

BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re C. EDWARD CARTER,)	Financial Disclosure Appeal No. FD 21-009
)	
Appellant.)	Final Order No.
_____)	

FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics, meeting in public session on July 26, 2024, in the matter of C. Edward Carter, pursuant 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 before the Commission.

Findings of Fact

1. According to information provided to the Commission, Appellant served as a Trustee on the Palm Beach Retirement Board, a position that requires the filing of a CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, for the year 2020. The designated due date for submitting a 2020 CE Form 1 annual filing was July 1, 2021, with a grace period ending on September 1, 2021.
2. No later than June 1, 2021, the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections sent Appellant a notice of the July 1, 2021, financial disclosure deadline and a blank 2020 CE Form 1.
3. On or before August 1, 2021, the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections sent Appellant a Notice of Delinquency by certified mail. This mailing was sent to Appellant at 320 Barton Avenue, Palm Beach, FL 33480. Postal records indicate the mailing was returned to the

Supervisor of Elections Office marked, "Not Deliverable as Addressed – Unable to Forward" on August 19, 2021.

4. On August 19, 2021, Commission staff emailed a 2020 CE Form 1 to Appellant at cedcarter@gmail.com. The email informed Appellant that the deadline for filing his Form 1 was September 1, 2021, after which, the Commission would start fining him on a daily basis.

5. On August 20, 2021, the Commission mailed Appellant a courtesy postcard, which was intended to remind him of his obligation to file a 2020 CE Form 1. The Commission mailed the postcard to the 320 Barton Avenue address.

6. On September 8, 2021, seven days after the grace period expired, the Commission mailed Appellant a courtesy notice informing him that his 2020 CE Form 1 had not been received by the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections and that he was being fined \$25 per day, up to a maximum of \$1,500. The Commission mailed this notice to the 320 Barton Avenue address.

7. On September 15, 2021, the Commission received Appellant's 2020 CE Form 1. Appellant wrote on a letter accompanying his Form 1 that he had sent in his Form 1 on August 15, 2021, but that he was not sure whether he had sent it to the Executive Director or not.

8. On October 9, 2023, the Commission sent Appellant a Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine by certified mail to the address he had provided on his 2020 CE Form 1, i.e., 130 Chilean Avenue, Palm Beach, FL 33480. This notice indicated that Appellant had accrued a \$350 fine and informed him of his right to appeal the fine. It stated that the appeal had to be received by the Commission by November 8, 2023, to be considered timely.

9. On October 20, 2023, the Commission received Appellant's Appeal of Automatic Fine for Form Year 2020.

10. In the appeal, Appellant stated that he did not receive the 2020 CE Form 1. He states that the form was sent to his old address and that, when the mailman forwarded it to his current address, he filled it out and sent it to the Commission. The Appellant states that he did everything he was asked to do and that the town should have notified the Commission of his correct address.

Conclusions of Law

11. 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.

12. Section 112.3145(8)(f)2., Florida Statutes, 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.

13. Commission Rule 34-8.215, F.A.C., defines "unusual circumstances" as follows:

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 assure compliance with the filing requirements shall be deemed not to constitute unusual circumstances.

14. Appellant filed his appeal timely.

15. Turning to the merits of the appeal, Appellant states that the 2020 CE Form 1 was sent to an old address and that, when it was forwarded to him, he completed it and sent it to the Commission. Postal records indicate that the Notice of Delinquency the Supervisor of Elections sent to Appellant was returned as undeliverable and unable to be forwarded. There is nothing to dispute Appellant's claim that he did not receive timely notice of his filing obligation. The Commission has found lack of notice to constitute "unusual circumstances, which would justify waiving a fine.

16. Due to the information provided to the Commission, including postal records, we find Appellant's reason for appealing to constitute "unusual circumstances" that justify waiving the \$350 fine.

Order

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby waives the assessed fine of \$350.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on Friday, July 26, 2024.

Date Rendered

Ashley Lukis
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.

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Copy furnished to:

Mr. C. Edward Carter
130 Chilean Avenue
Palm Beach, FL 33480

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Building E, Suite 200
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Telephone: (850) 488-7864
Fax: (850) 488-3077
Email: disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FORM YEAR 2020

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: C. EDWARD CARTER

Address: 130 Chilton Ave City: Palm Beach State: FL Zip: 33480

Daytime Tel.: _____ Cell: 646 285-7392

Email: cedcarter@gmail.com Filer ID# (if known): _____

Public Employer: _____

Public Position: Palm Beach Retirement Board

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, 2020** (Explain in Part C and provide confirmation from agency that your office-holding/employment ended before 12/31/2020)
- 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.

I never received the questionnaire that you requested I fill out. I moved and you were sending it to my old address. When the mail man finally forwarded your form I filled it out and you processed it. I did all you asked, you processed the form. This occurred in 2021. For volunteer work I did the town in 2020. You now have the correct address. **OPTIONAL REQUEST FOR HEARING** The town should have notified you of my new address.

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.

Notified you of my new address.

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.

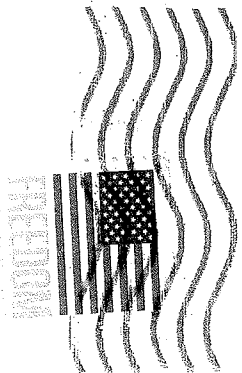
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DATE


SIGNATURE

Ed Carter
130 Orléan Ave
Palm Beach, FL 33480

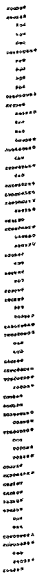
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Commission on Ethics
PO Drawer 15709
Tallahassee, FL
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Financial Disclosures

From: Financial Disclosures
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 2:35 PM
To: cedcarter@gmail.com
Subject: Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests
Attachments: Form 1_2020i.pdf

Good afternoon Mr. Carter,

Our office has mailed you a Form 1 for the year 2020 to complete. Today the mail has been returned to our office as 'Return to Sender, Unable to Forward'. I have attached a Form 1 to this email that you can complete and email back to this email address. The deadline is September 1, 2021, then the Commission on Ethics will start to fine people on a daily basis.



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"A Public Office is a Public Trust"

September 8, 2021

Ed Carter - 278677
 Trustee
 Palm Beach
 Retirement Board of Trustees
 130 Chilean Ave
 Palm Beach FL 33480 -4437

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS
 2021 SEP 27 PM 4:49
 PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL.

RE: Financial Disclosure (Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests -- 2020)

Earlier this year, you were noticed of your obligation to file a Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, for the year ending December 31, 2020. The grace period for filing expired on September 1, 2021 and according to records in our office you have not filed Form 1. I am writing to advise you, that pursuant to State law, an automatic fine of \$25.00 per day for each day late (\$1,500 maximum fine) is being assessed against you for your failure to timely file Form 1. Please file the form as soon as possible with the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections.

Sincerely,

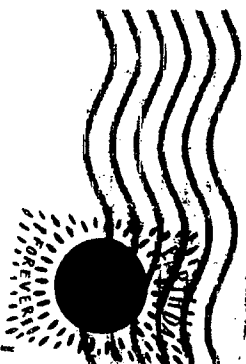
Kerrie J. Stillman
 Executive Director

*Kerrie -
 I sent this in on Aug 15th.
 I have filled it in again. Sorry if
 never arrived. Not sure if I sent it to
 you or not.*

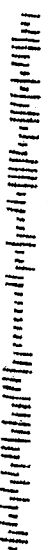
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FORM 1

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS

2020
 21 SEP 27 PM 4:48
 ALLEN COUNTY, FL.
 ELECTIONS

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

LAST NAME -- FIRST NAME -- MIDDLE NAME:

CARTER, C. EDWARD

MAILING ADDRESS:

130 Chilean Ave

CITY:

Palm Beach

ZIP:

33480

COUNTY:

Palm Beach

NAME OF AGENCY:

Town of Palm Beach Retirement Board

NAME OF OFFICE OR POSITION HELD OR SOUGHT:

Trustee

CHECK ONLY IF CANDIDATE OR NEW EMPLOYEE OR APPOINTEE

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FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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**** THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED ****

DISCLOSURE PERIOD:

THIS STATEMENT REFLECTS YOUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

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
IRA	Merrill Lynch	Broker Dealer
Investment portfolio	Merrill Lynch	Broker Dealer
Social Security Pension	US Govt	
	Merrill Lynch	Broker Dealer

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")

N/A

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

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
N/A	

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")

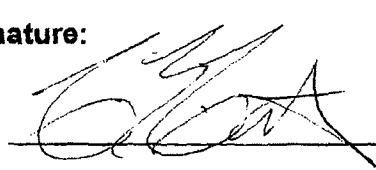
	BUSINESS ENTITY # 1	BUSINESS ENTITY # 2
NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY	N/A	
ADDRESS OF BUSINESS ENTITY		
PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY		
POSITION HELD WITH ENTITY		
DO I OWN MORE THAN A 5% INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS		
NATURE OF MY OWNERSHIP INTEREST		

PART G — TRAINING For elected municipal officers, appointed school superintendents, and commissioners of a community redevelopment agency created under Part III, Chapter 163 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-

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), send it to CEForm1@leg.state.fl.us and retain a copy for your records. 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, 2020.

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

In re **Ed Carter**
 Trustee
 Retirement Board of Trustees
 Palm Beach

PID#: 278677

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 2020 CE Form 1, Statement Of Financial Interests. Under the law, your 2020 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, was due by July 1, 2021. The law provided for a penalty-free grace period extending the due date to September 1, 2021. 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 2020 CE Form 1 was filed September 15, 2021 with the Supervisor of Elections for Palm Beach County, you are fined the amount of \$350.00 (\$25.00 per day for 14 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 8, 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 1, 2021, 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, 2020:** confirmation of your last date of office or employment by your former agency, showing the last date to be before December 31, 2020; 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.

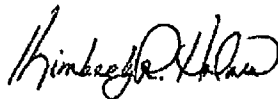
Please contact our office if you have any questions about this matter.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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

**Ed Carter
130 Chilean Ave
Palm Beach, FL 33480**

by Certified Mail on this Monday, October 09, 2023.



KIMBERLY R. HOLMES
Program Administrator

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

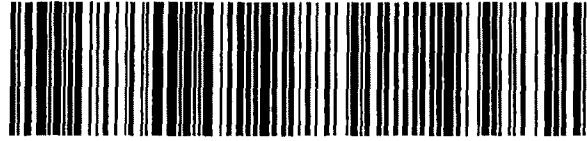
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RETURN RECEIPT (ELECTRONIC)

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**ED CARTER
130 CHILEAN AVE
PALM BEACH, FL 33480-4437**

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URGENT - Open Immediately!

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Zone 4

6"X9" ENVELOPE
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**Florida Commission on Ethics
Financial Disclosure Notification System
Delinquency Certification (2021)**

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

(1) was sent a notice of the July 1, 2021 financial disclosure deadline and
a blank Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, not later than June 1,
2021;

(2) was determined to be delinquent in filing a Form 1, Statement of
Financial Interests, by July 1, 2021;

(3) was sent a delinquency notice by certified mail not later than August
1, 2021 advising him or her of the grace period in effect until September 1,
2021; and of the penalties that could be imposed as provided in Section
112.3145(8)(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
October 31, 2021; 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

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 320 Barton Ave
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Status

Filing: ACTIVE
Fine: No Fine

Flags

Public Address
Filing Extensions
Indefinite: None
Temporary: None

Eligible for Fines

Update Flags

The filer has fines for: 2021 (Appeal)

2021 Fines and Appeals

Form Year 2020 Filed Forms						
Received Date	Form Type	Form Signed	Filed by Email	Filing Location	Updated	Comments
09/15/21	Form 1	Yes	No	SOE	GREENK on 09/20/2021	Received by COE on behalf of Palm Beach Supervisor of Elections

2021 Fine Information				Update Fine Information			
				Assign Agency Contact			
Fine Balance	Fine Status	Fine Date	Original Assessment	Fine Amount	Last Payment Date	Payment Plan Start Date	Payment Plan Amount
\$350.00	Appeal	10/9/2023	\$350.00	\$350.00			
Fine Address 130 Chilean Ave Palm Beach FL 33480							
Org/Suborg Palm Beach-Retirement Board of Trustees							

2021 Fine Payment History						
Date Posted	Description	Amount	Method	Payment ID	Comments	
10/9/2023	Fine Levied	+ \$350.00			Fined \$350.00	
Current Balance: \$350.00						

Add a New Filer

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First Name:

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2021 Fine Year Event

Chronology

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Date	Type	Description	Reference
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 08/20/2021	Postcard Sent	Courtesy Postcard Reminder	Print Queue: <u>8/20/2021</u> Printing Confirmed: 8/20/2021

Letter Sent To:
Ed Carter
320 Barton Ave
Palm Beach, FL 33480 -6116

<input checked="" type="radio"/> 09/8/2021	Letter Sent	Courtesy Notice of Fines Accruing	Print Queue: <u>9/8/2021</u> Printing Confirmed: 9/8/2021
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<input checked="" type="radio"/> 09/15/2021	Form Received	Form 1 Received, Signed	Form 1 Received by Received by COE on behalf of Palm Beach Supervisor of Elections SOE
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Form Received By: Keyana Green
Filing Location: Palm Beach County SOE
Record Created By: Keyana Green on 09/20/2021

09/20/2021	Filer	Original sent to SOE	Keyana Green
		Communication: Other	
10/9/2023	Fine Levied	Fined \$350.00	Journal: <u>10/9/2023</u> <u>1:22 PM</u>
10/9/2023	Notice of	Initial Fine Notice	Journal: <u>10/9/2023</u>

Assessed Fine

2:04 PM

10/9/2023 Letter Sent Notice of Assessed Fine - Filer 1st Fine Letter
 Print Queue: 10/9/2023
 Printing Confirmed: 10/9/2023

Letter Sent To:
 Ed Carter
 130 Chilean Ave
 Palm Beach, FL 33480

11/3/2023 Fine Appeal FD 21-009 Journal: 11/3/2023
 5:50 PM

11/7/2023 Letter Sent Fine Appeal
 Print Queue: 11/7/2023
 Printing Confirmed: 11/7/2023

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2021 Fine Appeal – FD 21-009	<input type="button" value="Update Appeal"/> <input type="button" value="Withdraw Appeal"/>
	<input type="button" value="Assign Attorney"/> <input type="button" value="Request More Info"/>
	<input type="button" value="Record Appeal Outcome"/>
Appeal Status: Active Appeal Receipt Date: 10/20/2023 Timely Filed: Yes Print Appeal Letter: Yes Hearing Requested: No Appeal Reason: Lack of	No Hearing Requested

	<p>Notification</p> <p>Appeal Notes:</p> <p>Appeal Number: FD 21-009</p> <p>Appeal Analyst Assigned:</p> <p>Final Order Number:</p> <p>Final Order Date:</p>	
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