

**BEFORE THE OFFICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS  
FRANK D. REEVES MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
2000 14<sup>th</sup> STREET, NW SUITE 420  
WASHINGTON, DC 20009  
(202) 671-0550**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	:	
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<b>Bruce Majors, Libertarian for Mayor</b>	:	<b>Docket No: 2014 C -085</b>
<b>Bruce Majors, Treasurer</b>	:	<b>Date: January 28, 2015.</b>
<b>1200_23<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW #711</b>	:	
<b>Washington, DC 20037</b>	:	

**ORDER**

**Statement of the Case**

This matter came before the Office of Campaign Finance (hereafter OCF) Office of the General Counsel following a determination by its Public Information and Records Management Division (PIRM), that pursuant to The Campaign Finance Act” (The Act), codified in DC Official Code 1-1163.09(b), Bruce Majors, treasurer for Bruce Majors, Libertarian for Mayor failed to timely file a 8 Day Pre- General Election Receipts and Expenditure Report (hereafter R&E Report) on or before October 27, 2014.

By Notice of Hearing, Statement of Violations and Order of Appearance the initial notice dated November 14, 2014, and the second notice dated December 2, 2014 OCF ordered Bruce Majors (hereafter Respondent), to appear at a scheduled hearing on Wednesday November 26, 2014 and Tuesday December 16, 2014 respectively and show cause why he should not be found in violation of Title III of the “Campaign Finance Act of 2011”, and fined accordingly.

**Summary of Evidence**

Respondent failed to appear for either of the respectively scheduled hearings. He also did not contact the Office of the General Counsel regarding this matter.

A check of the records indicates that Respondent filed the 8 Day Pre-General Election R&E Report on November 17, 2014. The report was filed without the required written notarized affidavit. The report was filed three (3) days after the Notice of Hearing was issued by OCF, and on the day filed it was sixteen (16) days past due.

**Findings of Fact**

Having reviewed the allegations and the record herein, I find:

1. Respondent Bruce Majors is the treasurer of record for the Bruce Majors, Libertarian for Mayor principal campaign committee.

2. Respondent committee was required to file an 8 Day Pre-General Election R&E Report on or before October 27, 2014, in accordance with D.C. Official Code § 1-1163.09
3. Respondent treasurer filed an 8 Day Pre-General Election R&E Report] on November 17, 2014.
4. On the date the R&E Report was filed with OCF it was sixteen (16) days past due, and Respondent filed it without filing a written notarized affidavit with it. Moreover, Respondent never contacted the Office of the General Counsel in response to Notice of Hearings sent to him via regular and electronic mail.
5. Respondent candidate is not a novice in the political arena. He has on prior occasions been a registered participant in the election process and is familiar with the campaign laws in the District of Columbia. Respondent has a recent history of failure to file R&E Reports when due, and this failure is a continuation of that pattern of conduct.

### **Conclusions of Law**

**Based on the record provided by the OCF, I therefore conclude:**

1. Respondent PCC violated DC Official Code §1-1163.09(b).
2. The penalty established at DC Official Code §1-1163.09, §1-1163.35, 3 DCMR §§3711.2(f), 3711.3 and 3711.4 for failure to timely file a 8 Day Pre-General Election R&E Report is a fine of \$50.00 per day for each business day subsequent to the due date.
3. In accordance with DC Official Code 1-1163.35 the respondent PCC may be fined a maximum of \$800.00 for failing to timely file a 8 Day Pre-General Election R&E Report.
4. For good cause shown pursuant to 3 DCMR 3711.6, the Director of the Office of Campaign Finance (Director) may modify, rescind, dismiss or suspend any fine.

**Recommendation**

Respondent has developed a pattern of conduct in which he fails to timely file R&E Reports when they are due, (2) fails to contact the Office of General Counsel and apprise them of the status of R&E Reports when they are untimely, and (3) fails to pay fines when incurred for failure to timely file R&E Reports. In view of the foregoing and information included in the record, I hereby recommend that the Director impose an Eight Hundred Dollar (\$800.00) fine in this matter.

January 28, 2015  
Date

Leahana Muhammad  
Hearing Officer

**Concurrence**

In view of the foregoing, I hereby concur with the Recommendation.

January 28, 2015  
Date

William O. SanFord  
William O. SanFord  
General Counsel

**ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR**

IT IS ORDERED that the fine in this matter be hereby Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00).

January 28, 2015  
Date

Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery  
Cecily E. Collier-Montgomery  
Director

**SERVICE OF ORDER**

This is to certify that I have served a true copy of the foregoing Order on Bruce Majors, treasurer Bruce Majors Libertarian for Mayor 1200\_23<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW #711 Washington, DC 20037 by regular mail, and via electronic mail to: majors.bruce@gmail.com on

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**NOTICE**

Any party adversely affected by and order of the Director may obtain review of the order by filing with the Board of Elections and Ethics, a request for a hearing *de novo*. Pursuant to 3 DCMR §3711.5, any fine imposed by the Director shall become effective on the 16<sup>th</sup> day following the issuance of a decision and order, if the respondent does not request an appeal of this matter. If applicable, within 10 days of the effective date of this order, please make a check or money order payable to the D.C. Treasurer, c/o Office of Campaign Finance, 2000 Fourteenth Street, N.W., Suite 433 Washington, DC 20009.