

COMPLAINT

The Commission's records and proceedings in a case are confidential until the Commission rules on probable cause. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the person against whom it is brought.

1. PERSON BRINGING COMPLAINT:

Name: Jessica Floyd Work Phone: (202)747-2060
 Address: 800 Maine Ave SW Suite 400 Home Phone: ()
 City: Washington County: State: DC Zip Code: 20024

2. PERSON AGAINST WHOM COMPLAINT IS BROUGHT:

If you intend to name more than one individual or entity, please file multiple complaints. A person can be an individual, political committee, political party, electioneering communication organization, club, corporation, partnership, company, association, or other type of organization.

Name of individual or entity: Ron DeSantis
 Address: 301 W. Platt St., Suite 345 Phone: (813)25403369
 City: Tampa County: Hillsborough State: FL Zip Code: 32308

If individual is a candidate, list the office or position sought: FL Governor

Have you filed this complaint with the State Attorney's Office? (check one) Yes No

Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.271(2), F.S.? (check one) Yes No

Are you alleging a violation of Section 104.2715, F.S.? (check one) Yes No

3. ALLEGED VIOLATION(S):

Please attach a concise narrative statement in which you list the provisions of the Florida Election Code that you believe the person named above may have violated. The Commission has jurisdiction only to investigate provisions of Chapter 104 and Chapter 106, Florida Statutes. Please include the following items as part of your attached statement:

- The facts and actions that you believe support the violations you allege;
- The names/telephone numbers of persons whom you believe may be witnesses to the facts;
- A copy or picture of any political advertisement(s) you mention in your statement;
- A copy of each document you mention in your statement;
- An explanation of why you believe information you reference from websites is relevant; and
- Any other evidence supporting your allegations.

SEE REVERSE SIDE OF DOCUMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any person who files a complaint while knowing that the allegations are false or without merit commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in Sections 775.082 and 775.083, Florida Statutes.

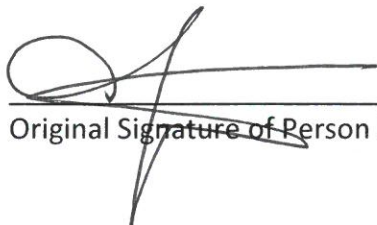
FLORIDA ELECTIONS COMMISSION
107 West Gaines Street, Suite 224, Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050

4. **OATH:**


STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____

I swear or affirm that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


Original Signature of Person Bringing Complaint

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6 day of
September, 20 22


Signature of Officer Authorized to Administer Oaths or Notary Public

BIRTUKAN TADESSE
NOTARY PUBLIC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
My Commission Expires May 31, 2026



(Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Personally Known _____ Or Produced Identification DL

Type of Identification Produced Driver License

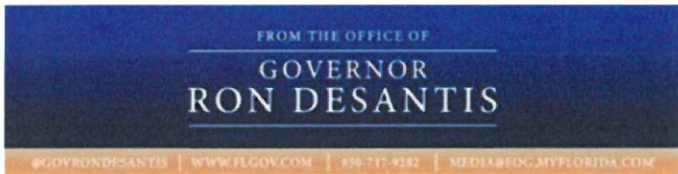
5. **IMPROPERLY COMPLETED COMPLAINT FORMS MAY BE RETURNED:**

- You **MUST** submit this completed complaint form in order to file a complaint.
- You **MUST** complete **ALL FOUR** of the above sections of this form. **DO NOT** leave any blanks.
- You **MUST** submit the **ORIGINAL** complaint form. Copied/faxed/emailed forms are returned.
- Each complaint can only be filed against **ONE PERSON** or **ENTITY**. If you wish to file against multiple parties, you **MUST** submit a complaint form for **each party** you wish to file against.
- **DO NOT** submit multiple complaint forms with one set of attachments applying to multiple complaints. You **MUST** attach **copies** of attachments to **each complaint** to which they apply.
- **MAKE SURE** the alleged violation(s) of Chapters **104** or **106** occurred within the last **2 years**.
- **MAKE SURE** your complaint is **sworn** and there is **no defect** to the **notarization** in Section 4.

Gov. Ron DeSantis appears to have violated Florida Chapter 104 Section 31 during an August 30, 2022, Fort Pierce press conference. According to 104.31(1)(a), “No officer or employee of the state, or of any county or municipality thereof, except as hereinafter exempted from provisions hereof, shall: (a) Use his or her official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with an election or a nomination of office or coercing or influencing another person’s vote or affecting the result thereof.”

During the August 30, 2022, press conference, DeSantis attacked Charlie Crist, his opponent in the November election, and Crist’s running mate, [saying](#): “You see Crist with this running mate that he picked from down in Miami, who’s a teacher, union boss and sympathetic to Fidel Castro, which was unbelievable to see that tweet. Worked tooth and nail to lock kids out of school in 2020. They opposed everything we did in the state of Florida to give kids an opportunity and to put parents and families first. They wanted them locked out of school. They wanted to mimic the policies of Los Angeles, Chicago, D.C. They wanted that to be what happened in the state of Florida. And we already know the catastrophic damage that happened for locking these kids out of school. And we know Florida is so much better off because we actually put our kids first and we understood how important it was to be in education. They she and her union were more interested in politics than they were in the best interests of these kids. And then you come to see that they had one of their top henchmen in the union down in Miami who was a middle school teacher. He was sexually abusing middle school students for years and years. And everybody knew this was going on and her union protected him, knowing that he represented a threat to those students in middle school classrooms. And he abused and he abused and he abused. And he finally got caught and he’s finally in prison. But they cared more about the power of their union than they did about the best interests of these kids. That is disgraceful. You do not put union politics ahead of middle school students who are in danger of being sexually abused. I think that’s disqualifying to be in any political office, much less lieutenant governor of the state of Florida.”

This came despite the fact that the press conference was done in DeSantis’ official capacity as governor of the state of Florida, as noted in this press release sent out ahead of the press conference.



For Immediate Release: August 30, 2022
Contact: Governor’s Press Office, (850) 717-9282, Communications@eog.myflorida.com

MEDIA ADVISORY
Governor Ron DeSantis to Hold a Press Conference in Fort Pierce

FORT PIERCE, Fla. — Governor Ron DeSantis will hold a press conference in Fort Pierce on Tuesday, August 30th.

All interested and credentialed media must RSVP to Justin.Shapiro@eog.myflorida.com

- WHAT:** Press Conference
- WHO:** Governor Ron DeSantis
Department of Economic Opportunity Secretary Dane Eagle
- WHEN:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at 10:15 AM
Media Arrival Time: 9:45 AM
- WHERE:** 2nd Street Bistro
122 North 2nd Street
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

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