



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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June 19, 2015

Ebony Lewis
Black Los Angeles Young Democrats

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 15/223; Black Los Angeles Young Democrats; Ebony Lewis, Respondent(s)

Dear Mr. Lewis:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (the "Commission") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").¹ This letter is in response to a referral from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder that alleged your committee failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement for the period July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

The Enforcement Division has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that your semi-annual campaign statement for the period July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 that was due to be filed January 31, 2015 was not filed until May 1, 2015.

Specifically the Act provides that general purpose committees must file, in addition to other statements, a semi-annual campaign statement for the period January 1 through June 30 by the July 31 deadline, and a semi-annual campaign statement for the period July 1 through December 31 by January 31. (Section 84200.)

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.

Your actions violated the Act because your committee did not file its semi-annual campaign statement for the period July 1 through December 31, 2014, until May 1, 2015.

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.

Please feel free to contact the Enforcement Division at (916) 322-5660 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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