



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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August 12, 2014

Art Chacon, individually and
o/b/o Art Chacon for Water Board 2010

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Re: Warning Letter ✓
FPPC No. 14/305; Art Chacon, and Art Chacon for Water Board 2010

Dear Mr. Chacon and Art Chacon for Water Board 2010:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act")¹ found in Government Code section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to a referral from the referrals from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk that you failed to timely file campaign statements as required by the Act.

The Commission has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, you failed to timely file six consecutive semi-annual statements for reporting periods over a three year period, between January 1, 2011 and December 31, 2013, as follows:

Reporting Period	Date Filed	Days Late
01/01 – 06/30/2011	09/01/2011	31
07/01 – 12/31/2011	03/16/2012	45
01/01 – 06/30/2012	08/02/2012	2
07/01 – 12/31/2012	03/20/2013	48
01/01 – 06/30/2013	03/19/2014	230 (7 months, 18 days)
07/01 – 12/31/2013	03/19/2014	46

Your failure to timely file these campaign statements violates the Act. (Section 84200.) However, based on the specific facts of this case we are closing this matter with a warning letter.

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¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code Sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

The only campaign activity during these six reporting periods was several loans remaining outstanding. In January 2011, the Commission imposed an administrative penalty of \$30,000 against you for campaign filing and reporting violations. This penalty was paid for with loans made to Respondent Committee as follows:

Lorenzo Argumendo	\$5,000
Interstate Poultry	\$15,000
Art Chacon	\$10,500

No interest has accrued on the loans, and no payments have been made on the loans.

No campaign activity occurred during this three year period other than the outstanding loans rolling over to the next period. No contributions or expenditures were made, you ultimately filed each campaign statement, and you subsequently amended your campaign statements to include all of the required information regarding the outstanding loans.

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 future conduct or newly discovered information. 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 FPPC 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 FPPC 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 FPPC's website ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Angela J. Brereton
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Enforcement Division