

Item #3 – Personal Use of Campaign Funds

3. In the Matter of Friends of Lilia Leon for Council 2013 and Lilia Leon; FPPC No. 16/116. Staff: Bridgette Castillo, Senior Commission Counsel and Ann Flaherty, Special Investigator. Lilia Leon was a successful candidate for Commerce City Council in the March 5, 2013 Primary Election, and unsuccessful in the June 6, 2017 Primary Election. Friends of Lilia Leon for City Council 2013 was her candidate-controlled committee. Leon used campaign funds for personal purposes which were unrelated to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose, in violation of Government Code Section 89512 (1 count). The Committee and Leon failed to timely file a pre-election campaign statement for the reporting period of January 20, 2013 through February 16, 2013, in violation of Government Code Sections 84200.5, subdivision (c) and 84200.8 (1 count), and failed to properly disclose expenditures on campaign statements from January 20, 2013 to December 31, 2013, in violation of Government Code Section 84211, subdivisions (b), (i) – (k) (1 count). The Committee and Leon also failed to properly disclose expenditures on campaign statements from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84211, subdivisions (b), (i) – (k) (1 count); failed to make all campaign expenditures from the designated campaign bank account, in violation of Government Code Section 85201 (1 count); and made impermissible cash expenditures from 2013 to 2015, in violation of Government Code Section 84300, subdivision (b) (1 count). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$11,000.**

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