



# Revocation Process for Political Committees (PCs) and Electioneering Communications Organizations (ECOs)

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## Section 106.03(7), F.S.

- The Division of Elections shall adopt rules to prescribe the manner in which committees and electioneering communications organizations may be dissolved and have their registration canceled. Such rules shall, at a minimum, provide for:
  - (a) Notice which shall contain the facts and conduct which warrant the intended action, including but not limited to failure to file reports and limited activity.
  - (b) Adequate opportunity to respond.
  - (c) Appeal of the decision to the Florida Elections Commission.

# Rule 1S-2.021, F.A.C.

- See Handout for copy of rule
- The rule sets forth:
  - Conduct warranting revocation
  - Process for revocation



# Conduct Warranting Revocation

- Failure to maintain a registered office and a registered agent as required by s. 106.022.
  - Failure to appoint a successor within 10 days after the death, resignation, or removal of its treasurer
  - Failure to file reports for more than 6 months
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# Conduct Warranting Revocation (continued)

- PCs - Failure to appoint a successor within 10 days after the death, resignation, or removal of its chairperson.
- ECOs - Failure to appoint a successor within 10 days after the death, resignation, or removal of its top ranking official.

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# Conduct Warranting Revocation (continued)

- Aggregate reported financial activity during the calendar year of an even-numbered year is:
  - PCs – less than \$500
  - ECOs - \$5,000 or less
  
- Has an unpaid fine or civil penalty that has become final (i.e., all appeals have been exhausted or time for appeal has passed.)

# The Process:

## Initial Notice of Intent to Revoke

- State facts and conduct that warrant the intended revocation in letter
- Send letter to chairperson/top-ranking officer and registered agent.
- Send to most recent address on file.
- Notify that all future notifications regarding revocation will go only to registered agent.

# Initial Notice Returned as Undeliverable?

- If most recent address on file has not changed, issue a final order of revocation.
- If most recent address on file *has* changed since initial notice of intent to revoke was sent, re-mail initial notice of intent to revoke to updated address.



# Response to Notice

- PC or ECO has 30 days from *date of initial notice* to respond with reason(s) and/or documentation showing why registration should not be revoked.

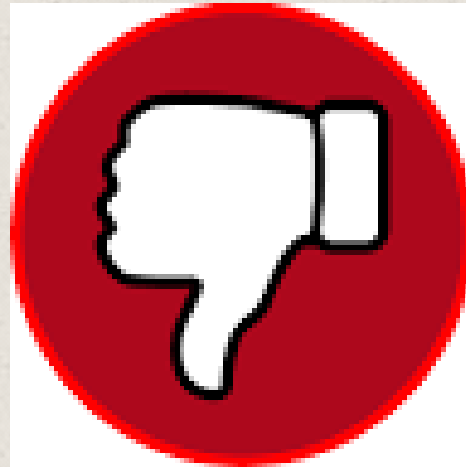
# Sufficient documentation?

- Send letter to registered agent indicating that the response was sufficient and no further action will be taken by your office. (See Sample Letter)



# Insufficient or No Response?

- Send Final Notice of Intent to Revoke to registered agent. (See Sample Final Notice)



# Appeal of Final Notice of Intent to Revoke

- Entity has 30 days from *date of final notice* of intent to revoke to file an appeal *with the filing officer*.
- Filing officer forwards appeal and any supporting documentation provided by entity to the Florida Elections Commission.

# Questions?

**Contact Kristi Bronson in the  
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**or**

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