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CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**	**DATE: 6/25/2021**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**	**DOCKET #:**

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Rapides Parish Democratic Executive Committee
Office:
Parish:
Election Date: 1/1/3000
Level of Office: PAC

P.O. Box 7274
Alexandria, LA
71306

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: ANN2020
Original Due Date: 2/18/2021
Date Filed: 3/20/2021
Activity Receipts: $2,512.50
Expenditures: $125.00
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: $8,070.00

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: $3,000
Days Late: 30
Late Fee Order Received: 4/29/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 5/19/2021
Waiver Request Received: 5/6/2021
Additional Information Requested:
- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Waiver request was submitted via mail by Steven Chark Sr., Chairperson and he states had he known of the requirement to send this report, he assures that they would have acted. He said however due to circumstances beyond their control they failed to understand the need. He said the 2016-2020 Rapides DPEC had practically disintegrated due to debilitation illness of the chairman. He said that the transition process from that term to the new one was not at all a smooth one. The election of the members was twice postponed due to Covid. In the meanwhile they had a complete turnover of officers with no communication for many months. and that they did not even have access to the USPS mailbox. He said it has been a slow process but they feel like they have now recovered and can function.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:
Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

RAPIDES DEMOCRATIC PARISH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
P. O. Box 7274
----------Alexandria, Louisiana 71306----------

Committee Members:
Delia Flynn – District B
Brenda Dozier – District G
David Christmas – District H
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Mary L. Wardsworth – At-Large

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Maxine Pickens – At-Large - Treasurer
Angelina Iles – District D – Secretary

May 4, 2021

Louisiana Board of Ethics
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge , LA 70821

RE: Late fee assessment for 2020 annual campaign finance disclosure report

Dear Sirs/Madams:

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully ask for a waiver of the late fee assessment recently placed on the Rapides DPEC.

Had we known of the requirement to send this report, I assure you that we would have acted. However, due to circumstances beyond our control, we failed to understand the need. The 2016-2020 Rapides DPEC had practically disintegrated due to the debilitating illness of the Chairman. Unfortunately, the transition process from that term to the new one was not at all a smooth one. Our election of members was twice postponed from April to July due to COVID-19. In the meanwhile, we had a complete turnover of officers, with no communication for many months between the old and the new. We did not even have access to our USPS mailbox! It has been a slow process, but we feel that we now have recovered and can function.

In conclusion, the reasons for our ignorance on the matter of the Annual Report were very unusual and atypical. We understand the process now, and promise to fulfill our responsibilities to the letter. We also fully intend to help the next DPEC get up to speed with a smooth transition.

For these reason, we respectfully ask for a waiver of the late fee assessment. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven S. Chark, Sr., Chairperson

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