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Subject: Request for comment and supporting records: Rep. Haridopolos's reimbursements, financial disclosures and office practices
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Congressman Haridopolos and Communications Team,

I'm preparing a possible article for The Space Coast Rocket concerning Congressman Haridopolos's expense reimbursements, office spending, financial disclosures, business interests and staff departures. I am requesting your responses to the findings and questions below before publication.

The reporting draws on House Statements of Disbursements through June 30, 2026; federal financial disclosures; Florida corporate and lobbying records; public property information; a Brevard County Sheriff's Office incident report; and additional information gathered during our reporting.

Some questions concern documented transactions. Others concern allegations that have not been independently established. Please identify any factual errors, provide your explanation and supply supporting records where available.

Please respond by this Wednesday 5pm. If particular questions require additional time or should be directed to another representative, please identify those questions before the deadline. For matters involving Dr. Stephanie Haridopolos, please indicate whether your response is authorized on her behalf or identify the appropriate contact.

1. Congressman Haridopolos's Washington lodging and meal reimbursements

Our calculation from the published House disbursement files identifies **\$35,477 in Washington lodging and meal reimbursements charged to legislative year 2025**, consisting of **\$25,311 for lodging and \$10,166 for meals**. This includes 2025 expenses reported in subsequent quarterly statements.

That amount ranks sixth among 441 House member offices in our comparison of those two reimbursement categories. This is a calculation from the published records, not an official House ranking, and does not describe total office spending.

- Does the office agree with these amounts and the comparison? If not, please provide the corrected calculation.

- What explains the congressman's reimbursement level relative to other members, including the number of eligible days claimed, housing arrangements and actual expenses?
- Please provide the monthly expense vouchers, certifications and calculations supporting the 2025 claims and the claims submitted during 2026.
- Who prepares, reviews and certifies these claims? Have any claims been questioned, corrected, denied or repaid?

2. Washington home purchase and allocation of household expenses

The District of Columbia's property dataset identifies Michael and Stephanie Haridopolos as owners of a property with a reported sale price of **\$1,850,000** and a sale-date field of **December 5, 2025**. Congressman Haridopolos's annual financial disclosure separately reports a joint Washington mortgage.

The published reimbursement entries do not identify which expenses, if any, relate to this property.

- Please confirm or correct the purchase price, closing date and ownership.
- What were the general sources of the down payment and purchase funds, including whether proceeds from the MJH transaction were used? Please distinguish personal funds, borrowing and any government-paid benefits or reimbursements.
- Since the purchase, has the congressman claimed lodging reimbursement for expenses associated with this home? If so, identify the categories, amounts and allocation method.
- Were any purchase, closing, mortgage principal, mortgage interest, property-tax, insurance, utility, maintenance or other ownership expenses included in a reimbursement request? For each category claimed, please identify the applicable authorization.
- Has Dr. Haridopolos received any federal relocation, temporary-lodging, travel or other reimbursement connected with the purchase, move or use of this residence?
- How are shared expenses allocated between the spouses, and what controls prevent the same expense from being reimbursed through both the House and HHS?

- Has either spouse obtained written guidance concerning reimbursement eligibility for this residence? Please provide it.

3. Office spending and payments naming Chief of Staff Hannah Fraher

The House records show a **\$1,947,969 Members' Representational Allowance for 2025**, with **\$1,881,493.63 charged to that year in the records published through the second quarter of 2026**, including charges reported after year-end.

Within the disbursement records, Hannah E. Fraher is named as payee on **\$121,859.58 in non-salary expenses charged to 2025** and **\$60,116.26 charged to 2026 through June**, totaling **\$181,975.84**. These figures exclude salary and do not establish that she personally benefited from the underlying purchases.

Our comparison places her second in matched groups of 279 chiefs of staff for 2025 and 374 for the first half of 2026. Those groups use the reported title "Chief of Staff" and substantially full-period payroll coverage; they are not an exhaustive, independently verified roster of all chiefs. Different offices may also route purchases differently.

- Does the office agree with these totals? Please identify any corrections or accounting distinctions.
- What explains the volume of official expenses recorded under Ms. Fraher's name?
- Which purchases were for shared office needs, other employees or the congressman?
- Why were these expenses processed through employee reimbursement rather than direct vendor payment or a government purchase card?
- Who approves purchases, verifies delivery, reviews supporting documentation and authorizes Ms. Fraher's reimbursements? Can she approve her own expenses?
- Have the CAO, House Administration Committee, Ethics Committee or another reviewing body examined these arrangements? Please provide any relevant findings or written guidance.

4. Personal credit cards, rewards and employee authorization

We have received allegations that Ms. Fraher used a personal rewards credit card for substantial official purchases, received reimbursement and retained the resulting rewards.

Separately, we have received an allegation that Pamela Persse was added as an authorized user on Ms. Fraher's personal account without her consent, using information obtained from employment paperwork. The allegation includes an adverse effect on Ms. Persse's credit. We are awaiting records establishing those claims.

- Did Ms. Fraher use a personal credit card for official purchases? If so, identify the arrangement and its approval process.
- Who received rewards, cash back, travel credits, bonuses or other benefits generated by reimbursed purchases? Were those benefits used personally or for official purposes?
- What written guidance did the office rely on concerning rewards, fees, interest and reimbursement?
- Was Ms. Persse added to any such account? If so, when, by whom, in what capacity and with what authorization?
- Was employment information used for that purpose? Please provide documentation establishing consent, with sensitive identifiers redacted.
- Did Ms. Persse raise a complaint or dispute about the account or its effect on her credit? What action followed?
- When did Congressman Haridopolos become aware of these arrangements, and what oversight did he exercise?

5. Specific expenditure entries requiring explanation

Please provide invoices, receipts, approval records and the official purpose for the following entries naming Ms. Fraher as payee:

- **\$15,999.45 in advertising**, paid June 9, 2026, voucher **X0358792**, and **\$8,999.89 in advertising**, paid June 30, 2026, voucher **X0362807**. Please identify the actual vendors, advertisements, audiences, placement dates and communications approvals.
- **\$4,132 in lodging**, service dates February 5–9, 2026, voucher **X0326811**, and

\$3,070.97 in lodging, service dates June 15–18, 2025, voucher **X0272213**. Please identify the locations, travelers, room counts and official purposes.

- **\$9,500 for publications/reference materials**, voucher **X0259073**, and **\$8,250 for software**, voucher **X0316870**. Please identify the products, vendors, license or subscription counts, users and service periods.

Two sets of entries also have matching payees, amounts and service dates:

- Julia Bowers lodging of **\$761.79** for September 28–October 1, 2025, under vouchers **X0296403** and **X0312569**.
- Benjamin Office Supply & Services maintenance/repairs of **\$489** for March 12, 2026, under vouchers **X0358241** and **X0358257**.

Do these represent separate expenses, corrections, repostings or duplicate payments? Please provide the invoices and any offsetting credits or repayments. Matching entries alone do not establish duplicate reimbursement.

6. Staff resignations, turnover and constituent-service capacity

Our payroll review identifies 15 employees with regular member-office compensation beginning January 3, 2025. Five had regular pay periods covering June 30, 2026. We recognize that payroll endpoints alone do not establish resignations or their causes, and that centrally funded positions require separate treatment.

We have received information that Keith Van Buren and district director Pamela Persse have both recently resigned. Please confirm or correct that information and provide their effective departure dates.

Patricia Febro, whose member-office payroll ended March 5, 2025, is a separate person and is now listed in Commissioner Rob Feltner's office.

- Please provide the current staff roster, titles and vacancies, and identify departures since January 2025, with effective dates and whether they were resignations, terminations, transfers or other changes.
- Specifically, please clarify the status and departure circumstances of Keith Van Buren, Pamela Persse, Patricia Febro, Julia Bowers, Rob Medina and Christopher "CJ" Drake. We have obtained CJ's resignation letter and reviewed

internal emails regarding the departure of other staff.

- If Mr. Van Buren and Ms. Persse resigned, what reasons did they provide, and did either raise concerns about management, spending, ethics or workplace practices?
- What explains the broader turnover, and how many departing employees raised such concerns?
- How many constituent-service and casework employees were assigned to the district office at the beginning of the term, in June 2026 and currently? Please distinguish member-office employees from centrally funded aides.
- Who currently supervises district operations, and who has assumed the responsibilities previously held by Mr. Van Buren and Ms. Persse?
- What are the current caseload, backlog and response times? Have vacancies resulted in referrals to other elected officials' offices or reductions in services?

7. June 5 personnel action, leave policies and complaint procedures

BCSO incident **2026-00173138** documents deputies' attendance at the district office on June 5, 2026. Its narrative describes Ryan Lober as being terminated and states that he gathered his belongings and left without incident.

House payroll records separately show Green & Gold compensation covering April–June 2026. Those records do not establish his precise employment status after June 5.

- Was Mr. Lober removed from the office assignment, placed on paid administrative leave, terminated from CAO employment or subjected to another action? Please distinguish each action, date, decision-maker and stated reason.
- Who requested BCSO's presence, and what circumstances justified it? Was any threat, misconduct or security incident reported?
- What complaints concerning leave administration, communications or ethics did the office receive during the week of June 1–5, 2026? Who reviewed them, and what findings or actions resulted?
- Has the office received notice of any Office of Congressional Workplace Rights matter concerning these issues? If so, what can it say about the status and its response?
- Has the office's eligibility to host another Green & Gold aide been suspended

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Please provide relevant policies, personnel notices and contemporaneous explanations, with medical details and other sensitive information redacted as appropriate.

8. Other employees' objections and treatment

We have received accounts alleging that CJ Drake objected to the credit-card arrangement and other practices before leaving; that Julia Bowers sought ethics guidance and was subsequently pushed out; and that Rob Medina was pressured concerning the relationship between his congressional employment and his duties as Palm Bay mayor.

We also received an allegation that previously handled casework emails were moved into a common folder and presented as an unresolved backlog attributable to Ms. Bowers.

- Does the office dispute these accounts? Please address each separately.
- What concerns, if any, did these employees raise, and how did the office respond?
- Were casework emails or folders reorganized around Ms. Bowers's departure? Who authorized that action, and what do the system logs show?
- What controls protect employees who seek ethics guidance or report concerns from adverse treatment?
- Were exit interviews conducted with departing staff, and did those interviews identify recurring concerns about office leadership or practices?

9. Nonofficial email and constituent intervention

We have received allegations that staff were encouraged to establish non-House email accounts for work communications, that such accounts appeared in Indigov casework records, and that some agency contacts occurred outside the ordinary casework process. We have reviewed these very emails.

The presence of a non-House address alone does not establish improper activity. We are seeking the purpose, authorization and recordkeeping arrangements.

- Which non-House accounts, if any, have the congressman or staff used for official business? Who owns and controls them?
- Were employees instructed to create such accounts? Who issued that instruction and why?
- How are official communications retained, secured and incorporated into casework records? Are messages and attachments preserved in searchable form?
- How are official, campaign and private-business communications separated? Have official casework records or constituent information been used for campaign or fundraising purposes?
- Have any relevant messages, accounts or casework logs been deleted or become inaccessible?

We also received allegations of personal intervention by the congressman in USCIS matters, including spouse or fiancé immigration matters, outside the ordinary casework workflow.

- What procedures govern direct agency contacts by the congressman?
- Were any such matters handled for donors, clients, friends or business associates, and were those relationships disclosed internally?
- Were requests limited to status inquiries and lawful consideration, or did anyone seek exceptions, preferential treatment or a particular outcome?
- Please provide responsive policies and appropriately redacted examples sufficient to explain the process, without identifying private immigration applicants.

10. MJH Consulting's sale, ownership and continuing roles

Congressman Haridopolos's [2025 annual financial disclosure](#) reports a January 2, 2025 sale of "MJH Consulting, 100% Interest," marked jointly owned, in the **\$1,000,001–\$5,000,000** category.

Dr. Haridopolos's new-entrant disclosure states that she became the owner on January 1, 2025, owned 100%, and ended officer and employee positions in February 2025. However, the January 26, 2026 Sunbiz annual report lists her as president, secretary, treasurer and director and bears her electronic signature as

president.

- What exactly was sold on January 2: corporate ownership, assets, client contracts, goodwill or another interest? Who was the purchaser?
- How do the sale entry, Dr. Haridopolos's ownership statement and the continuing corporate officer listing fit together?
- Did she resign her officer roles in February 2025, later resume them, or remain in them? Does either filing require correction?
- What functions does MJH currently perform, and what clients, income, receivables or obligations remained after the transaction?
- Has either spouse received payments since entering federal service through installments, consulting, referrals, client retention, earn-outs or another continuing arrangement?
- Please provide documents sufficient to establish the transaction structure, payment obligations and retained interests.

Melbourne-Tillman Water Control District subsequently contracted with Corcoran Partners for **\$30,000 for 2025**. Earlier disclosures identify Corcoran as a compensation source for Mr. Haridopolos.

- Did Corcoran purchase any portion of MJH's business or assume its clients? Were there continuing compensation or referral arrangements?
- What role, if any, did the family's continuing political relationship with Corcoran-associated contributors have in the business transaction? Please explain any relationship between business payments and political contributions, or confirm they were separate.

11. Dr. Haridopolos's HHS responsibilities and financial safeguards

HHS identifies Dr. Haridopolos as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health and Director of National Health Communications. Earlier MJH client disclosures include health-care organizations and other entities with potential interests before federal agencies.

- Please confirm her federal appointment dates, positions and any continuing MJH ownership, employment or officer role.
- What outside-position approvals, ethics agreements, recusals, waivers or other

- What outside-position approvals, ethics agreements, recusals, waivers or other safeguards address MJH, former clients and retained family financial interests?
- Has she participated in matters involving former MJH clients, any purchaser of MJH's business or entities from which either spouse continues receiving payments?
- Has the congressman's office sought assistance from HHS concerning such entities?
- Please provide the relevant ethics documents and identify any disclosure amendments.

We also seek clarification of the preceding-year income entries in Mr. Haridopolos's 2025 new-filer report: **\$290,000 in MJH self-employment income, \$785,000 in MJH distributions and a separately reported \$700,000 pension entry**. What does each represent, and are any amounts overlapping rather than separate receipts?

12. Management background, public access and additional context

Please clarify Ms. Fraher's prior role and employment dates in Speaker Mike Johnson's office, the circumstances of her transition to this office and the congressman's reasons for selecting her. A 2024 report described a dispute involving her and the D.C. Young Republicans; did that dispute lead to any employment action or have any connection to her subsequent departure?

Please also explain:

- The office's approach to in-person versus telephone town halls, including any security assessments supporting restrictions on in-person events.
- How reported telephone-town-hall participation figures are calculated, including whether they represent invitations, answered calls, unique listeners or another measure.
- The frequency, purpose and funding arrangements for BCSO or other security assistance at office events.

If the article addresses the congressman's earlier financial-disclosure history, what comment does he have on the 2010–2011 findings concerning his 2004–2008 disclosures and the controls subsequently adopted? We recognize that the Senate committee characterized those violations as neither willful nor intentional.

If there are continuing financial obligations or other relevant circumstances arising from the consulting dispute with Frank Tsamoutales that settled in 2016, please identify them. We are not treating the settlement as a finding that either side's allegations were true.

Please respond to the numbered topics individually and identify which answers come from the congressman, Ms. Fraher, Dr. Haridopolos or another authorized representative. If any requested record cannot be provided, please explain why and provide whatever factual response is available.

You are welcome to provide additional context, documents or an interview. Please confirm receipt and identify the person coordinating your response.

Thank you,



Incident Report

Print Date/Time: 08/24/2026 16:46
Login ID: bcs01corrine.manley

Brevard County Sheriff's Office
ORI Number: FL0050000

Incident: 2026-00173138

Incident Date/Time: 6/5/2026 12:53:20 PM
Location: 2725 JUDGE FRAN JAMIESON WAY
Melbourne FL 32940
Phone Number:
Report Required: No
Prior Hazards: No
LE Case Number:

Incident Type: Information
Venue: Melbourne
Source: Officer Initiated
Priority: 3
Status: Routine
Nature of Call:

Unit/Personnel

Unit	Personnel
G61	4906-Gobell
G64	4923-LeBreston

Person(s)

No.	Role	Name	Address	Phone	Race	Sex	DOB
1	Involved Person				White	Male	

Vehicle(s)							
Role	Type	Year	Make	Model	Color	License	State
Disposition(s)							
Disposition	Count	Date/Time					
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Property							
Date	Code	Type	Make	Model	Description	Tag No.	Item No.

Incident Number: 2026-00173138, ORI: FL0050000.

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CAD Narrative

06/05/2026 : 13:36:41 bcs0\54923 Narrative: Agents were requested to be present at the time of Mr. [REDACTED] being terminated from his position. [REDACTED] gathered his personal belongings and left the building without incident.

06/05/2026 : 13:28:25 bcs0\54923 Narrative: Congressman Haridopolos' office

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