## TELEVISION QUARTERLY ISSUES-PROGRAMS REPORT

Station: WFGX-TV

Location: Fort Walton Beach, FL

June 30, 2014 Quarter ending:

ISSUE/description: 5. GOVERNMENT & POLITICS. The continuing effects of the latest

> Presidential election, and now speculation on the 2016 election; Florida's controversial Governor and state elections this year; local

and state political issues; partisan politics.

How Issue was treated (Program, PSA, etc.):

<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	Time/Duration	Program type	<u>Description</u>
Facing Florida	04/06/14	11:30AM/10 minutes	Public Affairs	*

<sup>\*</sup> As the Florida legislative session hits its midpoint, political analysts Pete Dunbar and Screven Watson grade what state lawmakers have done so far.

2. Facing Florida

04/13/14

11:30AM/10 minutes Public Affairs

3. Channel 3 News at 9PM On WFGX

04/16/14

09:00PM/4 minutes

News

\*\*\* Pensacola's City Charter is not even five years old, but one city councilman wants it changed. Voters approved the new city charter and "Strong Mayor" form of government in 2009. Before then, the mayor's job was largely ceremonial. He was essentially a voting member of the city council. Now, the mayor is like the CEO of the city. He doesn't vote in city council meetings, and seldom attends. He supervises all departments and has the power to appoint officers and employees. Day to day operations are handled by a city manager that he appoints. Councilman Charles Bare wants to shift power from the mayor's office to the council, saying the system is not working and there are key components left out in the current city charter. He doesn't want to change the charter completely, just add three amendments: give the city council financial control, meaning the council could fix salaries of elected officials and make changes to the city budget; give more power to the city council, not the mayor, to decide the organization of city government; and make the mayor a voting member of the city council again. He would have to follow Sunshine Law and be subject to recall. The mayor's office released a statement regarding the proposal, saying in part that the strong mayor form of government is working and going forward with these changes would be taking a step back and returning to days of gridlock. Voters we spoke with had mixed feelings about the proposed changes. The council could vote on this as early as next week. But it's ultimately left in the hands of the voters. Bare is hoping to have this on the ballot in August.

4. Facing Florida

04/20/14

11:30AM /30 minutes Public Affairs

<sup>\*\*</sup> Our political analysts discussed Spyder Webb's efforts to get the Florida legislature to tell Congress to call a Constitutional Convention ... something we haven't had in 238 years.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Political analysts Pete Dunbar and Screven Watson discussed what state lawmakers have done so far this year, and what's left to be done in the final two weeks of the session.

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\*\*\*\*\* As the Florida legislative session goes through its final hours, political analysts Pete Dunbar and Screven Watson discussed what passed, what failed and why.

6. Facing Florida 05/11/14 11:30AM/30 minutes Public Affairs \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*\* Today we provided a full review of the 2014 Florida legislative session. Political analysts Pete Dunbar and Screven Watson discussed who won, who lost and why. We interviewed legislative leaders from both parties.

7. Facing Florida 06/08/14 11:30AM/30 minutes Public Affairs \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Charlie Crist's political advisor talked about the internal workings of his campaign, why it has stumbled, and how it is recovering. Republican analyst Pete Dunbar offered a different look, from the GOP perspective.

8. Channel 3 News at 9PM 06/26/14 06:02PM/2 minutes News \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*
On WFGX

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Pensacola city officials want to know what people in the area think needs to be improved. They are calling people and asking them how to make the city better. In the phone survey, they're asking questions like "Are you satisfied with the quality of city services?" and "Where should the city put more resources?" We interviewed residents whose suggestions ranged from more services for the youth of Pensacola, to filling the many potholes in city streets, to keeping the city clean. The phone survey is going now until the end of July. Researchers will not ask for names or private information, just opinions.