



BROWARD OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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***In Matter Referred by the OIG, State Elections Commission Approves
Consent Final Orders Finding that City of Pompano Beach Commissioner
Rex Hardin and Others Violated Campaign Finance Laws***

The Florida Elections Commission (FEC), acting upon a complaint filed by the Broward Office of the Inspector General (OIG) in October 2016, approved a Consent Final Order on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, finding that Pompano Beach Commissioner [Rex Hardin](#) violated state law when (1) he certified to the correctness of his campaign's Termination Report covering the period of October 31, 2014 through February 2, 2015, when it was incorrect or incomplete, (2) he deliberately failed to include information relative to two expenditures on his campaign's Termination Report that is required by Chapter 106 of the Florida Statutes, and (3) he made or authorized expenditures on two occasions that are prohibited by Chapter 106 of the Florida Statutes. Commissioner Hardin paid a \$1,300 fine as part of the agreement.

The FEC further approved three additional Consent Final Orders on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, acting upon complaints filed by the OIG in October 2016. The FEC found that Pompano Beach Commissioner [Barry Moss](#) violated state law when he certified to the correctness of his campaign's Termination Report covering the period of October 31, 2014 through February 2, 2015, when it was incorrect or incomplete. Commissioner Moss paid a \$200 fine as part of the agreement. Similarly, they found that [Ira Blue](#), the campaign treasurer for 2014 Pompano Beach City Commission candidate Edward Phillips, violated state law when he certified to the correctness of two campaign treasurer reports when they were incorrect or incomplete and when he made one or more expenditures from campaign funds by means other than a bank check drawn upon the candidate's campaign account. Mr. Blue paid a \$125 fine as part of the agreement. Finally, the FEC found that [Edward Phillips](#) violated state law when he certified to the correctness of two campaign treasurer reports when they were incorrect or incomplete. Mr. Phillips paid a \$125 fine as part of the agreement.

The [OIG's Final Report](#) of its investigation and findings in this matter was released in September, 2016.

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