

BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re BRIAN CHEGUIS	)	Financial Disclosure Appeal No. FD 19-106
	)	
Appellant.	)	Final Order No. XXX
_____	)	

FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics on its own motion during its meeting in public session on October 23, 2026, pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, (subsequently renumbered to Section 112.3145(8)(f)) which assesses an automatic fine of \$25 per day on a person who fails to timely file a required CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. The Commission may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown, based on "unusual circumstances" surrounding the failure to file by the designated date. There are no matters in dispute. Appellant did not request a hearing.

Findings of Fact

1. According to information provided to the Commission, Appellant served as an appointed Member of the West Palm Beach Downtown Action Committee, a position requiring the filing of a 2018 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. In 2019, the designated due date for submitting a 2018 CE Form 1 was July 1, 2019, with a grace period ending on September 1, 2019.

2. No later than June 1, 2019, the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections sent Appellant a 2018 CE Form 1. This was sent to Appellant at 713 36th St., West Palm Beach, FL 33407.

3. No later than August 1, 2019, the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections sent Appellant a notice of delinquency by certified mail. This notice was sent to Appellant at 713 36th St.

4. On September 6, 2019, the Commission on Ethics mailed Appellant a courtesy notice of fines accruing. This notice was sent to Appellant at 713 36th St.

5. On September 18, 2019, the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections received Appellant's 2018 CE Form 1.

6. On October 27, 2023, the Commission mailed appellant a Notice of Assessed fine. The notice was sent by mail to 310 Orange Way, West Palm Beach, FL 33405. It indicated the total of Appellant's accrued automatic fine was \$375 (\$25 per day for 15 days late) and provided that the Commission must receive an appeal of the fine by November 27, 2023.

7. On November 13, 2026, the Commission received Appellant's appeal of his automatic fine for Form Year 2018. In Part B of his appeal form, Appellant checked "Lack of notification – Failure to receive notice" as the general reason for his appeal. In Part C of his appeal form, where an appellant is asked to provide detailed explanation of his or her appeal, Appellant wrote that the forms were sent to his prior address and therefore he did not receive them in time to file on time.

Conclusions of Law

8. The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding pursuant to Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes.

9. Financial disclosure is required of public officials and employees because it enables the public to evaluate potential conflicts of interest, deters corruption, and increases public confidence in government.

10. Section 112.3145(8)(g)2., Florida Statutes, (subsequently renumbered to Section 112.3145(8)(f)(2)) states:

Any reporting person may appeal or dispute a fine, based upon unusual circumstances surrounding the failure to file on the designated due date, and may request and is entitled to a hearing before the commission, which may waive the fine in whole or in part for good cause shown. Any such request must be in writing and received by the commission within 30 days after the notice of payment due is transmitted. In such a case, the reporting person must, within the 30-day period, notify the person designated to review the timeliness of reports in writing of his or her intention to bring the matter before the commission. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term "unusual circumstances" does not include the failure to monitor an e-mail account or failure to receive notice if the person has not notified the commission of a change in his or her e-mail address.

11. Pursuant to Rule 34-8.215(4), F.A.C., "Unusual circumstances" means uncommon, rare or sudden events over which the reporting individual had no control and which directly result in the failure to act in accordance with the filing requirements. Circumstances which allow for time in which to take those steps necessary to ensure compliance with the filing requirements shall be deemed not to constitute unusual circumstances.

12. Here, Appellant stated that the forms were sent to his prior address and therefore he did not receive them. Considering Appellant's claims, and that there is no evidence showing otherwise, there are "unusual circumstances" here that prevented the timely filing of the financial disclosure form that justify waiving the \$375 fine.

Order

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby finds that unusual circumstances for failure to timely file have been demonstrated. We therefore waive the assessed fine of \$375.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on
October 23, 2026.

Date Rendered

Jeremy M. Rodgers
Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

THIS ORDER CONSTITUTES FINAL AGENCY ACTION. ANY PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS ORDER HAS THE RIGHT TO SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW UNDER SECTION 120.68, AND SECTION 112.3241, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY FILING A NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL PURSUANT TO RULE 9.110 FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE, WITH THE CLERK OF THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS, AT EITHER 325 JOHN KNOX ROAD, BUILDING E, SUITE 200, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32303 OR P.O. DRAWER 15709, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32317-5709; AND BY FILING A COPY OF THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ATTACHED TO WHICH IS A CONFORMED COPY OF THE ORDER DESIGNATED IN THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ACCOMPANIED BY THE APPLICABLE FILING FEES WITH THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL. THE NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE THIS ORDER IS RENDERED.

JMR: jfh

Brian Cheguis
823 N. Olive Ave.
West Palm Beach, FL 33401



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Building E, Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32303
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Fax: (850) 488-3077

Email: disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FORM YEAR 2018

DIRECTIONS: The information you provide in this form is critical for processing your appeal in a timely manner.

In Part A, please provide current contact information. If your contact information changes while your appeal is being processed, please notify us.

In Part B, please check any boxes that specify the general reason(s) for your appeal.

In Part C, please explain in detail the reason(s) for your appeal. In addition to your written explanation in Part C, you may attach any documents that support your appeal.

IMPORTANT: TO PRESERVE YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL, THIS FORM OR OTHER WRITTEN APPEAL (AND ANY ATTACHMENTS) MUST BE FILED WITH (RECEIVED BY) THE COMMISSION ON ETHICS WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE THE NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE WAS MAILED TO YOU.

PLEASE SEND YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mailing Address: Commission on Ethics
P.O. Drawer 15709
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

Physical Address: Commission on Ethics
325 John Knox Road
Building E, Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Fax: (850) 488-3077

Email: disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

PART A: YOUR INFORMATION

Name: BRIAN CHEGUIS

Address: 823 N. OLIVE AVENUE City: WEST PALM BEACH State: FL Zip: 33401

Daytime Tel.: _____ Cell: 561-797-4217

Email: brian@iplananddesign.com Filer ID# (if known): 261604

Public Employer: N/A

Public Position: APPOINTEE TO THE DOWNTOWN ACTION COMMITTEE (DAC)

CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE

PART B: GENERAL REASON(S) FOR YOUR APPEAL

Please choose any/all reasons that apply to your appeal.

I hereby appeal the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine on the following basis:

- a. ☐ **Sickness or injury** (Explain in Part C and attach a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of illness or injury)
- b. ☒ **Lack of notification – Failure to receive notice** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation that supports your assertion that you never received certified mail delinquency notice: for example, incorrect address; misdelivered mail; change in employment; extended absence from home, etc.)
- c. ☐ **Claim of timely filing of financial disclosure** (Explain in Part C and provide copy of certified mail receipt and/or copy of completed form which had been previously filed, along with a sworn notarized statement that you filed prior to the deadline)
- d. ☐ **Left public position prior to December 31, 2018** (Explain in Part C and provide confirmation from agency that your office-holding/employment ended before 12/31/2018)
- e. ☐ **Other unusual circumstance** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation explaining uncommon, rare, or sudden occurrence that prevented timely filing prior to deadline)
- f. ☐ **Not required to file** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation that supports reason for not required to file)

PART C: DETAILED EXPLANATION OF YOUR APPEAL

Please provide a detailed explanation of your appeal, including why each option you selected in Part B is applicable to you. You may use the space provided and/or attach additional pages.

AS EVIDENCED WITH ALL OF MY CE FORM 1, STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS FILINGS SINCE 2019 AND ON, THIS 2018 FILING WAS INADVERTENTLY FILED LATE DUE TO REQUESTS FOR FILING BEING SENT TO AN OLD ADDRESS THAT I DID NOT LIVE AT. THE REQUEST TO FILE WAS NOT RECEIVED IN TIME FOR ME TO FILE ON TIME. PLEASE ACCEPT THIS EXPLANATION AS MY JUSTIFICATION FOR FILING THE DISCLOSURE LATE. ONCE INFORMED/REMINDED IT WAS FILED IN A TIMELY MANNER

OPTIONAL REQUEST FOR HEARING

☐ In addition to this written appeal, I specifically request to appear before the Commission in a hearing pursuant to Section 112.3144(8)(f)3 or Section 112.3145(8)(g)3, Florida Statutes. Commission meetings occur in Tallahassee.

SIGNATURE

I have received and read the Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine and its instructions on How to Appeal and I understand my options. I am requesting disposition of this matter as indicated.

NOVEMBER 08, 2023

DATE

SIGNATURE

Emailed 9/18/19

FORM 1

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS

2018

Please print or type your name, mailing address, agency name, and position below:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

LAST NAME -- FIRST NAME -- MIDDLE NAME :
Cheguis, Brian T.

MAILING ADDRESS :
901 N. Olive Ave, Suite D

CITY : ZIP : COUNTY :
West Palm Beach 33401 Palm Beach

NAME OF AGENCY :

NAME OF OFFICE OR POSITION HELD OR SOUGHT :
Downtown Action Committee

You are not limited to the space on the lines on this form. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.

CHECK ONLY IF ☐ CANDIDATE OR ☒ NEW EMPLOYEE OR APPOINTEE

2018 SEP 18 PM 4:19
FACULTY SENATE

**** **BOTH PARTS OF THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED** ****

DISCLOSURE PERIOD:

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR THE PRECEDING TAX YEAR, WHETHER BASED ON A CALENDAR YEAR OR ON A FISCAL YEAR. PLEASE STATE BELOW WHETHER THIS STATEMENT IS FOR THE PRECEDING TAX YEAR ENDING EITHER (must check one):

☒ DECEMBER 31, 2018 OR ☐ SPECIFY TAX YEAR IF OTHER THAN THE CALENDAR YEAR: _____

MANNER OF CALCULATING REPORTABLE INTERESTS:

FILERS HAVE THE OPTION OF USING REPORTING THRESHOLDS THAT ARE ABSOLUTE DOLLAR VALUES, WHICH REQUIRES FEWER CALCULATIONS, OR USING COMPARATIVE THRESHOLDS, WHICH ARE USUALLY BASED ON PERCENTAGE VALUES (see Instructions for further details). CHECK THE ONE YOU ARE USING (must check one):

☐ COMPARATIVE (PERCENTAGE) THRESHOLDS OR ☒ DOLLAR VALUE THRESHOLDS

PART A -- PRIMARY SOURCES OF INCOME [Major sources of income to the reporting person - See Instructions]

(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME	SOURCE'S ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF THE SOURCE'S PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY
iPlan & Design, LLC	901 N. Olive Ave., Ste. D, WPB, FL	Urban Planner

PART B -- SECONDARY SOURCES OF INCOME

[Major customers, clients, and other sources of income to businesses owned by the reporting person - See Instructions]

(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY	NAME OF MAJOR SOURCES OF BUSINESS' INCOME	ADDRESS OF SOURCE	PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY OF SOURCE
N/A			

PART C -- REAL PROPERTY [Land, buildings owned by the reporting person - See Instructions]

(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

310 Orange Way, West Palm Beach, FL 33405

FILING INSTRUCTIONS for when and where to file this form are located at the bottom of page 2.

INSTRUCTIONS on who must file this form and how to fill it out begin on page 3.

PART D — INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY [Stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, etc. - See instructions]

(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

TYPE OF INTANGIBLE	BUSINESS ENTITY TO WHICH THE PROPERTY RELATES
N/A	

PART E — LIABILITIES [Major debts - See instructions]

(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

NAME OF CREDITOR	ADDRESS OF CREDITOR
Bank of America (Bank Americard)	PO Box 851001, Dallas TX 75285-1001
Lincoln Automotive Financial Services	PO Box 650575, Dallas TX 75265-0575

PART F — INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES [Ownership or positions in certain types of businesses - See instructions]

(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

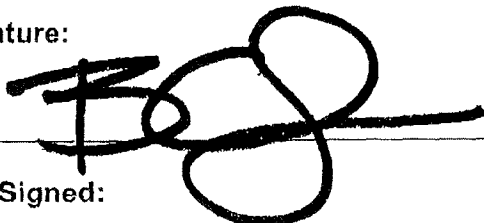
	BUSINESS ENTITY # 1	BUSINESS ENTITY # 2
NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY	N/A	N/A
ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY		
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY		
POSITION HELD WITH ENTITY		
I OWN MORE THAN A 5% INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS		
NATURE OF MY OWNERSHIP INTEREST		

PART G — TRAINING

For elected municipal officers required to complete annual ethics training pursuant to section 112.3142, F.S.

☒ I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE COMPLETED THE REQUIRED TRAINING.IF ANY OF PARTS A THROUGH G ARE CONTINUED ON A SEPARATE SHEET, PLEASE CHECK HERE ☐**SIGNATURE OF FILER:**

Signature:



Date Signed:

9-18-2019

CPA or ATTORNEY SIGNATURE ONLY

If a certified public accountant licensed under Chapter 473, or attorney in good standing with the Florida Bar prepared this form for you, he or she must complete the following statement:

I, _____, prepared the CE Form 1 in accordance with Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes, and the instructions to the form. Upon my reasonable knowledge and belief, the disclosure herein is true and correct.

CPA/Attorney Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

If you were mailed the form by the Commission on Ethics or a County Supervisor of Elections for your annual disclosure filing, return the form to that location. To determine what category your position falls under, see page 3 of Instructions.

Local officers/employees file with the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which they permanently reside. (If you do not permanently reside in Florida, file with the Supervisor of the county where your agency has its headquarters.) Form 1 filers who file with the Supervisor of Elections may file by mail or email. Contact your Supervisor of Elections for the mailing address or email address to use. Do not email your form to the Commission on Ethics. It will be returned.

State officers or specified state employees who file with the Commission on Ethics may file by mail or email. To file by mail, send the completed form to P.O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709; physical address: 325 John Knox Rd, Bldg E, Ste 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303. To file with the Commission by email, scan your completed form and any attachments as a pdf (do not use any other format) and send it to CEForm1@leg.state.fl.us. Do not file by both mail and email. Choose only one filing method. Form 6s will not be accepted via email.

Candidates file this form together with their filing papers.

MULTIPLE FILING UNNECESSARY: A candidate who files a Form 1 with a qualifying officer is not required to file with the Commission or Supervisor of Elections.

WHEN TO FILE: *Initially*, each local officer/employee, state officer, and specified state employee must file **within 30 days** of the date of his or her appointment or of the beginning of employment. Appointees who must be confirmed by the Senate must file prior to confirmation, even if that is less than 30 days from the date of their appointment.

Candidates must file at the same time they file their qualifying papers.

Thereafter, file by July 1 following each calendar year in which they hold their positions.

Finally, file a final disclosure form (Form 1F) within 60 days of leaving office or employment. Filing a CE Form 1F (Final Statement of Financial Interests) does not relieve the filer of filing a CE Form 1 if the filer was in his or her position on December 31, 2018.



Ricot Louis <ricot@pbcelections.org>

Re: Financial Disclosure

1 message

Ricot Louis <ricot@pbcelections.org>
To: Brian Chegus <brian@iplananddesign.com>

Wed, Sep 18, 2019 at 4:14 PM

Received, thank you. As of September 18, 2019 I am in receipt of your 2018 Form 1.

Ricot Louis
Assistant Floor Manager
Direct Phone: (561) 656-6222



Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections

240 South Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415
Telephone: 561.656.6200 | Fax Number: 561.656.6287

WWW.PBCELECTIONS.ORG

PLEASE NOTE: Under Florida law, email addresses are public records. If you do not want your email address released in response to a public records request, do not send electronic mail to this entity. Instead, contact this office by phone or in writing. Florida Statute 668.6076

On Wed, Sep 18, 2019 at 3:23 PM Brian Chegus <brian@iplananddesign.com> wrote:
Here it is....can I get the appeal form....
Thanks and regards,

On Wed, Sep 18, 2019 at 1:18 PM Prine.Emily <PRINE.EMILY@leg.state.fl.us> wrote:

Mr. Brian Chegus,

Based off your service as of December 31, 2018 you were required to file a Form 1 2018 as a committee member for the West Palm Beach Downtown Action Committee.

The original filing date was July 1, 2019 and a grace period of September 3, 2019 was given. To date we have not received the filing and you are currently being fined \$25.00 per day up to \$1500.00

I have attached the required form for completion. You have the option to email the form as a PDF to ceform1@leg.state.fl.us

You will want to file as soon as possible to stop the accruing fines. Once the form has been filed, I can send you an appeal form for completion as well.

**BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

In re **Brian Cheguis**
 Downtown Action Committee
 West Palm Beach

PID#: 261604

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF AUTOMATIC FINE

The Commission on Ethics hereby gives notice of an assessment of a fine against you pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes, due to your failure to timely file your 2018 CE Form 1, Statement Of Financial Interests. Under the law, your 2018 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, was due by July 1, 2019. The law provided for a penalty-free grace period extending the due date to September 3, 2019. After that date, you accrued fines of \$25.00 per day for each day your financial disclosure was late, pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(g), Florida Statutes.

Inasmuch as your 2018 CE Form 1 was filed September 18, 2019 with the Supervisor of Elections for Palm Beach County, you are fined the amount of \$375.00 (\$25.00 per day for 15 day(s) late). This fine must be paid to the Commission on Ethics within 30 days of the date of this notice unless you appeal the fine to the Commission. The Commission has the authority to consider the appeal and waive the fine in whole or in part if your failure to file on time was due to "unusual circumstances" surrounding the failure to file.

HOW TO APPEAL

1. Read these instructions carefully before submitting your appeal.
2. **LEGAL AUTHORITY:** Appeals are governed by Section 112.3145(8)(g)3., Florida Statutes, and Commission Rule 34-8.215, Florida Administrative Code.
3. **FORMAT:** Your appeal must be in writing and mailed to Florida Commission on Ethics, P. O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709, or delivered to Florida Commission on Ethics, 325 John Knox Road, Building E, Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL 32303. The appeal may take the form of a letter or you may use the appeal form included in this mailing. The appeal form also is available at the Commission's website: www.ethics.state.fl.us. Click on "Financial Disclosure" and then the link to the sample appeal form.
4. **DUE DATE:** Your appeal must be received by the Commission on Ethics on or before **November 27, 2023**. **NOTE:** Failure to timely file an appeal will constitute a waiver of your right to appeal and will result in the entry of a default order against you.
5. **UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES:** An appeal must demonstrate that you submitted your CE Form 1 after the extended due date because of "unusual circumstances." "Unusual circumstances" is defined in Commission Rule 34-8.215(4), Florida Administrative Code, as "uncommon, rare, or sudden events over which the reporting individual had no control and which directly result in the failure to act in accordance with the filing requirements." Therefore, circumstances that allowed for time to take steps necessary to file on time do not constitute "unusual circumstances" that will allow the Commission to waive the fine. You have the burden to establish "unusual circumstances." Your appeal must specifically state the circumstances that led to your not filing by September 3, 2019, and must include any documentation or evidence supporting your appeal, such as:
 - a. **SICKNESS/INJURY:** a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of the illness or injury;
 - b. **LACK OF NOTICE (WRONG ADDRESS):** documentation that you did not reside at the address to which notice was sent;
 - c. **LACK OF NOTICE (ABSENCE FROM HOME):** documentation establishing the period of time of your absence covering the notification period;

- d. **CLAIM OF TIMELY FILING OF FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE:** (1) an affidavit from you attesting under oath or affirmation that you filed your financial disclosure and your recollection of when and how you filed and (2) a copy of a certified mail receipt and/or a copy of the completed form which was filed. If you have witnesses to your filing, we also will need an affidavit from each witness. **NOTE:** A claim of having filed the CE Form 1F for the current year does not satisfy the CE Form 1 filing requirement or excuse a late filing;
- e. **LEFT PUBLIC POSITION BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2018:** confirmation of your last date of office or employment by your former agency, showing the last date to be before December 31, 2018; or
- f. **UNCLAIMED CERTIFIED MAIL:** if delinquency notice was addressed correctly but not received, you must explain why.
6. **YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING:** You have the right to have your appeal heard by the Commission and to appear before the Commission at the hearing, but, to exercise this right, you must specifically request a hearing in your appeal. If you do not request a hearing, you will waive your right to a hearing, the Commission will determine the outcome of your appeal based upon the written record (including the documentation you provide and any documentation in your case file), and you will receive no further notice until after the Commission decides your appeal.

FAILURE TO PAY FINE OR FILE APPEAL WITHIN 30 DAYS

If you do not timely file an appeal or pay the assessed fine within 30 days of this Notice, a default order will be entered against you and the Commission will take the steps provided by law to collect the fine, including:

- Referral to the CFO of the Department of Financial Services, if you are a salaried state officer or employee, for withholding of a portion of your salary until the fine is satisfied; or
- Referral to your agency's governing body for withholding of a portion of your salary until the fine is satisfied;
- Referral to a collection agency, which can seek garnishment of your wages; and/or
- An additional civil penalty, not limited by this automatic fine, may be imposed if your disclosure statement is filed more than 60 days late and a complaint is filed against you pursuant to Section 112.324, Florida Statutes.

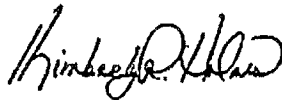
Please contact our office if you have any questions about this matter.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine was furnished to:

**Brian Cheguis
310 Orange Way
West Palm Beach, FL 33405**

by Certified Mail on this Friday, October 27, 2023.



KIMBERLY R. HOLMES
Program Administrator

Florida Commission on Ethics
P. O. Drawer 15709
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

-or-

Florida Commission on Ethics
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Recipient Address

BRIAN CHEGUIS
310 ORANGE WAY
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33405

Record / Case Number:
261604

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COMMISSION ON ETHICS
PO DRAWER 15709
TALLAHASSEE, FL 32317-5709

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32317

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Signed For By: BRIAN CHEGUIS

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Tracking Information

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Pre-Shipment Info Sent Usps Awaits Item, October 27, 2023, 01:48:00 PM, TALLAHASSEE,FL 32317

Delivered Left With Individual, November 04, 2023, 05:37:00 PM, WEST PALM BEACH,FL 33405



November 4, 2023

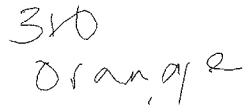
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The following is in response to your request for proof of delivery on your item with the tracking number:
9214 8901 0661 5400 0190 1676 26.

Item Details

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Status Date / Time:	November 4, 2023, 5:37 pm
Location:	WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33405
Postal Product:	USPS Ground Advantage™
Extra Services:	Certified Mail™ Return Receipt Electronic
Recipient Name:	BRIAN CHEGUIS

Recipient Signature

Signature of Recipient:	
Address of Recipient:	

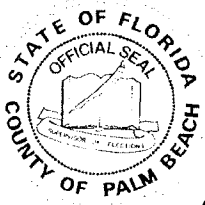
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BRIAN CHEGUIS
310 ORANGE WAY
West Palm Beach, FL 33405-0000



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Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections

Palm Beach County

Florida Commission on Ethics
Financial Disclosure Notification System
2019 Delinquency Certification
Reported 11/07/2019

FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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I Wendy Sartory Link, the Supervisor of Elections of Palm Beach County, hereby certify that each person whose PID number, name, agency, and position appears above or on the attached list:

1. was sent a notice of the July 1, 2019 financial disclosure deadline and a blank Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, not later than June 1, 2019;
2. was determined to be delinquent in filing a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, by July 1, 2019;
3. was sent a delinquency notice by certified mail not later than July 31, 2019 advising him or her of the grace period in effect until September 3, 2019; and of the penalties that could be imposed as provided in Section 112.3145(7)(c), Florida Statutes; and
4. did not file a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, until the date shown or, had not filed a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests by November 2, 2019; and further
5. that the date of filing shown is based upon the earliest of the following:
 - a. when the Form 1 was actually received by my office;
 - b. when the Form 1 was postmarked;
 - c. when the certificate of mailing (if any) was dated; or
 - d. when the receipt (if any) from an established courier company was dated.

Signed

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

7	09/18/2019	261604	Mr Brian T. Cheguis	West Palm Beach	Urban Planner		60	Palm Beach
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- Domestic Mail Only** provides the following benefits:
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Sent to Brian Cheguis

Street Urban Planner

City 713 36th St

West Palm Beach FL 33407

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Palm Beach County

Holmes, Kim

From: Ricot Louis <ricot@pbcelections.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2019 12:08 PM
To: Holmes, Kim
Subject: Re: Financial Disclosure (Late Filers and Non-Filers)

Good afternoon Kim The only day our office was closed was on September 3, 2019.

Ricot Louis
Assistant Floor Manager
Direct Phone: (561) 656-6222



Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections

240 South Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415
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On Thu, Dec 5, 2019 at 11:49 AM Holmes, Kim <HOLMES.KIM@leg.state.fl.us> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

As we prepare to send notices to individuals who are late or non-filers regarding the fine that has been assessed against them, please let me know if your office was closed at any time during Hurricane Dorian? I would like to make a note before fines are levied or not levy a fine if the individual filed the next day once the office reopened.

Additionally, I would like to say thank you! We appreciate you and all your hard work in ensuring that individuals received proper notice to file financial disclosure. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kim

Kimberly R. Holmes

Program Administrator

Financial Disclosure Section

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Form Year 2018 Filed Forms

FORM TYPE	DATE SUBMITTED	FORM SIGNED	FILED BY EMAIL?	UPDATED BY	COMMENTS
Form 1	09/18/2019	No	Yes	Emily Prine	Received by COE on behalf of Palm Beach Supervisor of Elections

Fine Year 2019 Fine Information

FINE BALANCE	STATUS	FINE DATE	ORIGINAL FINE AMOUNT	ADJUSTED FINE AMOUNT	LAST PAYMENT DATE	PAYMENT PLAN START DATE	PAYMENT PLAN AMOUNT	TOTAL PAYMENT PLAN AMOUNT DUE
\$375.00	Appeal	03/19/2021	\$375.00	\$375.00				

Fine Address: 310 ORANGE WAY, WEST PALM BCH, FL 33405-4924

Email: bcheguis@gmail.com

Org/Suborg: West Palm Beach - Downtown Action Committee

Fine Year 2019 Appeal Information

2019 FINE APPEAL - FD 19-106			No Hearing Scheduled		
APPEAL STATUS			Active		
APPEAL RECEIPT DATE			11/13/2023		
APPEAL TIMELY FILED			Yes		
PRINT APPEAL LETTER					
HEARING REQUESTED			No		
APPEAL REASON			Lack of Notification		
APPEAL NOTES					
APPEAL NUMBER			FD 19-106		
APPEAL ANALYST ASSIGNED					
FINAL ORDER NUMBER					
FINAL ORDER DATE					

Fine Year 2019 Payment Information

DATE POSTED	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	METHOD	PAYMENT ID	COMMENT
03/19/2021	Fine Levied	+\$375.00			Fined \$375.00
Current Balance: \$375.00					

Fine Year 2019 Event Chronology

DATE	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS/EMAIL	REFERENCE
08/23/2019		From: Kaiser, Victoria		
	Filer	Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 2:29		
	Communication	PM		admin system
	Email	To: 'bcheguis@gmail.com'		
		Subject: Urg		

09/06/2019	Filer Correspondence Letter	Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing - Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing	713 36th St, West Palm Bch, FL 33407-4305 bcheguis@gmail.com	KimberlyHolmes
09/18/2019	Filer Communication: Email	From: Prine.Emily Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 1:18 PM To: 'brian@iplananddesign.com' Cc: R		admin system
09/18/2019	Filer Communication Email	From: Brian Cheguis Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 3:23 PM To: Prine.Emily Cc: Ricot Louis		admin system
09/18/2019	Filer Communication: Email	From: Prine.Emily Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 3:31 PM To: 'Brian Cheguis' Cc: Ricot Loui		admin system
03/19/2021	Fine Levied	Fined \$375.00		Journal: <u>Fine_Palm Beach 2021-03-19- 04:23</u>
02/22/2022	Notice of Assessed Fine	Initial Fine Notice		Journal: <u>Fine1st 2022-02- 22-10:31</u>
10/27/2023	Filer Correspondence Letter	Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer 1st Fine Letter	310 Orange Way, West Palm Beach, FL 33405 bcheguis@gmail.com	Correspondence Queue: <u>2023-10-27 00:00:00</u> Correspondence Sent: 2023-10-27 00:00:00.0000000
09/18/2024	Filer Correspondence: Fine Appeal - Fine Appeal Letter		310 ORANGE WAY, WEST PALM BCH, FL 33405-4924 bcheguis@gmail.com	Correspondence Queue: <u>2024-09-18 00:00:00</u> Correspondence Sent: 2024-09-18 00:00:00.0000000
09/18/2024	Fine Appeal	FD 19-106		Journal: <u>Appeal 2024-09-</u>

Created Date: 9/18/2024

Type: Letter

Created By: System

Description: Fine Appeal - Fine Appeal

Created Date: 10/27/2023

Type: Letter

Created By: System

Description: Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer 1st Fine Letter

Created Date: 9/18/2019

Type: Phone

Created By: admin system

Description: New homeowner getting mail/rec'd certified and opened told him to destroy. Steve Willenburger 630-802-0267

Created Date: 9/18/2019

Type: Email

Created By: admin system

Description: From: Prine,Emily Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 1:13 PM To: Ricot Louis Subject: Address Ricot, Received a call from new homeowner, Brian Chegus no longer lives at that address and has not since January 2019. Wanted to let you know. Said he had no forwarding address or any information.

Created Date: 9/18/2019

Type: Other

Created By: admin system

Description: Ian & Design, LLC 901 N. Olive Avenue Suite D West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Call: 561-797-4217 Email: brian@iplananddesign.com <http://www.iplananddesign.com/about> Found on internet

Created Date: 9/18/2019

Type: Other

Created By: admin system

Description: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/brian-cheguis-731252110>

Created Date: 9/18/2019

Type: Email

Created By: admin system

Description: From: Prine,Emily Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 1:18 PM To: 'brian@iplananddesign.com' Cc: Ricot Louis Subject: Financial Disclosure Importance: High Mr. Brian Chegus, Based off your service as of December 31, 2018 you were required to file a Form 1 2018 as a committee member for the West Palm Beach Downtown Action Committee. The original filing date was July 1, 2019 and a grace period of September 3, 2019 was given. To date we have not received the filing and you are currently being fined \$25.00 per day up to \$1500.00 I have attached the required form for completion. You have the option to email the form as a PDF to ceform1@leg.state.fl.us You will want to file as soon as possible to stop the accruing fines. Once the form has been filed, I can send you an appeal form for completion as well. Thank you! Sincerely, Emily E. Prine Program Specialist/Financial Disclosure 850-488-7864 Florida Commission on Ethics

Created Date: 9/18/2019

Type: Email

Created By: admin system

Description: From: Brian Chegus Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 3:23 PM To: Prine,Emily Cc: Ricot Louis Subject: Re: Financial Disclosure Here it is...can I get the appeal form.... Thanks and regards, On Wed, Sep 18, 2019 at 1:18 PM Prine,Emily wrote: Mr. Brian Chegus, Based off your service as of December 31, 2018 you were required to file a Form 1 2018 as a committee member for the West Palm Beach Downtown Action Committee. The original filing date was July 1, 2019 and a grace period of September 3, 2019 was given. To date we have not received the filing and you are currently being fined \$25.00 per day up to \$1500.00 I have attached the required form for completion. You have the option to email the form as a PDF to ceform1@leg.state.fl.us You will want to file as soon as possible to stop the accruing fines. Once the form has been filed, I can send you an appeal form for completion as well. Thank you!

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Type: Email

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Description: From: Prine,Emily Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 3:31 PM To: 'Brian Chegus' Cc: Ricot Louis Subject: RE: Financial

Disclosure Importance: High Thank you for sending! Form has been recorded and I am copying Palm Beach County. In addition, the appeal form is attached. The total fine accrue is \$375.00. Please be sure to include documentation and any back up material to help support the appeal request. Thank you!

Created Date: 9/6/2019

Type: Letter

Created By: System

Description: Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing - Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing

Created Date: 8/23/2019

Type: Phone

Created By: admin system

Description: Left voicemail.

Created Date: 8/23/2019

Type: Email

Created By: admin system

Description: From: Kaiser, Victoria Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 2:29 PM To: 'bcheguis@gmail.com' Subject: Urgent Reminder! Earlier this year, you were notified of your obligation to file a CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, for the year ending December 31, 2018. The grace period for filing this form will expire on September 3, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., and according to our records, you still have not filed your CE Form 1. Pursuant to State law, an automatic fine of \$25 per day for each day late (up to a maximum fine of \$1,500) will be assessed against you if your CE Form 1 is not received by September 3, 2019. Failure to file can result in removal from public office or employment. Please file your CE Form 1 immediately with your county Supervisor of Elections! If you have any questions, please contact the State of Florida Commission on Ethics at (800) 262-8824 or (850) 488-7864.

Created Date: 8/19/2019

Type: Postcard

Created By: System

Description: Courtesy Postcard Reminder - Courtesy Postcard Reminder