



## FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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### **Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 16/403; Chris Mills, Respondent**

Dear Mr. Mills:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").<sup>1</sup> This letter is in response to a complaint filed against you that alleged you reported an investment in Ramon Partners on your Annual Statements of Economic Interests (SEIs), but that Ramon Partners does not appear to exist.

The Enforcement Division has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that your investment interest is actually an entity called WWCOT Ramon, LLC., and that you have incorrectly reported that investment on your SEIs.

The Act requires that public officials disclose on their SEIs investments and business positions in business entities, interests in real property and income from sources located in, or during business in, the official's respective jurisdiction. (Gov. Code Sections 87206/87207.)

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to report the correct name of the business in which you have an investment. However, because it appears that you may have been reporting the assets held by WWCOT Ramon, LLC., when you have not been required to do so and because you have now amended your SEIs to accurately reflect your investment in WWCOT Ramon, LLC.,

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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.

and further since you have abstained from participating in decisions that affect the assets held by WWCOT Ramon, LLC., we are closing our file on this matter.

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. 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](http://www.fppc.ca.gov).

Please feel free to contact Jeanette Turvill at (916) 322-8194 or [jturvill@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:jturvill@fppc.ca.gov) with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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

Galena West, Chief  
Enforcement Division

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cc: Eloise Mohsin