

## EXHIBIT E

### The Gabber's 9/26/24 Front-Page Article on Liccione Lawsuit

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## Sued for \$10M

By Gabber Newspaper Staff



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John Liccione lost his election. Now, Liccione has filed a lawsuit against *The Gabber Newspaper*, along with others, for \$10 million.

For the first time in its 56-year history, someone is suing *The Gabber Newspaper*. John Liccione, a Gulfport resident who lost his primary bid to represent Florida's 13th Congressional District, has filed a suit against

both Patrick Heinzen, *The Gabber Newspaper's* news and politics reporter, and Cathy Salustri Loper, the owner and publisher of the paper.

Heinzen and Salustri Loper are not alone in this lawsuit, however. The

case – 24-003939-CI – also names Pinellas Supervisor of Elections, Julie Marcus; Jennifer Griffith, Chair of the Pinellas Democratic Executive Committee; Whitney Fox, the successful

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### I. CASE STYLE

Plaintiff John William Liccione

Case No.:

Vs.

Defendant Julie Marcus, Jennifer Griffith, Whitney Fox

Mark Weinkrantz, Cathy Salustri Lopes, The Gabber Newspaper, LLC

Section: Civil

CATHY SALUSTRI

**II. AMOUNT OF CLAIM:** Please indicate the estimated amount of the claim rounded to the nearest amount of the claim is requested for data collection and clerical processing purposes only. This shall not be used for any other purpose.

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### III. TYPE OF CASE

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John Liccione is suing The Gabber Newspaper, among other entities, for \$10M.

Democratic candidate for Florida's 13th District; Mark Weinkrantz, who ran in the Democratic primary for Florida's 13th District; and "other unknown co-conspirators," as the complaint reads.

What does Liccione say hap-

pened? Election fraud, conspiracy to commit election fraud, and federal election fraud; civil rights violations; computer fraud and abuse; intentional interference with prospective economic advantage; voter intimidation and voter suppression; and

Government in the Sunshine violations.

Liccione wants \$10 million. He also wants the judge to nullify the Aug. 20 primary results for Florida's 13th Congressional District, order a special election for same, and to order the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections to "produce and deliver to Plaintiff the public elections records already requested and otherwise will reasonably request in the future, at zero cost to Plaintiff."

#### How Does The Gabber Newspaper Factor Into These Charges?

Here's what Liccione wrote in the complaint that includes his lawsuit against The Gabber Newspaper:

Thirty-nine days before the August 20th primary, on July 12, 2024, the local newspaper in Gulfport, The Gabber Newspaper, published a fraudulent article about the CD-13 Congressional election in which The Gabber asserted falsely that there were only four Democratic candi-

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dates competing in the primary. Plaintiff was the fifth candidate. The article included pictures and write ups of each of the four candidates. The owner and editor of The Gabber Newspaper is Cathy Salustri Loper. The reporter who wrote the article is Patrick Heinzen.

Plaintiff lives 100 yards from The Gabber in Gulfport. Defendants Loper and Heinzen have both spoken to Plaintiff about him being (the only) Congressional candidate that lives in Gulfport.

Plaintiff would demand Loper publish a correction to their false article but Loper failed to do so. She instead attempted to rationalize her and Heinzen's decision to conceal the existence of Plaintiff and his Congressional candidacy from voters."

The article Liccione references refers to a meet-and-greet held by the Pinellas Democrats. The organization invited neither Liccione nor incumbent Anna Paulina Luna, which is why Heinzen's article did not mention them. On Aug. 12, Loper emailed Liccione and explained this:

"Good morning. We did not include your name in the article because it was an article about candidates participating in a specific event, one which you did not participate. Our news and politics reporter, Patrick Heinzen, will be in touch with you tomorrow morning for a phone interview to ensure you have equal time."

Liccione did not respond to the email, nor did he grant Heinzen an interview. He did text Heinzen and encourage Heinzen to go with him

to the FBI office.

"I know exactly what's going on inside the house and now is the time to cut a deal and deliver up your Boss [sic] on a silver platter," he texted Heinzen. After reading the text, Heinzen asked Salustri Loper for permission to block Liccione's number.

The Gabber Newspaper has retained an attorney to represent it in the Liccione lawsuit against The Gabber Newspaper. While we believe this lawsuit will not cost us \$10 million, attorneys are not inexpensive (nor should they be). This lawsuit chips at our resources, both financial and time. We hope a judge dismisses this case soon, so we can turn our attention back to reporting the news that matters to you, our faithful readers. ♦



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