

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

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CASE NUMBER
C 2025-025

COMPLAINT FORM

COMPLAINANT: State Ethics Commission
ADDRESS: 201 Executive Center Drive
Suite 150
Columbia, SC 29210
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (803) 253-4192

RESPONDENT: Jessica Faile-Thomas
ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]
TITLE: Candidate – Kershaw County Council
District 5

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If there is a finding of probable cause, the following documents become public record: the complaint, the response (if any) by respondent, and the notice of hearing. If a hearing is to be held, the final order and all exhibits become public record. If no hearing is held following a finding of probable cause, the final disposition of the matter becomes public record.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF Richland

Personally appeared before me Meghan Walker Dayson who, first being duly sworn, says that she has read and knows the contents of the above complaint and that the allegations contained therein, are true and correct to the best of her own knowledge, except for those matters therein based upon information and belief, and as to those she believes them to be true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
6th day of March, 2025

[REDACTED]
Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director

[REDACTED]
Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission expires 01/22/26

SEC-7 (Revised 3/2022)

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IN THE MATTER OF:)
Complaint C2025-025)
State Ethics Commission)
Complainant.)
Jessica Faile-Thomas)
Respondent.)

BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING

The State Ethics Commission has determined that there is probable cause pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, in the above-captioned complaint. The Commission will convene a formal hearing into the matter in accordance with Section 8-13-320(10)(i) & (j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.) on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission Hearing Room located at: 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

The following allegations will be heard:

COUNT ONE
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to file a 2023 Quarter 1 Campaign Disclosure Report (CDR), in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT TWO
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland

County, fail to file a 2024 Quarter 2 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT THREE
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to file a 2024 Quarter 3 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT FOUR
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to file a 2022 Quarter 4 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT FIVE
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION
SECTION 8-13-1308(F), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to disclose contribution(s) totaling \$100.00 or less on her 2022 Quarter 1 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F).

COUNT SIX
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION
SECTION 8-13-1308(F), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to disclose contribution(s) totaling \$100.00 or less on her 2022 Pre-Election CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F).

COUNT SEVEN
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE
SECTION 8-13-1308(F), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to disclose a May 27, 2022 expenditure to Lowes for \$124.16, in violation of Section

8-13-1308(F).

COUNT EIGHT
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE
SECTION 8-13-1308(F), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to disclose a June 17, 2022 expenditure to Facebook for \$12.56, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F).

COUNT NINE
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE
SECTION 8-13-1308(F), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to disclose a June 21, 2022 expenditure to Glitzy Girlz Faire for \$270.46, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F).

COUNT TEN
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE
SECTION 8-13-1308(F), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to disclose a June 27, 2022 expenditure to Katydid Faire for \$62.00, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F).

COUNT ELEVEN
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE
SECTION 8-13-1308(F), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to disclose an August 17, 2022 expenditure to Facebook for \$6.89, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F).

COUNT TWELVE
FAILURE TO DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION INTO CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNT
SECTION 8-13-1312, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to deposit four (4) campaign contributions into her campaign bank account: 1) a March 25, 2022 personal contribution of \$289.66; a March 25, 2022 contribution from Marlene Pender for \$100.00; 3) an April 13, 2022 personal contribution of \$114.92; and 4) a May 25, 2022 personal contribution of \$1,847.06, in violation of Section 8-13-1312.

COUNT THIRTEEN
FAILURE TO MAKE EXPENDITURES THROUGH CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNT
SECTION 8-13-1312, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to make a three (3) campaign expenditure through her campaign bank account: 1) a March 25, 2022 expenditure to Crazy Cheap Political Signs for \$289.66; 2) an April 13, 2022 expenditure to Print Place for \$114.92; and 3) a May 25, 2022 expenditure to Crazy Cheap Political Signs for \$1,847.06, in violation of Section 8-13-1312.

You have the right to be represented by counsel, the right to call and examine witnesses, the right to introduce exhibits, and the right to cross-examine opposing witnesses. This hearing will be open to the public as required by Section 8-13-320(10)(j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended. The procedures to be followed are set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 1-23-10, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the State Ethics Act, Section 8-13-100, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.).

A pre-hearing conference may be scheduled prior to the hearing to allow exchange of witness lists and evidence, marking of exhibits, and disposition of motions or pleadings. In the

event you fail to appear, judgment by default will be rendered against you. If there are any questions concerning the above notice or hearing times, please contact the State Ethics Commission.

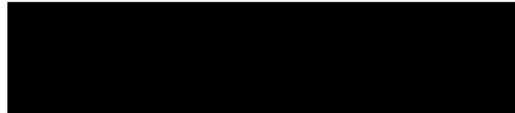


Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission

Dated this 19th day,
of September 2025.

Certificate of Service by Certified Mail

I hereby certify that a copy of this **NOTICE OF HEARING** was duly served on RESPONDENT Jessica Faile-Thomas, 12 Drake Court, Camden, SC 29020 by depositing said **NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 19th day of September 2025, by **CERTIFIED MAIL, E-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**, appropriate postage affixed, and a return address clearly indicated on said envelope.



Columbia, South Carolina

Rachael O'Bryan, Administrative Assistant
State Ethics Commission

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BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

DECISION AND ORDER

Pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i) of the South Carolina Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act of 1991 (Ethics Act), the Commission reviewed the above-captioned Complaint against Jessica Faile-Thomas (Respondent) and probable cause was found to warrant an evidentiary hearing. Present at the hearing on February 19, 2026, were Commissioners F. Xavier Starkes, Sara Parrish, and Neal D. Truslow, Hearing Panel Chair. Respondent was duly notified, but did not appear. The Commission was represented by Courtney M. Laster, Esq. The following charges were considered: three (3) counts of Section 8-13-1308(B) for failing to timely file quarterly Campaign Disclosure Reports (CDR) for Quarter 2 2024, Quarter 3 2024, and Quarter 4 2024;¹ seven (7) counts of Section 8-13-1308(F) for failing to disclose contributions and expenditures; and two (2) counts of Section 8-13-1312 for failing to use a campaign bank account.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Having carefully reviewed the evidence presented, the Panel finds as fact:

1. Respondent was a candidate for Kershaw County Council and was defeated in the June 14, 2022, primary election.

¹ At the call of the case, Commission staff asked the Panel to dismiss Count 1 of the Notice of Hearing because the Commission had already assessed a late-filing penalty for the CDR listed therein. The Panel agreed and Count 1 was dismissed.

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2. On June 24, 2024, Respondent filed a Quarter 1 2024 CDR disclosing \$777.64 in on-hand contributions.
3. Respondent did not file a Quarter 2 2024 CDR on or before July 10, 2024.
4. In a July 24, 2024, certified letter, the Commission notified Respondent of her failure to file a Quarter 2 2024 CDR.² On September 3, 2024, this letter was returned to the Commission as unclaimed.
5. On September 19, 2024, the certified letter was remailed via first-class mail with a United States Postal Service (USPS) tracking number. According to the USPS, this letter was delivered to 12 Drake Court in Camden, South Carolina, on September 21, 2024, at 1:19 pm.
6. On October 1, 2024, late-filing penalties began accruing at \$10.00 per day.
7. On October 11, 2024, late-filing penalties began accruing at \$100.00 per day.
8. On January 30, 2025, a Commission staff member telephoned Respondent and left a voicemail regarding her filings. The staff member also emailed Respondent. Respondent did not respond to staff's voicemail or email.
9. On February 6, 2025, a Commission staff member texted Respondent regarding her filings. Respondent did not respond to staff's text.
10. The Complaint was filed on March 6, 2025.
11. On March 18, 2025, Respondent filed a Quarter 2 2024 CDR, a Quarter 3 2024 CDR, and a Quarter 4 2024 CDR. In each CDR, Respondent disclosed \$777.64 in contributions on-hand.
12. On May 21, 2025, a Commission investigator unsuccessfully attempted to serve Respondent

² The Commission's July 24, 2024, correspondence also addressed four (4) additional CDRs that Respondent failed to timely file: Quarter 4 2022, Quarter 3 2023, Quarter 4 2023, and Quarter 1 2024. However, these CDRs were handled through the Commission's standard non-compliance process and are not part of the current Complaint.

with the Complaint at 12 Drake Court in Camden, South Carolina.

13. On July 14, 2025, a Commission investigator successfully served Respondent with the Complaint at 12 Drake Court in Camden, South Carolina.

14. Following service of the Complaint, Respondent's campaign bank account records were subpoenaed from First Community Bank. These records were reviewed and compared to Respondent's CDRs, revealing the following:

- a. Respondent opened her campaign bank account on March 21, 2022.
- b. As of January 1, 2025, Respondent's campaign bank account still maintained a balance of \$4.00.
- c. The following contributions were deposited into Respondent's campaign bank account, but were not disclosed on Respondent's CDRs: \$25.00 from Dawn Baker on March 27, 2022, \$50.00 from Toby Wiggins on March 27, 2022, \$20.00 from Amanda Shelton on March 27, 2022, \$20.00 from Gregory McCarley on March 27, 2022, \$100.00 from Tom Marble on April 6, 2022, and \$20.00 in cash on April 11, 2022.
- d. The following expenditures were made from Respondent's campaign bank account, but were not disclosed on Respondent's CDRs: \$124.16 to Lowes on May 27, 2022, \$12.56 to Facebook on June 17, 2022, \$270.46 to Glitzy Girlz Faire on June 21, 2022, and \$270.46 to Katydid Faire on June 27, 2022.
- e. Respondent failed to deposit the following contributions into her campaign bank account: \$289.66 from Jessica Faile-Thomas on March 25, 2022, \$100.00 from Marlene Pender on March 25, 2022, \$114.92 from Jessica Faile-Thomas on April 13, 2022, and \$1,847.06 from Jessica Faile-Thomas on May 25, 2022.
- f. Respondent failed to make the following expenditures from her campaign bank account: \$289.66 to Crazy Cheap Political Signs on March 25, 2022, \$114.92 to Print Place on April 13, 2022, and \$1,847.06 to Crazy Cheap Political Signs on May 25, 2022.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the Findings of Fact, the Panel concludes, as a matter of law:

1. At all times relevant, Respondent was a "candidate" pursuant to Section 8-13-1300(4).

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Therefore, the Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.

2. Respondent was required to file, but failed to file, quarterly CDRs in Quarter 2 2024, Quarter 3 2024, and Quarter 4 2024, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B)), which provides:

Following the filing of an initial certified campaign report, additional certified campaign reports must be filed within ten days following the end of each calendar quarter in which contributions are received or expenditures are made, whether before or after an election until the campaign account undergoes final disbursement pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-13-1370.

3. In accordance with Section 8-13-1308(F), Respondent was required to disclose, but failed to disclose, each contribution and expenditure outlined in paragraph fourteen (14)(c)-(d) in the Findings of Fact. Section 8-13-1308(F) provides:

Certified campaign reports detailing campaign contributions and expenditures must contain: (1) the total of contributions accepted by the candidate or committee; (2) the name and address of each person making a contribution of more than one hundred dollars³ and the amount and date of receipt of each contribution; (3) the total expenditures made by or on behalf of the candidate or committee; and (4) the name and address of each person to whom an expenditure is made from campaign funds, including the date, amount, purpose, and beneficiary of the expenditure.

4. Respondent was required to use, but failed to use, a campaign bank account for the contributions and expenditures outlined in paragraph fourteen (14)(e)-(f) in the Findings of Fact, in violation of Section 8-13-1312, which provides, in relevant part:

Except as otherwise provided under Section 8-13-1348(C), expenses paid on behalf of a candidate or committee must be drawn from the campaign account and issued on a check signed by the candidate or a duly authorized officer of a committee. All contributions received by the candidate or committee, directly or indirectly, must be deposited into the campaign bank account within ten days after receipt.

³ Pursuant to Section 8-13-1308(F)(1)-(2), Respondent was permitted to disclose contributions of \$100.00 or more in the aggregate.

5. In accordance with Section 8-13-1510(A), Respondent has accrued \$5,200.00 in late-filing penalties (\$5,000.00 for the Quarter 2 2024 CDR and \$100.00 each for the Quarter 3 2024 CDR and the Quarter 4 2024 CDR):⁴

. . . a person required to file a report or statement under this chapter who files a late statement or report . . . must be assessed a civil penalty as follows: (1) a fine of one hundred dollars if the statement or report is not filed within five days after the established deadline provided by law in this chapter; and (2) after notice has been given by certified or registered mail that a required statement or report has not been filed, a fine of ten dollars per calendar day for the first ten days after notice has been given, and one hundred dollars for each additional calendar day in which the required statement or report is not filed, not exceeding five thousand dollars.

6. Section 8-13-130 allows the Commission to “levy an enforcement or administrative fee on a person who is in violation” of the Ethics Act.
7. Section 8-13-320(10)(1) allows the Commission to assess a \$2,000.00 civil penalty for violations of the Ethics Act.

DECISION

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Panel has determined, based on a preponderance of evidence, that Respondent Jessica Faile-Thomas is in violation of three (3) counts of Section 8-13-1308(B) for failing to timely file a Quarter 2 2024 CDR, a Quarter 3 2024 CDR, and a Quarter 4 2024 CDR. The Panel further finds that Respondent is in violation of seven (7) counts of Section 8-13-1308(F) for failing to disclose the contributions and expenditures outlined herein, and two (2) counts of Section 8-13-1312 for

⁴ The Panel declines to assess accrued late-filing penalties for the Quarter 3 2024 CDR and the Quarter 4 2024 CDR given that Respondent did not receive certified notice of her failure to file these reports prior to the filing of the Complaint.

failing to use a campaign bank account as outlined herein.


THEREFORE, Respondent is hereby Publicly Reprimanded and assessed a late-filing penalty of \$5,200.00, a civil penalty of \$18,000.00 (\$2,000.00 for each violation of Section 8-13-1308(F) and Section 8-13-1312) and an administrative fee of \$1,600.00, for a total of \$24,800.00.

AND, pursuant to Section 8-13-320 of the Ethics Act, if the \$24,800.00 is not paid in full within sixty (60) days from Respondent's receipt of this Order, the Commission shall enter a judgment against Respondent in the amount of \$24,800.00 with the Clerk of Court's Office in the County of Respondent's last known residence. In that event, the Clerk of Court shall enter this Order in the amount of \$24,800.00 in its Judgment Rolls, without cost to the Commission.

FINALLY, Respondent Jessica Faile-Thomas has ten (10) days from receipt of this Order to appeal this Decision and Order to the full Commission.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION


NEAL D. TRUSLOW, HEARING CHAIR

Columbia, South Carolina



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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of March, 2025

[REDACTED]
Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director

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Jessica Faile-Thomas

July 24, 2024: \$100.00 penalty letter is sent certified for failure to file a Quarter 2 2024 Campaign Disclosure.

September 3, 2024: The certified letter is returned as "Return to Sender – Unclaimed."

September 19, 2024: The certified letter is re-mailed first class with a United States Postal Service tracking number.

September 21, 2024: According to the United States Postal Service, the first-class letter is delivered, in or at mailbox at 1:19 p.m.

October 1, 2024: Penalties begin accruing at \$10 per day.

October 11, 2024: Penalties begin accruing at \$100.

January 30, 2025: Enforcement Department staff calls Mrs. Faile-Thomas prior to a complaint and leaves a voicemail. She also sends an email.

February 6, 2025: Enforcement Department staff calls Mrs. Faile-Thomas

March 6, 2025: After no response, complaint is filed.

Previous or Current Non-Compliance

Initial Campaign Disclosure (due 3-26-22),
Quarter 4 2022, Quarter 3 2023, Quarter 4 2023,
and Quarter 1 2024 Campaign Disclosures

GEAR

From: Caughman, Erin <ecaughman@ethics.sc.gov>
Sent on: Thursday, January 30, 2025 3:17:23 PM
To: jfthomson@shawcountysc.gov
Subject: Ethics Commission Final Attempt for Contact
Attachments: Faile-Thomas.Letter.pdf (159.57 KB)

Good afternoon,

You have delinquent reports due to our office (Quarter 2, 2024, Quarter 3, 2024, and Quarter 4, 2024 Quarterly Campaign Disclosure Reports. You need to add your filing fee as a contribution.). I have attached the letter that was mailed to you in September 2024.

You have ten (10) business days to file these reports or complain action may be taken. If you would like assistance with filing these reports, please call us at (803) 253-4192 and ask for the Disclosure Department or myself.

Thanks,

Erin Caughman

Administrator - Enforcement Division

South Carolina State Ethics Commission

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iMessage
Today 9:56 AM

Ms. Thomas,

My name is Erin and I work at the State Ethics Commission. We spoke in June of last year regarding your reports. I also left a message and emailed you last week. You need to file the Quarter 2 2024, Quarter 3 2024, and Quarter 4 2024 Campaign Disclosure Reports. You also need to add your filing fee as an expenditure (\$422.38 paid on 3/16/2022). Adding that will help with the balance issue but you will still need to get the bank records in order to file a final report. I am available to help you if you need assistance. You now have 5 business days to file these reports or complaint action may be taken.

Thank you.



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September 19, 2024

Mrs. Jessica Faile-Thomas



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Dear Mrs. Faile-Thomas:

This is not a form letter. You are receiving this letter because you are currently in violation of the Ethics Reform Act. As a candidate for Kershaw County Council District 5, you are subject to the Ethics Reform Act, which is the body of laws that govern public officials, public members, and public employees.

Continued delays in filing the Quarter 2 2024 Campaign Disclosure will result in accrual of late filing penalties with a maximum penalty of \$5,000.00.

Please be advised that this letter only addresses late or missing reports, and you could still be subject to a random audit regarding illegal contributions and expenditures. While reviewing your Campaign Disclosures and Statements of Economic Interests, the following deficiencies were discovered:

A Quarter 4 2022 Campaign Disclosure, which was due on January 10, 2023, was filed on June 20, 2023.

A Quarter 3 2023 Campaign Disclosure, which was due on October 10, 2023, was filed on June 24, 2024.

A Quarter 4 2023 Campaign Disclosure, which was due on January 10, 2024, was filed on June 24, 2024.

A Quarter 1 2024 Campaign Disclosure, which was due on April 10, 2024, was filed on June 24, 2024.

A Quarter 2 2024 Campaign Disclosure, which was due on July 10, 2024, has not been filed.

You still have not reported your \$422.28 paid on March 16, 2022 under your expenditures, which is affecting your balance of contributions.

In accordance with Section 8-13-1510, South Carolina Code Ann., 1976, as amended, a late filing penalty of \$500.00 is hereby levied. If the required report is not filed electronically within ten calendar days of receipt of this letter, additional penalties will be levied at \$10 per day per report for the first ten days and \$100 per day per report for each additional day until the penalty reaches \$5,000 per report, and a complaint will be filed against you. Failure to file is a misdemeanor. After the maximum civil penalty has been levied, this matter will be referred to Magistrate's Court for criminal prosecution.

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Mrs. Jessica Faile-Thomas
September 19, 2024
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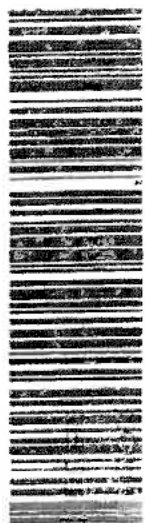
Sincerely,



Kristin S. Nabors
Director of Non-Compliance

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South Ethics Commission
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

July 24, 2024

Mrs. Jessica Faile-Thomas



CERTIFIED MAIL: 9214 8969 0099 9790 1425 4919 13

Dear Mrs. Faile-Thomas:

This is not a form letter. You are receiving this letter because you are currently in violation of the Ethics Reform Act. As a candidate for Kershaw County Council District 5, you are subject to the Ethics Reform Act, which is the body of laws that govern public officials, public members, and public employees.

Continued delays in filing the Quarter 2 2024 Campaign Disclosure will result in accrual of late filing penalties with a maximum penalty of \$5,000.00.

Please be advised that this letter only addresses late or missing reports, and you could still be subject to a random audit regarding illegal contributions and expenditures. While reviewing your Campaign Disclosures and Statements of Economic Interests, the following deficiencies were discovered:

- A Quarter 4 2022 Campaign Disclosure, which was due on January 10, 2023, was filed on June 20, 2023.
 - A Quarter 3 2023 Campaign Disclosure, which was due on October 10, 2023, was filed on June 24, 2024.
 - A Quarter 4 2023 Campaign Disclosure, which was due on January 10, 2024, was filed on June 24, 2024.
 - A Quarter 1 2024 Campaign Disclosure, which was due on April 10, 2024, was filed on June 24, 2024.
 - A Quarter 2 2024 Campaign Disclosure, which was due on July 10, 2024, has not been filed.
- You still have not reported your \$422.28 paid on March 16, 2022 under your expenditures, which is affecting your balance of contributions.**

In accordance with Section 8-13-1510, South Carolina Code Ann., 1976, as amended, a late filing penalty of \$500.00 is hereby levied. If the required report is not filed electronically within ten calendar days of receipt of this letter, additional penalties will be levied at \$10 per day per report for the first ten days and \$100 per day per report for each additional day until the penalty reaches \$5,000 per report, and a complaint will be filed against you. Failure to file is a misdemeanor. After the maximum civil penalty has been levied, this matter will be referred to Magistrate's Court for criminal prosecution.

Mrs. Jessica Faile-Thomas
July 24, 2024
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Jessica Faile-Thomas
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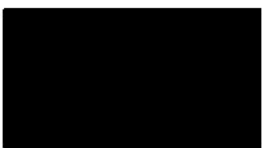
Candidate Campaign Disclosure Review

Quarter 1, 2024 Report

Candidate: Jessica Faile-Thomas
Position Sought: Kershaw County Council District 5
Election Type: Primary
Election Date: Jun 14, 2022
Filing Type: Original Report, Filed
Submitted Date: Jun 24, 2024

No Qtr. 2 2024

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Report Type

Quarter 1, 2024 Report

Filing Fee

Please Note: If the filing fee is greater than \$0, the filing fee was paid from personal funds and is the only expense for the campaign.

Amount of Filing Fee: \$422.22

Contributions	This Period	Election Cycle
Cash Contributions	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
In-kind Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00
Debt Setoff Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Personal Contributions	\$0.00	\$2,673.92
Loans	\$0.00	\$0.00
Account Credits	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$4,673.92

Expenditures	This Period	Election Cycle
Expenditures	\$0.00	\$3,896.28
Returned Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net and Expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00	\$3,896.28

Balance of Contributions**This Period**

Contributions on Hand (Beginning this Period)	\$777.64
Total Contributions (This Period)(+)	\$0.00
Total Expenditures (This Period)(-)	\$0.00
Contributions On Hand (Period End)(=)	\$777.64

Loans

Loan Balance:	\$0.00
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*** No Contributions Reported. ***

*** No Expenditures Reported. ***

*** No Loans Reported. ***

*** No Loans Repayment Reported. ***

*** No Account Credits Reported. ***

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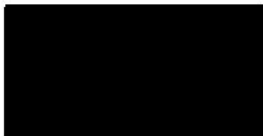


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MEGHAN WALKER DAYSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 9, 2025



RE: COMPLAINT C2025-025

In the Matter of Jessica Faile-Thomas

Dear Ms. Faile-Thomas:

The State Ethics Commission has considered the above captioned complaint and has determined that probable cause exists to support the alleged violation. As a result of the Commission's determination, you are hereby provided with the Notice of Hearing. In accordance with 8-13-320 (10)(g), South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, all complaint matters are now public upon the issuance of the Notice of Hearing.

Please be aware that under recent General Assembly amendments to the Ethics Reform Act in 2016 Act. No. 282, effective April 1, 2017, this and all other Ethics Commission hearings are now open to the public. The Ethics Commission will provide timely notice of Commission hearings to the public pursuant to the requirement of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Please contact Rachael O'Bryan, Administrative Assistant, at 803-253-4192 or robryan@ethics.sc.gov as soon as possible to:

- Confirm receipt of this Notice of Hearing and notify the Commission whether you will or will not attend the scheduled hearing at **9:30am, Thursday, February 19, 2026** at the State Ethics Commission Hearing Room located at: 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150 Columbia, SC 29210.
- Confirm address, telephone number and email address.
- Notify the Commission if an attorney will be representing you.

In accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 1-23-320(F), in lieu of a hearing, the Commission may be agreeable to resolve this matter through an informal disposition by Consent Order.

If you do not attend the hearing, a judgment by default will be rendered.

Sincerely,



Meghan Walker Dayson
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Notice of Hearing

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)	BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
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IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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Complaint C2025-025)	
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State Ethics Commission)	NOTICE OF HEARING
Complainant.)	
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Jessica Faile-Thomas)	
Respondent.)	
_____)	

The State Ethics Commission has determined that there is probable cause pursuant to Section 8-13-320(10)(i), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, in the above-captioned complaint. The Commission will convene a formal hearing into the matter in accordance with Section 8-13-320(10)(i) & (j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.) on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. at the Commission Hearing Room located at: 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

The following allegations will be heard:

COUNT ONE
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to file a 2023 Quarter 1 Campaign Disclosure Report (CDR), in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT TWO
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland

County, fail to file a 2024 Quarter 2 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT THREE
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to file a 2024 Quarter 3 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT FOUR
FAILURE TO FILE A CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE REPORT
SECTION 8-13-1308(B), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to file a 2022 Quarter 4 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(B).

COUNT FIVE
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION
SECTION 8-13-1308(F), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to disclose contribution(s) totaling \$100.00 or less on her 2022 Quarter 1 CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F).

COUNT SIX
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION
SECTION 8-13-1308(F), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to disclose contribution(s) totaling \$100.00 or less on her 2022 Pre-Election CDR, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F).

COUNT SEVEN
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE
SECTION 8-13-1308(F), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to disclose a May 27, 2022 expenditure to Lowes for \$124.16, in violation of Section

8-13-1308(F).

COUNT EIGHT
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE
SECTION 8-13-1308(F), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to disclose a June 17, 2022 expenditure to Facebook for \$12.56, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F).

COUNT NINE
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE
SECTION 8-13-1308(F), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to disclose a June 21, 2022 expenditure to Glitzy Girlz Faire for \$270.46, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F).

COUNT TEN
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE
SECTION 8-13-1308(F), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to disclose a June 27, 2022 expenditure to Katydid Faire for \$62.00, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F).

COUNT ELEVEN
FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE
SECTION 8-13-1308(F), S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to disclose an August 17, 2022 expenditure to Facebook for \$6.89, in violation of Section 8-13-1308(F).

COUNT TWELVE
FAILURE TO DEPOSIT CONTRIBUTION INTO CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNT
SECTION 8-13-1312, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to deposit four (4) campaign contributions into her campaign bank account: 1) a March 25, 2022 personal contribution of \$289.66; a March 25, 2022 contribution from Marlene Pender for \$100.00; 3) an April 13, 2022 personal contribution of \$114.92; and 4) a May 25, 2022 personal contribution of \$1,847.06, in violation of Section 8-13-1312.


COUNT THIRTEEN
FAILURE TO MAKE EXPENDITURES THROUGH CAMPAIGN BANK ACCOUNT
SECTION 8-13-1312, S.C. CODE ANN., 1976, AS AMENDED

That Jessica Faile-Thomas, candidate for Kershaw County Council, did in Richland County, fail to make a three (3) campaign expenditure through her campaign bank account: 1) a March 25, 2022 expenditure to Crazy Cheap Political Signs for \$289.66; 2) an April 13, 2022 expenditure to Print Place for \$114.92; and 3) a May 25, 2022 expenditure to Crazy Cheap Political Signs for \$1,847.06, in violation of Section 8-13-1312.

You have the right to be represented by counsel, the right to call and examine witnesses, the right to introduce exhibits, and the right to cross-examine opposing witnesses. This hearing will be open to the public as required by Section 8-13-320(10)(j), Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended. The procedures to be followed are set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 1-23-10, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, the State Ethics Act, Section 8-13-100, et seq., Code of Laws, South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and State Ethics Commission Regulations, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 52-707 (1997 Cum. Supp.).

A pre-hearing conference may be scheduled prior to the hearing to allow exchange of witness lists and evidence, marking of exhibits, and disposition of motions or pleadings. In the


event you fail to appear, judgment by default will be rendered against you. If there are any questions concerning the above notice or hearing times, please contact the State Ethics Commission.


Meghan Walker Dayson, Executive Director
State Ethics Commission

Dated this 19th day,
of September 2025.

Certificate of Service by Certified Mail

I hereby certify that a copy of this **NOTICE OF HEARING** was duly served on RESPONDENT Jessica Faile-Thomas, 12 Drake Court, Camden, SC 29020 by depositing said **NOTICE OF HEARING** in the United States mail, Columbia, South Carolina on this 19th day of September 2025, by **CERTIFIED MAIL, E-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**, appropriate postage affixed, and a return address clearly indicated on said envelope.


Rachael O'Bryan, Administrative Assistant
State Ethics Commission (803) 253-4192

Columbia, South Carolina

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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State Ethics Commission)
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vs.)
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DEFENDANT)
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Jessica Faile-Thomas)

BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

AFFIDAVIT OF PERSONAL SERVICE

PERSONALLY comes the undersigned, who says on oath that on the 9th day of December 2025; he served a NOTICE OF HEARING and the associated COVER LETTER upon Jessica L. Faile-Thomas, by delivering unto her personally a copy thereof and leaving the same with him at his residence located at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Timothy J. Plunkett
Investigator
State Ethics Commission

SWORN to before me this 9th day of December 2025.

[REDACTED]

Notary Public for South Carolina
My Commission Expires 3/20/2033



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
 COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
 IN THE MATTER OF:)
 Complaint C2025-025)
 State Ethics Commission,)
 Complainant.)
 Jessica Faile-Thomas)
 Respondent.)

BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

CERTIFICATION OF BANK RECORDS

RE: ACCOUNT NUMBER ENDING XXXXXX6611

I, Willie J. Carolina do hereby certify under penalties and perjury that I am a custodian of records for First Community Bank and that the attached documents are true and accurate copies of our business records, which are maintained and prepared by First Community Bank.

It is further certified that these records were made at or near the time of the occurrence of the matters set forth by a person with knowledge of those matters. The records were made and kept in the course of regularly conducted business activity and it is a regular practice of First Community Bank to make and keep such records.

[Redacted Signature]

Signature

1-12-2020

Date

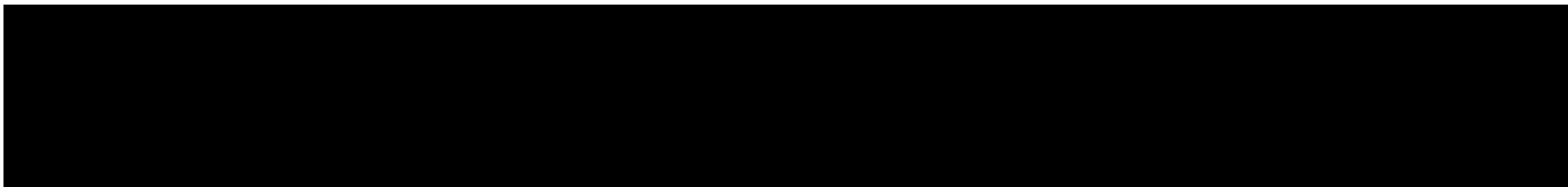


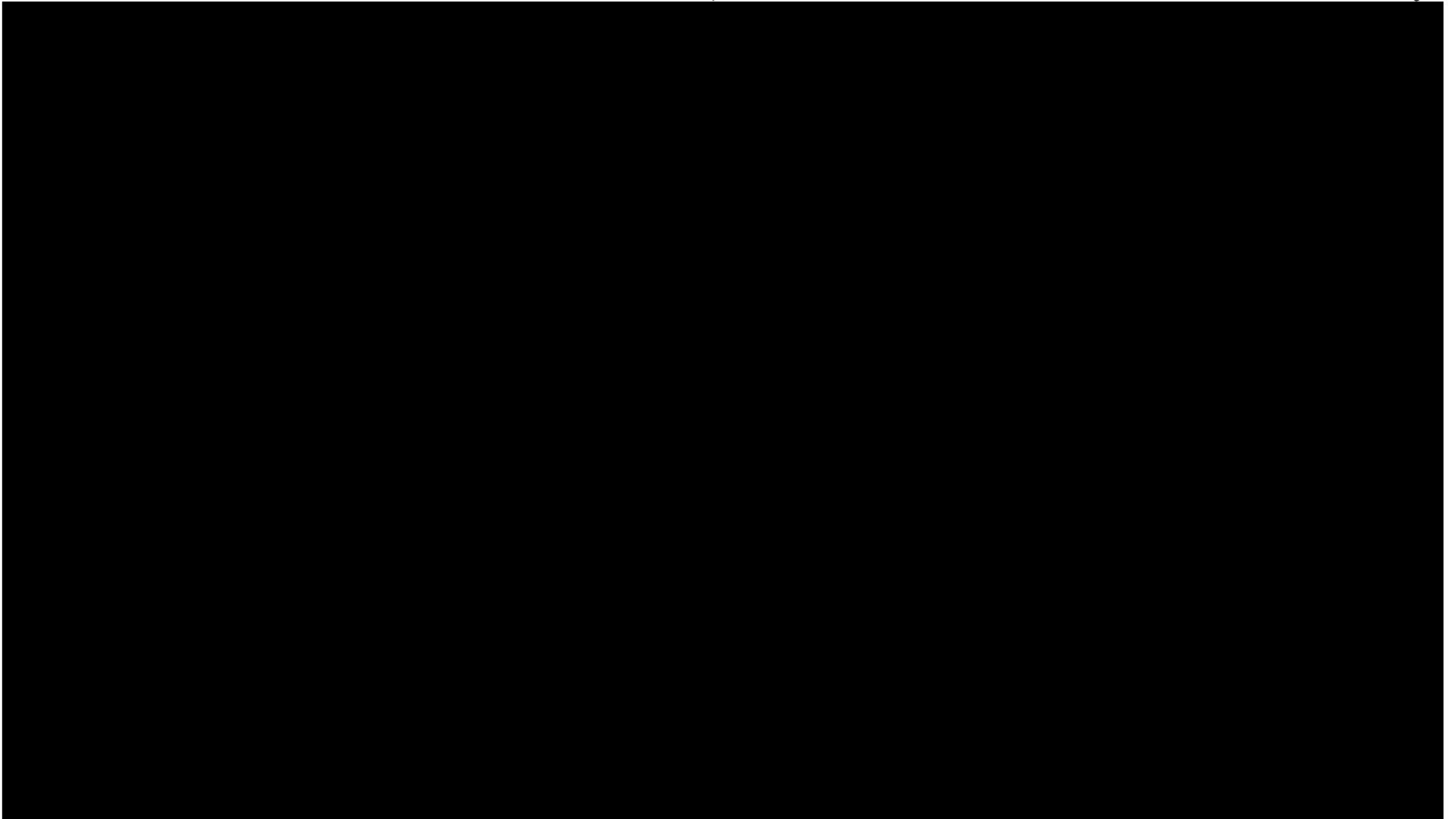
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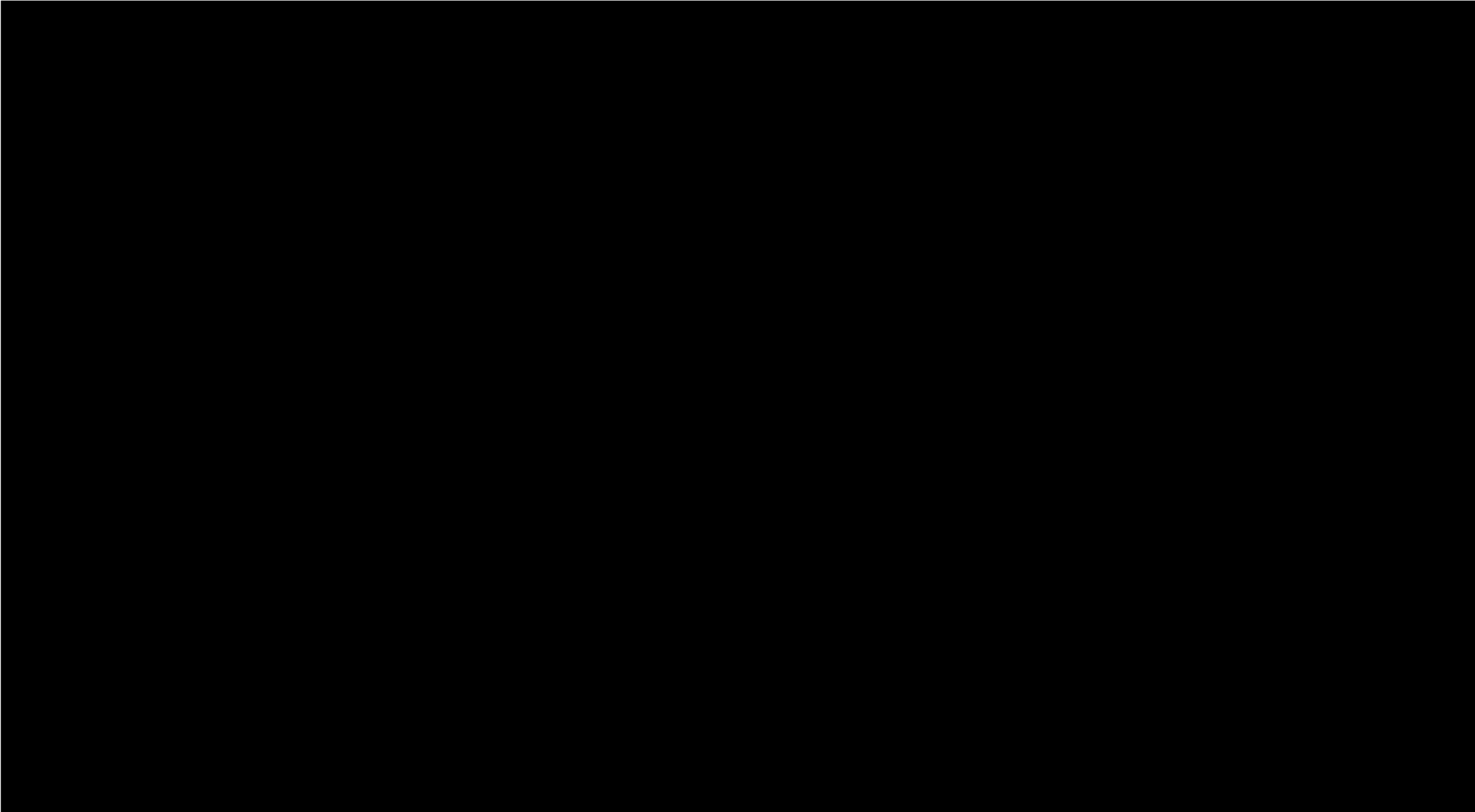
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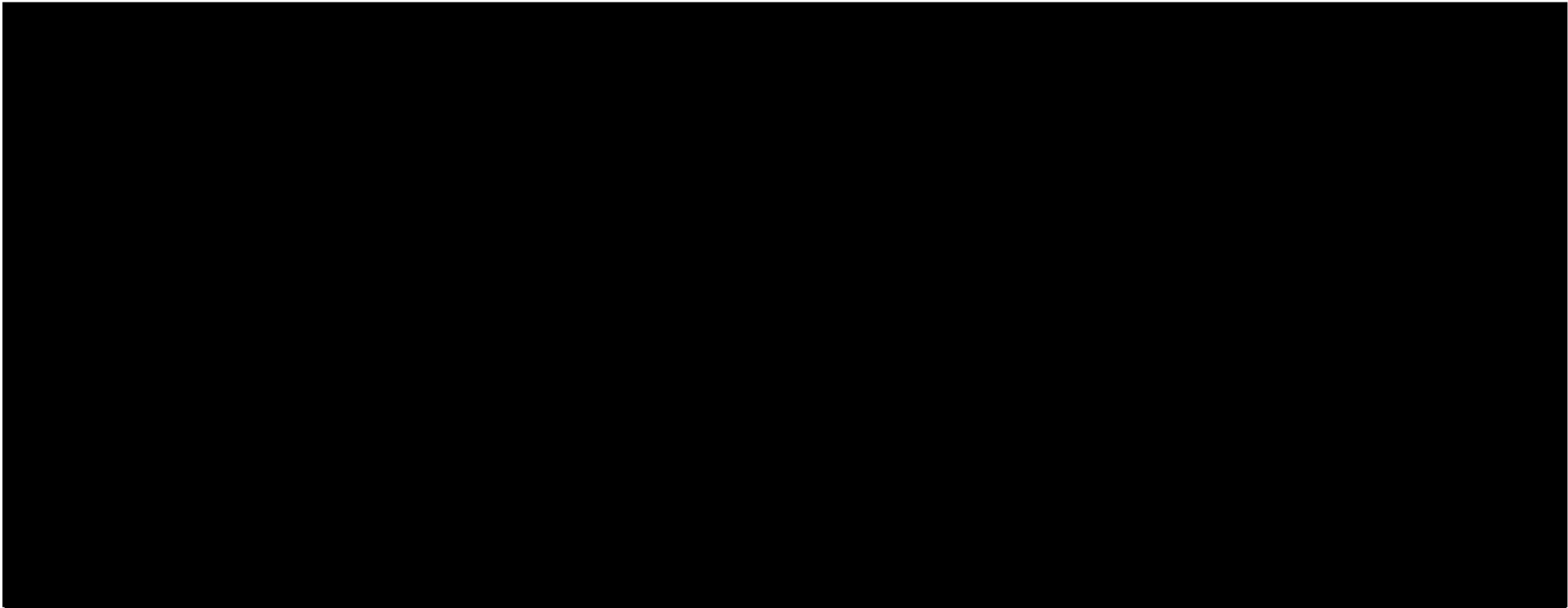


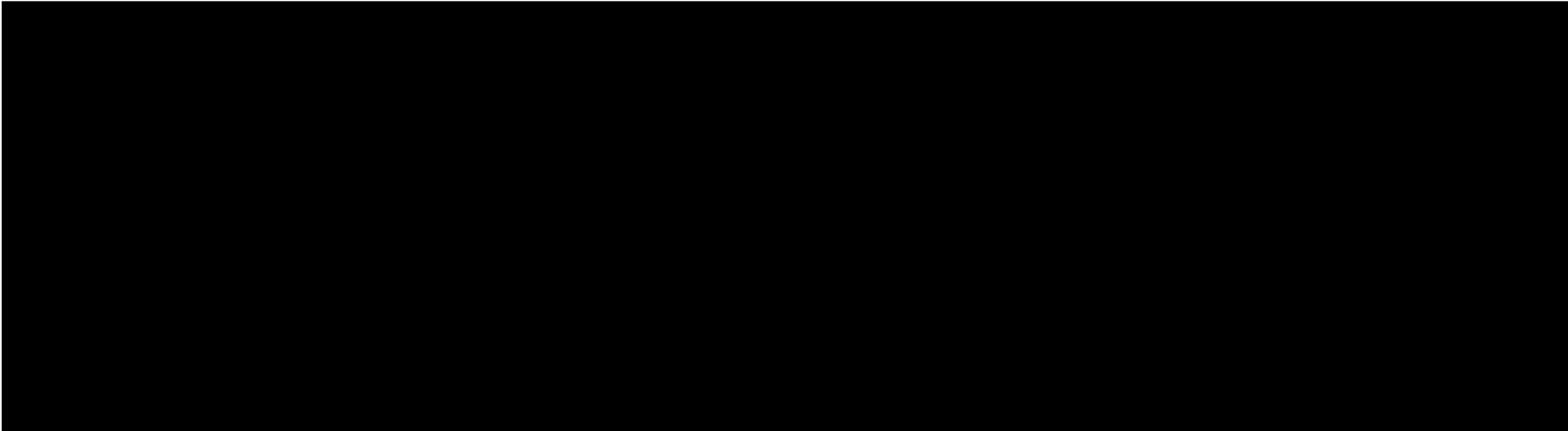
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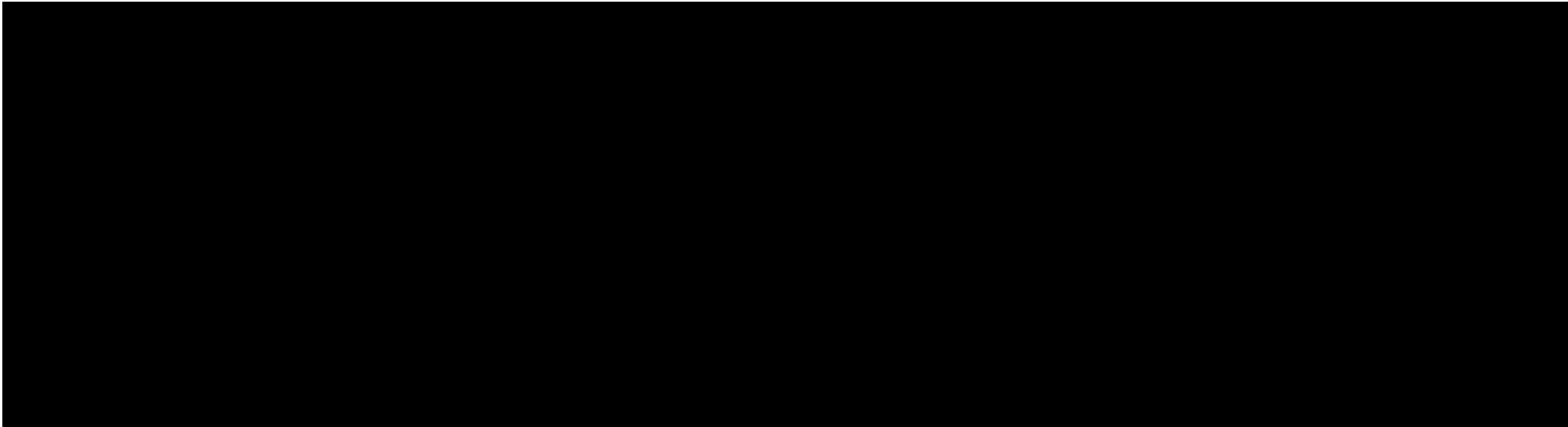


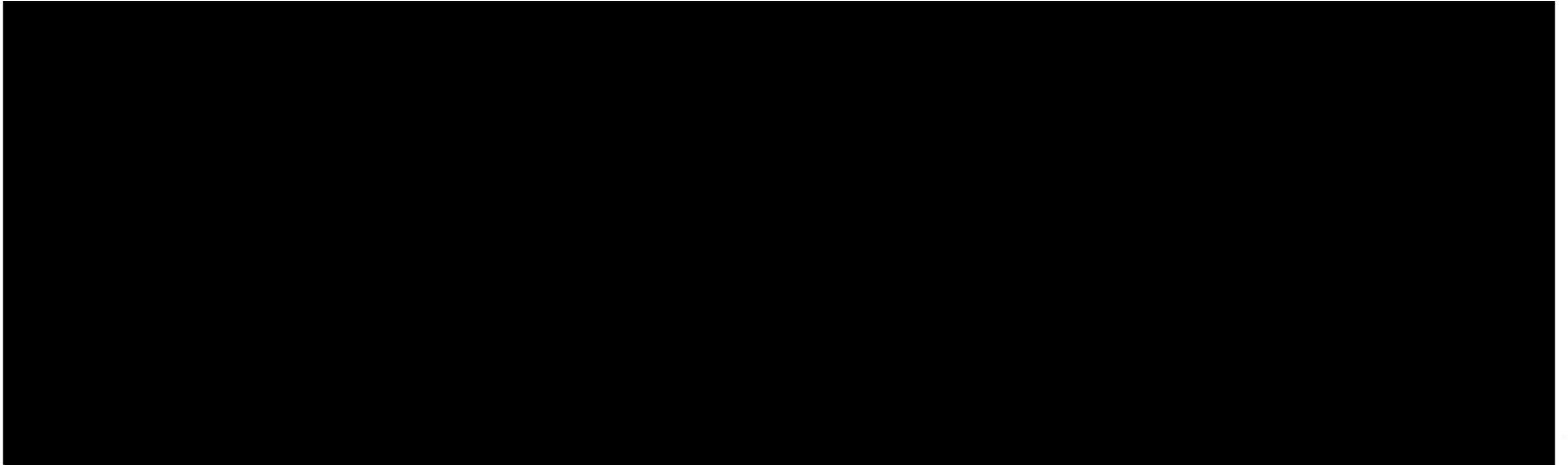














Certification of Records

I, Melinda Vercollone, certify:

1. I am employed by Stripe, Inc. ("Stripe"), which is headquartered in South San Francisco, California. I am a duly authorized custodian of records of Stripe and am familiar with the manner in which its records are created and maintained by virtue of my duties and responsibilities.
2. Attached are Stripe records [REDACTED]. These are the original records or exact duplicates of the original records. The records were made at or near the time of each event or condition set forth.
3. It is the regular practice of Stripe for this type of record to be made by, or from information transmitted by, persons with knowledge of the matters set forth in the records. Stripe's production consists of records collected from Stripe's databases in a producible format.
4. It is the regular practice of Stripe to keep this type of record in the course of regularly conducted business activity. Records were kept in the course of regularly conducted business. It is the regular practice of Stripe's business activity to make the records.

These records were produced in response to the Subpoena Duces Tecum dated August 27, 2025 provided by Investigator William White to Stripe.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Executed in Cook County, State of Illinois, on the 5th day of September, 2025.

[REDACTED]

Melinda Vercollone
Legal Operations
Stripe, Inc.

Date: Feb 13, 2026