

BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re HOZ COMPTON,)	Financial Disclosure Appeal
)	No. FD 24-022
Appellant.)	Final Order No. XXX
_____)	

FINAL ORDER

This matter came before the Commission on Ethics, meeting in public session on April 24, 2026, on the appeal of Appellant, pursuant to Section 112.3145(8)(f), Florida Statutes (2024). There are no matters in dispute. Appellant did not request a hearing before the Commission.

Financial disclosure in the form of an annual CE Form 1 Statement of Financial Interests is required of certain public officials and employees because it enables the public to evaluate potential conflicts of interest, deters corruption, and increases public confidence in government. Section 112.3145(8)(f) 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" contributing to the failure to file by the designated date. § 112.3145(8)(f)2.

Here, Appellant served as a Board Member of the Lake Placid Local Planning Agency, a position requiring the filing of a 2023 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, by the designated due date of July 1, 2024, with a grace period ending on September 3, 2024. §§ 112.3145(2)(b), (8)(c), Fla. Stat. (2024). Appellant filed his 2023 CE Form 1 on December 2, 2024, 90 days late, and has been assessed the maximum fine amount of \$1500 (\$25 a day for 90 days late).

Appellant alleges he failed to timely file his 2023 CE Form 1 because, though he received e-mails from the Commission's Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS) regarding a fine accrual, he believed those e-mails were spam and did not open them. However, "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" does not amount to an "unusual circumstance" that would justify the waiver of a fine. § 112.3145(8)(f)2.

Appellant also contends he spent a lot of time in Peru as a dual citizen, and, in Peru, Wifi is "spotty." However, because Appellant acknowledged that he received multiple e-mails from the Commission's EFDMS system but simply chose not to open them, it does not appear the lack of reliable Wifi in Peru amounted to an "unusual circumstance" that would justify the waiver of a fine. § 112.3145(8)(f)2.

Based on the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission hereby affirms the assessed fine of \$1,500 and dismisses the appeal. The fine shall be paid to the Commission on Ethics, P.O. Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709, within 30 days of the date this order is rendered, unless other payment arrangements are made by contacting Kimberly Holmes, Financial Disclosure Coordinator, at the address above or by telephone at (850) 488-7864.

ORDERED by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics meeting in public session on April 24, 2026.

Date Rendered

Jon M. Philipson
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.

JMP: sen

Hoz Compton
P.O. Box 1185
Lake Placid, FL 33862

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APPEAL OF AUTOMATIC FINE FOR FORM YEAR 2023

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: HOZ COMPTON
Address: P.O. Box 1185 City: LAKE PLACID State: FL Zip: 33862
Daytime Tel.: 863-840-1396 Cell: 863-840-1396
Email: HOZPERU@HTN.NET Filer ID# (if known): _____
Public Employer: _____
Public Position: _____

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. **Technological issue** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation that supports your assertion that an issue with technology, such as an unexpected lack of access to the Internet or a power outage, prevented timely filing) *SUBJECT "STARTING WITH SOMETHING DIFFERENT "FINE ACCRUING" FORWARDED BY A LOT OF PAPER!*
- c. **Left public position prior to December 31, 2023** (Explain in Part C and provide confirmation from agency that your office-holding/employment ended before 12/31/2023)
- d. **Other unusual circumstance** (Explain in Part C and provide documentation explaining uncommon, rare, or sudden occurrence that prevented timely filing)
- e. **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. You may use the space provided and/or attach additional pages. *THANK YOU - I HAVE ALWAYS RECEIVED FORMS FROM*

POST OFFICE & FILLED OUT & RETURNED. I THOUGHT THAT EMAIL "FINES ACCRUING" WAS SPAM SO DID NOT OPEN. I SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN PERU (I AM DUAL CITIZEN)

BUILDING & NEW KROGER WAS 1 CLINIC IN LAMAY, PERU ALSO WIFE IS SPOTTX THERE - BUT MAIN REASON I THOUGHT

OPTIONAL REQUEST FOR HEARING *WAS SPAM & WAS NOT TOLD*

In addition to this written appeal, I specifically request to appear before the Commission in a hearing pursuant to Section 112.3144(8)(f)2 or Section 112.3145(8)(f)2, Florida Statutes. Commission meetings occur in Tallahassee.

ABOUT THIS WHEN I LEFT LPA AFTER

SIGNATURE *1/2 40 YEARS.*

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.

12.2.2024

DATE

[Signature]
SIGNATURE

Thank you.

hozperu@htn.net

From: hozperu@htn.net
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 8:48 AM
To: 'stillman.kerrie@leg.state.fl.us.'
Subject: Diana Westberry

Dear Ms Stillman, I was a member of the Lake Placid Local Planning Agency for nearly 40 years, most as chairman. I resigned last year as I spend a lot of time in Peru building a new Kausay Wasi Clinic in Lamay, Peru.

I had received several e mails starting with "Fine accruing" followed by a lot of names. I thought it was spam and never opened til I returned last weekend.

When I called this morning, I was very fortunate to reach Diana Westberry, your office manager. In all my years as a past building contractor, and Realtor, I have never had such a helpful person in government. Ms. Westberry walked me through the form. She made the process easy for me to understand and fill out. No easy task when dealing with an 80 year old non teckie! She also sent me an appeal form, as I had no clue about this before.

In past years I received a printed form in the mail, which I always filled out and returned.

Once again, kudos to you and Ms Westberry. What a pleasant experience (for a change when dealing with any govt agency)!

Sincerely,



Hoz Compton
863.840.1396

Liabilities

LIABILITIES (Major debts valued over \$10,000):
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Name of Creditor	Address of Creditor
N/A	

Interests in Specified Businesses

INTERESTS IN SPECIFIED BUSINESSES (Ownership or positions in certain types of businesses)
(If you have nothing to report, write "none" or "n/a")

Business Entity # 1
N/A

Training

Based on the office or position you hold, the certification of training required under Section 112.3142, F.S., is not applicable to you for this form year.

Signature of Filer

Hoz Compton

Digitally signed: 12/02/2024

Filed with COE: 12/02/2024

Form Year 2023 Filed Forms

FORM TYPE	DATE SUBMITTED	FORM SIGNED	FILED BY EMAIL?	UPDATED BY	COMMENTS
Form 1	12/02/2024	Yes	No	Hoz Compton	

Fine Year 2024 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
\$1,500.00	Appeal	06/17/2025	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00				

Fine Address: Po Box 1185, Lake Placid, FL 33862-1185
 Email: hozperu@htn.net
 Org/Suborg: Lake Placid - Planning Commission/Lpa

Fine Year 2024 Appeal Information

2024 FINE APPEAL - FD 24-022	No Hearing Scheduled
APPEAL STATUS	Active
APPEAL RECEIPT DATE	12/06/2024
APPEAL TIMELY FILED	No Yes (KH)
PRINT APPEAL LETTER	
HEARING REQUESTED	No
APPEAL REASON	Technological Issue
APPEAL NOTES	
APPEAL NUMBER	FD 24-022
APPEAL ANALYST ASSIGNED	
FINAL ORDER NUMBER	
FINAL ORDER DATE	

Fine Year 2024 Payment Information

DATE POSTED	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	METHOD	PAYMENT ID	COMMENT
06/17/2025	Fine Levied	+\$1,500.00			Fined \$1,500.00
Current Balance: \$1,500.00					

Fine Year 2024 Event Chronology

DATE	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS/EMAIL	REFERENCE
09/06/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	hozperu@htn.net	
09/13/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	hozperu@htn.net	
09/20/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	hozperu@htn.net	
09/27/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	hozperu@htn.net	
10/04/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	hozperu@htn.net	
10/11/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	hozperu@htn.net	
10/18/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	hozperu@htn.net	
10/25/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	hozperu@htn.net	
11/01/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	hozperu@htn.net	
11/08/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	hozperu@htn.net	
11/15/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	hozperu@htn.net	
11/22/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	hozperu@htn.net	
11/29/2024	System Email	Notice of Fine Accruing	hozperu@htn.net	
06/17/2025	Fine Levied	Fined \$1,500.00	Po Box 1185, Lake Placid, FL 33862-1185 hozperu@htn.net	Journal: <u>Fine COE 2025-06-17-17:34</u>
06/17/2025	Notice of Assessed Fine		Po Box 1185, Lake Placid, FL 33862-1185 hozperu@htn.net	Journal: <u>Fine1st COE 2025-06-17-17:35</u>
06/17/2025	Filer Correspondence: System Email	Notice of Assessed Fine	hozperu@htn.net	Correspondence Queue: <u>2025-06-17 17:35:04</u> Correspondence Sent: 2025-06-17 17:35:03.8699553
06/17/2025	Fine Appeal	FD 24-022	Po Box 1185, Lake Placid, FL 33862-1185 hozperu@htn.net	Journal: <u>Appeal 2025-06</u>

06/17/2025	Filer Correspondence: System Email	Fine Appeal Received	hozperu@htn.net	Correspondence Queue: 2025-06-17 17:36:14 Correspondence Sent: 2025-06-17 17:36:14.1396347
09/27/2025	Filer Correspondence: Envelope	Envelope Template	Po Box 1185, Lake Placid, FL 33862-1185 hozperu@htn.net	KimberlyHolmes

Created Date: 9/27/2025

Type: Envelope

Created By: System

Description:

Hoz Compton

Po Box 1185
Lake Placid, FL, 33862, 1185

From: EthicsFDMSInfo@mail.disclosure.floridaethics.gov

Sent: 6/17/2025 5:36:14 PM

To: hozperu@htn.net

Subject: Fine Appeal Received

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June 17, 2025

RE: In re Hoz Compton 215519, Financial Disclosure Appeal No.: FD 24-022

The Commission has received your appeal. We will send all subsequent correspondence in this matter to you at the email address on record and/or mailing address unless you notify us of a change in your address.

The following information is to help you understand the process your appeal will follow. Please note: If you are currently being investigated for willfully failing to file financial disclosure, your appeal may not be heard until that process is complete. If we received your appeal more than 30 days after we sent you the notice of your right to appeal, it may be denied on that basis. Otherwise, the following will apply:

Initially, Commission staff will review your appeal and any documentation you submitted. We may contact you for more information. A draft order will then be prepared and agendaed for a Commission meeting. The Commission meets approximately every six weeks. How soon your appeal will be heard depends on a number of things, including when it was received and the Commission's workload. If you requested a hearing before the Commission when you filed your appeal, you will be provided with a copy of the draft order and will be notified of the date and time at which your appeal will be heard. At this meeting, the Commission will rule on your appeal. A final order will be entered and provided to you, usually within a week of the Commission meeting. If the fine is not waived, we will consider flexible payment options.

If you have any questions about this appeal or the appeal process, please feel free to contact Kimberly R Holmes, Program Administrator, at (850) 488-7864.

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In Hoz Compton PID#: 215519
 re Board Member
 Lake Placid
 Planning Commission/Lpa

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(7)(f), Florida Statute, due to your failure to timely file your 2023 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests. Under the law, your 2023 CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, was due by July 01, 2024. The law provided for a penalty-free grace period extending the due date to September 03, 2024. After that date, you accrued fines of \$25.00 per day for each day your financial disclosure was late, pursuant to Section 112.3145(7)(f), Florida Statutes.

Inasmuch as your 2023 CE Form 1 was filed on December 02, 2024, you are fined the amount of \$1,500.00 (\$25.00 per day for 90 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(7)(f)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 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 **July 17, 2025**. **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 03, 2024, and must include any documentation or evidence supporting your appeal, such as:
 - SICKNESS/INJURY:** a statement from attending physician, including dates and nature of the illness or injury;
 - TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUE:** provide documentation that supports your assertion that an issue with technology, such as an unexpected lack of access to the Internet or a power outage, prevented timely filing;
 - 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 the completed form which was electronically 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;
 - LEFT PUBLIC POSITION BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2023 :** confirmation of your last date of office or employment by your former agency, showing the last date to be before December 31, 2023 ;
 - NOT REQUIRED TO FILE:** provide documentation that supports the reason you are not required to file financial disclosure; or
 - OTHER UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCE :** provide documentation explaining uncommon, rare, or sudden occurrence that prevented timely filing .
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 Chief Financial Officer 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 at (850) 488-7864 .

Notice of Assessment of Automatic Fine was furnished to:

Hoz Compton on June 17, 2025 .

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Sent: 12/2/2024 8:26:16 AM
To: hozperu@htn.net
Subject: EFDMS Submission Received

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Success! The Florida Commission on Ethics received your Form 1 - Statement of Financial Interests on December 2, 2024 submitted through the EFDMS system. Submitted disclosures are public record and viewable on the Commission's website.

This email is not the official verification that can be

used to qualify for office.

To obtain a verification and receipt of filing to submit to a qualifying officer, log into the EFDMS system:
<https://disclosure.floridaethics.gov/Account/Login> and print the verification from the Filer dashboard.

You can also file amendments and update your contact information by logging into EFDMS.

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From: "Ethics FDMS Info" <EthicsFDMSInfo@mail.disclosure.floridaethics.gov>
Sent: 12/2/2024 8:08:58 AM
To: hozperu@htn.net
Subject: Registration Access Granted-Florida E-Filing System

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You have been granted access to the Florida Commission on Ethics' Financial Disclosure Electronic Filing System. Your access code is:

NLCRRA

You must enter this code on the website to log into the system within fifteen (15) minutes of receipt of this email. Navigate back to your internet screen to enter the code. If you do not log into the system within fifteen minutes of receipt of this email, you must request and obtain a new code from the Financial Disclosure Electronic Filing System homepage.

Should you have any questions regarding access to the Financial Disclosure Electronic Filing System or if the above code

does not work, please contact the Financial Disclosure Division of the Commission on Ethics at (850) 488-7864 for further assistance.

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Hello,

You have received this invitation to register in the Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS) of the Florida Commission on Ethics e-filing system. Your name and contact information was provided to the Commission by your agency coordinator identifying you as a public officer or public employee with an annual requirement to file a financial disclosure form.

All financial disclosure forms (Form 1, 1X, and 1F) must be filed electronically. The Commission will no longer promulgate paper forms.

You must use the following link to complete the registration process:

<https://disclosure.floridaethics.gov/Account/Registration?token=K6JNH3QZNN0PJ8M> (Please note the link will expire in 14 days.)

Once you are registered, always access e-filing from the I am a Filer link, even if you are a candidate for office.

By law, you must keep an up-to-date email address in the e-filing system.

Your email address will be used to provide you with

notifications about due dates and the filing process, as well as other important announcements for financial disclosure filers. If you wish to designate a different email address for communications regarding e-filing, you may do so in your User Profile which is accessible from your Dashboard in EFDMS.

Questions about why you are receiving this email should be directed to your agency coordinator whose name appears on your dashboard in EFDMS.

Questions about the financial disclosure requirement, as well as how to complete the disclosure form should be directed to the Florida Commission on Ethics (850) 488-7864 or 1-800-262-8824.

More information is available on our website, www.ethics.state.fl.us.

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Created Date: 9/18/2024

Type: Phone

Created By: Angelena Anderson

Description: An outbound call could not be made to Hoz Compton as previous records show that telephone number on file is for organization that filer is no longer associated with.

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Sent: 9/13/2024 6:00:47 AM

To: hozperu@htn.net

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To: hozperu@htn.net

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Created Date: 8/6/2024

Type: Phone

Created By: Nicole Guglielmo

Description: Outbound call placed to filer Hoz Compton to tel # 863-465-4158. Number belonged to a business to which the filer no longer belongs.

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Sent: 8/5/2024 6:25:58 AM

To: hozperu@htn.net

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Sent: 6/1/2024 7:04:47 AM

To: hozperu@htn.net

Subject: Reminder Notification to File- Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests

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Re Hoz Compton 215519, Financial Disclosure Appeal No. FD 24-022

Dear Ms. Stillman:

I represent my dear friend Hoz Compton regarding the above matter. I write to ask the commission to consider dismissing this issue without a finding of wrong doing. My ask is grounded in Mr. Compton's long and unblemished record of service to the Town of Lake Placid, Florida as member and chairman of the Lake Placid Local Planning Agency. Our Town today has about 2,500 residents. It is and has been difficult to convince good folks to serve the Town in these difficult and often contentious unpaid positions.

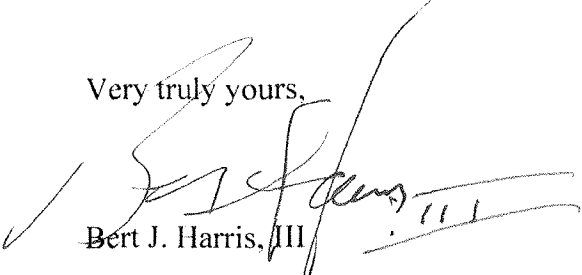
Rather than rely upon my recommendation of his character and service, I attach for your consideration the Resolution of the LP Town Council acknowledging his service to our Town and expressing the gratitude of our citizens.

His response to your initial complaint should be viewed with the thought of his long record of service and his resulting age. I am mindful of the State's interest in financial disclosure. That said, I can personally assure you that Hoz is very and the most honorable person in his public dealings. Note that he has made several financial gifts to the Town over time.

I have personal knowledge of his character and service because I was our Town Attorney for about the same 40 years (I recently retired as well).

Please exercise your discretion to dismiss this matter without finding of wrong doing.
Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


Bert J. Harris, III

BJH/cm

LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2025 - 01

RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL
CELEBRATING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF
HOSMER LEE COMPTON

THE LAKE PLACID TOWN COUNCIL was duly assembled on the 13th day of January 2025. A quorum was present. Mayor John Holbrook presided. Among other things, the Town Council took pause to reflect upon Hosmer Lee Compton's four (4) decades of public service to the Citizens of the Town of Lake Placid. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was adopted by the Lake Placid Town Council:

WHEREAS, Hoz Compton has been a vital member of our Town's business community for over forty (40) years working as a printer, building contractor and realtor; and

WHEREAS, Hoz Compton as a building contractor invested his time, talent and treasure to develop North Main Avenue by constructing Compton Plaza (modestly named); and

WHEREAS, Hoz Compton worked to improve the Town of Lake Placid through his service as member and president of the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce, through which he created and published the motto "Try Lake Placid First;" and

WHEREAS, Hoz Compton was a founding and dedicated member of Keep Lake Placid Beautiful, Inc., through which he donated time and treasure to plant and maintain the Town's landscaping and beautification projects; and

WHEREAS, Hoz Compton was – for forty (40) years – a member and Chairman of the Lake Placid Local Planning Agency, an integral part of our Town Government, working for the responsible growth of our Town; and


WHEREAS, Hoz Compton was appointed by the Town Council and the Board of County Commission to the Lake Placid Regional Planning Committee (and by his peers elected as its first Chairman) with the charge of planning the responsible growth of the entire Lake Placid Area; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Placid Regional Planning Committed worked four years to produce the Lake Placid Regional Plan, which was approved by the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs, adopted into Town Code by the Lake Placid Town Council, and adopted into the County Code by the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners, as the Plan for the growth of the Town and surrounding unincorporated areas. The Plan addresses the density, intensity, water, sewer, roads, transportation, building standards, annexation, signage, building height, and many other concepts intended to maintain and improve the quality of life in Lake Placid; and

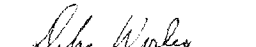
WHEREAS, Hoz Compton's next adventure is the construction of a hospital in the remote and underserved regions of the Peruvian Andes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Lake Placid Town Council that the Town of Lake Placid recognizes Hosmer Lee Compton's forty (40) years as an outstanding citizen, leader and servant for the people of Lake Placid, Florida. Hoz Compton is bestowed the honorary title of Chairman Emeritus; shall be addressed within the Town as "Mr. Chairman."


RESOLVED and spread upon the pages of the Town Minutes this 13th day of January 2025.


Nell Frewin-Hays Council Member



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