



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
1102 Q Street • Suite 3000 • Sacramento, CA 95811

April 1, 2020

Paige Lampson



Via Email: 

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2019-01490, Paige Lampson

Dear Ms. Lampson:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ This letter is in response to a referral from the Secretary of State alleging that your Committee to Elect Paige Lampson, Galt City Council 2016 (the “Committee”) failed to timely pay \$50 annual fees and \$150 penalties for 2018 through 2020.

The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that the Committee terminated as of December 31, 2016. Therefore, the Committee was not required to pay the \$50 annual fees and \$150 penalties for 2018 through 2020. However, we also found that you failed to timely file an officeholder and candidate campaign statement short form (“Form 470”) for 2017 through 2019.

The Act requires an officeholder who receives contributions and makes expenditures of less \$2,000 in a calendar year to file the Form 470 on or before the filing deadline for the first semi-annual campaign statement required for the calendar year.²

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to timely file the Form 470 for 2017 through 2019 as Galt City Council Member. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter because you received incorrect advice regarding the deadlines to file Forms 470 for 2017 and 2019, and you filed the outstanding Forms 470 soon after being contacted by the Enforcement Division. Additionally, you have no history of violating the Act.

¹ 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.

² Sections 84206 and 84200. Regulation 18406.

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.

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 need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding your obligations, please call the Commission's Toll-Free Advice Line at 1-866-275-3772 or visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Please feel free to contact Dominika Wojenska at dwojenska@fppc.ca.gov or (916) 322-2043 or with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Galena West, Chief
Enforcement Division

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cc: Galt City Clerk