



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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✓ Angelique Perez  
Citizens for Solvency

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Rita Copeland  
Citizens for Solvency

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**Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 15/1272; Citizens for Solvency; Angelique Perez, Rita Copeland, Treasurer, Respondents**

Dear Mmes. Perez and Copeland:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (the "Commission") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").<sup>1</sup> This letter is in response to a pro-active investigation by this office concerning your committee's failure to include a proper disclaimer on a newspaper advertisement in connection with the Yuba County Medical Marijuana Cultivation Act of 2015.

The Enforcement Division has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that your advertisement failed to include the phrase "Paid for by" Citizens for Solvency. (Section 84506; Regulation 18450.4.)

Additionally, while your Statement of Organization indicates you are a county general purpose committee, if your committee's expenditures are used primarily to support the Yolo County Medical Marijuana Cultivation Act of 2015, and should you prepare any further

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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.

advertisements, your committee name must also include a statement that the committee is “in support of the Medical Marijuana Cultivation Act of 2015.”<sup>2</sup> (Sections 82047.5; Regulation 18247.5 and Section 84107.)

Your actions violated the Act because while your advertisements mentioned Citizens for Solvency in the opening paragraph and included the committee’s campaign identification number, your advertisement failed to include the proper identification required by Section 84506. However, since this advertisement did provide minimally sufficient information identifying the committee, we are closing 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 [REDACTED] with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Galena West, Chief  
Enforcement Division

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<sup>2</sup> Note that once the County of Yuba assigns a ballot letter to this initiative, you must amend your Statement of Organization (Form 410) to include that assigned ballot letter. After that date, your committee must be identified as a committee supporting that specific measure by its assigned letter.