



## BROWARD OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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#### ***Former Mayor of Plantation Admits to Violating Campaign Finance Laws***

Broward Inspector General John W. Scott announced that, on January 24, 2023, former City of Plantation Mayor Lynn Stoner entered a [consent final order](#) with the Florida Elections Commission (FEC), in which she admitted to violating several state campaign finance laws during her 2018 mayoral campaign.

Ms. Stoner admitted to authorizing an improper expenditure by writing a check to a vendor which caused the campaign bank account to be overdrawn and to making an unlawful post-election loan to her campaign to cover the overdraft. She also admitted to failing to report her unlawful post-election loan and failing to report several campaign expenditures, two of which were unauthorized post-election expenditures. Notwithstanding these false statements or omissions, she certified to the accuracy of the corresponding campaign treasurer reports. Finally, Ms. Stoner admitted to failing to dispose her surplus campaign funds within 90 days after being elected to office.

The FEC ordered Ms. Stoner to pay a \$1,200.00 civil penalty.

This FEC case was based on the Broward Office of the Inspector General's (OIG's) November 2020 [final report](#) and subsequent referral to the FEC. In that report, the OIG determined that probable cause existed to believe that Ms. Stoner, who became Plantation's mayor in November 2018, engaged in misconduct by violating open government laws as well as violating the city's charter by taking several administrative actions that exceeded her authority as defined by the city charter. The OIG's report also found probable cause to believe that Ms. Stoner engaged in several violations of campaign finance law during her 2018 mayoral campaign, which violations formed the basis for the consent final order reported here.

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