



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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April 3, 2015

Mr. Matthew W. Bunch

Warning Letter Re: FPPC Case No. 14/1353

Matthew W. Bunch

✓ **MWB Consulting**

Dear Mr. Bunch:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (Commission) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act") contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. This letter is in response to a non-filer enforcement referral from the California Secretary of State (SOS) which alleged you violated the Act's lobbying reporting provisions.

The Commission has completed its investigation and found that you, as a registered lobbyist in California; the owner of MWB Consulting, a California lobbying firm failed to timely file a "Lobbyist Report" (Form 615) for the periods covering 1/1/14-3/31/14 and 7/1/14-9/30/14 with SOS. Additionally, your lobbying firm failed to timely file a "Report of Lobbying Firm" (Form 625) for the periods covering 4/1/14-6/30/14, 7/1/14-9/30/14, and 10/1/14-12/31/14 with SOS.

Under sections 86113 through 86116, lobbyists and lobbying firms are required to file periodic reports disclosing their lobbying activities by the time as specified in 86117 and in the format required under 86118.

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to timely file Form 615's and 625's for the aforementioned periods. However, since you do not have a history of violating the Act and there was little to no lobbying activity during the relevant periods, we are closing your case with this warning letter.

Although the Enforcement Division is closing this case without seeking a penalty, please note that any future non-filings will be brought to our attention and may result in monetary penalties. This warning letter may be considered should a future FPPC enforcement action become necessary.

A warning letter is an FPPC case resolution without administrative prosecution; however, this resolution does not provide you with the opportunity for a probable cause or administrative

hearing. 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 days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the FPPC will rescind this warning letter and proceed with administrative prosecution of your case. If we do not receive such notification, this warning letter will be posted on the FPPC's website.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, contact Bruce Pence at (916) 323-2689.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Galena West.

Galena West
Acting Chief, Enforcement Division

cc: Gloria Gilmore
California Secretary of State
Political Reform Division

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