



March 15, 2023

New San Diego  
Stephanie Sanchez, Treasurer

**Warning Letter re: FPPC No. 2022-00403; New San Diego, Stephanie Sanchez**

Dear Committee and Stephanie Sanchez:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).<sup>1</sup> As you are aware, the Enforcement Division received a sworn complaint alleging that you violated the campaign disclosure provisions of the Act. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that you failed to timely file a pre-election campaign statement for the period of January 1, 2022, through April 23, 2022.

The Act requires general purpose committees who make contributions totaling \$500 or more in connection with an election to file pre-election campaign statements by their respective due dates.<sup>2</sup> You and the committee violated the Act by failing to file the first pre-election campaign statement by the April 28, 2022 deadline. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter because you filed the required campaign statement on May 26, 2022, before the election and soon after you were contacted by the Enforcement Division. Additionally, you timely filed the second pre-election campaign statement, and the Committee does not have a prior history of violating this section of the Act. Based on the foregoing, and in accordance with the Enforcement Division Policy Directives formally adopted by the Commission on January 26, 2023, which requires the Enforcement Division to take all appropriate actions within their discretion to decrease the Division’s annual carryover caseload, the Enforcement Division is closing this case with this warning letter.<sup>3</sup> Discretion was used based upon mitigating or aggravating circumstances and the totality of the circumstances.<sup>4</sup> This resolution may not be used as a comparable case for other enforcement matters.<sup>5</sup>

This letter serves as a written warning. The information in this matter will be retained and may be considered should an enforcement action become necessary based on newly discovered information or future conduct. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in the future will result in monetary penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation.

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<sup>1</sup> The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014, and all statutory references are to this code. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.

<sup>2</sup> Section 84200.5.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/content/dam/fppc/NS-Documents/AgendaDocuments/General%20Items/2023/january/15.0-Enforcement-directives.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> Regulation 18360.1.

<sup>5</sup> See Regulation 18361.5, subdivision (e)(3).

A warning letter is an Enforcement Division case resolution without administrative prosecution or fine. The Commission has adopted Regulation 18360.1 to authorize the Enforcement Division to issue warning letters to conclude cases in specified circumstances. However, the warning letter resolution does not provide you with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or hearing before an Administrative Law Judge or the Commission. If you wish to avail yourself of these proceedings by requesting that your case proceed with prosecution rather than a warning, please notify us within ten (10) days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the Enforcement Division will rescind this warning letter and proceed with administrative prosecution of this case. If we do not receive such notification, this warning letter will be posted on the Commission's website ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Amber Rodriguez at [arodriguez@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:arodriguez@fppc.ca.gov) or (916) 322-1198.

Sincerely,

*Christopher B. Burton*

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