amend to that report.	420.75
<p><i>Pd. \$838.65 - Campaign</i> <i>\$821.05 - INK Rex Hardin</i> <i>ck. #1044</i></p>		
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		AMOUNT DUE
		1,565.75
		93.95
		1,659.70
		1,659.70

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No. **22084**

Date 11/29/2018

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2,000	Brazilian Doorhangers, 4.25" X 14" Doorhanger prints on 14 point card stock. Ordered 9/27/18, amemd to that report. <i>Pd. \$414.86 - Campaign</i> <i>\$413.00 - INK Rex Hardin</i> <i>ck # 1044</i>	781.00
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No. **22085**

Date 11/29/2018

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
15,000	VBM Postcards, 6" X 11" Postcards print on 14 point card stock. Ordered 10/5/18, amend to that report. <i>Pl. \$1460.08 - Campaign</i> <i>\$1076.50 - INK Rex Hardin</i> <i>CK. # 1844</i>	2,393.00
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No. **22080**

Date 11/29/2018

Customer P.O. No.

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 136 S.W. 15th Street
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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2,500	First Handout (Old Logo), 4" X 9" Postcard printed on 14 point card stock. Amend to 6/15/18 Report. <i>Pd. \$133.37 - Campaign</i> <i>\$188.80 - INK Rex Hardin</i> <i>ck. # 1044</i>	304.02
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No. **22079**

Date 11/29/2018

Customer P.O. No.

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2,500	<p>Rex Walked Postcard (Old Logo), 4" X 6" Postcard on 14 point card stock. Amend to 6/18/18 report.</p> <p><i>Pd. \$87.51 - Campaign</i> <i>\$117.60 - INK Rex Hardin</i> <i>ck. #1044</i></p>	193.50
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No. **22087**

Date 11/29/2018

Customer P.O. No.

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QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1,000	<p>Rex Hardin Handout, Second Printing, 6" X 11" Postcard printed on 14 point card stock. Ordered 10/7/18, amend to that report.</p> <p><i>Pd. \$127.95 - Campaign \$208.60 - INK Rex Hardin CK. # 1044</i></p>	317.50
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No. **22086**

Date 11/29/2018

Customer P.O. No.

Rex Hardin
Rex Hardin For Mayor Campaign
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Pompano Beach, FL 33060

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2,500	Rex Hardin Handout, First Printing, 6" X 11" Postcard printed on 14 point card stock. Ordered 8/1/18, amended to that report. <i>Pd. \$ 206.50 - Campaign</i> <i>\$ 270.50 - INK Rex Hardin</i> <i>ck. # 1044</i>	450.00
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No. **22081**

Date 11/29/2018

Customer P.O. No.

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Rex Hardin For Mayor Campaign
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Pompano Beach, FL 33060

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
2,500	Rex Walked Postcards (New Logo), 4" X 6" postcard prints on 14 point card stock. Ordered 8/4/18. Amend to that report.	193.50
2,500	Rex Walked Postcards (New Logo to replace incorrect cards). 4" X 6" Postcard prints on 14 point card stock. Ordered 8/6/18. Amend to that report.	193.50
1	Stand Up Banner with carrying case, for presentations. Ordered 8/3/18, amend to that report.	194.98
<p><i>Pd. \$246.71 - Campaign</i> <i>\$370.19 - INK Rex Hardin</i> <i>CK. # 1044</i></p>		
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Six Hundred Eighty Five & 95/100 DOLLARS

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3/1/2018	752028433	FL	[REDACTED] 9624	6310027	\$685.95

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8/10 2018

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Express Printing Center \$1592.15
Fifteen Hundred Ninety Two ¹⁵/₁₀₀ DOLLARS

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FOR Signs inv. 22070

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8/10/2018	2352853092	FL	[REDACTED]9624	6310027	\$1,592.15

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1018	1	0			

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9/25 2018

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Cypress Printing Center \$3545.92

Three Thousand Five Hundred Forty Five ⁹²/₁₀₀ DOLLARS

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 FOR Signs

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9/25/2018	552247698	FL	[REDACTED] 9624	6310027	\$3,545.92
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10/29/18

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Cypress Printing Center \$4066.95

Four Thousand Sixty Six & 95/100 DOLLARS

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<u>Item Date</u>	<u>Sequence Number</u>	<u>State Code</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Routing Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10/29/2018	1552296499	FL	[REDACTED] 9624	6310027	\$4,066.95
<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Image Indicator</u>	<u>Sorry Indicator</u>	<u>Customer Data</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>User Field 1</u>
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REX HARDIN CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT
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11/2 2018

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Express Printing Center \$ 479.22
Four Hundred Seventy Nine & 22/100 DOLLARS

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<u>Item Date</u>	<u>Sequence Number</u>	<u>State Code</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Routing Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11/23/2018	952650283	FL	[REDACTED] 9624	6310027	\$479.22
<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Image Indicator</u>	<u>Sorry Indicator</u>	<u>Customer Data</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>User Field 1</u>
1048	1	0			
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REX HARDIN CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT
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11/23 2018

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Cypress Printing Center \$ 2258.88

Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Eight ⁸⁸/₁₀₀ DOLLARS

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FOR 122092 - Signs

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 [REDACTED] 6335

Item Date	Sequence Number	State Code	Account Number	Routing Number	Amount
11/23/2018	952650284	FL	[REDACTED] 9624	6310027	\$2,258.88
Serial Number	Image Indicator	Sorry Indicator	Customer Data	Payee Name	User Field 1
1059	1	0			
User Field 2	ImgVolNo				
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CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

(1) Rex Hardin

Name

(2) 131 SE 7 ST

Address (number and street)

Pompano Beach, FL 33060

City, State, Zip Code

Check here if address has changed

OFFICE USE ONLY

2018 OCT 15 AM 11:15

(3) ID Number: _____

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

Candidate Office Sought: Mayor

Political Committee (PC)

Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO)

Party Executive Committee (PTY)

Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications)

Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded

Check here if PTY has disbanded

Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 9/01/18 To 10/05/18 Report Type: 2018 G4

Original

Amendment

Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$ 32,850.00

Loans \$ 0

Total Monetary \$ 32,850.00

In-Kind \$ 0

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$ 19,549.03

Transfers to Office Account \$ 0

Total Monetary \$ 19,549.03

(8) Other Distributions

\$ 0

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$ 74,853.72

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$ 49,142.61

(11) Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name) Rex Hardin

Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X

Signature

(Type name) Rex Hardin

Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X

Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

(1) Name Rex Hardin

(2) I.D. Number _____

(3) Cover Period 9 / 01 / 18 through 10 / 05 / 18

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(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Purpose (add office sought if contribution to a candidate)	(9) Expenditure Type	(10) Amendment	(11) Amount
(6) Sequence Number					
9 / 3 / 18 1	Save Our Boys Inc. 43 S. Piowerline Rd., #413 Pompano Beach, FL 33069	Donation	MON		300.00
9 / 07 / 18 2	Customize That LLC 495 NE 4 ST, #4 Delray Beach, FL 33483	Tshirts	MON		866.70
9 / 15 / 18 3	Woo Creative 135 E Atlantic Avenue Delray Beach, FL 33444	Consulting	MON		5000.00
9 / 18 / 18 4	Baraldi Studios	Video Production	MON		2500.00
9 / 23 / 18 5	Home Depot 1511 NW Copans Road Pompano Beach, FL 33064	Sign Install Supplies	MON		353.18
9 / 14 / 18 6	Home Depot 1511 NW Copans Road Pompano Beach, FL 33064	Sign Install Supplies	MON		156.16
9 / 16 / 18 7	Home Depot 1511 NW Copans Road Pompano Beach, FL 33064	Sign Install Supplies	MON		33.64
9 / 25 / 18 8	Cypress Printing Center 136 SW 15 ST Pompano Beach, FL 33060	Signs	MON		3545.92

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

OFFICE USE ONLY
2018 FEB -7 AM 9:05

(1) Rex Hardin

Name

(2) 131 SE 7 ST

Address (number and street)

Pompano Beach, FL 33060

City, State, Zip Code

Check here if address has changed

(3) ID Number: _____

(4) Check appropriate box(es):

Candidate Office Sought: Mayor

Political Committee (PC)

Electioneering Communications Org. (ECO)

Party Executive Committee (PTY)

Independent Expenditure (IE) (also covers an individual making electioneering communications)

Check here if PC or ECO has disbanded

Check here if PTY has disbanded

Check here if no other IE or EC reports will be filed

(5) Report Identifiers

Cover Period: From 09/01/18 To 10/05/18 Report Type: 2018 G4

Original

Amendment

Special Election Report

(6) Contributions This Report

Cash & Checks \$ _____

Loans \$ _____ - 0 -

Total Monetary \$ 32,850.00

In-Kind \$ 3,890.27

(7) Expenditures This Report

Monetary Expenditures \$ 18,289.67

Transfers to Office Account \$ _____

Total Monetary \$ 18,289.67

(8) Other Distributions

\$ _____

(9) TOTAL Monetary Contributions To Date

\$ 74,253.00

(10) TOTAL Monetary Expenditures To Date

\$ 48,295.78

(11) Certification

It is a first degree misdemeanor for any person to falsify a public record (ss. 839.13, F.S.)

I certify that I have examined this report and it is true, correct, and complete:

(Type name) Rex Hardin

Individual (only for IE or electioneering comm.) Treasurer Deputy Treasurer

X

Signature

(Type name) Rex Hardin

Candidate Chairperson (only for PC and PTY)

X

Signature

CAMPAIGN TREASURER'S REPORT – ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

(1) Name Rex Hardin (2) I.D. Number _____

(3) Cover Period 9/1/18 through 10/05/18 (4) Page 2 of 2

(5) Date	(7) Full Name (Last, Suffix, First, Middle) Street Address & City, State, Zip Code	(8) Contributor Type Occupation		(9) Contribution Type	(10) In-kind Description	(11) Amendment	(12) Amount
10/5/18	Rex Hardin 131 SE 7 ST Pompano Beach, FL 33060	I	Printer	INK	Printing	ADD	1076.50
72							
9/03/18	Rex Hardin 131 SE 7 ST Pompano Beach, FL 33060	I	Printer	INK	Printing	ADD	135.51
73							
9/24/18	Rex Hardin 131 SE 7 ST Pompano Beach, FL 33060	I	Printer	INK	Printing	ADD	821.05
74							
9/27/18	Rex Hardin 131 SE 7 ST Pompano Beach, FL 33060	I	Printer	INK	Printing	ADD	413.00
75							
9/25/18	Rex Hardin 131 SE 7 ST Pompano Beach, FL 33060	I	Printer	INK	Signs	ADD	600.00
76							
9/25/18	Rex Hardin 131 SE 7 ST Pompano Beach, FL 33060	I	Printer	INK	Signs	ADD	458.50
77							

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OIG APPENDIX A

CYPRESS PRINTING INVOICES							PAID BY CAMPAIGN			FIRST REPORTED AS EXPENDITURE			FIRST REPORTED AS LOAN			FIRST REPORTED AS IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION			Comment			
#	Invoice	Order Date	Invoice Date	Handwritten "Campaign"	Handwritten "In-kind"	Invoice Total	Check No.	Check Date	Check Amt.	CTR Date	Dated	Reported Amt.	CTR DATE	Dated	Reported Amt.	CTR Date	Dated	Reported Amt.				
1	22003	Not Specified	02/28/18	\$ 685.95	\$ -	\$ 685.95	1004	03/01/18	\$ 685.95	04/06/18	03/01/18	\$ 685.95										
2	22070	Not Specified	08/10/18	\$ 1,592.15	\$ 400.75	\$ 1,992.90	1018	08/10/18	\$ 1,592.15	09/13/18	08/10/18	\$ 1,992.90	09/13/18	08/10/18	\$ 400.75	02/07/19	08/10/18	\$ 400.75	B			
3	22075	Not Specified	09/25/18	\$ 1,800.38	\$ 458.50	\$ 2,258.88	1028	09/25/18	\$ 3,545.92	10/15/18	09/25/18	\$ 3,545.92				02/07/19	09/25/18	\$ 458.50				
4	22076	Not Specified	09/25/18	\$ 1,745.54	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,345.54										02/07/19	09/25/18	\$ 600.00				
5	22079	06/18/18	11/29/18	\$ 87.51	\$ 117.60	\$ 205.11	1044	10/29/18	\$ 4,066.95	11/01/18	06/18/18	\$ 117.60	11/01/18	06/18/18	\$ 117.60	02/07/19	06/18/18	\$ 117.60				
6	22080	06/05/18	11/29/18	\$ 133.37	\$ 188.90	\$ 322.27				11/01/18	06/15/18	\$ 188.90	11/01/18	06/15/18	\$ 188.90	11/01/18	06/15/18	\$ 188.90	02/07/19	06/15/18	\$ 188.90	
7	22081	8/3/18 - 8/6/18	11/29/18	\$ 246.71	\$ 370.19	\$ 616.90				11/01/18	08/04/18	\$ 616.90	11/01/18	08/04/18	\$ 370.19	11/01/18	08/04/18	\$ 370.19	02/07/19	08/04/18	\$ 370.19	
8	22082	09/03/18	11/29/18	\$ 72.10	\$ 135.51	\$ 207.61				11/01/18	09/03/18	\$ 207.61	11/01/18	09/03/18	\$ 135.51	11/01/18	09/03/18	\$ 135.51	02/07/19	09/03/18	\$ 135.51	
9	22083	09/24/18	11/29/18	\$ 838.65	\$ 821.05	\$ 1,659.70				11/01/18	09/24/18	\$ 1,659.70	11/01/18	09/24/18	\$ 821.05	11/01/18	09/24/18	\$ 821.05	02/07/19	09/24/18	\$ 821.05	
10	22084	09/27/18	11/29/18	\$ 414.86	\$ 413.00	\$ 827.86				11/01/18	09/27/18	\$ 827.86	11/01/18	09/27/18	\$ 413.00	11/01/18	09/27/18	\$ 413.00	02/07/19	09/27/18	\$ 413.00	
11	22085	10/05/18	11/29/18	\$ 1,460.08	\$ 1,076.50	\$ 2,536.58				11/01/18	10/05/18	\$ 2,536.58	11/01/18	10/05/18	\$ 1,076.50	11/01/18	10/05/18	\$ 1,076.50	02/07/19	10/05/18	\$ 1,076.50	
12	22086	08/01/18	11/29/18	\$ 206.50	\$ 270.50	\$ 477.00				11/01/18	08/01/18	\$ 477.00	11/01/18	08/01/18	\$ 270.50	11/01/18	08/01/18	\$ 270.50	02/07/19	08/01/18	\$ 270.50	
13	22087	10/07/18	11/29/18	\$ 127.95	\$ 208.60	\$ 336.55				11/01/18	10/07/18	\$ 336.55	11/01/18	10/07/18	\$ 208.60	11/01/18	10/07/18	\$ 208.60	02/07/19	10/07/18	\$ 208.60	
14	22088	10/23/18	11/29/18	\$ 479.22	\$ 540.50	\$ 1,019.72				1048	11/02/18	\$ 479.22	11/05/18	10/27/18	\$ 1,019.72	11/30/18	10/27/18	\$ 540.50	02/07/19	10/27/18	\$ 540.50	
15	22092	10/30/18	11/29/18	\$ 2,258.88	\$ -	\$ 2,258.88				1059	11/23/18	\$ 2,258.88	02/07/19	11/23/18	\$ 2,258.88							
Total				\$ 12,149.85	\$ 5,601.60	\$ 17,751.45				\$ 16,472.07			\$ 4,543.10			\$ 5,601.60						

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	In-kind contributions	<u>\$ 5,601.60</u>	Total Paid by Campaign	<u>\$ 12,629.07</u>
	Invoice total less in-kind contributions	<u>\$ 12,149.85</u>	Original Expenditures less Total Paid by Campaign	<u>\$ 3,843.00</u>

A The handwritten notations on 13 invoices which reflected a total of \$5,601.60 in reductions corresponded with in-kind contributions Mayor Hardin reported as having personally contributed to the campaign on CTRs, eleven of which he initially reported as loans.

B The handwritten notations on invoice 22070 show \$1,592.15 paid via check 1018 plus \$400.75 in-kind from Rex Hardin summing to the invoice total of \$1,992.90. There is an additional notation for \$200.25 for 250 sign stakes, but it does not compute to the invoice total and thus will not be included in this calculation.