

1. Announcements & Important Meetings

Introduction of New Employee - Tracey Hartmann

On June 20, 2018, Tracey Hartmann started working at SBE. Tracey will be managing several projects at SBE, including post-election auditing, compliance with federal and State audits, and generally supporting election efforts. Tracey joins SBE from the Office of the Attorney General, where she managed the home builders registration unit. Although starting less than a week before an election, Tracey has jumped right in and is already well versed in the post-election ballot tabulation audit.

Federal Election Security Funds

In response to Maryland's allocation of federal funds to improve election security, we submitted to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) a draft narrative and budget plan for these funds. As Congress intended, we allocated these funds to enhancing the information security practices we currently have in place and provide more security training for State and local election officials. Once the EAC accepts the plan, we will post it online.

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – Protective Security

On June 7, 2018, a representative of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security offered an active shooter training for SBE employees. This training was very informative and emphasized the importance of "say something if you see something."

We have also signed up for a DHS assessment of our offices. This is the same assessment that many of the local boards of elections have received, and our assessment is scheduled for July 26, 2018.

Joint Working Group to Secure Election Systems

Working with the Maryland Association of Election Officials and the Maryland Association of Counties, we have created joint group to focus on securing election systems. The purpose of this group is to collaborate to enhance the security posture of State and local election officials (directly) and State and county networks and systems (indirectly). With this group, we would like to identify local boards of elections' IT support needs and develop plan to address them, develop a communications plan to share information among and between State and county election officials and county governments, and identify resources that both State and county governments can use to improve security of IT systems and response if systems are compromised. The first meeting was held on June 7, 2018, and the focus of this meeting was on sharing information, election security issues reported by other states, and the importance of stable networks through election day. We expect to convene this group once a quarter.

Annapolis City Board of Election Supervisors

On July 19, Jared DeMarinis is scheduled to appear before Annapolis City Board of Election Supervisors to discuss campaign finance issues that the city encountered during its last election.

2. 2018 Primary Election Overview

Pre-Election Emergency Management and Weather Briefing

Before each election, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency hosts for State and local election and emergency management officials a conference call to receive threat and weather information to the election period. This call was held on June 11, 2018, and State and local election officials were well represented on the call. We shared with emergency management

officials key election dates and voting locations so the State's Joint Operations Center could map the voting locations. The Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center reported that it had no information to indicate a specific, credible threat to the election.

Ballots

SBE's ballot printer, Single Point Sourcing, printed 3.8 million ballots, including test decks. They also supplied the local boards of elections with blank ballot paper for ballot duplication.

Election Equipment Transportation.

Delivery of equipment for early voting started two days prior to early voting and equipment pickup was completed after early voting centers closed on June 21, 2018.

Equipment delivery for election day started on June 18, 2018, and while equipment pickup was scheduled to be completed by July 5, 2018, it was completed on July 6, 2018. Because a school custodian was not available, a handful of pickups from schools were not timely. During this time, all equipment was locked and sealed and the voted ballots and thumb drives had been returned by election judges election night.

2018 Primary Election Equipment.

The number of early voting centers increased from 68 centers in 2016 to 78 center in 2018. During early voting, 543 electronic pollbooks, 213 ballot scanners, and 102 ballot marking devices were used.

On Election Day, 5,673 electronic pollbooks, 2,446 ballot scanners, and 1,847 ballot marking devices were deployed. Eleven ballot scanners and seven ballot marking devices were replaced, and it is widely thought that the equipment performed well. Reports of jamming ballots were significantly less than the 2016 General Election. Equipment with reported issues will be inspected once the equipment is released, which will likely be next week.

MVA Change of Address Issue

Several days before the primary election, we learned that MVA had not transferred to SBE voter registration transactions. The transactions at issue were transactions performed online or at a self-service kiosk by MVA customers who had a new address and did not request a new license, ID card, vehicle registration, etc. The voter registration information that was not transferred included: (1) information for MVA customers who were not yet registered to vote but wanted to register; (2) information for MVA customers who wanted to update their existing registration address; and (3) information for MVA customers who wanted to update their existing registration address and change their party affiliation. Included in the board meeting folder is a table showing SBE actions in response to this issue and a document summarizing the numbers of records and voters impacted by the issue.

On July 12, 2018, the Senate's Education, Health and Environment Committee and House's Ways and Means Committee held a joint briefing on the issue. The committees requested that Christine Nizer, Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration, and I attend the briefing and provide information. Ms. Nizer explained that a software programming error in 2017 meant these transactions were not forwarded to SBE and the error has since been corrected and SBE is receiving all voter registration transactions. Ms. Nizer shared that MVA's internal auditors are now sampling transactions weekly to verify that all types of transactions are forwarded to SBE and that SBE and MVA are developing audit procedures to ensure that all files sent by MVA and received by SBE. Nikki Charlson and I answered questions from the

committee members, including why SBE did not detect the missing files. The number of MVA transactions we receive each day varies greatly. For example, over the last three years, the daily number of transactions has varied from 88 to 2,600 transactions. We will develop audit procedures for electronically submitted transactions from MVA and other State agencies to sample transactions sent.

Election Results

On election night, the local boards of elections promptly reported results, with the smaller local boards finishing about 9:30 pm. As expected, the larger local boards took longer to report but were generally finished around midnight. The local boards also uploaded pollbook log files on election night, and this took somewhat longer. We are looking to speed this up for the 2018 General Election.

Election Auditing

After each election, SBE performs a comprehensive audit of various aspects of the election. The Voting System Division reviews data associated with the pre-election logic and accuracy testing, opening times of the election day polling places, reviewing discrepancies between the number of voters checked in to vote and the number of ballots cast, and performing the voting system verification.

Erin Perrone and Cortnee Bryant are collecting various documentation from the local boards to complete other auditing tasks, including the polling place evaluation forms and ballot accounting forms. An audit is also performed on absentee and provisional ballots from each local board and the canvassing minutes.

Recounts

On July 11th, the Howard County Board of Elections conducted a recount of the Democratic nomination for County Council District 1. There was a two-vote difference between the two candidates for this nomination, and because of the closeness of the results, the candidate requesting the recount did not have to pay the costs. Erin Perrone, Cortnee Bryant, Sylvia Brown, Ebony Parran, Erin Denis, Sharon Tolson-Feemster and Megan Marano assisted with this recount. Tracey Hartman and Sara Thorton attended the recount to observe and document. At the end of the recount, the vote difference had increased to four and the same individual remained the Democratic nominee for this office.

From July 12th - 14th, the Baltimore County Board of Elections conducted a recount of the Democratic nomination for County Executive. There was a nine-vote difference between the top-2 vote getters for the nomination. Again, because of the closeness of the results, the candidate requesting the recount did not have to pay the costs. Erin, Cortnee, Sylvia, Sharon, Megan and Mary Wagner assisted with this recount or the preparation for the recount. At the end of the recount, the vote difference had increased to 17 and the same individual remained the Democratic nominee for this office.

Additional recounts, including the Democratic nomination for Montgomery County Executive and Democratic nomination for Legislative District 16, are expected. Both recounts are expected to be a manual recount of the voted ballots.

3. Election Reform and Management

Ballot Duplication Software

Erin Perrone has been in contact with Tony Barnfield, Regional Sales Manager at Runbeck Election Services, about the automated ballot duplication software solution proposed for

Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery, Prince George's Counties and Baltimore City. Runbeck would like to hold another demonstration of the software to show the improvements that were made from the previous software version in the coming weeks. Erin has not contacted the local boards because of the various recounts at some of the affected local boards.

4. Voter Registration

MVA Electronic Records

SBE staff is currently processing the electronic records that were not forwarded by MVA. Each record must be closely reviewed to make sure good data is not being overwritten by outdated information. Discussion with The Canton Group and the MDVOTERS software development team is to take place to see if there is a script that can assist with the processing of the records.

MDVOTERS

On Tuesday, July 17, 2018, the primary election was closed in MDVOTERS. This applies voting credit to a voter's record. Public service requests (PSRs) can now be fulfilled.

MVA Transactions

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

New Registration - 2,350	Residential Address Changes - 3,291
Last name changes - 448	Political Party Changes - 585

Non-Citizens

No information was submitted to the Office of the State Prosecutor. Submissions will resume in August 2018.

- Removal of non-citizens -
- Removal of non-citizens who voted -
- Removal of non-citizens who voted multiple times -
- Non-citizens forwarded to the Office of the State Prosecutor -

5. Candidacy and Campaign Finance (CCF) Division

Candidacy

The deadline for non-principal political party and petition candidates to file a declaration of intent was Monday July 2, 2018. August 6th is the deadline for filing the certificate of candidacy.

Campaign Finance

On June 15th, the 2018 Pre-Primary 2 Report was due for all political committees participating in the gubernatorial election. Currently, the CCF Division has over 2,300 participating political committees in this election. 82% of the committees filed timely, and approximately 4% of the committees have not filed the report. Notices have been sent to the chair, treasurer and candidates for those committees. Failure to file timely will result in a fine of \$10 per day up to \$500. The late fee must be paid with campaign funds.

Public Financing Program

Marylanders for Madaleno-Jenkins received an aggregate total of \$335,828.14 in public contributions for the Primary election. The CCF Division has started the audit process of the committee, which is expected to take two months.

As of June 30, 2018, Montgomery County disbursed \$3,997,426 to qualified candidates. 23 candidates qualified for the program, and eight publicly financed candidates won the primary election.

Campaign Finance Enforcement

1. Friends of Nate Loewentheil paid a civil penalty of \$250.00 on June 1, 2018, for an authority line violation.
2. Friends of Anees Abdul Rahim made a cash disbursement greater than \$25.00. The Chairperson paid the civil penalty of \$100.00 on June 4, 2018.
3. Carroll County FOP Lodge 20 PAC Fund was cited for failure to maintain account books and records and record contributions and expenditures on a campaign finance report and for filing an Affidavit of Limited Contributions instead of a campaign finance report for the 2018 Annual Report. On June 12, 2018, the Treasurer paid \$1,250.00 in penalties.
4. Vote Helga Luest paid a civil penalty of \$250.00 on July 3, 2018, for an authority line violation.

6. Project Management Office (PMO)

Inventory: Excess Equipment Disposal

The PMO continued to work with the Department of General Services (DGS) and the State's contract recycler to dispose of the TS-R6 voting system and other legacy equipment and supplies. To date, the recycler has picked up 18,207 of 18,940 TS-R6 units. SBE continued to work with DGS to auction different types of equipment to include servers, workstations, monitors, and printers.

Inventory System Updates

Officially, the FY2018 Inventory Audit period has ended. The statewide inventory audit compliance is currently at 94.82%. SBE will continue to work with the local boards to reconcile the outstanding issues in preparation for the annual reporting due to DGS in August and September.

Other

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

7. Voting Systems

Ballots

In the preparation for the November general election, SBE, with Single Point Sourcing, the ballot printer, will order ballot paper this month.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

July 19, 2018

1. *Benisek v. Lamone*, No. 17-333, October 2017 Term (Supreme Court). This case involves claims that the State's congressional districting map is an unconstitutional political gerrymander. Oral argument took place on March 28, 2018. On June 18, 2018, the Supreme Court affirmed the denial of the preliminary injunction entered by the three-judge district court, holding that the court below did not abuse its discretion in concluding that the balance of the equities and the public interest both weighed in favor of the denial. The Court did not discuss the merits of the case. After remand, the parties submitted supplemental briefing on the impact of *Gill v. Whitford*, No. 16-1161, slip op. (June 18, 2018) and other late-term Supreme Court rulings on the issues in this case. Summary Judgments motions are currently pending and fully briefed. Plaintiffs are seeking an accelerated trial schedule so that the matter may be presented to the Supreme Court sufficiently in advance of the 2020 elections.

2. *Fusaro v. Davitt et al.* (U.S. District Court, D. Md.). No change from the last update. Plaintiff Dennis Fusaro has brought a complaint in federal court alleging that Maryland violates the First and Fourteenth Amendments by limiting access to the voter list to Maryland voters and only for purposes related to the electoral process. The State defendants moved to dismiss the complaint in January, and their reply in support of that motion was filed February 23, 2018. The motion is fully briefed and awaiting ruling by the Court. Assistant Attorney General John Grimm is representing the State Board in this litigation.

3. *Claudia Barber v. Maryland Board of Elections*, No. C-02-CV-17-001691 (Cir. Ct. Anne Arundel Cnty.) On January 25, Ms. Barber appealed from the Circuit Court's January 11 dismissal of her complaint. Ms. Barber sought damages and judicial review of, among other things, the State Board's decision not to issue a declaratory ruling permitting her to use campaign funds to pay for litigation costs she incurred in her unsuccessful attempt to retain her position as an administrative law judge in the District of Columbia. Ms. Barber was ruled ineligible for that position due to her candidacy in 2016 for Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland. Ms. Barber's opening appeal brief has been filed. The Appellees' brief is due on August 6, 2018. Assistant Attorney General Andrea Trento will represent the State Board in the appeal.

4. *Johnson v. Prince George's County Board of Elections*, No. CAL16-42799 (Cir. Ct. Prince Georges Cnty.). No change from the last update. This case involves a challenge under the U.S. Constitution and Maryland Constitution and Declaration of

Rights to the SBE's alleged failure to provide information and access to voter registration and voting resources to eligible voters detained by the Prince Georges County Department of Correction during the 2016 election. The case had been originally filed in the Circuit Court for Prince Georges County but was removed on the basis of the federal claims asserted by the Plaintiffs. On February 27, 2018, the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland granted SBE's motion to dismiss the Plaintiffs' federal claims, declined to exercise jurisdiction over the state claims, and remanded the case to the Circuit Court for further proceedings. The parties are awaiting further direction from the court. Assistant Attorney General Andrea Trento will represent the State Board in this matter going forward.

5. *Kreamer v. Maryland State Board of Elections*, No. C-02-CV-18-000629 (Cir. Ct. Anne Arundel Cnty.). This case involves a challenge by one of the candidates for the Democratic nomination for Senate District 34 (Harford County) to the eligibility of the other candidate for that nomination. The challenged candidate was not named as defendant in the case. On May 21, 2018, the Circuit Court granted the State Board's motion to dismiss, ruling that laches barred Ms. Kreamer's claims and that Ms. Kreamer's failure to name a necessary party as a defendant in the lawsuit also required dismissal. That afternoon, Ms. Kreamer filed a petition for certiorari to the Court of Appeals. On June 25, 2018, Ms. Kreamer's petition was denied.

6. *Ervin v. Lamone*, No. C-02-CV-18-001565 (Cir. Ct. Anne Arundel Cnty.). This case, filed on May 29, 2018, involved a challenge by gubernatorial candidate Valerie Ervin to the State Administrator's determination that there was not sufficient time to reprint ballots to reflect the filling of the vacancy caused by former gubernatorial candidate Kevin Kamenetz's death on May 10, 2018, by Ms. Ervin and her running mate, Marisol Johnson. On June 4, 2018, a hearing on Ms. Ervin's motion for preliminary injunction was held. After the hearing, the Court denied Ms. Ervin's motion for preliminary injunction and granted the State Board's motion for summary judgment.

7. *Ficker v. Crow et al.*, No. 449743-V (Cir. Ct. Montgomery Cnty.). On June 15, Mr. Ficker filed a complaint challenging the denial by the State Board of Elections and Montgomery County that Mr. Ficker had submitted sufficient documentation indicating that he had satisfied the fundraising threshold requirements for participating in the Montgomery County Public Election Fund. David Crow, Fiscal Projects Manager for the Department of Finance of Montgomery County, and Jared DeMarinis were named as defendants in the case. Mr. Ficker filed a motion for preliminary injunction and a hearing date on the motion was scheduled. After further evaluation of the claims, SBE and Montgomery County determined that Mr. Ficker had provided sufficient documentation

regarding his eligibility to participate in the Public Election Fund, and Mr. Ficker was so informed. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Ficker voluntarily dismissed his lawsuit.

8. *Johnson v. Prince George's County Board of Elections et al.*, No. ____ (PG Cnty). On June 26, 2018, Bruce Johnson filed an action challenging the PG County Board of Elections' rejection of his declaration of intent to seek a nomination for State's Attorney of PG candidate as an unaffiliated candidate. At the time of the filing of the declaration of intent, Mr. Johnson was still formally registered as a Republican. Moreover, because registration had been closed since June 5 and would not reopen until July 6, Mr. Johnson was unable to change his party affiliation before the July 2 deadline for the filing of his declaration of intent. After further evaluation, the State and Local Boards determined that Mr. Johnson's filing of a declaration of intent to run as an unaffiliated candidate, when he was still formally affiliated with a party, did not violate any requirement or duty imposed by law, and that therefore his declaration should be accepted. The deadline for submitting a certificate of candidacy and petition in support of an unaffiliated nomination is August 6. Mr. Johnson has voluntarily dismissed his lawsuit.

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

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Re: *Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Use of Electronic Signatures on Petition for an Unaffiliated Candidate for Federal Office*

Dear Administrator Lamone:

On behalf of our client, Steve Gladstone, we respectfully submit this request for a declaratory ruling under the Code of Maryland Regulations § 33.01.02. Steve Gladstone intends to run as an unaffiliated candidate in 2018 for the U.S. Senate in Maryland. As part of the petition process to place his name on the ballot as an unaffiliated candidate, Mr. Gladstone intends to circulate his petitions online and may obtain some electronic signatures instead of “wet” signatures manually placed on a paper petition. Once completed, a printed version of the petitions will be submitted to the State Board of Elections (“Board”) on or before any relevant deadline in the format that is consistent with the approved state forms. This process is consistent with Maryland election law and the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (“UETA”). There is no greater risk of fraud or abuse than with “wet” signatures—under either method circulators submit signatures under penalties for false statements—and allowing such a process will make it easier for Maryland’s citizens to participate in the political process.

I. Question Presented

Is an electronic signature a “signature” under the Maryland Election Law Code for purposes of signing a petition to place an individual’s name on a ballot as an unaffiliated candidate and signing the circulator’s affidavit?

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II. The Proposed Petitions

A. Signer Data

Mr. Gladstone has developed an online system to collect the signatures necessary to qualify for the ballot.¹ Consistent with prior Board-approved petitions, Mr. Gladstone will collect information electronically from those who wish to sign his petitions, including the signer's name, address, date of birth, and date of signing as required by Election Law Article § 6-203(a), COMAR § 33.06.03.06(2), and the current general election nominating petition available from the Board.² The web form will include the following:

- Text boxes into which users may input their name (one box each for first, middle, and last) and address (one box each for street number, street name, apartment number, city or town, and zip code)
- A drop-down box will serve as the county field that will include each county and Baltimore City;
- Another drop-down box will allow users to select their birth month, day, and year; The birth year field will specify that a person must be 18 years old to complete the petition, so as to comply with Election Law Article § 6-204(c) requirements for a circulator.
- The form will also request the person's telephone number as required by COMAR § 33.06.03.06(B)(3) for the affidavit circulator.³

B. Electronic Signatures

Mr. Gladstone proposes to allow petition signers to sign electronically, as both the signer and the circulator. This would eliminate the need to first print the form, sign it, and then send it to Mr. Gladstone. To effectuate the electronic signature process, the web form will include all of the statements required by Election Law Article §§ 6-203(a)(2) and 6-204(b).

¹ See Attachment 1. The proposed URL is <https://mypartvispurple.com/petition>, and the website will be an EC2 instance hosted on Amazon Web Services.

² http://www.elections.state.md.us/forms/documents/candidate_petition_form_FINAL.pdf.

³ This last part of the process, *i.e.*, allowing the same individual to serve as the signer and the circulator of the petition, is consistent with what the Board has allowed in the past, and has been approved by the Maryland Court of Appeals. *Whitley v. Maryland Bd. of Elections*, 55 A.3d 37, 56 (Md. 2012).

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Specifically, for petition signing purposes, the web page will include the following statement:

By signing this petition, you agree that the aforementioned candidate(s) should be placed on the ballot for the office indicated and that, to the best of your knowledge, you are registered to vote in Maryland and are eligible to have your signature counted for this petition.

Under that statement, there will be a check-box that says "Accept," and then a text box to accept the person's typed name that says:

By entering my name in this box, checking the "Accept" box above, and clicking the "Submit" button below, I hereby provide my electronic signature to petition the Board to add Mr. Gladstone to the ballot for United States Senate.

C. Circulator's Affidavit

In addition, the website will include a circulator's affidavit as required by Election Law Article § 6-204. The affidavit may be signed by the same person who is the petition signer.⁴ It will state:

Circulator's Affidavit. Under penalties of perjury, I swear (or affirm) that: (a) I was at least 18 years old when each signature was obtained; (b) the information given above identifying me is true and correct; (c) I personally observed each signer as he or she signed this page; and (d) to the best of my knowledge and belief: (i) all signatures on this page are genuine; and (ii) all signers are registered voters of Maryland. (Sign and Date when signature collection is completed).

There will be another "Accept" check box below this statement, as well as a text box for the person's typed name that says: "By entering my name in this box, checking the 'Accept' box above, and clicking the 'Submit' button below, I hereby provide my electronic signature swearing or affirming the statements in the Circulator's Affidavit above."

Below this, there will be a "Submit" button. Forms cannot be submitted without entering information in all required fields. Once submitted, the data is stored in database tables on a

⁴ *Id.*

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secured server in an encrypted format.⁵ The tables will include the exact date and time the form was submitted.

D. Submission of the Petitions

On or before any appropriate filing date, Mr. Gladstone will generate hard-copy petitions using the data compiled from the web forms.⁶ Each signer's information will be printed on a form that matches the official form provided by the Board. In the signature line for the petition, as well as for the affidavit, the printed version will include the person's name as typed in the signature fields and a notation: "Electronically signed on {date/time}," which will reflect the date and time the person clicked submit on the form. These printed forms will be organized by county and delivered to the Board for processing. Should the Board desire, Mr. Gladstone can also provide Excel files with all of the information to counties to simplify the verification process.⁷

Once the election cycle is over, every database with petitioner info will be securely deleted to maximize privacy and protect signers' personal information. Moreover, all downloaded PDF files will be securely deleted using software compliant with both the Department of Defense's and National Institute of Standards and Technology's standards for data sanitation.⁸ Under no circumstances will names, addresses, or telephone numbers be kept for any future use. Data will only be retained if the Board of Elections mandates it. The website will contain a privacy policy that explains the scope of use of any submitted data to the website user.

III. Electronically Signing Nominating Petitions is Permissible under Maryland Law

The Board and the Court of Appeals have recognized the importance of technology to simplify and facilitate the collection of signatures in the election process. The online data-

⁵ The values in the form are encrypted with strong AES encryption. Those encrypted values are then stored in a secure MySQL database hosted with Amazon RDS Web Service. Mr. Gladstone will be the only one with IP and login access to the AWS systems using 16+ character passwords (numbers/letters/symbols) together with 2-factor authentication requirements to open the control panel.

⁶ See Attachment 2.

⁷ The Excel files can be provided in encrypted format, and Mr. Gladstone can provide the Board with the decryption key (i.e., a password to open the file), or in an unencrypted format, whichever is preferred for convenience and security.

⁸ See DoD 5220.22-M; NIST 800-88 Guidelines for Media Sanitization.

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collection process has already been approved.⁹ Mr. Gladstone's proposal to obtain electronic signatures is consistent with Maryland law under the Maryland Uniform Electronic Transactions Act ("UETA") as applied to the Election Law. And it will further public participation in the election process by eliminating the need for a legion of circulators. At the same time, use of electronic signatures will make the petition more broadly available to the public, including those confined to their homes, hospitals, or rehab facilities, as well as Maryland citizens serving overseas in the military.

The Maryland Election Law requires signatures for two purposes on a petition: (1) for the signer to indicate he or she supports placing the candidate on the ballot and (2) for the circulator to attest to the authenticity of the information collected. The proposed petitions satisfy both requirements, and are addressed in order.

A. Electronic Signatures Satisfy the Petition Signature Requirements

1. The signer requirements are all satisfied with the web form

The Election Law provides that a person must "sign the individual's name as it appears on the statewide voter registration list or the individual's surname of registration and at least one full given name and the initials of any other names."¹⁰ Thus, the statute requires either the signature provided must match the signature on file or the signature include a full given name and initials. A signature need not match the original version on file on the voter registration list. The signature "shall be validated and counted" if the following six criteria are satisfied:

- (1) The requirements of subsection (a) of this section have been satisfied [the name is signed as described above and the information about the signer is collected];
- (2) The individual is a registered voter assigned to the county specified on the signature page and, if applicable, in a particular geographic area of the county;
- (3) The individual has not previously signed the same petition;
- (4) The signature is attested by an affidavit appearing on the page on which the signature appears;

⁹ *Whitley*, 55 A.3d at 56.

¹⁰ Md. Elec. Law Code Ann. § 6-203(a)(1).

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(5) The date accompanying the signature is not later than the date of the affidavit on the page; and

(6) If applicable, the signature was affixed within the requisite period of time, as specified by law.¹¹

The proposed petition satisfies all six criteria:

(1) The electronic signature provided satisfies the UETA and all of the identifying information is collected;

(2) Signers' voter registrations will be validated at the time the signatures are submitted, although Mr. Gladstone may use registration data to validate the data submitted on the web form before he submits the signature;

(3) Mr. Gladstone will verify that no duplicate signatures are submitted to satisfy the third criterion;

(4) There will be a valid affidavit;

(5) The date and time the web form is submitted will be recorded to reflect the date of the signature, which will, by definition, be the same date on which it the affidavit is signed: and

(6) The date-stamp will demonstrate the date on which the signature was affixed electronically.

2. The Uniform Electronic Transactions Act specifies that an electronic signature satisfies the Election Act

Turning now to whether the web form creates a "signature," the UETA says that it does. The UETA provides, among other things, that "[i]f a law requires a signature, an electronic signature satisfies the law."¹²

The UETA applies to "electronic signatures relating to a transaction."¹³ A transaction is defined as an "action or set of actions occurring between two or more persons relating to the

¹¹ *Id.* § 6-203(b).

¹² Md. Com. Law Code Ann. § 21-106(d).

¹³ *Id.* § 21-102(a).

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conduct of business, commercial, or *governmental affairs*.”¹⁴ The term “governmental affairs” is not addressed in the statute, but “governmental agency” is defined as “an executive, legislative, or judicial agency, department, board, commission, authority, institution, unit, or instrumentality of the federal government or of a state or of a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state.”¹⁵ The collection of an electronic signature would therefore undoubtedly qualify as a “transaction” between the signor and Mr. Gladstone under the UETA because it “relat[es] to governmental affairs.” The UETA also includes a list of excluded transactions, such as a divorce, an adoption, wills, and certain Uniform Commercial Code transactions.¹⁶ The UETA does not exclude transactions under the Election Law, and nothing in the Election Law suggests the UETA does not apply. As such, electronic signatures are valid signatures for purposes of the Maryland Election Law.

The UETA defines an electronic signature as “an electronic sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record.”¹⁷ As described above, a signer of the petition must affirmatively check a box that says he or she agrees with the statements about signing the petition, and also type his or her name into a box for the signature line. There is specific language saying that “[b]y entering my name in this box, checking the “Accept” box above, and clicking the “Submit” button below, I hereby provide my electronic signature to petition the Board to add Mr. Gladstone to the ballot for United States Senate [or other office sought].” This action includes both an electronic symbol (the person’s typed name, as well as the record of checking the box) and manifests a clear intent to sign the petition. The database stores all of this information to record both the person’s act of signing the petition, and the date-stamp of when it is done. As such, the web form generates an electronic signature under the UETA.

Furthermore, the “transaction” occurs between two consenting parties—the petition signer and Mr. Gladstone.¹⁸ The UETA “applies only to transactions between parties, each of which has agreed to conduct transactions by electronic means.”¹⁹ Section 21-117 of the

¹⁴ *Id.* § 21-101(q) (emphasis added).

¹⁵ *Id.* § 21-101(j).

¹⁶ *See id.* § 21-102(b).

¹⁷ *Id.* § 21-101(i).

¹⁸ *See supra* note 13.

¹⁹ *Id.* § 21-104(b)(1).

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Maryland Commercial Law “does not require a governmental agency of this State to use or permit the use of electronic records or electronic signatures,” but this provision only applies when the governmental agency serves as a party to a UETA transaction. If the governmental agency is a party, that agency has discretion over whether to use or permit electronic signatures. Where the governmental agency does not serve as a party, however, the agency cannot nullify a valid transaction between two consenting parties who use electronic signatures.

The “transaction” here involves a signer affixing his or her electronic signature to Mr. Gladstone’s petition. This transaction occurs between the Maryland voter and Mr. Gladstone. The Board is not a party to this transaction. The Board merely accepts the completed transaction—the signed petition. So long as the signatory and Mr. Gladstone “agree[] to conduct [the] transaction[] by electronic means,” the Board should effectuate this legal agreement. The Utah Supreme Court reached a similar conclusion in *Anderson v. Bell* where it held that:

The circulator does not turn the petition for nomination over to the county clerks for verification until after the petition is “completed by” [the requisite number of] registered voters... [w]e take the term “completed” to mean the transaction is closed. Moreover, treating the transaction as between the circulating nominee and the signor makes the most logical sense; it is an authentication that the signee supports the circulator’s bid to have his name on the ballot as a candidate for statewide office. We fail to see how including the [state] as a party to this agreement has an impact on this transaction and the authentication of the signor’s support.²⁰

The Board should therefore recognize the electronic signature as valid.²¹ As explained below, the supreme courts of two states have held that their state UETAs require this result. Moreover, the one court to hold differently was interpreting a very different statutory scheme.

²⁰ 234 P.3d 1147, 1155 (Utah 2010).

²¹ The Board should not be considered to be a party to the transaction. Nevertheless, if the Board concludes that it is a party to the transaction effectuated by an electronic signature, it should accept such signatures in its discretion. Md. Com. Law Code Ann. § 21-117(a) (“[E]ach governmental agency shall determine whether, and the extent to which, it will send and accept . . . electronic signatures . . .”).

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3. Two state supreme courts have found that their states' UETA allow electronic signatures to satisfy their ballot-access signature requirements

Two courts have considered the effect of their states' identically worded Uniform Electronic Transactions Act in the context of ballot access and allowed electronic signatures to be used for that purpose.

In *Anderson v. Bell*, the Utah Supreme Court held that electronic signatures are a permissible way to sign a petition.²² At the time, Utah election law included provisions similar to those in Maryland, which required unaffiliated candidates to obtain signatures from a certain number of registered voters.²³ An independent candidate collected several electronic signatures, but the election official rejected their validity on the basis that they were not "holographic" or physical signatures.²⁴ The candidate challenged the rejection, and the Utah Supreme Court found the electronic signatures permissible.²⁵

Among other things, the Utah Supreme Court looked to the Utah Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, which included the same operative language as the Maryland UETA: "If a law requires a signature, an electronic signature satisfies the law."²⁶ The Court noted that the law included several types of exempted transactions (the list was narrower than the Maryland list of exemptions), but, like Maryland, the election laws were not part of the exempted list.²⁷ Thus, the Utah Supreme Court found that the Act controlled and allowed the use of electronic signatures on the petition.²⁸

Similarly, just last year, the West Virginia Supreme Court held that the West Virginia Uniform Electronic Transactions Act permitted electronic signatures for purposes of

²² *Id.* at 1147.

²³ *Id.* at 1148.

²⁴ *Id.*

²⁵ *Id.* at 1155–56.

²⁶ *Id.*

²⁷ *Id.* The Utah legislature has since amended the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act and removed electronic signatures from the Utah Election Code's purview. However, as the West Virginia Supreme Court noted: "The fact that *Anderson* was subsequently overridden by new legislation does not indicate that the court's reasoning was flawed." *Benjamin v. Walker*, No. 16-0228, 2016 W. Va. LEXIS 308, at *35 (W. Va. Apr. 19, 2016).

²⁸ *Anderson*, 234 P.3d at 1156.

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qualifying for that state's public financing program.²⁹ Like Maryland and Utah, West Virginia had adopted the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, which included the same language as the Utah and Maryland UETA that electronic signatures satisfy the requirement for a signature.³⁰ Like the Utah Supreme Court, the West Virginia Supreme Court looked to the list of excluded transactions and found the election laws were not in the list.³¹ As such, the court stated that "as in *Anderson*, the statutory provisions at issue could not be more straightforward" and thus allowed the acceptance of electronic signatures.³²

4. The Maryland law is different from the California law that was not amenable to electronic signatures under the California UETA

On the other hand, as the West Virginia court noted, a California intermediate court of appeals held that electronic signatures did not fulfill California election law.³³ The California court expressed several reasons why it rejected the argument that California's Uniform Electronic Transactions Act would allow electronic signatures in the petition process.³⁴ The West Virginia court explained that the California law was substantively different from the West Virginia law; thus, the California intermediate court's decision was not persuasive authority when the West Virginia Supreme Court interpreted the West Virginia statute.³⁵ Nor should it be with respect to the Maryland law.

(a) The Maryland Election Law does not have limiting language like the California law

In *Ni v. Slocum*,³⁶ the California court found that the California election law specifically stated that its provisions are mandatory, based on the introductory phrase, "notwithstanding any other provision of law . . .," which meant that the election law, and not the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, controlled.³⁷ The Maryland Election Law does

²⁹ *Benjamin v. Walker*, No. 16-0228, 2016 W. Va. LEXIS 308, at *35 (W. Va. Apr. 19, 2016).

³⁰ *Id.* at *28.

³¹ *Id.*

³² *Id.* at *35.

³³ *Ni v. Slocum*, 127 Cal. Rptr. 3d 620, 633 (Cal. App. 1st Dist. 2011).

³⁴ *Id.* at 625-33.

³⁵ *Benjamin v. Walker*, No. 16-0228, 2016 W. Va. LEXIS 308, at *35 (W. Va. Apr. 19, 2016).

³⁶ 127 Cal. Rptr. 3d 620 (Cal. App. 1st Dist. 2011).

³⁷ *Id.* at 627.

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not include such language. Moreover, the court found that the California law required election officials to verify the residence of every voter signing a petition, and that this would be impossible where the voter signed the petition electronically since electronic receipts contain identifying information but not a residential address.³⁸ The process Mr. Gladstone proposes will require signers to enter their physical address, which means the same information will be collected on this petition as would be collected on a hard-copy form.

(b) The Maryland Court of Appeals has already made changes to the circulator requirements

The California court also noted that the law required every voter's signature on a petition to be witnessed and thereafter certified by a "circulator."³⁹ The court held that such a requirement could not be met where voters used phones, tablets, and computers to sign the petition online.⁴⁰ Relatedly, the court held that allowing electronic signatures on a petition would completely eliminate the function of the "circulator," thus substantively changing the law.⁴¹ Although Maryland requires circulators to witness petitions, the Maryland Court of Appeals has already held in *Whitley* that the person signing the petition may be the same as the person who signs the circulator affidavit.⁴² As such, these concerns raised by the California court are not relevant when considering the Maryland law.

(c) The Maryland law does not require a person to "affix" a signature like the California law

Finally, the California court looked at the law's use of the words "personally affix" with respect to the signature requirement. Ultimately, the Court found that one meaning of the word "affix" would require a physical signature, but that another definition would allow an electronic signature to be used.⁴³ The court decided that it did not have to consider which definition controlled for the other reasons discussed above.

³⁸ *Id.* at 627.

³⁹ *Id.* at 631

⁴⁰ *Id.* at 632

⁴¹ *Id.*

⁴² *Whitley*, 55 A.3d at 37.

⁴³ *Slocum*, 127 Cal. Rptr. 3d at 631.

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Maryland Election Law uses the phrase “affix” in a few limited instances, but the operative and active parts of the statute do not use the phrase personally affix or even the verb “affix” in the context of a person signing a petition. First, the law specifies that an unaffiliated candidate:

[W]ho seeks nomination by petition may not have the candidate’s name placed on the general election ballot unless the candidate files with the appropriate board petitions signed by not less than 1% of the total number of registered voters who are eligible to vote for the office for which the nomination by petition is sought, except that the petitions shall be signed by at least 250 registered voters who are eligible to vote for the office.⁴⁴

Second, it says that “[t]o sign a petition, an individual shall: (1) sign the individual’s name as it appears on the statewide voter registration list or the individual’s surname of registration and at least one full given name and the initials of any other names”⁴⁵ Thus, the key phrases talk about signing a petition or petitions that have been signed by a person; they do not talk about a person “affixing” a signature.

The phrase “affixed” appears in three places. First, in the requirements for a signature, the law says the petitions will be accepted, “if applicable, the signature was affixed within the requisite period of time, as specified by law.” Here, the word “affixed” discusses the time when the signature was made, not the act of placing the signature on the page. The second and third uses are in the same sentence, which provides:

Each signature page shall contain an affidavit made and executed by the individual in whose presence all of the signatures on that page were *affixed* and who observed each of those signatures being *affixed*.⁴⁶

Again, this is a reference to the signatures already made, not to a requirement that a person “personally affix” his or her signature, as was the case in the California law. These words describe the signature—which can easily be described as an electronic signature—and do not require the person to do anything more than affix an electronic signature.

⁴⁴ Md. Elec. Law Code Ann. § 5-703(e)(1).

⁴⁵ *Id.* § 6-203(a)(1).

⁴⁶ *Id.* § 6-204(a).

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Thus, the Maryland Election Code does not, by itself, require a “wet” signature to satisfy the requirements that the signatures are “affixed.” And in the context of the Maryland Code, the absence of such a requirement suggests that an electronic signature may be affixed in the same manner as a “wet” one. In fact, the Maryland Code uses the term “affix” with respect to signatures in other contexts, and when it does a “wet” or “manual” signature is explicitly required. For example, a municipal clerk or secretary must “manually affix” his or her signature to a bond, even though other signatures or seals may be placed by facsimile.⁴⁷ And in the one instance where a Maryland court required a “wet” signature, a regulation clearly mandated the submission of a hard-copy document with a manual signature.⁴⁸ Thus, the General Assembly of Maryland knows how to require a “wet” or “manual” signature where one is needed, and it did not do so in the Election Code.

Even if the Board concluded that a signature must be “personally affixed,” in spite of there being no statutory support for doing so, it could follow the lead of the Maryland Court of Appeals and conclude that the term “personally affix” encompasses the use of electronic signatures. Rule 20-107 of the Maryland Rules of Procedures, for example, states that a judge “shall sign a submission electronically by . . . personally affixing the judge’s . . . digital signature. . . .”⁴⁹ And under the same Rule, filers are held to a similar standard: “An electronic signature on an electronically filed submission constitutes and has the same force and effect as a signature required under Rule 1-311.”⁵⁰ If electronic signatures can be “affixed” by judges and are binding on litigants, then electronic signatures should also constitute a legally binding signature when used by Maryland’s citizens in placing a candidate on the ballot.

5. Allowing the use of electronic signatures effectuates the legislative intent

Allowing electronic signatures would advance the General Assembly’s intent of “inspir[ing] public confidence and trust by assuring that citizen convenience is emphasized in all

⁴⁷ Md. Housing and Comm. Dev. Code Ann. § 4-231(a)(7)(ii).

⁴⁸ See *Hranicka v. Chesapeake Surgical*, 116 A. 3d 507, 514, citing COMAR 14.09.02.02A(9)(a)-(b) (“A claim that is submitted electronically is not considered filed until the signed claim form . . . is received by the Commission. [] The Commission’s date of receipt is determined by the date stamp affixed on the claim form.”).

⁴⁹ Maryland Rules of Proc., Rule 20-107(b).

⁵⁰ Rule 20-107(a). Electronic signatures are also sufficient in the context of “Verified Submissions,” which include documents submitted under oath. Rule 20-107(f).

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aspects of the election process.”⁵¹ When interpreting statutory schemes, courts first look at the legislature’s intent.⁵² The Maryland Court of Appeals has already held that computer-generated petitions properly prioritize citizen convenience.⁵³ Allowing electronic signatures logically flows from permitting computer-generated petitions.

The Maryland legislature enacted the Election Code in order to “inspire public confidence and trust by assuring that . . . all persons served by the election system are treated fairly and equitably.”⁵⁴ Accepting electronic signatures serves this purpose. In *Anderson*, Utah’s UETA gave discretion to the state over electronic signatures through a rulemaking procedure.⁵⁵ The state board, however, rejected electronic signatures after they were submitted without any formal rule in place.⁵⁶ The Utah Supreme Court found this practice contrary to the statutory purpose.⁵⁷ The statute “does not authorize government agencies to make informal decisions on what type of transactions cannot be supported by electronic signatures outside of the rulemaking process”⁵⁸ Although Maryland’s UETA does not call for a rulemaking process, the statute does require the Board to “determine” the extent to which the agency will accept electronic signatures.⁵⁹ The Board, however, has a mechanism for such a “determination”: the declaratory ruling process.⁶⁰ Here, a ruling that electronic signatures may be collected and submitted will ensure that unaffiliated candidates, such as Mr. Gladstone, are treated “fairly and equitably” in the only process by which they may appear on the ballot—through signature gathering. It also ensures

⁵¹ *Id.* § 1-201(5).

⁵² *Montgomery Cty. Volunteer Fire-Rescue Ass’n v. Montgomery Cty. Bd. of Elections*, 15 A.3d 798, 802 (Md. 2011) (“In statutory interpretation, our primary goal is always ‘to discern the legislative purpose, the ends to be accomplished, or the evils to be remedied by a particular provision’”) (quoting *Doe v. Montgomery Cty. Bd. of Elections*, 962 A.2d 342, 350 (Md. 2008)).

⁵³ *Whitley*, 55 A.3d at 51 (Md. 2011).

⁵⁴ Md. Election Law Code Ann. § 1-201(1).

⁵⁵ 234 P.3d at 1154.

⁵⁶ *Id.*

⁵⁷ *Id.*

⁵⁸ *Id.* at 1154–55.

⁵⁹ Md. Com. Law Code Ann. § 21-117(a). Even though this section does not govern, *see supra* note 19, Mr. Gladstone has nonetheless sought the Board’s opinion in the matter.

⁶⁰ Code of Maryland Regulations § 33.01.02

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Maryland citizens are treated “fairly and equitably” by allowing greater access to the ballot nominating process.

Finally, the Maryland election code specifically accommodates technological advances. In Section 6-203—outlining petition signatories’ specific requirements—the code states that signatories must: “include the following information, printed or *typed*”⁶¹ Like the election code in Utah, the Maryland code contemplates using an electronic interface when completing a petition. Additionally, the Maryland election code already allows electronic signatures in other contexts.⁶² Because the legislative language contemplates technological accommodations, permitting electronic signatures effectuates the legislative intent underlying the language.

In sum, the signature requirements of the Maryland Election Law can be satisfied with an electronic signature. Neither the UETA nor the Election Law contain any language prohibiting or exempting electronic signatures from ballot petitions. As such, the UETA allows electronic signatures. The proposed petitions clearly satisfy the requirements of the UETA for creating an electronic signature.

B. The Affidavit May Also be Satisfied by an Electronic Signature

In addition to the signature requirement for the person signing the petition, there is also a signature required by the circulator:

Each signature page shall contain an affidavit made and executed by the individual in whose presence all of the signatures on that page were affixed and who observed each of those signatures being affixed.⁶³

The Court of Appeals has already established that the person who signs the petition may also sign this affidavit.⁶⁴ Mr. Gladstone’s proposed online system has the person check a box that affirms he or she agrees to the language of the affidavit and that says: “By entering my name in this box, checking the ‘Accept’ box above, and clicking the ‘Submit’ button below, I hereby provide my electronic signature swearing or affirming the statements in the Circulator’s Affidavit above.” Under the UETA, this creates a binding electronic signature

⁶¹ *Id.* § 6-203 (emphasis added).

⁶² *See id.* § 13-104 (permitting electronic signatures for campaign finance disclosures).

⁶³ *Id.* § 6-204(a).

⁶⁴ *Whitley*, 55 A.3d at 37.

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that satisfies this statutory requirement. As such, the entire petition can be submitted with electronic signatures.

IV. Allowing Electronic Signatures is in the Public Interest Supported by the Maryland Election Law

Allowing electronic signatures would greatly expand the citizenry's ability to participate in the process of adding a candidate to the ballot. People can sign the petition from the convenience of their homes; they do not have to find a circulator out on the street. Or, as is more likely the case, people who want to sign the petition can do so without being interrupted by circulators in their homes. Moreover, allowing electronic signatures would allow some groups—such as the disabled and elderly—access that they would not otherwise have. By contrast, requiring a wet signature might disenfranchise some voters (such as military personnel serving abroad) who cannot physically sign during the petition window. Requiring a wet signature may burden these groups so much that such a mandate would violate the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.⁶⁵

The online form ensures complete, accurate, and legible information will be included on the petitions. The Maryland Court of Appeals has already endorsed the concept of online petitions, and allowing electronic signatures is the next logical step in simplifying the petition process. Indeed, a person who has a computer, phone, or tablet, but not a printer, can now sign a petition.

Because the statute allows people to sign names differently than they appear on the voter registration forms, there is no ability to check signatures against the form for validity.⁶⁶ Thus, nothing is lost in the process by using electronic signatures.

⁶⁵ The United States Supreme Court has developed a balancing test when election laws burdens voter (even incidentally through a candidate's ballot access). First, the court examines the severity of the burden. *Crawford v. Marion Cnty. Election Bd.*, 553 U.S. 181, 205 (2008) (Scalia, J., concurring) (“Thus, the first step is to decide whether a challenged law severely burdens the right to vote.”). If the law imposes a “severe” burden, courts analyze the law under strict scrutiny. *Burdick v. Takushi*, 504 U.S. 428, 434 (1992). The Court has not defined a “severe” burden, however. In his concurring opinion in *Crawford*, Justice Scalia said a severe burden must go beyond “mere inconvenience.” If the election law imposes only a minimal burden, courts apply a standard “akin to rational basis.” *Ohio Council 8*, 2016 U.S. App. LEXIS 2338, at *18. Laws falling between these extremes receive an intermediate standard. *Id.* at *9. Courts weigh the burdens imposed on voters against the interests asserted by the State. *Id.*

⁶⁶ Md. Elec. Law Code Ann. § 6-203(a)(1).

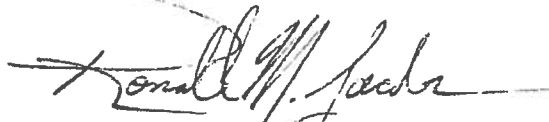
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Finally, there is little or no risk of fraud, given that people who falsely sign the affidavit are subject to penalties for submitting a false statement. In fact, by having each signer attest to his or her own signature, compliance may be enhanced; in the traditional format, a circulator is subject to the penalty for false statements, but it is not clear that the signer is.

V. Conclusion

Mr. Gladstone respectfully requests a declaratory ruling that the web form he has created to collect electronic signatures fully satisfies the Election Law requirements to collect signatures for access to the ballot as an unaffiliated candidate for United States Senate or Representative in Maryland. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-344-8215 or rmjacobs@venable.com. Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald M. Jacobs", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Ronald M. Jacobs

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Affirmation of Requestor

I, Steve Gladstone, do affirm under oath, that the facts set forth in this petition are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.



Steve Gladstone
950 Ramble Run Road
Middle River, MD 21093
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By signing this petition, you agree that the aforementioned candidate, Steve Gladstone, should be placed on the ballot for the office indicated (United States Senator) and that, to the best of your knowledge, you are registered to vote in Maryland and are eligible to have your signature counted for this petition

Accept

By entering my name in this box, checking the "Accept" box above, and clicking the "Submit" button below, I hereby provide my electronic signature to petition the Board to add Mr Gladstone to the ballot for United States Senate

Home Petition

Circulator's Affidavit Under penalties of perjury, I swear (or affirm) that (a) I was at least 18 years old when each signature was obtained, (b) the information given above identifying me is true and correct, (c) I personally observed each signer as he or she signed this page, and (d) to the best of my knowledge and belief (i) all signatures on this page are genuine, and (ii) all signers are registered voters of Maryland (Sign and Date when signature collection is completed)

Accept

By entering my name in this box, checking the "Accept" box above, and clicking the "Submit" button below, I hereby provide my electronic signature swearing or affirming the statements in the Circulator's Affidavit above

Submit

Please note: The information you provide is for informational purposes only and will not be shared with any third party.

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State of Maryland - General Election Candidate Nomination Petition

We, the undersigned voters of Dorchester County or Baltimore City, hereby nominate the candidate(s) named below to appear on the General Election ballot.

Candidate Information:

Party Affiliation: _____
(not a recognized party in Maryland)
 or check for Unaffiliated
 Name: Steve Gladstone
 Address: P.O. Box 6565, Tanonium, MD 21094
 Office and District: US Senate

If Applicable, Lt. Governor Information:

Name: _____
 Address: _____

NOTICE TO SIGNERS: Sign and print your name (1) as it appears on the voter registration list, OR (2) your surname of registration AND the initial of any other names. Please print or type all information other than your signature. Post Office Box addresses are not generally accepted as valid. By signing this petition, you agree that the aforementioned candidate(s) should be placed on the ballot for the office indicated and that, to the best of your knowledge, you are registered to vote in Maryland and are eligible to have your signature counted for this petition.

SBE 6-201-2C (Rev 7-2011)

Please Note: The information you provide on this petition is public information and may be used to change your voter registration address.

	Print Name:	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Birth Date:	Month	Date	Year
1	Jon	Stark	Snow		06 07 1908			
	Signature:	/s/ Jon Snow, electronically signed on 6/13/2016 21:53:09			Date of Signature:	6	13	2016
	Maryland Residence Address:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip		
		123	Winterfell		Rivendale	99112		
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	Signature:				Date of Signature:			
	Maryland Residence Address:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip		
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Attachment 2

Jon Snow
 Individual Circulator's printed or typed name
 123 Winterfell
 Residence Address
 Rivendale MD 99112
 City State Zip
 (410) 123-0988
 Telephone (including area code)

Circulator's Affidavit Under penalties of perjury, I swear (or affirm) that: (a) I was at least 18 years old when each signature was obtained; (b) the information given to the left identifying me is true and correct; (c) I personally observed each signer as he or she signed this page; and (d) to the best of my knowledge and belief: (i) all signatures on this page are genuine; and (ii) all signers are registered voters of Maryland. (Sign and Date when signature collection is completed)
 /s/ Jon Snow, electronically signed on 6/13/2016 21:53:09
 Circulator's Signature Date (mm/dd/yy)

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To: Members of the State Board

From: Jared DeMarinis

Date: July 17, 2018

Re: Declaratory Ruling- Gladstone Petition

On May 15, 2018, the State Board of Elections received a petition for a declaratory ruling pursuant to COMAR 33.01.02 from Steve Gladstone. Mr. Gladstone has filed a declaration of intent to run in 2018 as an unaffiliated candidate for the U.S. Senate, and will seek to be nominated by petition. He proposes to gather the necessary petition signatures through a web-based petition form that would require the person completing the form to sign electronically, as opposed to with a “wet” signature. Mr. Gladstone requests a declaratory ruling that the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act requires the State Board to accept petitions completed with electronic signatures and, if not, that the State Board exercise its discretion to do so.

Based upon the facts and issues presented, it is the recommendation of staff that the State Board issue a declaratory ruling and deny the request to accept electronic signatures. The staff also recommends that the State Board not exercise its discretion to accept electronic signatures through a declaratory ruling as it is not a proper mechanism for making this sort of wide-ranging change in the State Board’s procedures.

The principal issue presented is whether an electronic signature is a “signature” under the Maryland Election Law Article for purposes of both signing a petition to place an individual’s name on the ballot as an unaffiliated candidate and signing the circulator’s affidavit. The attached memorandum from the Office of the Attorney General analyzes the issue and concludes that the State Board is not required to accept electronic signatures under the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

As to the request that the State Board exercise its discretion to accept electronic signatures via a declaratory ruling, it is the staff’s view that the declaratory ruling procedure is not the proper vehicle for the State Board to determine whether, in its discretion, it should permit electronic signatures to be submitted. According to COMAR 33.01.02.01 the purpose of a declaratory ruling is for a petitioner to know how the State Board would apply an existing regulation, order, or statute to any person or entity; it is not for making regulatory policy changes, which might affect other interested parties not currently before the State Board. The attached legal memorandum provides greater detail for the denial of this request as well.

Accordingly, the staff recommends that the petition be denied.

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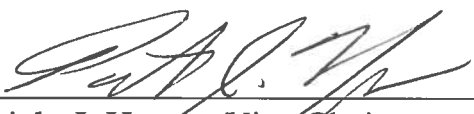
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WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That the Maryland State Board of Elections, having assembled and organized as required by law, certify the election results for the Gubernatorial Primary Election held on June 26, 2018.



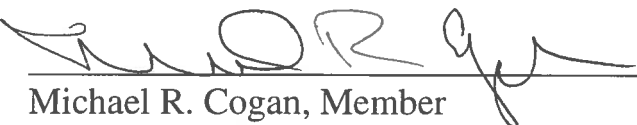
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Date



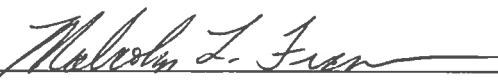
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Date



Michael R. Cogan, Member

7/19/18
Date



Malcolm L. Funn, Member

7/19/2018
Date



Kelley Howells, Member

7/19/2018
Date

Attest: 

Linda H. Lamone, Administrator

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Memorandum

TO: State Board Members
FROM: Jared DeMarinis, Director
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
DATE: July 19, 2018
SUBJECT: Waiver of late filing fees standards

Enclosed are the waiver requests, which were submitted by campaign committees that have been assessed late filing fees. The attached Waiver Request Information Page contains an overview of each committee as well as the Administrator's recommendation for Board approval on granting a waiver request.

In the past the Board has considered the following facts in determining whether just cause exists to grant a waiver.

- Administrative error of any kind on the part of the Division.
- The lateness is due to extenuating circumstances, i.e. physical illness or death in the family.
- The late report is the first late report and allows the committee to close, or contains minimal financial activity.
- The fee will cause undue financial hardship, if the liability of the fine is the personal responsibility of the officers.
- Computer problems occurred which made timely filing impossible. However, the filer still must have demonstrated a good faith effort to timely file.

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

Pursuant to Election Law Article §13-337 (b) (3), the State Administrator has denied sixteen waiver request, for the month of July. No Board action is required on the denials. Late fees collected year to date for Late Fee Waivers are \$32,435

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

June - Waiver Request

1. Almond- Cooper, Sandres Friends of
2. Amato, Bob Friends of
3. Bair, Margaret Peggy Citizens for
4. Bowers, (Richard) Rick Friends of
5. Coates, Thomasina Vote
6. Cook, Richard Committee for
7. Davis, Ulysee Friends
8. Dawson, Michael W. Committee to Re-Elect
9. Green, (Paula) Missi Friends of
10. Grossnickle, Bret Citizens for
11. Haynie, Ted (Theodore) Friends of
12. Hubbard, Sheri Citizens for
13. Inya-Agha Unu for Education
14. James, Michael Committee to Elect
15. Janosky, Joseph for Better Government
16. Jarboe-Duley, Toni Friends of
17. Jenkins, Luwanda Marylanders for
18. Jones, William H. for State's Attorney
19. Kaufman, Aaron Friends of
20. Lee, Mike for Baltimore County Council District 2
21. Leight, Elizabeth Ysla Friends of
22. Magnani, Joan Citizens for
23. Manning, Michael Friends of
24. Petrella, Michael Friends of
25. Republican House Caucus Committee
26. Simon, Laura for BOE
27. Smith, Regina A. Citizens for
28. Sophocleus, Theodore Committee to Elect
29. Stires, John Committee to Elect
30. Webster, Kevin B. Citizens for

June - Waiver Request

Denied

1. Antal, Jim Harford Citizens for
2. Barre, Mumin Friends of
3. Bolourian, Neda Friends of
4. Change Annapolis PA
5. Clarke, Ed Citizens For
6. Holliday, Samuel Justin Friends of
7. Howell, Adrion for Clerk Committee
8. Jackson, Emily for Board of Education
9. Joyner-El, Brendon Citizens for
10. Owens, (Hubert) for Senate 32
11. Patchell, George Committee to Elect
12. Richardson, Ava Friends of
13. Rothchild, Devon Citizens for
14. Slocum, Albert Citizens for
15. Solesky, Tony the Write Committee for
16. Wilson, Tom Citizens for

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Almond-Cooper, Sandres Friends of	
CCF ID:	01009844	Status: Active
Date Established	2/06/14	
Date Waiver Requested	6/11/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Doris Verrett-Allen	Start Date: 2/06/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Sandres Almond	2/06/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/30/18	\$140	\$140
			\$	\$
			Total	\$140

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I didn't received the notification that a report was due.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

DORIS O. VERRETT-ALLEN
2324 OCALA AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

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geondoris@comcast.net

410-393-9694

Mr. David McManus
Director, State Board of Elections
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
151 West Street, Suite 200
P.O. Box 6486
Annapolis, Maryland 21401


Dear Mr. McManus:

My name is Doris Allen and I am treasurer for Friends of Sandra Almond-Cooper, member of the State Central Committee. I write this letter to request a waiver of fees for the late report of the Pre-Primary report for May 22, 2018. I did not receive notification through the mail which usually informs me of the date the report(s) are due. The first notice I got was on May 30th when I open the letter that apprised me of the fact that I had missed the filing date. Had it not been for this letter I probably would not have filed the report to date. I know that notification was sent through e-mail but I have not been using the computer since I turned 78 years old.

Truly, I realize that you tried to notify me through the proper channels but I just missed the information. Another fact is that we raised no monies for our campaign and I (we) have no monies to pay this fine. As a matter of fact, no monies have ever been raised for the Friends of Sandra Almond-Cooper Campaign. I am on a fixed income and my income is very limited. This situation is the same for Mrs. Cooper. If there is any way that this fine can be waived we would greatly appreciate it. Otherwise, if we have to pay, can you put me on a payment plan?

Thank you in advance for any consideration you can give me in this situation, I (we) certainly will appreciate it. Thank you and God Bless.

Sincerely,



Doris Allen

Treasurer,

Friends of Sandra Almond-Cooper

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Amato, Bob Friends of
CCF ID:	01012697
Date Established	2/27/18
Date Waiver Requested	5/29/18
Account Type	Candidate Account

Officers

Current Treasurer	James Eberhart	Start Date: 2/27/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Bob Amato	Start Date: 2/27/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/23/18	\$20	\$20
			\$	\$
			Total	\$20

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I was late filing my report due to a computer issue.
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Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

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5/23/18

to MDSBE
CAMPAIGN FINANCE

from ROBERT A AMATO
FRIENDS OF BOB AMATO
CCF ID: 01012697

Re: Request for waiver of penalty

I was late in filing my
5/22/18 report due to a
computer crash.

Please waive the penalty.

Robert A Amato
443-553-3579

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Bair, Margaret Peggy Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01012309	Status: Active
Date Established	2/07/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/25/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Barbara Norman	Start Date: 2/07/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Margaret Bair	2/07/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/01/18	\$160	\$160
			\$	\$
			Total	\$160

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I login to the system and filed what I thought was the report, In retrospect I realize I should have call the board to determine what I should do.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

Barbara M. Norman
Treasurer
Citizens for Margaret Peggy Bair
628 Klees Mill Road
Westminster, MD 21157

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June 13, 2018

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

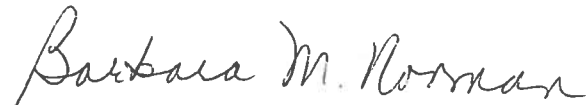
Dear Ms. Lamone,

I am writing regarding the late filing fee of \$160.00 that was assessed to the account of Citizens for Margaret Peggy Bair for the report due May 22, 2018. Prior to May 22nd, I logged on to the campaign finance reporting website and submitted a report for the campaign. The expenses I logged were in excess of \$1,000, and I was unable to complete the affidavit. In retrospect, I realize I should have contacted the Board of Elections to determine what I needed to do. On May 24th, my family and I left for an Alaskan cruise, so I was not at home when the attached Fee Running Notice was received. Ms. Bair was able to text me, and we realized that I should have entered the expenses as In-Kind donations and not as expenses. She then was in touch with the Board of Elections and corrected the report.

I feel terrible that my error resulted in a significant fine to Ms. Bair, and I respectfully ask if the fine could be waived in this circumstance.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



Barbara M. Norman

Enclosure

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Bowers, (Richard) Rick Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012169	Status: Active
Date Established	1/11/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/07/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Sheryle Bowers	Start Date: 1/11/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Rich Bowers	1/11/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

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

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
5/22/18	\$976	\$3538	\$508	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

On May 22 I fulfilled all necessary requirements to file the report. The candidate witnessed as I filed, so I'm not really sure what happen.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

May 29, 2018

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

Re: Friends of Rick Bowers
Filing Period May 22, 2018
Finance Department

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter regarding the Filing Date for May 22, 2018, I received a notification stating that you did not receive the required Filing. On May 22, 2018 I fulfilled all necessary requirements, I am not sure what happened, but according to your records I did not file. The candidate, Rick Bowers witnessed as I filed the report and I even answered the question "Is the Candidate Present" before hitting the submit button. To my knowledge I followed all the required steps to filing correctly. I am sincerely sorry. I am new treasurer and I am requesting that you please waive the \$130.00 late fee.

Thank you,

Sheryle L Bowers

Sheryle Bowers

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Coates, Thomasina Vote	
CCF ID:	01012376	Status: Active
Date Established	2/14/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/04/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

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

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
4/17/18		4/18/18	\$10	\$10
			\$	\$
			Total	\$10

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

There was some problem with the system, the report had to be submitted more than once to be accepted.

Division Comments

Grant, 1 st time and minimal due.
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Administrator's Decision

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Vote Thomasina Coates

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

Maryland State Board of Election

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

Greetings,

June 04, 2018

Reference Violation fee:

This letter is regarding a violation for not filing the April 17, 2018 Report on time.

The 2018 Sprint Report Gubernatorial was submitted on April 17, 2018 prior to 11:59 pm. There was some issues with the system at the time of submitting and it had to be submitted more than once prior to it be accepted.

I'm submitting a request to waiver the \$10 late fee due to system error and it appearing that it went thru on April 17, 2018 not April 18, 2018.

Sincerely,

Cynthia M. Rogers

Ph: 301-643-4740

Treasurer for Thomasina Coates,
Charles County District 2

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Cook, Richard Committee for	
CCF ID:	01011787	Status: Active
Date Established	7/12/17	
Date Waiver Requested	6/8/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Gregory Harris	Start Date: 7/12/17
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Richard Cook	7/12/17
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

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

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
5/22/18	\$10000	\$6213	\$3786	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I was told by two different staff members how to fill out report, I turned it in before the dead line but it was not done correctly.
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Division Comments

Grant, committee was unfamiliar with the system, 1 st request.

Administrator's Decision

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State of Maryland

Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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

Campaign Account Name: Committee for Richard Cook Account Number: 01011787

Date of Request: 6/8/18 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 130.00

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Richard Cook

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 5/15/18 - Primary
1 gubernatorial

The basis for the request: I was told by two different staff members two different ways to fill out my campaign finance report. It was filled out 1 day prior and turned in before deadline but was not done correctly based on misinformation.

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Richard E. Cook
(Signature)

6/8/18
(Date)

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

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Davis, Ulysee Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012072	Status: Active
Date Established	12/04/17	
Date Waiver Requested	6/6/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Linda Davis	Start Date: 12/04/17
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Ulysee Davis	12/04/17
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/29/17	\$130	\$130
			\$	\$
			Total	\$130

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No Priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I became ill and was sent to the emergence room, my recovery was a little slow, I was able to file the report on May 29.
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Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

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June 1, 2018

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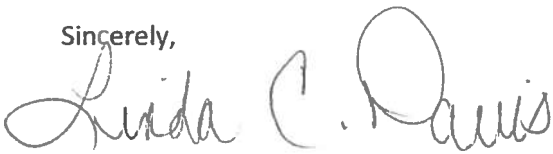
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State Board of Elections
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Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

This is a waiver request to a fine of \$130.00 for my failure to file the 2018 Pre-Primary 1 Gubernatorial Campaign Finance Report by May 22, 2018. My intent was to file on time. However, I began getting ill on May 20, 2018 and by May 22, 2018 I was at the Fort Washington Medical Center Emergency Room. My recovery was a little slow. By the time I was able to file the report several days had already gone by. I was able to finally file the report on May 29, 2018.

Thank you for considering my waiver request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda C. Davis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Linda C. Davis, Treasurer
Friends of Ulysee Davis

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Dawson, Michael W. Committee To Re-Elect	
CCF ID:	01006469	Status: Active
Date Established	7/21/10	
Date Waiver Requested	5/29/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Matt Dawson	Start Date:2/01/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Mike Dawson	3/11/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/23/18	\$20	\$20
			\$	\$
			Total	\$20

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
5/22/18	\$10,000	\$624	\$9,876	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I login to the MDCRIS system and was block, I am request a waiver of the fee.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision



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

Fwd: MDCRIS login failure - May 22

1 message

Vicki Molina -SBE- <vicki.molina@maryland.gov>
To: Victorica Smith -SBE- <victorica.smith@maryland.gov>

Tue, May 29, 2018 at 10:12 AM

Vicki
Victoria Molina
State Board of Elections
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401
410.269.2874
vicki.molina@maryland.gov - please note this is my new email address

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

From: **Jared DeMarinis -SBE-** <Jared.DeMarinis@maryland.gov>
Date: Fri, May 25, 2018 at 11:17 AM
Subject: Re: MDCRIS login failure - May 22
To: Michael Dawson <mwdawson717@gmail.com>, Vicki Molina <vicki.molina@maryland.gov>

Thank you. I will process your waiver.

On Fri, May 25, 2018 at 10:59 AM Michael Dawson <mwdawson717@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning Jared,

On Tuesday evening my treasurer logged into MDCRIS and was blocked, having received this message (screenshot). I logged in and received the same message (screenshot). I tried again Wednesday morning and was able to log in and had full access to the reporting site. My report was filed later on Wednesday.

I am requesting that the date my report was filed be changed to reflect 5/22/2018 due to the internal MDCRIS error and any fines incurred be removed.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss this further, I can be reached at (443) 206-3758.

Thank you,
Mike Dawson

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Green, (Paula) Missi Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012327	Status: Active
Date Established	2/02/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/01/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Eugene Curfman	Start Date: 2/02/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Perry Jones	2/02/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

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

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

The chairman and I both sat down at the computer to submit the report I don't know what went wrong. I would therefore request that any fines be waived, as this was not intentional.
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Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

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May 30, 2018

Maryland State Board of Elections

151 West St., Suite 200

Annapolis, MD 21401

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Ref: Friends of (Paula) Missi Green Campaign Committee

Entity # 01012327


To Whom It Concerns:

On May 29, 2018 I received an email indicating that the finance report due May 22, 2018 hadn't been filed. This was a total surprise to me.

On May 22, 2018, myself and the Campaign manager Perry Jones both sat down at the computer and what I believed was everything needed to submit the report. All transactions had been entered the week before. I don't know what happened that the report wasn't submitted, unless we missed one of the confirmation boxes or what. I pushed the submit button and thought the report had been submitted. Your records should show that our first report was submitted on time.

I would therefore request that any fines or penalties be waived, as this was not an intentional disregard for the filing requirements.

Respectfully,


Eugene C. Curfman

Campaign Treasurer

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Grossnickle, Bret Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01012280	Status: Active
Date Established	1/26/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/04/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Mason Grossnickle	Start Date:1/26/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Logan Grossnickle	1/26/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
4/17/18		4/25/18	\$80	\$80
			\$	\$
			Total	\$80

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

We thought we had filed the report, but realized later that another step was required.

Division Comments

Grant, the committee is new and unfamiliar with the system.

Administrator's Decision

Mason Grossnickle, Treasurer
Citizens for Bret Grossnickle
Box 153, Union Bridge, MD. 21791
410-775-2013 bretgrossnickle@hotmail.com

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5/31/2018

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

Dear State Board of Elections,

I write to ask for a waiver of the \$80.00 fine levied against Citizens for Bret Grossnickle for late filing of the campaign finance report due on 4/17/2018. We thought we had filed the report, but later realized that another step was necessary. As you can see from our reports, we have a bank balance of \$50.00 as no donations were received and no expenditures were made. We feel the fine of \$80.00 is excessive given that no money has been raised from donations and the filing mistake was caused by inexperience. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mason Grossnickle

Mason Grossnickle

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Haynie, Ted (Theodore) Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012484	Status: Active
Date Established	2/22/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/07/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	John Simpson	Start Date: 3/7/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Ted Haynie	2/22/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/5/18	\$200	\$200
			\$	\$
			Total	\$200

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No Priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

This was my first time working with the system, the candidate and I attempted to submit the report.

Division Comments

Grant

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John A. Simpson Jr.

PO Box 1273

Solomon's, Md.

20688

Dear State Board of Elections

I am the treasurer for the Friends of Ted Haynie Campaign for Calvert Co. Commissioner.

This is my first time working with any campaign and I thought I had submitted the report on time, but the commission did not receive or accept the report. Mr. Haynie was with me when we attempted to submit the report and we both thought the report was successfully submitted.

I realized my mistake when I tried to add some new contributions.

This will not happen again.

Please consider my request to waive the penalty for my mistake.

Thankyou for considering my request.

John A Simpson Jr.



Treasurer for Friends of Ted Haynie

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Hubbard, Sheri Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01012743	Status: Active
Date Established	2/27/18	
Date Waiver Requested	5/24/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Virginia Navrro	Start Date: 2/27/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Sheri Hubbard	2/27/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/24/18	\$40	\$40
			\$	\$
			Total	\$40

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

My mail carrier delivered the post card to different house, the people who received it brought it to meet after the deadline.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision



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

Fwd: missed deadline

1 message

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

Thu, May 24, 2018 at 12:42 PM

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

From: **Sheri Hubbard** <sheridawn777@hotmail.com>
Date: Thu, May 24, 2018 at 12:31 PM
Subject: missed deadline
To: info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

515 Academy Street

Hurlock, MD 21643

May 24, 2018

MD State Board of Elections

Annapolis, MD

Dear Sir or Madam:

I would like to request a waiver for the fee that I accrued by missing my affidavit filing deadline for candidate reporting [Board of Education, District 4, Dorchester County]. My mail carrier delivered my post card to a different house, and the people who received it just brought it to me last night. I do apologize for missing the deadline.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sheri Hubbard

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Inya-Agha, (Obianuju) Uju Elliffe for Education	
CCF ID:	01012875	Status: Active
Date Established	2/26/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/14/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Jane Valentino	Start Date: 2/26/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Lesley Bigden	2/26/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

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

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

It was our understanding that if we filed a final affidavit we didn't have to file another report.

Division Comments

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Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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

Campaign Account Name: Uju Elliffe for Education Account Number: 01012875

Date of Request: 6/11/18 Total Amount of late fees: \$ \$120.00

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Obianuju Inya-Agha (Uju Elliffe)

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

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

The basis for the request: Campaign treasurer called board of election for instructions on what to do about filing given that candidate was no longer running for election. Our understanding from that phone call was that if we checked the box "final affidavit" and never raised money and never intended to, we did not have to file any more reports. We went ahead and filed for the month of May once it was made clear to us that we had to, and intend to continue to file now until after the election

Obianuju Inya-Agha
(Signature)

(Date)
6/11/18

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

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	James, Michael Committee To Elect	
CCF ID:	01003225	Status: Active
Date Established	3/10/06	
Date Waiver Requested	5/30/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Esmond Whitman	Start Date: 3/10/06
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Bob Cook	3/10/06
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

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

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/18/17 late fee \$80 paid

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I filed the wrong report by mistake.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

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

Fwd: Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System - File Affidavit (ALCE)

1 message

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

Wed, May 30, 2018 at 10:02 AM

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From: **E Philip Whitman** <e.p.whitman@icloud.com>
Date: Wed, May 30, 2018 at 9:56 AM
Subject: Re: Maryland Campaign Reporting Information System - File Affidavit (ALCE)
To: info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov>

I would like to request a waiver of \$130 late fee. While I recognize it was my error in filing the wrong ALCE (Pre-Primary 2), it is hoped you will consider that I had attempted to file on 5/16/18, the first day available to file the Pre-Primary 1 report.

The campaign has been inactive for several years now and we are likely closing it with the Pre-Primary 2 filing next month.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the request.

Esmond Whitman

On May 30, 2018, at 8:28 AM, info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov> wrote:

Your report has been filed, but you have a \$130 late fee.

On Tue, May 29, 2018 at 5:37 PM, E Philip Whitman <e.p.whitman@icloud.com> wrote:

Sorry for the mistake. I have just filed the correct one (Pre-Primary 1). Is there anything else needed?

On May 29, 2018, at 11:52 AM, info sbe -SBE- <info.sbe@maryland.gov> wrote:

You filed the wrong report, per email you just sent:

Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures for the 06/15/2018 Pre-Primary2
Gubernatorial Report.

The report was owed for 5/22/18.

Michael James

On Tue, May 29, 2018 at 11:44 AM, E Philip Whitman <e.p.whitman@icloud.com> wrote:

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Janosky, Joseph for Better Government	
CCF ID:	01012901	Status: Active
Date Established	3/05/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/8/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Lorie Simmons	Start Date: 3/5/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Joseph Janosky	3/5/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

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

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I filed the wrong report, I wasn't notified until May 29th, we corrected that mistake by 1 pm on that day.

Division Comments

Grant

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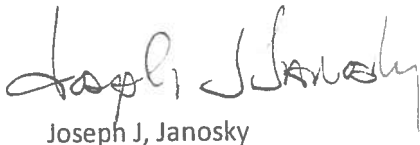
Board members,

I am Joseph J, Janosky, a candidate for Anne Arundel County Register of Wills. My intent was to file my financial disclosure form, on time, but I filled the wrong form. I was not notified till Tuesday, May 29 th, that I have filed the wrong form. We had corrected that mistake by 1 PM that day. I am embarrassed that I must come to you with this situation and ask that you will forgive my \$130.00 fine.

For three days I tried to enter the **website** but I couldn't get it done due to computer errors. After many attempts at logging on to the site and asking for assistance from your office, I did get in. In my frustration. I must have pressed the wrong link. With my inexperience, receiving a receipt of my filing, even though it was the wrong one, gave me false confidence that I had fulfilled my requirement for disclosure. Not receiving notification that I had not, in fact, filed my current form, closer to the filing date, would have reduced my fine. I received notification May 29th, fourteen days after the filling deadline. I responded in less that four hours when I was notified of my failure. I would similarly respond rapidly, in similar circumstances.

My campaign is in its infancy, so my costs/fundraising will not exceed \$1000. That is the form I have filed for all my filings. At this point, I have lees than \$100 in my treasury and a \$130 fine could not be paid.

Thank you for hearing my plea. I beg you to forgive my fine. This truly has been a learning experience and I will be more mindful throughout the campaign.



Joseph J, Janosky

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Jarboe-Duley, Toni Friends Of	
CCF ID:	01004746	Status: Active
Date Established	7/03/06	
Date Waiver Requested	6/23/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Ruth Wyvill	Start Date: 7/03/06
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Ann Jarboe	7/03/06
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/23/18	\$20	\$20
			\$	\$
			Total	\$20

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/15/14 late fee \$40
1/21/09 late fee \$250

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I intended to file on May 22 but got busy and forgot about it.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

To whom this may concern,

This is a request for a waiver of fees for filing my affidavit a day late. I intended to file it on May 22nd and I got busy and forgot it completely.

Best Regards,

Antoinette Jarboe Duley

Chairman

Friends of Toni Jarboe Duley

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Jenkins, Luwanda Marylanders for	
CCF ID:	01012386	Status: Active
Date Established	2/15/18	
Date Waiver Requested	5/29/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Bryant Jenkins	Start Date:
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Albert Walker	
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/26/18	\$80	\$80
4/17/18		5/26/18	\$390	\$390
			Total	\$470

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

See above

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

We encountered difficulty with the online submission.

Division Comments

Reduce to \$235.00

Administrator's Decision

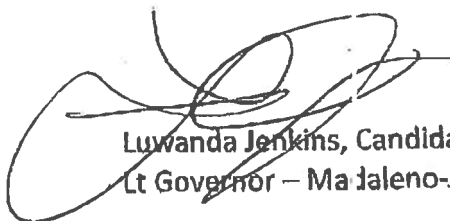


To: Jared DeMarinis, Director-Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
From: Luwanda Jenkins, Candidate-Marylanders for Luwanda Jenkins-01012386
Date: May 22, 2018
CC: Linda Eisenstadt, Keith Presley

Attached please find signed affidavit(s) for limited contributions and expenditures for "Marylanders for Luwanda Jenkins-01012386." I regret that I am late in submitting the required documentation for this account, however, it was my understanding that this account was combined with the primary campaign account for Marylanders for Madaleno-Jenkins, as there has been no activity in the account under my name. We also encountered difficulty with the on-line submission on 5/22. I believe our Campaign Treasurer Linda Eisenstadt left a message for you regarding this matter.

Given the circumstances regarding our campaign financing account status for the Madaleno-Jenkins campaign, I respectfully request your consideration in issuing a waiver for any late fees associated with the submission of required affidavit reports.

Thank you.



Luwanda Jenkins, Candidate
Lt Governor – Madaleno-Jenkins

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Jones, William H. for State's Attorney	
CCF ID:	01012614	Status: Active
Date Established	2/23/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/25/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Gordy Jones	Start Date: 2/23/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Will Jones	2/23/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
4/17/18		4/20/18	\$30	\$30
			\$	\$
			Total	\$30

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I was unable to access the system due to a clerical error.
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Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

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WILLIAM H. JONES
P.O. BOX 1111
CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND 21613

June 21, 2018

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Jared DeMarinis, Director
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
Maryland State Board of Elections
P.O. Box 6486
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

Re: Late Fee Bill

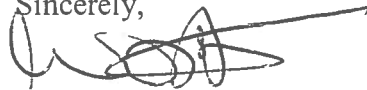
Dear Mr. DeMarinis:

I am in receipt of a notice regarding assessment of a late fee for the 2108 Gubernatorial Spring Report. I respectfully request that the assessed late fee be waived.

When I attempted to file the report electronically, I was unable to access the system through my log-in information. I sought assistance from the local staff in the Dorchester County Board of Elections. Ultimately, it was determined that through some clerical error at the State level, my account information was incorrect, and prevented me from being able to access the system in a timely manner as I had attempted to do. This was verified at the State and local level. As soon as the correction was made at the State office, I was able to access the system and file the report.

Since I had attempted to file the report on time, and the error was not of my making, I respectfully request that the late be waived.

Sincerely,



William H. Jones

Cc: Local Board

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Kaufman, Aaron Friends of	
CCF ID:	01009327	Status: Active
Date Established	7/22/13	
Date Waiver Requested	5/24/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Nancy Kaufman	Start Date: 7/22/13
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Aaron Kaufman	7/22/13
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/23/18	\$20	\$20
			\$	\$
			Total	\$20

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I tried to file the report on time but had 2 transaction I couldn't upload, I called to get help but it was one day late.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

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Friends of Aaron Kaufman
3203 Turner Lane
Chevy Chase MD 20815
301.951.3477
info@electaaronkaufman@gmail.com
www.electaaronkaufman.com

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

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By email: info.sbe@maryland.gov & 1st Class Mail

RE: Request Waiver of Late Filing Penalty

Hello:

I filed the Pre-Primary Report this morning (May 23rd) instead of by midnight last night (May 22nd) which I apologize for but it was not for one of attempting to file it in a timely manner.

I begun the process, as your computer records will see, several days ago. I had some issues with my uploads and filling out the forms. I corrected them as best as I could and I spoke with someone at the SBE who assisted me and gave me advice which I thought would give me the final answers that I needed in order to properly file reports. I was out of town on business on Monday and Tuesday and upon my return Tuesday evening (22nd) I attempted to complete the filings in a timely manner. I tried to complete filling out the forms and unfortunately two of the contributions simply would not be accepted. They were for Campaign Committee contributions. I reviewed the help menu and instructions believing I was filing them in with the right categories at the right codes, however, they simply would not load up. I tried to load them individually but the drop down menu did not Campaign Committee contributions and was stymied.

I then went to load the report anyway figuring I could correct those two oversights later. However when I got to the screen from which you review the report prior to filing I saw to my chagrin that each time I had uploaded a corrected version they were

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Lee, Mike for Baltimore County Council District 2	
CCF ID:	01012253	Status: Active
Date Established	1/26/18	
Date Waiver Requested	5/29/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Gianni Andracchio	Start Date:3/15/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Michael Lee	1/26/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

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

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I mistakenly selected the wrong down, and filed the wrong report.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision



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

Fwd: Fee Running Notice for the 5/22/18 Pre Primary 1 Report - transactions through 5/15/18

1 message

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

Tue, May 29, 2018 at 11:28 AM

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From: **Michael Lee** <mlee@ptcintl.com>
Date: Tue, May 29, 2018 at 10:55 AM
Subject: RE: Fee Running Notice for the 5/22/18 Pre Primary 1 Report - transactions through 5/15/18
To: info.sbe@maryland.gov

To Whom It May Concern:

I just received this notification that I hadn't filed my Affidavit in time. I had filed prior to May 15th, but had mistakenly selected the wrong drop down (Primary 2 vs Primary 1). I have just now corrected this error and hope that you would be able to waive the \$130 in late charges, as I won't make that mistake again.

I apologize in advance for any issues this has caused and will work to stay in compliance.

Thank you.

Michael

From: info.sbe@maryland.gov [mailto:info.sbe@maryland.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 9:41 AM
To: MLEE@PTCINTL.COM
Subject: Fee Running Notice for the 5/22/18 Pre Primary 1 Report - transactions through 5/15/18

Fee Running Notice

Campaign Finance Report Past Due

5/22/18 Pre Primary 1 Report – Transactions through 5/15/18

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Leight, Elizabeth Ysla Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012131	Status: Active
Date Established	12/29/17	
Date Waiver Requested	5/31/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Lisa Crittenden	Start Date: 12/29/17
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Lisa Leight	12/29/17
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

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

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No Priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

It was our understanding that because we didn't raise funds or expend more than \$1000, filing was not required.
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Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

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

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RE: Request for Waiver of Penalty, Committee: Friends of Elizabeth Ysla Leight

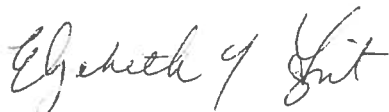
Dear Sirs,

The Committee: Friends of Elizabeth Ysla Leight filed an initial Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures for the Pre-Primary Gubernatorial Report in January 2018. It was our understanding that because the Committee did not raise funds or expend more than \$1000.00, that a financial filing was not required. It is now our understanding that this was incorrect even though we have raised no funds.

Since the notice we received on 5/29/18 said we were required to file another AFLC form, we have immediately done so. In addition, since we did not have a bank account, due to the fact that we intend not to raise funds. Although, we will open a bank account to pay the fee if required.

We request waiver of the fee for failing to file the financial form and request the filing of the ALCE completed on 5/29/2018 as sufficient filing to date. If you have questions, you can reach me via my cell phone at 301-651-7757

Best Regards,



Elizabeth Ysla Leight
Chairman
Friends of Elizabeth Ysla Leight Committee
P.O. Box 238, Laurel, MD 20725
Email: VoteElizabethLeight@aol.com
eyleight@aol.com

Cc: Lisa Crittenden, Treasurer

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Magnani, Joan Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01012424	Status: Active
Date Established	2/20/18	
Date Waiver Requested	5/31/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Rich Magnani	Start Date: 2/20/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Joan Magnani	2/20/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

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

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I mistakenly thought that I was no longer required to file reports.

Division Comments

Grant, and close account.

Administrator's Decision

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1021 Valewood Road
Towson, MD 21286
May 29, 2018

State Board of Elections
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
151 West Street, Suite 200/ P.O. Box 6486
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

To Whom it May Concern:

When filing the affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures, I mistakenly thought that there was a choice to file a Final Affidavit and in checking the box for FINAL Affidavit, I thought that I was no longer required to file a campaign finance report. Also, I never received the letter informing me that I was required to file.

When I did receive the email informing me that my report was late, I immediately called the State Board of Elections and when I learned that if I was on the ballot, I could not file a final affidavit, I immediately submitted the report.

For the reasons stated above, I ask that the State Board of Elections waver the late fees.

Respectfully,



Joan Magnani
Citizens for Joan Magnani

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Manning, Michael Friends Of	
CCF ID:	01012369	Status: Active
Date Established	2/14/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/01/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Mohamed Elsayed	Start Date: 2/14/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Mike Manning	2/14/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/01/18	\$160	\$160
			\$	\$
			Total	\$160

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I filed the primary 2 instead of the 1, I request a waiver of the fee.
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Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

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To the Maryland State Board of Elections,
I made a mistake of filing for the
Pre-Primary II report on April 30 2018
when I should have filed for Pre-Primary I
This mistake with my Affidavit of
Limited Contributions and expenditures
is my first mistake and I ask for
a one-timer of associated fees.

Sincerely,
Michael Manning Jr

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Michael Manning

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Petrella, Michael Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012635	Status: Active
Date Established	2/27/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/18/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Michele	Start Date: 2/27/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Mike Pertrella	2/27/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

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

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I am not actively pursuing my candidacy as I am unable to commit to the time needed. I failed to file my 2 nd report as I was no longer treating the candidacy as priority.
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Division Comments

Grant, and close account.

Administrator's Decision

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June 18, 2018

Michael Petrella
13907 Green Branch Drive
Phoenix, MD 21131

Maryland State Board of Elections
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
P.O. Box 6486
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486


Re: Late Fee Waiver Request Form

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in response to the Late Fees that were charged to me as a result of a late affidavit for my candidacy in the June 2018 primary for the Baltimore County Board of Education, zone 3. I am not actively pursuing my candidacy as I am unable to commit to the time needed. I have not pursued any funding, nor have I participated in any of the voluntary meetings, forums or interviews. I initially sought interest as I am passionate about education, however, given the time commitment, I chose not to pursue any activities as to not deter voters from active candidates. I attempted to have my name removed from the ballot, but was told by the board that I could not given the timing of the election. I failed to file my 2nd affidavit on time, as I was no longer treating the candidacy as priority.

I do have interest in pursuing a Board position in the future once my children are older and I am no longer traveling multiple times per month given current job responsibilities. I'm asking that you waive the late fees given my lack of pursuit of the role. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael Petrella

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Republican House Caucus Committee
CCF ID:	10011463
Date Established	5/03/16
Date Waiver Requested	5/25/18
Account Type	Candidate Account

Officers

Current Treasurer	James Appeal	Start Date: 5/03/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Dirk Haire	Start Date: 5/03/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/19		5/24/18	\$40	\$40
			\$	\$
			Total	\$40

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
5/22/18	\$20,510	\$19,041	\$145,677	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

The committee treasurer resigned, but didn't add the new treasurer information. The chairman's email address was wrong so he had no access. We weren't able to file the report until Tuesday after we talked to a staff member.

Division Comments

Grant, 1st time and minimum due.

Administrator's Decision

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

Waiver

James Appel <james@mdgop.org>
To: Ebony Parran -SBE- <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>
Cc: James Appel <james@mdgop.org>

Fri, May 25, 2018 at 8:37 AM

Ebony,

Thanks for your help the other day.

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Team 36 was a new slate formed in early January. We received a transfer from Senator Hershey before the end of the filing period, so I thought I needed to file a report, but we were told not to file. So, I then didn't realize I needed to file the first report on April 11, rather than when all other committees filed on 5/22. That report has been filed and we are requesting a waiver of the \$70 in penalties.

Rep. House Caucuses

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Thanks again for all your help.
James Appel, Comptroller
MD GOP
443-837-7962

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Simon, Laura for BOE
CCF ID:	01012567
Date Established	2/26/18
Date Waiver Requested	5/29/18
Account Type	Candidate Account

Officers

Current Treasurer	Kristin Cook	Start Date: 2/26/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Laura Simson	Start Date: 2/26/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/29/18	\$130	\$130
4/17/18		4/18/18	\$10	\$10
			Total	\$140

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

4/17/18 late fee \$10 outstanding

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I misunderstood the procedure about filing when a candidate has had no contributions.

Division Comments

Reduce to \$70.

Administrator's Decision

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5/29/2018

Maryland.gov Mail - LAURA SIMON FOR BOE Filing Fees



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

LAURA SIMON FOR BOE Filing Fees

Kristin Cook <kristingamzoncook@gmail.com>

Tue, May 29, 2018 at 1:37 PM

To: ebony.parran@maryland.gov

Hi Ebony,

I apologize for the misunderstanding about filing when a candidate has had no contributions. I would be grateful if you could remove the fees that we've incurred and I promise there will be no more delay in filings.

Would you please let me know when the fees have been removed so that I can assure Laura (the candidate) that all is well.

Thank you!!!!

Kristin Cook
350 Montgomery County
240.483.6789
350MoCo.org

Check out our calendar of local climate events and get involved!

Facebook: 350 Montgomery County MD

Twitter @350MoCo

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Smith, Regina A. Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01012798	Status: Active
Date Established	2/27/18	
Date Waiver Requested	5/21/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Deb Burgess	Start Date: 2/27/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Regina Smith	2/27/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
4/17/18		5/9/18	\$220	\$220
			\$	\$
			Total	\$220

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No Priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

My treasurer and myself are new to the filing process and didn't know how to file the report with zero balance
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Division Comments

Grant, 1 st report due.

Administrator's Decision

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myself, Regina A Smith, and the treasurer, Deborah Johnson Burgess, are new to the election process and didn't realize how to file if the campaign funds were zero (\$0). Deborah wanted to file the Campaign Finance Report, the system would not allow zero (\$0) dollar entries, not realizing that with zero (\$0) funds an Affidavit of Limited Contribution and Expenditures (ALCE) was needed. After speaking with Candidacy's Campaign Finance Division and receiving instructions the ALCE for our committee was filed. We had received all communication, written, from the division. At this time our committee's funds remain at zero (\$0) dollar. Please be so kind as to issue a waiver of late filing fee for the 4/17/18 Campaign Finance

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Sophocleus, Theodore "Ted" Committee To Elect	
CCF ID:	01000322	Status: Active
Date Established	6/11/82	
Date Waiver Requested	6/21/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Evangeline Weese	Start Date: 4/07/88
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Gordon March	10/04/17
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/18/18	\$60	\$60
			\$	\$
			Total	\$60

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/20/16 late fee \$10 paid	10/27/06 late fee \$250 paid
9/03/10 late fee \$20 paid	1/18/06 late fee \$250 paid
8/14/07 late fee \$170 paid	
11/28/06 late fee \$250 paid	

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
6/15/18	\$750	\$0	\$14667	\$79200
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I was unable to submit the report on time due to the death of my father.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

June 18, 2018

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

Dear Ms. Lamone,

As you may or may not be aware, I am the Treasurer for the "Committee to Elect Theodore Sophocleus" and I am also Mr. Sophocleus' daughter.

Since we buried dad on Friday, June 15th, the day the report was due, I was unable to submit the report until today (6/18/18).

Normally there is a daily fine for not submitting but I am writing to you to ask for an exception and forgiveness of the fine due to the circumstances surrounding the timing of my father's death and burial. Any consideration you can give would be greatly appreciated.

I will also be contacting your office for instructions as to closing the account and filing the final report once someone has been appointed to fill the balance of my dad's term.

Truly,



Evangeline T Weese
8 Magnolia Avenue
Glen Burnie, MD 21061
410-916-0740

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Stires, John Committee to Elect	
CCF ID:	01012534	Status: Active
Date Established	2/26/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/21/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	David Ladd	Start Date: 2/26/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Pat Stires	2/26/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

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

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I was mistaken on the filing date I thought it was the 22nd, I filed my report immediately when I realized my error.

Division Comments

Grant

Administrator's Decision

State of Maryland



John Stires

Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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

Campaign Account Name: Committee to Elect John Stires Account Number: 01012534

Date of Request: 6/21/18 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 100.00

Name of the Requestor(s)*: David Ladd

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

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

The basis for the request: I was mistaken on filing date I thought it was 6/22 instead of 6/15 when I realized my error I filed immediately I'm retired and agreed to be treasurer for a friend. Forgiving my error would be nice for this old 75 year old man

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David Ladd (Signature)

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS 6/21/18 (Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Webster, Kevin B. Citizens For	
CCF ID:	01012229	Status: Active
Date Established	1/18/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/06/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Alexis Webster	Start Date: 1/18/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Kevin Webster	1/18/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
4/17/18		4/24/18	\$70	\$70
			\$	\$
			Total	\$70

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I was having issues getting into the system.
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Division Comments

Grant, committee was unfamiliar with the system, 1 st request.

Administrator's Decision

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MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,

I'm writing this letter in regards to receiving a late fine for not getting my campaign finance report in on time. I was having serious issues trying to get into the system. Emailed the state several times & finally was able to get through to file an affidavit. I would appreciate the state waiving this fee not that I'm special but I haven't spent any money on campaign of my own or any others. I'm currently unemployed at the time and am having problems even staying afloat. I appreciate you taking the time to read this

CITIZENS FOR KEVIN BRIAN WEBSTER

K B Webster

LCFID: 01012229

REPORT DUE DATE: 4/17/18

REPORT RECEIVED: 4/24/18

AMOUNT: \$ 70.⁰⁰

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Antal, Jim Harford Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01012594	Status: Active
Date Established	2/16/18	
Date Waiver Requested	5/30/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Ken Purce	Start Date: 2/16/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Jim Antal	2/16/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/25/18	\$160	\$160
5/22/18		5/30/18	\$140	\$140
			Total	\$300

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

See above

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I apologize for the oversight on my part.

Division Comments

Deny

Administrator's Decision



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

Fwd: Request for waiver of late fee

1 message

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

Wed, May 30, 2018 at 3:30 PM

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

From: **ken purce** <purceken@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 30, 2018 at 3:26 PM
Subject: Request for waiver of late fee
To: info.sbe@maryland.gov

I am the Treasurer for James Antal's Harford County Board of Education Committee. I am writing to request a waiver of the fine for failing to submit the May 22nd Campaign Finance report on time.

I apologize for the oversight on my part. We have had no financial activity on the campaign and I did file the April affidavit as well as just filed the May affidavit indicating this.

We would greatly appreciate the fine being waived if possible.

Thank you for your consideration,
Ken Purce
443-876-3163

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Barre, Mumin Friends of	
CCF ID:	01010404	Status: Active
Date Established	2/21/14	
Date Waiver Requested	6/13/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Rumi Said	Start Date: 2/21/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Mumin Barre	2/21/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

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

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/18/17 late fee \$90 waived

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

A few day before May 22 I reset my password and accessed the system the only date shown on the filing period was Jan 2019.

Division Comments

Deny, committee has been granted prior waiver.

Administrator's Decision

June 8, 2018

Maryland State Board of Elections
Attn: Campaign Finance
151 West Street, Suite 200
Annapolis, MD 21401

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JUN 13 2018

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Re:

May 22, 2018 Report
Friends of Mumin Barre
Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee
8007 Cloverwood Ct
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Dear Representative,

I am writing to request a waiver of fee assessed against my campaign account.

A few days before the May 22, 2018 report was due, I reset my password and accessed the system. The only date shown on the filing period section was a date in January 2019.

I called, spoke with one of the representatives, and provided her the name of my campaign committee. I was under the impression that she accessed my account. She led me to believe that I did not have to file a report.

I asked the representative if I can close the account. She told me to wait until after the Primary election to close it.

I received the email about the report that is due on June 15, 2018. When I accessed the system, I noticed that the January 2019 date is not shown under the filing period section. Now, the system shows May 22, 2018 and June 15, 2018 in the filing period section.

After speaking with Vicki, I filed the ALCE.

I have not accepted any donation from anyone. There is one Hundred Forty Dollars (\$140.00) in the campaign account, which is my own money.

I am requesting a waiver of late fee assessed against my campaign account.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely



Mumin Barre

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Bolourian, Neda Friends of	
CCF ID:	01009531	Status: Active
Date Established	11/18/13	
Date Waiver Requested	6/25/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Lily Bolourian	Start Date: 11/18/13
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Neda Bolourian	11/18/13
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

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

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

5/22/18 late fee \$140 paid
 1/17/18 late fee \$70 paid
 1/18/17 late fee \$500 paid

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I have attempted to close this account on numerous occasions the bank account is closed with \$0 funds.

Division Comments

Deny, committee has a history of filing late.

Administrator's Decision

Neda Bolourian
13543 Ambassador Drive
Germantown, MD 20874

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

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Date: June 20, 2018
To: Jared DeMarinis
Director
Division of Candidacy and Campaign Finance
From: Neda Bolourian
Subject: Campaign Finance Report, FINAL

Dear Mr. DeMarinis,

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated June 12, 2018.

I have enclosed a check for the \$140.00 late fee that was assessed. I have attempted to close this account on numerous occasions via the online portal. I closed out the corresponding bank account and filed a final report. The bank account was at \$0 when it was closed and there are no surplus funds. I would appreciate any assistance you can give me to close this account once and for all. I can be reached at (301)-943-2353 or neda.bolourian@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Neda Bolourian

Waiver
for
6/15/18
Report
\$130.00

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Change Annapolis PAC	
CCF ID:	03011480	Status: Active
Date Established	7/13/16	
Date Waiver Requested	5/25/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	James Appel	Start Date:7/13/16
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Dustin Freas	7/13/16
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/31/18	\$150	\$150
			\$	\$
			Total	\$150

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/17/18 late fee \$20 paid

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
5/22/18	\$31,528	\$37,078	\$14,495	\$0
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

We got a new treasure the transaction was not as smooth as we'd hoped. Consequently the report was filed late.

Division Comments

Deny, it is the committee's job to be in compliance.

Administrator's Decision

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

Waiver

James Appel <james@mdgop.org>
To: Ebony Parran -SBE- <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>
Cc: James Appel <james@mdgop.org>

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Rep. House CAUCUS

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~~The Change Annapolis PAC also has a new treasurer and the transition wasn't as smooth as hoped. That report will get filed this weekend and we will pay any fines incurred right away.~~

Thanks again for all your help.
James Appel, Comptroller
MD GOP
443-837-7962

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Clarke, Ed Citizens For	
CCF ID:	01003884	Status: Active
Date Established	6/22/06	
Date Waiver Requested	6/6/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Doris Clarke	Start Date:1/21/09
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Ed Clarke	6/22/06
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		6/6/18	\$210	\$210
			\$	\$
			Total	\$210

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/17/18 late fee \$50
1/18/17 late fee \$70
1/20/16 late fee \$30

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
5/22/18	\$0	\$0	\$11.92	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

Didn't receive notice as the change of address had not come through, also my computer email was not working.
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Division Comments

Deny

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Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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

Campaign Account Name: CITIZENS FOR ED CLARKE Account Number: 01003884

Date of Request: 06-06-18 Total Amount of late fees: \$ \$210.00

Name of the Requestor(s)*: EDWARD A. CLARKE

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 05-22-18

The basis for the request: Did NOT receive the NOTICE of billing
AS THE CHANGE of ADDRESS did not come THROUGH THE MAIL
AND THIS IS WHY I CAME INTO THE BOE office to
Report the problem. IN ADDITION my COMPUTER
EMAIL ACCOUNT WAS NOT WORKING AND I HAD NO ACCESS
TO EMAIL.

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Edward A. Clarke

(Signature)

06-06-18

(Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Holliday, Samuel Justin Friends of	
CCF ID:	01011609	Status: Active
Date Established	3/07/17	
Date Waiver Requested	6/25/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Doug Sentz	Start Date: 3/7/17
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Sam Holliday	3/7/17
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/22/18	\$130	\$130
5/22/18		5/24/18	\$40	\$40
			Total	\$170

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

See above

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I sent the affidavit on the time but the computer didn't complete my request.

Division Comments

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

Fwd: Fee Running Notice for the 6/15/18 Pre Primary 2 Report - transactions through 6/10/18

1 message

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

Mon, Jun 25, 2018 at 9:22 AM

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

From: **douglas sentz** <doug.sentz@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 25, 2018 at 12:01 AM
Subject: Re: Fee Running Notice for the 6/15/18 Pre Primary 2 Report - transactions through 6/10/18
To: info.sbe@maryland.gov

To whom it may concern,

I wish to inquire about getting this fee waved from our campaign. I seek this because I had sent the affidavit in on time, but the computer did not complete my request. We have filed an affidavit on all of our other reports as well as we are a small campaign.

Sincerely,

Douglas Sentz III
Treasurer, Friends of Justin Holliday

On Fri, Jun 22, 2018, 8:47 AM <info.sbe@maryland.gov> wrote:

Fee Running Notice

Campaign Finance Report Past Due

This is to advise you that the State Board of Elections has not received the Campaign Finance Report for the date listed above. Since the report was not received in this office by the filing deadline late fees are being assessed. The fee is \$20 per day for the first 6 days that a pre-election report or affidavit is overdue and \$10 per day thereafter. If the report is an Annual or post-election report the fee is \$10 for each day the report is late. The maximum fee chargeable is \$500.

The late fee must be paid directly from campaign funds.

If the report is received in this office with proof that it was filed on or before the filing deadline late fees will not be assessed.

How to File

- **MD CRIS:** Using any Internet browser, log in at www.campaignfinance.maryland.gov. An email will be sent to you verifying the submission of the report. Please reference <https://www.campaignfinance.maryland.gov/FilingInstructions.pdf> if further filing instructions are needed.

Please check out the MDCRIS Overview Video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcbNIJCo-i8>

Note: The report must be filed whether or not transactions occurred.

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Howell, Adrion for Clerk Committee	
CCF ID:	01012886	Status: Active
Date Established	2/27/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/01/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Monica Greene	Start Date: 2/27/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Adrion Howell	2/27/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		6/22/18	\$130	\$130
4/17/18		5/01/18	\$140	\$140
			Total	\$270

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

This committee has history of filing late 2008-2011 with a total of late fee in the amount of \$2750.00

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I am requesting the fees and accumulative fees be waived due to the delay when I actively became treasurer for this committee.

Division Comments

Deny, committee has a history of filing late.

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May 21, 2018

Miss Monica Greene
4749 River Valley Way
Bowie, Maryland 20720

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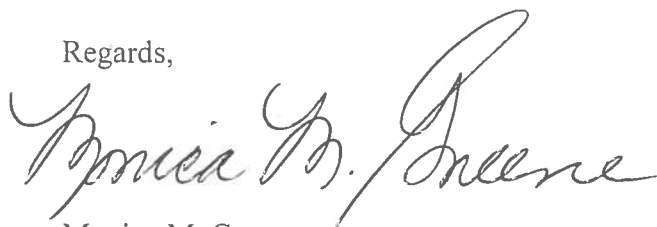
To Whom It May Concern:

I am the acting 2018 Campaign Treasurer for the Adrion Howell for Clerk Committee, Prince George's County. I am requesting a fee waiver for the reporting period of 04/17/2018. I attempted several times to contact someone regarding the change in the name of the Treasurer from Mrs. Sharon Ford Howell to Monica Marie Greene. The request was submitted March 16, 2018. However, the actual date the change was made occurred after the reporting due date for the 4/17/2018 Campaign Finance Report. I was advised to submit the report and this letter requesting the fee waiver. The report was completed and submitted on 5/1/2018.

I am requesting the fees and accumulative fees be waived due to the delay when I actively became campaign Treasurer for the Howell for Clerk Committee.

Please feel free to contact me at (240) 893-4650 if you have additional questions.

Regards,



Monica M. Greene

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Jackson, Emily for Board of Education	
CCF ID:	01012745	Status: Active
Date Established	2/27/18	
Date Waiver Requested	5/31/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Phillip Jackson	Start Date: 2/27/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Emily Jackson	2/27/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/29/18	\$130	\$130
4/17/18		4/30/18	\$130	\$130
			Total	\$ 260

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

See above

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

Due to complications opening a bank account, and the requirement to attach the account to the filing
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Division Comments

Deny

Administrator's Decision

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Emily Jackson for Board of Education
Phil Jackson | Treasurer
13495 Rustling Oaks Drive
Wye Mills, MD 21679

151 West Street Suite 200
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

May 29, 2018

Jared DeMarinis:

I was hoping you could assist with two issues:

- A Late Fee Bill for \$130- was received on 5/18/2018 for the 2018 Spring Report Gubernatorial. Per my conversation with the staff at the State Board of Elections, we were late to file the 2018 Spring Report Gubernatorial due to complications opening a bank account, and the requirement to attach the account to the filing. No money was raised for the period.
- A Fee Running Notice was received on 5/29/2018 for the submission of our 2018 Pre Primary1 Gubernatorial Report. An ALCE Affidavit was filed on 5/29/2018, however my understanding is that a fine of \$20- will be imposed from 5/22/2018 (the report due date).

Emily Jackson for Board of Education is a small, local campaign, with minimal fundraising intentions. The staff at the State Board of Elections indicated that I should formally request a waiver given the circumstances. We would kindly ask for you to reconsider these fines. We have coordinated to promptly respond in the future. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your consideration,



Phillip C Jackson
Treasurer
Emily Jackson for Board of Education



Emily L Jackson
Candidate

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Joyner-El, Brendon Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01012606	Status: Active
Date Established	2/26/18	
Date Waiver Requested	5/26/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Melvin Velines	Start Date: 2/26/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Sheila Seabreezbey	2/26/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
4/17/18		5/12/18	\$250	\$250
6/15/18		N/A	\$60	\$60
			Total	\$310

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

We submitted an excel spread sheet thinking we had submitted the report.
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Division Comments

Denied report had not been filed.

Administrator's Decision

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

Fwd: Request for Wavier of late fines April 17, 2018 financial statement

1 message

Melvin Velines-Bey <velinesbeymelvin@gmail.com>
To: victorica.smith@maryland.gov

Sat, May 26, 2018 at 2:29 PM

On Sat, May 26, 2018 at 2:23 PM, Melvin Velines-Bey <velinesbeymelvin@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Day

Mrs. Smith

We are beseeching you in writing concerning wavering late fines for April 17, 2018 Financial Statement. Due to our naivety to this process. We did submit a Excel Spread sheet thinking we had filed our Financial Statement on April 16, 2018 thinking we had made the dead line. Only to discover we had missed several steps in linking our bank account. We are a very small campaign and would be elated if the waver was granted, which will allow us to place the money to extending our campaign efforts.

Thank You in Advance

Yours Truly

Sheila Seabreeze -Bey
Chair Person of Citizen for Brendon Joyner-EI

Melvin M. Velines-Bey, M.App. Soc.Sci. pub. Admin.
Treasure of Citizen for Brendon Joyner-EI

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Owens, (Hubert) For Senate 32	
CCF ID:	01011967	Status: Active
Date Established	10/13/17	
Date Waiver Requested	6/04/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Cynthia Owens	Start Date: 10/13/17
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Hubert Owens	10/13/17
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		N/A	\$500	\$500
5/22/18		6/04/18	\$190	\$190
			Total	\$

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

The system didn't recognize me as the chairman.

Division Comments

Deny, report has not been filed.

Administrator's Decision

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Late Fee Waiver Request Form

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Campaign Account Name: Hubert Owens for Sen¹⁸ Account Number: _____

Date of Request: 06/04/18 Total Amount of late fees: \$ 190

Name of the Requestor(s)*: Hubert Owens, Jr

The Requestor is the: Chairman Treasurer Candidate

Waiver of late fees for the following Campaign Finance Report(s): 52218

The basis for the request: The System was not recognize me as the Chairman

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(Task issue no red button)

Hubert Owens Jr (Signature)

06-04-18 (Date)

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Patchell, George Committee to Elect
CCF ID:	01009623
Date Established	1/24/14
Date Waiver Requested	5/29/18
Account Type	Candidate Account

Officers

Current Treasurer	John Colenda	Start Date: 1/24/14
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	George Patchell	Start Date: 1/24/14
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/25/18	\$60	\$60
			\$	\$
			Total	\$60

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/18/17 late fee \$40 paid

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I login to the system on May 7 and filed the affidavit, I didn't know until I received a notice that the report had not been filed.

Division Comments

Deny

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May 25, 2018

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To whom it may concern,

My name is John Colenda, I am the Treasurer for the Committee to Elect George Patchell. On May 7, 2018, I logged into file an "Affidavit of Limited Contributions and Expenditures" for the May 22, 2018 filing deadline. I submitted the form and notified George Patchell that our filing was complete for the May deadline.

Yesterday, it was brought to our attention by the local paper that our filing was not submitted for the May deadline. Today, I logged into the system to see that there was no record of the affidavit being filed. I called and spoke to someone at the State Board of Election. This person also verified that there is no record of the Affidavit being files. She told me to file the Affidavit immediately, she walked me through the process and verified that it process properly.

Lastly, she suggested I write a letter to the Board of Elections explaining the situation and request the fine be waived. As stated above, I logged onto the system and filed the affidavit on May 7th. Thinking it processed properly, I logged off and didn't follow-up to verify that everything was OK. Also, like previous filings, I didn't print the form for my records. I refilled the affidavit today, May 25, 2018 and have printed a copy for my records. Will you please consider waiving the subsequent fine?

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Regards,



John A. Colenda
Committee to Elect George Patchell, Treasurer

Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Richardson, Ava Friends of	
CCF ID:	01012486	Status: Active
Date Established	02/22/18	
Date Waiver Requested	5/29/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Ava Richardson	Start Date: 2/22/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Andrew Richardson	2/22/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
4/17/18		4/24/18	\$70	\$70
6/15/18		N/A	\$500	\$500
			Total	\$570

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

No priors

Financial Activity History

Report	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash Balance	Debt
5/22/18	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$	\$

Reason for Waiver

I thought I had filed the report.

Division Comments

Deny report has not been filed.

Administrator's Decision

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5/30/2018

Maryland.gov Mail - \$70 late filing fer



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

\$70 late filing fer

iamavatwo@aol.com <iamavatwo@aol.com>
To: ebony.parran@maryland.gov

Tue, May 29, 2018 at 8:50 PM

Hi Ms. Parran:

The reason I filed late last quarter is because I sincerely thought the finance report was filed. It allowed me to review the report and the message said that it would show up in my record in 4 days, so I thought it was filed. Please waive the \$70 fee for I did not know it wasn't filed until I received the fee notice. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ava Richardson President, ACCSiamavatwo@aol.com

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Rothschild, Devon Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01009356	Status: Inactive
Date Established	7/30/13	
Date Waiver Requested	6/22/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Christina Woodall	Start Date: 2/24/17
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Kathy Gerity	7/30/13
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

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

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/18/17 late fee \$20 paid

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I placed the transaction in the 2019 report instead of the 2018, I attempted to file and believed that I had.

Division Comments

Deny, this is not the business process of the system.

Administrator's Decision

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

Request for waiver of fees for Citizens for Devon Rothschild

Devon Rothschild <bansaibutterfly21@yahoo.com>
To: "ebony.parran@maryland.gov" <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>

Fri, Jun 22, 2018 at 11:23 AM

Good morning,

Thank you so much for your help with understanding why my initial filing did not go through.

I would like to request a waiver of the \$130 in fees accrued for the Citizens for Devon Rothschild June 2018 report. I had attempted to, and believed I had, filed the report before the deadline. However, I put the transactions in the 2019 report instead of the 2018 report and it did not process correctly. Currently, there is only \$13 in the account and I am looking to completely close the account as I am not a candidate for this cycle.

I truly apologize for filing the report incorrectly. I have never missed a filing deadline before and it was my intent and belief that I had filed this report as well. I hope that you can grant a waiver of the accrued fees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Devon Rothschild
301-801-1123

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Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Slocum, Albert Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01012865	Status: Active
Date Established	2/23/18	
Date Waiver Requested	6/14/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Joe Goosby	Start Date: 2/23/18
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Albert Slocum	2/23/18
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
6/15/18		N/A	\$	\$310
5/22/18		N/A	\$	\$500
4/17/18		5/04/18		\$170
			Total	\$980

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

See above

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

The delay was in part to a learning curve as well as a lack of understanding the process.

Division Comments

Deny, committee has not filed reports.

Administrator's Decision



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

Waiver Request: Citizens for Albert Slocum

Albert Slocum <info@slocumfordistrict5.com>
To: Ebony Parran -SBE- <ebony.parran@maryland.gov>

Thu, Jun 14, 2018 at 12:38 PM

Albert Slocum, Jr.
Democrat Candidate
Prince George's County Council District 5

240-397-5511
www.SlocumForDistrict5.com
info@SlocumForDistrict5.com

From: Albert Slocum
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 5:15:56 PM
To: Ebony.Parran@Maryland.gov
Cc: jpgoosby@goosbytax.com
Subject: Waiver Request: Citizens for Albert Slocum

Hi Ms. Parran,

I am requesting for a waiver of penalties and/or fees. My Committee Treasurer, Joseph P. Goosby has been working arduously, but it has been a difficult and lengthy task for him in this new role. In addition, I believe the delay in part had been attributed to a learning curve as well as his lack of understanding the process and what was required of him for a proper filing. We wanted to make sure certain things were in place as well as being compliant for an accurate reporting. Please take these challenges into consideration as we hope to receive a positive response regarding our request for waiver. If you should require or need additional information, my contact information is provided below for your convenience. Thank you.

Best,

Albert Slocum, Jr.
Democrat Candidate
Prince George's County Council District 5

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www.SlocumForDistrict5.com
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Waiver Request Information Page

General

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

Officers

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

Waiver Request Dates

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

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

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

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

We had to change our treasurer and bank account, due to computer literacy issues we had difficulty with the system.

Division Comments

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

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June 4, 2018

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

Dear Mrs. LaMone,

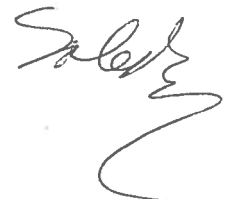
We are running a write-in campaign for Baltimore County executive. I am contacting you in regard to a late fee imposed on my campaign due to both my own and my staff's lack of computer literacy. We had to change our treasurer due to his moving to Florida, as well the bank we were using was taken over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

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

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

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

Thank You,
Irene Solesky
Irene Solesky
Chairperson



Waiver Request Information Page

General

Account Name	Wilson, Tom Citizens for	
CCF ID:	01009399	Status: Active
Date Established	9/09/13	
Date Waiver Requested	6/01/18	
Account Type	Campaign Account	

Officers

Current Treasurer	Joe Tropp	Start Date: 9/09/13
Responsible Treasurer		
Current Chairman	Thomas Wilson	9/09/13
Responsible Chairman		

Waiver Request Dates

Late Report	Affidavit	Date Received	Fees	Total Fees
5/22/18		5/26/18	\$80	\$80
			\$	\$
			Total	\$80

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

Prior Waiver and Fees

1/20/16 referred to OSP
1/21/15 referred to OSP
8/26/14 referred to OSP

Financial Activity History

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

Reason for Waiver

I feel that after the good faith efforts to file on time, and the belief that it was filed there is reason for the fee to be waived,

Division Comments

Deny, committee has a history of non-compliance.

Administrator's Decision

5/29/18

Linda Amone

Campaign Finance Report

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Dear Ms. Amone,

As the treasurer of the Citizens for Tom Wilson campaign of Cecil County I filed a Campaign Finance Report with the state. I've never done this before and I'm not very tech literate. I needed help with some of the reporting steps and web pages.

On May 21 I made several calls to the Campaign Finance Office to file my report. More than one call was made to Victoria Malena of the Finance Report Office. There were errors in the system that did not allow me to activate the "File All to State" tab on one of the pages but eventually this was rectified and I used that tab to file the report. I believe there was a page after that which asked something which, as I recall, I addressed.

After making all of the above efforts on May 21 I was surprised to find out from the campaign manager that the report was not filed. I immediately took steps to get the report, to my mind, filed again. But now it was past due and a fee is imposed.

I feel that after the good faith efforts to file on time, and the belief that it was, that there is reason for the fee to be waived. There was no perceived tardiness on my part since I thought the report was filed on the 21st. Victoria Malena may be able to vouch for the fact that the effort was made and success was assumed, since she was one of a few people to whom I spoke while trying to get the report filed. If you need more information, please contact me.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joe Tropp

tropp12@comcast.net

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Maryland Application for an Absentee Ballot

Additional instructions are on the back of this form.

Register to Vote

1

You must be registered to vote to get an absentee ballot. If you are not registered to vote in Maryland and want to register, contact your local county board of elections office listed on the attached sheet or go to www.elections.maryland.gov.

Print your name

Use black or blue ink.

2

Last name _____ Jr Sr II III IV

First name _____ Middle name or initial _____

Election

3

I want an absentee ballot for

Primary Election General Election Both Elections

About you

4

Party Affiliation: Democrat Republican Other

Email Address _____

Birthdate _____ Phone _____

Maryland Driver's License or ID Card Number _____

Last 4 digits of Social Security number xxx-xx-____

Your current address

If you have a new address, we will update your voter registration information.

DO NOT give an address if you are away for school, work, travel or if your address is temporary.

5

Address _____ Apt. number _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

When did you move here? _____ If you do not remember the exact date, give the month and year.

How do you want to receive your ballot?

If you choose internet delivery, we will send you an email with a link to your ballot about three weeks before the election. You must print your ballot and return it to your local elections board. If you don't see an email from the State Board of Elections, check your spam folder.

Note: A fax or internet ballot you have printed yourself cannot be read by our scanners. Board of elections workers will use the information on your ballot to mark an official ballot for you. The official ballot will be machine counted with other ballots.

6

Choose one:

U.S. MAIL

I want my ballot for the PRIMARY ELECTION mailed to:

Same as above

Address _____ Apt. number _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

I want my ballot for the GENERAL ELECTION mailed to:

Same as above

Address _____ Apt. number _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

INTERNET DELIVERY We will email you an internet link to open your ballot and print it yourself.

email address _____

FAX fax number _____

Signature

Required.

Anyone can help you fill out this form except

- A candidate on your ballot
- Your employer or an agent of your employer
- An officer or agent from your union

7

Signature (required)

X

Today's Date _____

Assistance Signature (required if you had help)

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby certify that this voter needed help with this form because he or she has a disability or is unable to read or write. The voter authorized me to complete this form. If the voter could not sign this form, I printed the voter's name and wrote my initials.

Sign: _____
Print: _____

HOUSE BILL 1331

CHAPTER 524 of the 2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

ELECTION LAW ARTICLE §9-305

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

9-305.

(a) A voter may request an absentee ballot by completing and submitting:

(1) the State Board approved absentee ballot application;

(2) a form provided under federal law;

(3) **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION**, a written request that includes:

(i) the voter's name, residence address, and signature; and

(ii) the address to which the ballot is to be mailed, if different from the residence address; or

(4) [as specified in subsection (c) of this section,] the accessible online absentee ballot application provided by the State Board.

(B) A VOTER WHO USES THE ONLINE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION TO REQUEST THAT AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BE SENT BY ANY METHOD OR WHO USES ANY METHOD TO REQUEST TO RECEIVE A BLANK ABSENTEE BALLOT THROUGH THE INTERNET SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(1) A MARYLAND DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER OR MARYLAND IDENTIFICATION CARD NUMBER, THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THE APPLICANT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, AND ~~ANY~~ OTHER INFORMATION IDENTIFIED BY THE STATE BOARD THAT IS NOT GENERALLY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC BUT IS READILY AVAILABLE TO THE APPLICANT; OR

(2) IF THE APPLICANT IS AN ABSENT UNIFORMED SERVICES VOTER OR OVERSEAS VOTER AS DEFINED IN THE FEDERAL UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT OR A VOTER WITH A DISABILITY AND DOES NOT HAVE A MARYLAND DRIVER'S LICENSE OR MARYLAND IDENTIFICATION CARD, A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

Armstead B. Crawley Jones, Sr.
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Dear Ms. Lamone:

The Baltimore City Board of Elections had several emergency polling place changes days before and on Election Day, June 26, 2018. These changes are listed with the polling place changes list below. These changes will result in Baltimore City still having 296 precincts.

26014

BCBOE was notified on June 21, 2018 that the Community Center had no water in the building.

Old: Community Building 931 Armistead Way, 21205
New: Armistead Garden Elem School #243 5001 E. Eager St., 21205

25009

This polling place was changed on Primary Election Day due to fleas and mice problems.

Old: Cherry Hill Elem #159 801 Bridgeview Rd. 21225
New: Carter G. Woodson #160 2501 Seabury Ave.

15002

There were two polling places in this site and only one of them was moved. We posted signs on the old site to have the voters go to James Mosher Elementary School. This issue was found too late to mail new cards.

Old: Friendship Academy 1100 Whitmore Ave. 21216
New: James Mosher Elem #144 2400 Mosher St. 21216

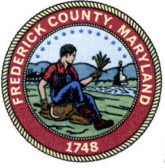
Thank you in advance for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Armstead B. C. Jones".

Armstead B. C. Jones
Election Director

Cc: Baltimore City Board Members



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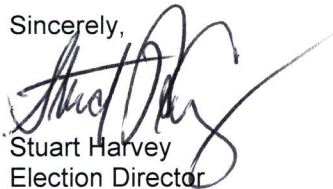
Ms. Linda H. Lamone, Esq.
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Dear Ms. Lamone:

At its October 4, 2017 meeting, the Frederick County Board of Elections approved the temporary move of Precinct 07-001 to the Urbana Volunteer Fire Department for the 2018 Primary Election, due to the renovation occurring at the existing polling place, Urbana Elementary School. At the same meeting, the Board also indicated that they wished to move the polling place again for the November 2018 General Election to the new Sugarloaf Elementary School, which should have much better accessibility than the fire hall. The school is slated to open this September, and, per the Frederick County Public Schools, is on schedule.

Because Section 2-303(b) of the Election Law prevents any polling place change from the Tuesday that is 13 weeks prior to the primary election until after the general election, the Frederick County Board of Elections is requesting that the State Board of Elections approve this polling place change for the November 6, 2018 General Election.

Sincerely,



Stuart Harvey
Election Director

Enclosure

cc: Frederick County Board of Elections

THE NEW SUGARLOAF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

After reviewing historical documents, property information and over 190 name suggestions submitted by community members, the School Name Recommendation Committee brought three name recommendations for the new Urbana-area elementary school to the Board of Education for consideration at their meeting on May 7. The Board voted 5-2 to name the new elementary school “**Sugarloaf Elementary School.**” This name was brought forth by the recommendation committee because of the nearby Sugarloaf Mountain, an enduring geological feature that can be seen from the new school site.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNS



(/facilities/sugarloaf-architectural-designs)

FLOOR PLANS



(/facilities/sugarloaf-floor-plans)

SITE PLANS



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FCPS and the School Name Recommendation Committee would like to thank all those who submitted name suggestions or feedback during the naming process!

Read more about the BOE policy about naming schools: Policy 201
(<https://apps.fcps.org/legal/file.php?id=18>) (Adobe PDF File, opens in new window).

About Sugarloaf Elementary School

Urbana along the I-270 corridor is one of the fastest growing areas in Frederick County. The new Sugarloaf Elementary School will address the continued build out of the Urbana community and will relieve overcrowding at both Urbana and Centerville elementary schools. The new school, estimated to cost \$30 million, was designed by architects Grimm and Parker, the same firm responsible for the design of North Frederick Elementary School which will serve as a prototype for this project. The school will be located within the Urbana North mixed-use development situated west of MD 355.

In fall of 2013, the Board of Education decided that this new elementary school in Urbana would serve grades PreK-5, as opposed to a paired arrangement with the existing Urbana Elementary, thus having its own attendance area. A redistricting study will be initiated after the completion of the Urbana Elementary Replacement Project. FCPS anticipates that the attendance area will draw from the existing Urbana Elementary and Centerville Elementary attendance areas.

See the presentation from the 2/3/15 community meeting here
(/facilities/files/documents/capital%20improvement/SESCD-Community-Meeting.pdf) (Adobe PDF File, opens in new window).

QUICK FACTS

Location: The Sugarloaf Elementary will be built in the Urbana North mixed-use development west of MD 355 and next to the older Urbana Community Park. View a site map here (/facilities/sugarloaf-site-plans).

Capacity: 725 students, pre-K- 5th grade

1. **Project Scope / Description**

- a. No Change
- b. Base Building – 94,512 + Parks and Recreation Addition 3,357 = 97,869 Total SF

2. **Project Schedule**

- a. Design - Complete
- b. Construction
 - i. Bid – January 2017
 - ii. Construction – April 2017 – June 2018
 - iii. Substantial Completion – June 30, 2018
 - iv. Occupancy – August 2018
 - 1. This building will open with the Students and Staff from Urbana Elementary School.
 - 2. Contingent upon the completion of the Urbana Elementary Replacement Project, Sugarloaf Elementary will open to students in August 2020.
- c. Project Completion – December 31, 2018

3. **Project Budget**

- a. Total Project Budget – TBA
- b. Construction Budget – TBA

4. **Current Status**

- a. Construction Phase 1 began on April 1, 2017 and is continuing on schedule
- b. Construction Phase 2 began on July 1, 2017 and is continuing on schedule
- c. Construction Progress is at 70%
 - i. Civil – Site Work
 - 1. Excavation and Mass Grading – Complete
 - 2. Retaining Wall – Complete
 - 3. East Side Parking Lot and Bus Loop – 75% Complete
 - 4. Onsite Utilities – Complete
 - 5. Geothermal Well Field – Complete
 - ii. Architectural
 - 1. CMU Bearing wall installation Complete
 - 2. Brick installation is Complete
 - 3. Exterior Metal framing and sheathing is Complete
 - iii. Structural
 - 1. Building Footings and Foundation Walls Complete
 - 2. Building Slabs on Grade Complete
 - 3. Building Elevated Slabs Complete
 - 4. Structural Steel Framing – Complete
 - iv. Mechanical
 - 1. Utility connections Complete
 - 2. Underground piping installations Complete

3. Mechanical Plumbing piping and HVAC Ductwork installation is continuing
- v. Electrical
1. Duct Bank and Underground piping Complete
 2. Utility connections Complete
 3. Electrical installations is continuing

Have a question or concern?

You can check out our Frequently Asked Questions (</facilities/sugarloaf-frequently-asked-questions>). You can also submit your questions and feedback by emailing UrbanaAreaSchools@fcps.org (<mailto:UrbanaAreaSchools@fcps.org>) or post your questions on the Urbana Area Schools Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/urbanaareaschools>) ([opens in new window](http://www.facebook.com/urbanaareaschools)).

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RE: Request for relocation of Precinct 04-30 from Richard Montgomery High School to St. Elizabeth Catholic School for the General Election

Dear Chairman McManus, Vice Chairman Hogan, Board Members Cogan, Howells and Funn and State Administrator Lamone:

As you will recall, on April 16, 2018, the Montgomery County Board of Elections ("MCBOE") wrote State Board of Elections ("SBE") to request your permission to move precinct 04-30 from Richard Montgomery High School to B'nai Israel Congregation for the 2018 Primary Election. On Tuesday, April 24, 2018, SBE held a special meeting to consider MCBOE's request. After careful consideration, SBE denied the request.

During the meeting, there was discussion of returning the voters in 04-30 to St. Elizabeth Catholic School ("St. Elizabeth") for the General Election. The

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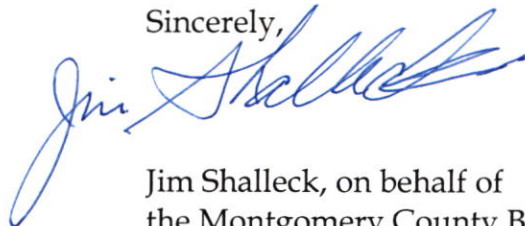
voters in 04-30 have in the past voted at St. Elizabeth, but the school is unable to host for the Primary Election because of summer camps there. St. Elizabeth is a much more convenient polling place for the voters within 04-30 than Richard Montgomery High School. It is within the precinct and is in walking distance for a significant number of voters.

It was our impression from the discussion during the April 24 meeting that SBE was receptive to approving a request to return voters in 04-30 to St. Elizabeth for the General Election. Further, on Monday, May 21, 2018, MCBOE unanimously voted to request SBE to approve returning to St. Elizabeth for the 2018 General Election. In an effort to inform voters in precinct 04-30 of the change for the General Election (assuming SBE approves the change), MCBOE members said at that meeting that, among other measures, they plan to hand out flyers on Primary Election Day to voters in 04-30, which is why MCBOE is making this request for SBE approval now, rather than after the primary election.

MCBOE deeply regrets that a written request was not transmitted to SBE for the Board's consideration at your meeting on Thursday, May 31, 2018. However, because MCBOE strongly believes it is important to hand out a flyer on Primary Election to impacted voters, MCBOE requests that SBE approve our proposed change in location now, *before* the Primary Election. If SBE is not scheduled to have another meeting before the Primary, MCBOE respectfully requests that the State Board have a very brief telephone meeting to consider the request. If a telephone meeting is not feasible, MCBOE requests that the SBE members be polled to determine whether they would support the change for the General Election. MCBOE stands prepared to provide any additional information the State Board needs to consider our request.

As always, we thank you for your time and consideration to our request.

Sincerely,



Jim Shalleck, on behalf of
the Montgomery County Board of Elections

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RE: Request for relocation of Precinct 04-17 from Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center to B'nai Israel Congregation (B'nai Israel) Social Hall for the General Election

Dear Chairman McManus, Vice Chairman Hogan, Board Members Cogan, Howells and Funn and State Administrator Lamone:

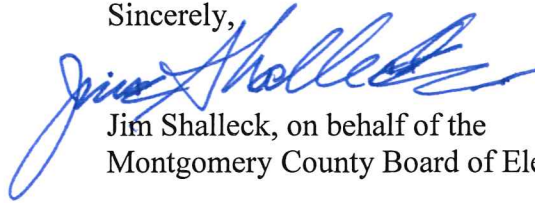
The recent Primary Election revealed to the Montgomery County Board of Elections members that the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center facility is inadequate to serve the population of precinct 04-17. Board members observed that the location requires the poll books to be set up in the hallway while voting took place in the adjacent room. There was also inadequate space for election judges to take breaks.

After careful consideration, the Board is requesting to move the precinct to B'nai Israel Congregation at 6301 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852. The location is adjacent to the Precinct and meets the requirements to serve as a polling place location. B'nai Israel will serve as a temporary location until the completion of the new school facility within the precinct for the 2020 election cycle.

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The Board strongly feels B'nai Israel will better serve the community because it has a larger room and there is additional space for election judges. Thank you for your time and consideration to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Shalleck", is written over the typed name.

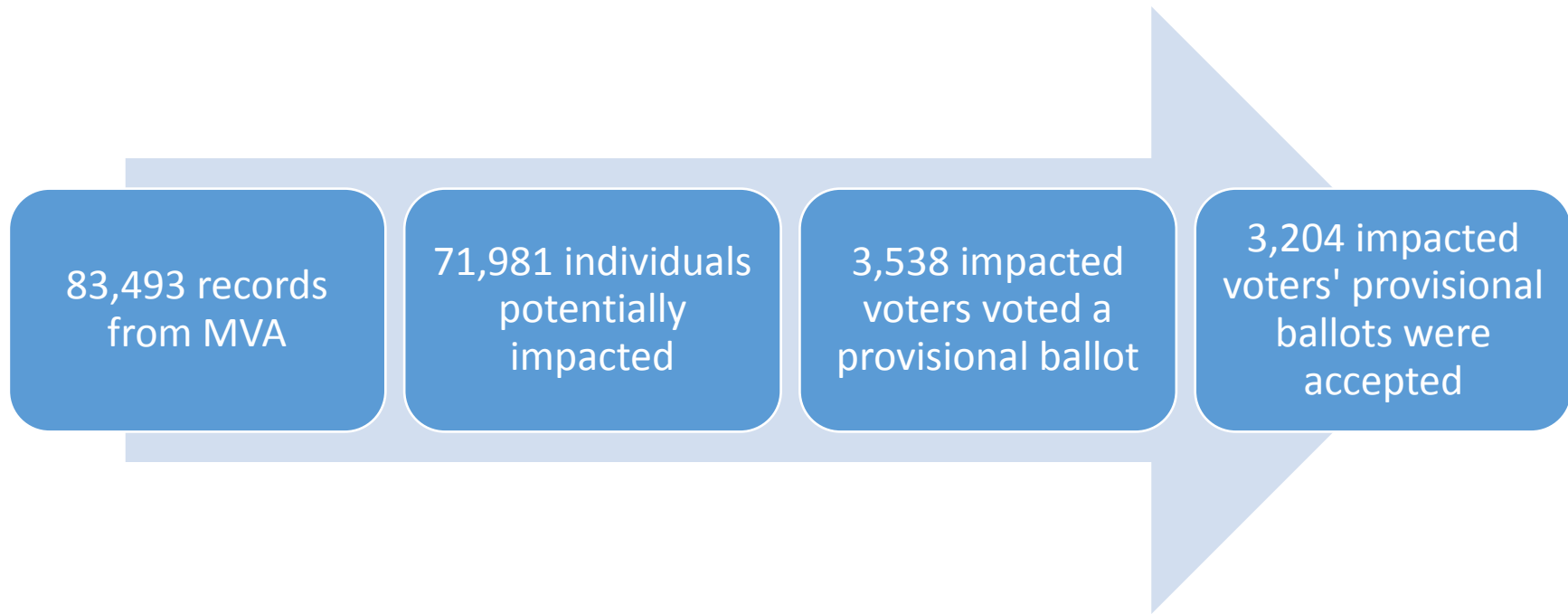
Jim Shalleck, on behalf of the
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<i>Date</i>	<i>SBE Action</i>	<i>Other Information</i>
June 22, 2018 Friday	Learned that MVA did not send voter registration information for some MVA customers	Discovered when SBE employee reported that she changed her address at MVA but had not received a new voter card
	Received from MVA 18,761 records	
	Notified the local boards of elections of the issue	
June 23, 2018 Saturday	Issued press statement	
June 24, 2018 Sunday	With help from State Department of Information Technology (DoIT), sent emails to 14,323 voters	Email instructed voters to use SBE’s polling place locator to find the polling place for their new address and explained that they would need to vote a provisional ballot at that polling place
June 25, 2018 Monday	Learned that more MVA customers were affected	Discovered when SBE employee reported that she had not received the June 24, 2018, email
	Issued press statement	
	Received from MVA 58,180 records ¹	
	With help from DoIT, sent emails to 56,213 voters ²	Email instructed voters to use SBE’s polling place locator to find the polling place for their new address and explained that they would need to vote a provisional ballot at that polling place
	Various media interviews and outreach to educate voters on where to vote and the provisional voting process	The provisional voting process is a fail-safe process that allows anyone who thinks they are registered to vote and allows election officials to correct any clerical error in the voter’s record. This is an example of why the provisional voting process exists.
	57,038 individuals used SBE’s online voter look-up website or online polling place locator	
June 26, 2018 Tuesday	Election Day	106,579 individuals uses SBE’s online voter look-up website or online polling place locator

¹ During conversation with MVA on June 25th, MVA representatives reported that they had identified an additional 61,380 impacted customers. MVA subsequently explained that further data analysis reduced the 61,380 records to 58,180 records.

² Because of time, MVA did not have time to perform thorough analysis on this file. As a result, many voters received an email that did not need to receive it. For example, a voter who had updated his or her address another way would have received the email, even though his or her voter registration record was updated.

Date	SBE Action	Other Information
June 27, 2018 Wednesday	Distributed to the local boards of elections: (1) spreadsheet showing voter registration information from MVA transactions; and (2) instructions to check these lists when reviewing provisional ballot applications	
June 28, 2018 Thursday	Learned that more MVA customers were affected.	The previously submitted records did not include MVA customers who – using its website or kiosk – changed their address and wanted to register to vote <i>for the first time</i> . (The prior lists included only customers who were already registered to vote and wanted to update their voter registration.) Discovered this when responding to a voter inquiry.
	Issued press statement	
	Received from MVA 6,552 records	SBE found 720 MVA customers in the June 25, 2018, file that were not registered to vote. SBE moved these customers into MVA's list of customers who were not registered to vote at the time of the MVA transaction. SBE's total of MVA customers not registered to vote is 7,272.
June 28, 2018 – July 4, 2018	Local boards of elections conduct absentee 1 canvass	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sent to MVA files of voters whose provisional ballots may be rejected or accepted in part 2. Review file from MVA and verify whether ballot should be rejected or accepted in part 3. Contact LBE if MVA data shows that canvassing recommendation is wrong 	<p>Instructions to the local boards: Assume that the MVA transaction had been received and processed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a provisional voter would have been timely registered but for the MVA issue, consider the provisional voter registered to vote and process the provisional ballot accordingly • If a provisional voter's party affiliation would have been changed but for the MVA issue, consider the provisional voter to be affiliated with the party in MVA's files unless the voter subsequently changed party affiliation
July 5, 2018 Thursday	Local boards of elections conduct provisional canvass	
July 6, 2018 Friday	Local boards of elections conduct absentee 2 canvass	



1. MVA sent 83,493 records
2. SBE found 13 duplicates. Revised total – 83,480
3. SBE found multiple transactions for the same individual. Removed oldest transaction(s). Revised total – 83,176
4. SBE had the same information as MVA provided for 3,330 individuals. Revised total – 76,846
5. 7,865 voters were not eligible to vote in the 2018 Primary Election (unaffiliated and did not have a ballot style). Revised total – 71,981
6. 3,538 individuals on the MVA lists had to vote a provisional ballot.
7. 3,204 (90.6%) of those provisional ballots were accepted in full (2,882 or 81.5%) or accepted in part (322 or 9.1%).

July 12, 2018

Chair Conway, Chair Kaiser, and Committee members,

In our attempts to observe and record the canvass and recount processes for the 2018 primary elections, we have consistently encountered obstacles from the local boards of election, who do not seem to be familiar with the rights provided to the public through the Open Meetings Act.

Sec. 33.02.01.05 of the Open Meetings Act (see attached) specifies that a member of the public may record, photograph, and broadcast the proceedings of an open session as long as the recording equipment used does not disrupt the session or interfere with the right of the public to attend and observe the session.

In Montgomery and Prince George's Counties we were prevented from or restricted in recording or photographing the canvass even though we were not disruptive to the process in any way. In Howard County we were prevented from recording or photographing the recount even though the news media was allowed to do so.

If there is a concern that our recordings or photography would violate the secrecy of ballots, the canvasses should be conducted in such a way that no one – not even election officials – can know the identity of the voter whose ballot is being counted. We have observed that practices vary widely in this regard from one county to another, or even from one team of ballot handlers to another in the same county. Despite this inconsistency in the procedures used by the counties, we always strive to protect the secrecy of the voter's identity.

Transparency in the process of counting votes is fundamental to a vibrant democracy. The public's ability to observe this process from start to finish, whether in person or through photographs or recordings, strengthens public confidence in our elections. Maryland's General Assembly wisely guarantees this right through the Open Meetings Act. Would you please ensure that election officials are educated about the provisions of this Act so that it is uniformly applied throughout the state's election procedures?

Thank you very much for your consideration of this issue,

Rebecca Wilson

Rebecca@saveourvotes.org

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COMAR Sec. 33.02.01.05. Recording, Photographing, or Broadcasting

A. Recording Open Session. A member of the public, including a representative of the news media, may record the proceedings of an open session by means of a tape recorder or any other recording device if the device does not:

- (1) Create an excessive noise that disturbs board members or other individuals attending the session; or
- (2) Otherwise:
 - (a) Disrupt the session, or
 - (b) Interfere with the right of the public to attend and observe the session.

B. Photographing or Taping Session. A member of the public, including a representative of the news media, may photograph or videotape the proceedings of an open session by means of any type of camera if the camera:

- (1) Is operated without excessively bright artificial light that disturbs board members or other individuals attending the session;
- (2) Does not create an excessive noise that disturbs board members or other individuals attending the session; and
- (3) Does not otherwise:
 - (a) Disrupt the session; or
 - (b) Interfere with the right of the public to attend and observe the session.

C. Broadcasting Session. A representative of the news media may broadcast or televise the proceedings of an open session if the equipment used:

- (1) Is operated without excessively bright artificial light that disturbs board members or other individuals attending the session;
- (2) Does not create an excessive noise that disturbs board members or other individuals attending the session; and
- (3) Does not otherwise:
 - (a) Disrupt the session; or
 - (b) Interfere with the right of the public to attend and observe the session.

D. Restriction of Movement.

- (1) Whenever necessary to maintain the orderly conduct of the session, the presiding officer may restrict the movement of the individual who is using a recording device, a camera, or broadcasting or televising equipment.
- (2) If the individual refuses to comply or otherwise persists in conduct prohibited by this regulation or any other regulation concerning the conduct of the open session, the presiding officer may take action as authorized in Regulation .04B of this chapter.