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The following are enforcement decisions approved by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its regular monthly meeting held on Thursday, January 15, 2026. Decisions are listed by category and include a brief summary of each case and the total amount of any administrative fine in each case.

Laundered Campaign Contributions

In the Matter of Prov 3:9 LLC and John Kruger; FPPC No. 21/040. Staff: Theresa Gilbertson, Attorney Supervisor and Ann Flaherty, Special Investigator. In connection with the September 14, 2021 Gubernatorial Recall Election, John Kruger made a \$500,000 contribution to the committee, Rescue California-Recall Gavin Newsom in the name of another, in violation of Government Code Section 84301 (1 count), and failed to disclose the activity on a major donor statement, in violation of Government Code Section 84211 (1 count). Prov 3:9 LLC made a contribution but failed to disclose that it was an intermediary for the true source, Kruger, in violation of Government Code sections 84301 and 84302 (1 count). **Fine: \$15,000.**

Mass Mailings at Public Expense

In the Matter of County of San Benito; FPPC No. 23/006. Staff: Alex Rose, Senior Commission Counsel and Kristin Hamilton, Special Investigator. The County of San Benito is represented by Gregory Priamos of Prentice | Long, PC. The County of San Benito sent prohibited campaign-related mass mailings at public expense, in violation of Government Code Section 89001 (1 count), failed to include the proper advertising disclosure on mailers, in violation of Government Code Sections 84502 and 84504.2 (1 count), failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of Government Code Section 84200, subdivision (b) (1 count), and failed to timely file one 24-Hour Report, in violation of Government Code Section 84204 (1 count). **Fine: \$18,000.**

Advertisements

In the Matter of Vietnamese American Voter Foundation and Huan Nguyen, FPPC No. 20/948. Staff: Theresa Gilbertson, Attorney Supervisor and Kristin Hamilton, Special Investigator. Huan Nguyen was an unsuccessful candidate for the City of Garden Grove. At the same time, Nguyen was the principal officer and controlled the local general purpose committee, Vietnamese American Voter Foundation. The Committee and Nguyen issued two advertisements that failed to disclose that the Committee was controlled by the candidate, in violation of Government Code Section 84502 and Regulation 18402, subdivision (c)(1) (2 counts). **Fine: \$409 (Tier One).**

Campaign Late Filer/Reporter

In the Matter of Indio Police Officers Association Political Action Committee, Doug Haynes, and Kathy Weeks; FPPC No. 19/1059. Staff: Jonathan Rivera, Commission Counsel. Indio Police Officers Association Political Action Committee is a local general purpose committee. Doug Haynes served as the Committee's treasurer from October 1, 2012 through October 17, 2021. Kathy Weeks served as the Committee's treasurer from October 18, 2021 through September 1, 2025. The Committee failed to timely file four semiannual campaign statements, in violation of Government Code Section 84200 (4 counts), two 24-Hour reports, in violation of Government Code Section 84203 (2 counts), and two pre-election campaign statements, in violation of Government Code Sections 84200.5 (2 counts). **Fine: \$816 (Tier One).**

In the Matter of Citizens For A Better Redding Yes on Measure A, Korey Wells, and Dennis Morgan; FPPC No. 25/1106. Staff: Jaleena Evans, Commission Counsel. Citizens For A Better Redding, Yes on Measure A is a local primarily formed ballot measure committee. Korey Wells serves as the Committee's treasurer. Dennis Morgan serves as the principal officer. The Committee failed to timely file an amendment to the Statement of Organization to change the Committee's designation and name to reflect that it was primarily formed, in violation of Government Code Section 84103 (1 count), failed to timely file a quarterly campaign statement, in violation of Government Code Section 84202.3 (1 count), failed to timely report expenditures on a semi-annual campaign statement and a pre-election campaign statement, in violation of

Government Code Section 84211 (2 counts), and failed to timely report the correct contribution amount received on a 24-Hour Report, in violation of Government Code Section 84203 (1 count). **Fine: \$473 (Tier One).**

In the Matter of Giovanni Christon-Pope for AV College Board 2022 and Giovanni Christon-Pope; FPPC No. 23/500. Staff: Chance Felkins, Commission Counsel. Giovanni Christon-Pope was an unsuccessful candidate for Antelope Valley Community College Board in the November 8, 2022 General Election. Giovanni Christon-Pope for AV College Board 2022 was the candidate's candidate-controlled committee. The Committee failed to timely file two pre-election campaign statements, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.5 (2 counts), failed to timely file one 24-Hour Report, in violation of Government Code Section 84203 (1 count), and failed to timely file one semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of Government Code Section 84200 (1 count). **Fine: \$219 (Tier One).**

Statement of Economic Interests Late Filer/Reporter

In the Matter of Iraida Pisano; FPPC No. 25/1242. Staff: Kendall L.D. Bonebrake, Chief of Enforcement and Amber Rodriguez, Associate Governmental Program Analyst. Iraida Pisano, a Planning Commissioner for the City of San Juan Bautista, failed to timely file a 2024 Annual Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code Section 87203 (1 count). **Fine: \$200 (Tier One).**

In the Matter of Kirk Bronsord; FPPC No. 25/761. Staff: Kendall L.D. Bonebrake, Chief of Enforcement and Taylor Culberson, Staff Services Analyst. Kirk Bronsord, Director of the Mosquito Fire Protection District, failed to timely file the Assuming Office Statement of Economic Interests in violation of Government Code Section 87300 (1 count). **Fine: \$200 (Tier One).**

In the Matter of Russel Maben; FPPC No. 25/1147. Staff: Kendall L.D. Bonebrake, Chief of Enforcement and Amber Rodriguez, Associate Governmental Program Analyst. Russel Maben, an Alternate Member for the Rice Commission, failed to timely file an Assuming Office Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code Section 87300 (1 count). **Fine: \$200 (Tier One).**