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In Re: Ronald Reagan Republican Assemblies of Florida, Flagler County Chapter, and Robert E.Hamby, its President

Case No.: FEC 12-436 F.O. No.: FOFEC 13-156W

CONSENT FINAL ORDER

The Respondent, Ronald Reagan Republican Assemblies of Florida, (RRRAF), and Robert E. Hamby, its President, and the Florida Elections Commission (Commission) agree that this Consent Order resolves all of the issues between the parties in this case. The parties jointly stipulate to the following facts, conclusions of law, and order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On December 17, 2012, a complaint was filed with the Commission alleging that Respondent violated Florida's election laws.
- 2. The Respondent has expressed a desire to enter into negotiations directed toward reaching a consent agreement.
 - 3. The staff and Respondent stipulate to the following facts:
 - Respondent is a not for profit corporation registered with the State of a. Florida.
 - Respondent did not register as a political committee when required. Ъ.
 - c. Respondent did not file campaign reports listing contributions received or expenditures made.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. The Commission has jurisdiction over the parties to and subject matter of this cause, pursuant to Section 106.26, Florida Statutes.

- 5. Section 106.25(4)(i)3., Florida Statutes, allows the Commission to approve a consent agreement with a Respondent prior to the Commission finding probable cause that a violation of the election laws occurred. The consent agreement has the same force and effect as a consent agreement reached after the Commission finds probable cause.
- 6. The Commission staff and the Respondent stipulate staff could prove the facts in paragraph 3 above and that the Commission could impose a fine in this case.

ORDER

- 7 The Respondent and the staff of the Commission have entered into this Consent Order voluntarily and upon advice of counsel.
- 8. The parties shall each bear its own attorney fees and costs that are in any way associated with this case.
 - 9. The Commission will consider the Consent Order at its next available meeting.
- 10. The Respondent voluntarily waives the right to any further proceedings under Chapters 104, 106, and 120, Florida Statutes, and the right to appeal the Consent Order.
- 11. This Consent Order is enforceable under Sections 106.265 and 120.69, Florida Statutes. The Respondent expressly waives any venue privileges and agrees that if enforcement of this Consent Order is necessary, venue shall be in Leon County, Florida, and Respondent shall be responsible for all fees and costs associated with enforcement.
- 12. If the Commission does not receive the signed Consent Order by June 21, 2013, the staff withdraws this offer of settlement and will proceed with the case.
- 13. Payment of the civil penalty must be made by cashier's check, money order, or attorney trust account check is a condition precedent to the Commission's consideration of the

Consent Order. The certified funds must be good for 120 days.

PENALTY

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing facts and conclusions of law, the Commission finds that the Respondent has violated Sections 106.03(1) and 106.07(1) Florida Statutes and imposes a fine in the amount of \$1,500 for the violations.

Therefore it is

ORDERED that the Respondent shall remit to the Commission a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,500 inclusive of fees and costs. The civil penalty shall be paid by cashier's check, money order, or attorney trust account check. The certified funds must be good for at least 120 days. The civil penalty should be made payable to the Florida Elections Commission and sent to 107 West Gaines Street, Collins Building, Suite 224, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-1050.

The **Respondent** hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Order on June 10, 2013, 2013.

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Assemblies of Florida,
Flagler County Chapter,
and Robert E. Hamby, its President
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The Commission staff hereby agrees and consents to the terms of this Consent Order on

June 14 2013 , 2013.

Eric Lipman

General Counsel

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Approved by the Florida Elections Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting held on August 13-14, 2013, in Tallahassee, Florida.

Tim Holladay, Chairman

Florida Elections Commission

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Date

Copies furnished to:

Eric Lipman, General Counsel Allen Dickerson, Attorney for Respondent

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