DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER FPPC No. 15/245

- 4. A Statement to Respondent; and
- 5. Copies of Sections 11506, 11507.5, 11507.6 and 11507.7 of the Government Code.

Government Code Section 11506 provides that failure of a respondent to file a Notice of Defense within fifteen days after being served with an Accusation shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing on the merits of the Accusation. The Statement to Respondent, served on Corso, Corso for Council, and Taxpayers for Oceanside stated that a Notice of Defense must be filed in order to request a hearing. Corso, Corso for Council, and Taxpayers for Oceanside failed to file a Notice of Defense within fifteen days of being served with an Accusation. Government Code Section 11520 provides that, if the respondent fails to file a Notice of Defense, the Commission may take action, by way of a default, based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence, and that affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to the respondent.

Corso, Corso for Council, and Taxpayers for Oceanside violated the Political Reform Act as described in Exhibit 1, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. Exhibit 1 is a true and accurate summary of the law and evidence in this matter. This Default Decision and Order is submitted to the Commission to obtain a final disposition of this matter.

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Galena West, Chief of Enforcement Fair Political Practices Commission

| 1          | ORDER   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2          | The Commission issues this Default Decision and Order and imposes a total administrative          |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3          | penalty of \$8,500 upon Corso and Corso for Council 2014 and \$7,000 upon Corso and Taxpayers for |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4          | Oceanside Neighborhoods, payable to the "General Fund of the State of California."                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5          | IT IS SO ORDERED, effective upon execution below by the Chair of the Fair Political Practices     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6          | Commission at Sacramento, California.   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 9          | Richard C. Miadich, Chair Fair Political Practices Commission                                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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# **EXHIBIT 1**

#### INTRODUCTION

Respondent Dana Corso ("Corso") was an unsuccessful candidate for the Oceanside City Council in 2014. Respondent Corso for Council 2014 ("Corso for Council") was Corso's candidate-controlled committee. Respondent Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods ("Taxpayers for Oceanside") is a city general purpose committee. Corso served as treasurer of Corso for Council and serves as treasurer of Taxpayers for Oceanside.

The Political Reform Act ("Act")<sup>1</sup> requires candidate-controlled committees to file campaign statements and reports to disclose their contributions received and expenditures made.

This matter was opened based on an audit of Corso for Council conducted by the California Franchise Tax Board ("FTB") covering the period of January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014 and based on complaints alleging Corso for Council and Taxpayers for Oceanside were not in compliance with the filing requirements of the Act.

As a controlled committee, its candidate, and its treasurer, Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely report their activity during the reporting period of July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014; failed to timely file one pre-election campaign statement for the reporting period of October 1, 2014 through October 18, 2014; failed to timely file one semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of October 19, 2014 through December 31, 2014; and failed to timely file three 24-hour contribution reports for contributions received on September 30, 2014; October 1, 2014; and October 31, 2014.

As a controlled committee and its treasurer, Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file three semi-annual campaign statements for the reporting periods of July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014; failed to timely amend a statement of organization; and failed to timely file two pre-election campaign statements for the reporting periods of July 1, 2014 through October 18, 2014.

# DEFAULT PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT

When the Commission determines that there is probable cause for believing that the Act has been violated, it may hold a hearing to determine if a violation has occurred.<sup>2</sup> Notice of the hearing, and the hearing itself, must be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The 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 ("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.

<sup>2</sup> Section 83116.

Act (the "APA").<sup>3</sup> A hearing to determine whether the Act has been violated is initiated by the filing of an accusation, which shall be a concise written statement of the charges, specifying the statutes and rules which the respondent is alleged to have violated.<sup>4</sup>

Included among the rights afforded a respondent under the APA, is the right to file the Notice of Defense with the Commission within 15 days after service of the accusation, by which the respondent may (1) request a hearing; (2) object to the accusation on the ground it does not state acts or omissions upon which the agency may proceed; (3) object to the form of the accusation on the ground that it is so indefinite or uncertain that the respondent cannot identify the transaction or prepare a defense; (4) admit the accusation in whole or in part; (5) present new matter by way of a defense; or (6) object to the accusation on the ground that, under the circumstances, compliance with a Commission regulation would result in a material violation of another department's regulation affecting substantive rights.<sup>5</sup>

The APA provides that a respondent's failure to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service of an accusation constitutes a waiver of the respondent's right to a hearing. Moreover, when a respondent fails to file a Notice of Defense, the Commission may take action based on the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to the respondent.

# PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND HISTORY

# A. <u>Initiation of the Administrative Action</u>

The service of the probable cause hearing notice, as required by Section 83115.5, upon the person alleged to have violated the Act starts the administrative action.<sup>8</sup>

A finding of probable cause may not be made by the Commission unless the person alleged to have violated the Act is 1) notified of the violation by service of process or registered mail with return receipt requested; 2) provided with a summary of the evidence; and 3) informed of his or her right to be present in person and represented by counsel at any proceeding of the Commission held for the purpose of considering whether probable cause exists for believing the person violated the Act. Additionally, the required notice to the alleged violator shall be deemed made on the date of service, the date the registered mail receipt is signed, or if the registered mail receipt is not signed, the date returned by the post office. 10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The California Administrative Procedure Act, which governs administrative adjudications, is contained in Sections 11370 through 11529 of the Government Code; Section 83116.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Section 11503.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Section 11506, subdivision (a)(1)–(6).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Section 11506, subdivision (c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Section 11520, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Section 91000.5, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Section 83115.5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Section 83115.5.

No administrative action pursuant to Chapter 3 of the Act alleging a violation of any of the provisions of the Act may be commenced more than five years after the date on which the violation occurred.<sup>11</sup>

Documents supporting the procedural history are included in the attached Certification of Records ("Certification") filed herewith at Exhibit 1, A-1 through A-21, and incorporated herein by reference.

In accordance with Sections 83115.5 and 91000.5, the Enforcement Division initiated the administrative action against Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso in this matter by serving them with a Report in Support of a Finding of Probable Cause (the "Report"). (Certification, Exhibit A-1.) Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso were served with the Report by substitute service, <sup>12</sup> on December 11, 2018. (Certification, Exhibit A-2.) The administrative action commenced on December 11, 2018, and the five-year statute of limitations was effectively tolled on this date.

As required by Section 83115.5, the packet served on Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso contained a cover letter and a memorandum describing probable cause proceedings, advising that Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso had 21 days in which to request a probable cause conference and/or to file a written response to the Report. (Certification, Exhibit A-3.) Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso did not request a probable cause conference or submit a written response to the Report.

Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso were served with an Amended Report in Support of a Finding of Probable Cause (the "Amended Report") (Certification, Exhibit A-4) by certified mail, return receipt requested, <sup>13</sup> on February 28, 2019. (Certification, Exhibit A-5.)

As required by Section 83115.5, the packet served on Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso contained a cover letter and a memorandum describing probable cause proceedings, advising that Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso had 21 days in which to request a probable cause conference and/or to file a written response to the amended Report. (Certification, Exhibit A-6.) Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso did not request a probable cause conference or submit a written response to the amended Report.

## B. Ex Parte Request for a Finding of Probable Cause

Because Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso failed to request a probable cause conference or submit a written response to the Report or the Amended Report by the statutory deadline, the Enforcement Division submitted an Ex Parte Request for a Finding of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Section 91000.5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Section 83115.5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Section 83115.5.

Probable Cause and an Order that an Accusation Be Prepared and Served to the Hearing Officer of the Commission on April 10, 2019. (Certification, Exhibit A-7.)

On April 10, 2019, Hearing Officer Jack Woodside, Legal Division, issued a Finding of Probable Cause and an Order to Prepare and Serve an Accusation on Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso. (Certification, Exhibit A-8.)

# C. The Issuance and Service of the Accusation

Under the Act, if the Hearing Officer makes a finding of probable cause, the Enforcement Division must prepare an accusation pursuant to Section 11503 of the APA, and have it served on the persons who are the subject of the probable cause finding.<sup>14</sup>

#### Section 11503 states:

A hearing to determine whether a right, authority, license, or privilege should be revoked, suspended, limited, or conditioned shall be initiated by filing an accusation or District Statement of Reduction in Force. The accusation or District Statement of Reduction in Force shall be a written statement of charges that shall set forth in ordinary and concise language the acts or omissions with which the respondent is charged, to the end that the respondent will be able to prepare his or her defense. It shall specify the statutes and rules that the respondent is alleged to have violated, but shall not consist merely of charges phrased in the language of those statutes and rules. The accusation or District Statement of Reduction in Force shall be verified unless made by a public officer acting in his or her official capacity or by an employee of the agency before which the proceeding is to be held. The verification may be on information and belief.

Upon the filing of the accusation, the agency must 1) serve a copy thereof on the respondent as provided in Section 11505, subdivision (c); 2) include a post card or other form entitled Notice of Defense that, when signed by or on behalf of the respondent and returned to the agency, will acknowledge service of the accusation and constitute a notice of defense under Section 11506; 3) include (i) a statement that respondent may request a hearing by filing a notice of defense as provided in Section 11506 within 15 days after service upon the respondent of the accusation, and that failure to do so will constitute a waiver of the respondent's right to a hearing, and (ii) copies of Sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7. The APA also sets forth the language required in the accompanying statement to the respondent.

The Accusation and accompanying information may be sent to the respondent by any means selected by the agency, but no order adversely affecting the rights of the respondent may be made

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Regulation 18361.4, subdivision (e).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Section 11505, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Section 11505, subdivision (b).

by the agency in any case unless the respondent has been served personally or by registered mail as set forth in the APA.<sup>17</sup>

On August 16, 2019, the Commission's Chief of Enforcement, Galena West, issued an Accusation against Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso. (Certification, Exhibit A-9.) In accordance with Section 11505, the Accusation and accompanying information, consisting of a Statement to Respondent, two copies of a Notice of Defense Form for each respondent, copies of Government Code Sections 11506, 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7, were served upon Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso by substitute service on October 1, 2019. The documents were mailed to Corso on October 1, 2019 at the location where they were delivered, making service effective on October 10, 2019. (Certification, Exhibit A-10.)

Along with the Accusation, the Enforcement Division served Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso with a "Statement to Respondent," which notified them that they could request a hearing on the merits and warned that, unless a Notice of Defense was filed within 15 days of service of the Accusation, they would be deemed to have waived the right to a hearing. (Certification, Exhibit A-11.) Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso did not file a Notice of Defense within the statutory time period, which ended on October 25, 2019.

As a result, on February 5, 2020, the Enforcement Division sent a letter to Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso advising that this matter would be submitted for a Default Decision and Order at the Commission's public meeting scheduled for March 19, 2020. (Certification, Exhibit A-20.) On March 3, 2020, the Enforcement Division sent another letter to Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso advising that this matter would be submitted for a Default Decision and Order at the Commission's public meeting scheduled for March 19, 2020. (Certification, Exhibit A-21.) A copy of the Default Decision and Order, and this accompanying Exhibit 1 with attachments, was included with the letter.

# **SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

The Act and its regulations are amended from time to time. The violations in this case occurred in 2014 and 2015. For this reason, all legal references and discussions of law pertain to the Act's provisions as they existed at that time.

An express purpose of the Act is to ensure voters are fully informed and improper practices are inhibited by requiring all candidates, as well as the committees controlled by them, to disclose all contributions received and expenditures made throughout a campaign. <sup>19</sup> In furtherance of this purpose, the Act requires candidate-controlled committees to file campaign statements at specific times disclosing information regarding contributions received and expenditures made. <sup>20</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Section 11505, subdivision (c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Cal. Code Civ. Pro. Section 415.20, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Section 81002, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Sections 84200 through 84225.

The Act defines a "candidate" as an individual who is listed on the ballot for election to any elective office. A "controlled committee" is a committee that is controlled directly or indirectly by a candidate or state measurer proponent or acts jointly with a candidate, controlled committee, or state measure proponent in connection with the making of expenditures. A candidate or state measure proponent controls a committee if he or she, his or her agent, or any other committee he or she controls has a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the committee." Under the Act, there is not a definition of "significant influence", but the Commission has advised that a candidate is presumed to exert significant influence "...whenever the candidate is a voting member of a committee's leadership body..." 23

Every committee must have a treasurer.<sup>24</sup> A treasurer is liable, along with the candidate and the committee, for any failure to comply with the Act's campaign reporting requirements.<sup>25</sup>

The Act requires the name of a candidate-controlled committee to include the last name of the controlling candidate, the office sought, and the year of the election.<sup>26</sup> The Act also requires committees to file an amended statement of organization within ten days to reflect any changes in the information contained in a statement of organization.<sup>27</sup>

Controlled committees must file semi-annual campaign statements each year no later than July 31 for the reporting period ending on June 30, and no later than January 31 of the following year for the reporting period ending on December 31. 28 If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or official state holiday, "the filing deadline for such a statement or report shall be extended to the next regular business day." 29

In 2014, candidates running for offices being voted upon on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June or November and their controlled committees were required to file the first pre-election campaign statement no later than October 5 for the period ending September 30, and the second pre-election campaign statement no later than 12 days before the election for the period ending 17 days before the election.<sup>30</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Section 82007.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Section 82016, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Ferguson Advice Letter, No. A-86-044. FPPC advice letters are issued pursuant to Government Code Section 83114, subdivision (b), and California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 18329. They offer guidance to the public, and under certain circumstances, the requestor may use the advice as a defense in an enforcement proceeding. Although the ultimate resolution of legal issues regarding statutory interpretation lies with the courts, the advice of the FPPC as an agency empowered by the Legislature to interpret and enforce the Political Reform Act is entitled to weight (Section 83114).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Section 84100.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Former Regulation 18402, subdivision (c)(1) and (2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Section 84103.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Section 84200, subdivision (a)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Regulation 18116, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Former Section 84200.5, subdivision (b) and Section 84200.7, subdivision (b)(1) and (2).

The Act requires each campaign statement to contain information pertaining to the total amount of contributions received during the applicable period, the total amount of expenditures made during the applicable period, and the name, street address, occupation, and employer of any contributor that has made contributions totaling more than \$100 in the applicable period. 31

Under the Act in 2014, a late contribution was defined as "a contribution, including a loan, that totals in the aggregate one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more and is made to or received by a candidate, a controlled committee, or a committee formed or existing primarily to support or oppose a candidate or measure within 90 days before the date of the election..."32 A candidate or committee that makes or receives a late monetary contribution is required to report it within 24hours of making or receiving a late contribution.<sup>33</sup> Additionally, a candidate or committee that receives a late in-kind contribution shall report that activity within 48 hours of receiving a late inkind contribution.<sup>34</sup>

Candidates for city office and their controlled committees must file campaign statements with the clerk of the city.<sup>35</sup>

#### SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE

Corso for Council qualified as a recipient committee on or around August 17, 2014. (Certification, Exhibits A-12 and A-14.) Corso for Council reported receiving contributions totaling approximately \$26,388 and making expenditures totaling approximately \$25,194.

Corso was an unsuccessful candidate for the Oceanside City Council in the November 4, 2014 General Election. At the time of running for city council, Corso was also serving as the treasurer of Taxpayers for Oceanside, which is a role she began on or around January 1, 2013. (Certification, Exhibit A-13.)

#### **Corso for Council**

Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely report contributions received on a pre-election campaign statement for the reporting period of July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 filed on October 6, 2014. (Certification, Exhibit A-14 and A-19.) Specifically, Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely report a \$200 monetary contribution received from Corso and \$1,000 in-kind contribution received from Oceanside Associates (Certification, Exhibit A-19.). The pre-election campaign statement was amended on July 15, 2015. (Certification, Exhibit A-15.) Corso included the in-kind contribution on the amended campaign statement; however, she reported the office space as valued at \$1,000 for 2 1/2 months instead of \$1,000 for the reporting period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Section 84211, subdivisions (a), (b), and (f).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Former Section 82036, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Section 84203, subdivision (a) and (b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Section 84203.3, subdivision (b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Section 84215, subdivisions (d) and (f).

Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file a pre-election campaign statement for the reporting period of October 1, 2014 through October 18, 2014 (Certification, Exhibit A-16) and a semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of October 19, 2014 through December 31, 2014 (Certification, Exhibit A-17 and A-19), as shown in the following chart:

| Statement    | Reporting<br>Period                           | <b>Due Date</b>     | Date Filed       | Aggravating Factors  |
|--------------|---|---------------------|------------------|--|
| Pre-Election | October 1,<br>2014 –<br>October 18,<br>2014   | October 23, 2014    | October 27, 2014 | Corso for Council used an incorrect reporting period of October 1, 2014 – October 22, 2014.  A \$581 in-kind contribution from   |
|              |   |                     |                  | Oceanside Associates was not reported on the pre-election statement. Instead, it was reported on an amendment to the semi-annual statement ending December 31, 2014 as a lump sum. <sup>36</sup> (Certification,   |
| Semi-Annual  | October 19,<br>2014 –<br>December<br>31, 2014 | February 2,<br>2015 | May 11,<br>2015  | Exhibit A-19 and A-22.)  Corso for Council used an incorrect reporting period of October 23, 2014  – December 31, 2014.  |
|              |   |                     |                  | Corso for Council over-reported the loans she made to the campaign by \$2,010. FTB determined Corso loaned her campaign \$990 instead of the \$3,000 she reported. FTB determined there was no transactions that matched Corso's reported amount. (Certification, Exhibit A-19.) |
|              |   |                     |                  | A \$919 in-kind contribution from<br>Oceanside Associates was not<br>reported. (Certification, Exhibit A-<br>19.)  |

Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file three 24-hour contribution reports, as shown in the following chart (Certification, Exhibit A-14, A-16, A-19 and A-22.):

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> The in-kind contribution totals the amount incurred during the period. For example, the total for the month was \$1,000, but amount incurred during the period was \$581.

| Date<br>Received   | Contributor          | Amount  | Date Filed |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|------------|
| September 30, 2014 | Oceanside Associates | \$1,000 in-kind<br>contribution for office<br>space (Certification,<br>Exhibit A-15 and A-19) | Not filed  |
| October 1,<br>2014 | Bernard Blom         | \$1,000 in total monetary<br>contributions<br>(Certification, Exhibits<br>A-14, A-16, A-19)   | Not filed  |
| October 31, 2014   | Oceanside Associates | \$1,000 in-kind<br>contribution for office<br>space (Certification,<br>Exhibit A-19.)         | Not filed  |

# **Taxpayers for Oceanside**

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file the following campaign statements. (Certification, Exhibit A-18.)

| Statement   | <b>Reporting Period</b> | <b>Due Date</b> | Date Filed       | Activity <sup>37</sup> |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Semi-Annual | July 1, 2013 –          | January 31,     | March 27, 2014   | Contributions: \$321   |
|             | December 31, 2013       | 2014            |                  | Expenditures: \$541    |
| Semi-Annual | January 1, 2014 –       | July 31, 2014   | October 27, 2014 | Contributions: \$491   |
|             | June 30, 2014           |                 |                  | Expenditures: \$467    |
| Semi-Annual | July 1, 2014 –          | February 2,     | May 11, 2015     | Contributions: \$1,176 |
|             | December 31, 2014       | 2015            |                  | Expenditures: \$760    |

In an interview with Program Specialist Bob Perna of the Commission, Corso testified that she has served as treasurer and president of Taxpayers for Oceanside since January of 2013 and is a voting member of the five-person board. (Certification, Exhibits A-12 and A-19.) A candidate controls a committee if he or she has a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the committee. The Commission has advised that a candidate is presumed to exert significant influence "...whenever the candidate is a voting member of a committee's leadership body..." Based on the Act's definition of a controlled committee, Corso's ability to exert significance influence over the decisions of Taxpayers for Oceanside means that she controlled Taxpayers for Oceanside.

As a result of Corso simultaneously running for city council and controlling Taxpayers for Oceanside, Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso were required to change the committee's name on the statement of organization to include the controlling candidate's last name, the office being sought, and the year of the election. Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso were required to amend the statement of organization within 10 days of Corso for Council qualifying as a recipient

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Amounts are based on filed campaign statements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Ferguson Advice Letter, No. A-86-044.

committee. Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely amend the statement of organization. (Certification, Exhibit A-19.)

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso were also required to file pre-election campaign statements before the November 4, 2014 General Election because the committee was controlled by Corso. Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file pre-election campaign statements for the reporting periods of July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 and October 1, 2014 through October 18, 2014. (Certification, Exhibit A-19.)

# **Summary of Contacts**

Overall, the Respondents were contacted at least sixteen times regarding their duties to file campaign statements, as follows:

- February 6, 2015: letter from the City Clerk
- April 16, 2015: letter and email from the Enforcement Division
- May 20, 2015: email from the Enforcement Division
- May 21, 2015: email from the Enforcement Division
- June 17, 2015: email from the Enforcement Division
- June 24, 2015: email from the Enforcement Division
- July 15, 2015: email from the Enforcement Division
- July 11, 2017: phone call from the Enforcement Division
- April 23, 2018: email from the Enforcement Division
- October 3, 2018: voicemail from the Enforcement Division
- December 11, 2018: Report in Support of a Finding of Probable Cause sub-served on Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso
- February 28, 2019: Amended Report in Support of a Finding of Probable Cause served on Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso
- April 10, 2019: copy of Ex Parte Request for a Finding of Probable Cause and an Order that an Accusation Be Prepared and Served mailed to Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso
- October 10, 2019: Accusation served upon Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso
- February 5, 2020: letter from the Enforcement Division

#### **VIOLATIONS**

Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso committed twelve violations of the Act, as follows:

**Violations: Corso for Council and Corso** 

#### COUNT 1

## **Failure to Timely Report Contributions**

Corso for Council and Corso had a duty to timely report a \$200 monetary contribution from Corso and a \$1,000 in-kind contribution from Oceanside Associates on a pre-election campaign statement for the reporting period of July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014, due on October 6, 2014. By failing to report the \$200 contribution from Corso and the \$1,000 contribution from Oceanside Associates by October 6, 2014, Corso for Council and Corso violated Government Code Section 84211, subdivisions (a), (c), and (f).

#### COUNT 2

# Failure to Timely File a Pre-Election Campaign Statement

Corso for Council and Corso had a duty to timely file a pre-election campaign statement for the reporting period of October 1, 2014 through October 18, 2014, due on October 23, 2014. By failing to timely file this statement, Corso for Council and Corso violated Government Code Sections 84200.5, subdivision (b) and 84200.7, subdivision (b).

#### COUNT 3

## Failure to Timely File a Semi-Annual Campaign Statement

Corso for Council and Corso had a duty to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of October 19, 2014 through December 31, 2014, due on February 2, 2015. By failing to timely file this statement, Corso for Council and Corso violated Government Code Section 84200.

#### COUNT 4

## Failure to Timely File a 24-Hour Contribution Report

Corso for Council and Corso had a duty to timely file a 24-hour contribution report after receiving a \$1,000 in-kind contribution in the form of office space from Oceanside Associates on September 30, 2014. By failing to timely file this report, Corso for Council and Corso violated Government Code Sections 84203 and 84203.3, subdivision (b).

#### COUNT 5

# Failure to Timely File a 24-Hour Contribution Report

Corso for Council and Corso had a duty to timely file a 24-hour contribution report after receiving contributions from Bernard Blom that aggregated to \$1,000 on October 1, 2014. By failing to timely file this report, Corso for Council and Corso violated Government Code Section 84203

#### COUNT 6

## Failure to Timely File a 24-Hour Contribution Report

Corso for Council and Corso had a duty to timely file a 24-hour contribution report after receiving a \$1,000 in-kind contribution in the form of office space from Oceanside Associates on October 31, 2014. By failing to timely file this report, Corso for Council and Corso violated Government Code Sections 84203 and 84203.3, subdivision (b).

# **Violations: Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso**

#### COUNT 7

#### Failure to Timely File a Semi-Annual Campaign Statement

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso had a duty to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, due on January 31, 2014. By failing to timely file this statement, Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso violated Government Code Section 84200.

#### COUNT 8

#### Failure to Timely File a Semi-Annual Campaign Statement

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso had a duty to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014, due on July 31, 2014. By failing to timely file this statement, Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso violated Government Code Section 84200.

#### COUNT 9

#### Failure to Timely File a Semi-Annual Campaign Statement

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso had a duty to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, due on February 2,

2015. By failing to timely file this statement, Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso violated Government Code Section 84200.

#### COUNT 10

# Failure to Timely File an Amended Statement of Organization

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso had a duty to amend its statement of organization on or around August 17, 2014 to include Corso's last name in the name of the committee, the office being sought, and the year of the election. By failing to timely amend this statement, Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso violated Government Code Section 84103 and Regulation 18402, subdivisions (c)(1) and (2).

## COUNT 11

# Failure to Timely File a Pre-Election Campaign Statement

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso had a duty to timely file a pre-election campaign statement for the reporting period of July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014, due on October 6, 2014. By failing to timely file this statement, Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso violated Government Code Sections 84200.5 subdivision (b) and 84200.7, subdivision (b).

#### COUNT 12

# Failure to Timely File a Pre-Election Campaign Statement

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso had a duty to timely file a pre-election campaign statement for the reporting period of October 1, 2014 through October 18, 2014, due on October 23, 2014. By failing to timely file this statement, Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso violated Government Code Sections 84200.5 subdivision (b) and 84200.7, subdivision (b).

# **CONCLUSION**

This matter consists of twelve counts of violating the Act, which carry a maximum total administrative penalty of \$60,000.<sup>39</sup>

In determining the appropriate penalty for a particular violation of the Act, the Enforcement Division considers the typical treatment of a violation in the overall statutory scheme of the Act, with an emphasis on serving the purposes and intent of the Act. Additionally, the Enforcement Division considers the facts and circumstances of the violation in the context of the following factors set forth in Regulation 18361.5 subdivision (d)(1) through (6): (1) The seriousness of the violation; (2) The presence or absence of any intention to conceal, deceive or mislead; (3) Whether

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Section 83116, subdivision (c).

the violation was deliberate, negligent or inadvertent; (4) Whether the violator demonstrated good faith by consulting the Commission staff or any other governmental agency in a manner not constituting complete defense under Government Code Section 83114(b); (5) Whether the violation was isolated or part of a pattern and whether the violator has a prior record of violations of the Political Reform Act or similar laws; and (6) Whether the violator, upon learning of a reporting violation, voluntarily filed amendments to provide full disclosure.

Regarding the violations by Corso for Council and Corso, Corso for Council and Corso's failure to timely report pre-election campaign activity was a serious violation of the Act because it denied voters timely disclosure. Corso for Council's and Corso's failure to file appears to have been negligent rather than intentional. Corso for Council and Corso timely filed 24-hour contribution reports for three other contributions received before the 2014 election and totaling \$8,000; therefore, Corso was aware of the obligation to file 24-hour contribution reports. Corso for Council's and Corso's failure to report and file was a part of a consistent pattern throughout the course of 2014. Corso for Council and Corso filed the outstanding campaign statements after the required due dates but did not file the outstanding 24-hour contribution reports.

Regarding the violations by Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso, the failure to timely file three semi-annual campaign statements denied the public the opportunity to learn about Taxpayers for Oceanside's campaign activity. However, the failure to timely file the semi-annual campaign statements appeared to be negligent and a part of a consistent pattern of failing to timely file.

Taxpayers for Oceanside's and Corso's failure to disclose that she Corso was controlling Taxpayers for Oceanside on the 410 statement of organization and the failure to timely file pre-election campaign statements because it prevented the public from knowing the she Corso was controlling two committees during the election. But it appears that it was the result of negligence rather than intentional conduct. Because Corso controlled Taxpayers for Oceanside, all of the contributions and expenditures should have been processed through a single campaign bank account for Corso for Council; however, this violation was not charged due to the low amount that was reportedly received and spent.

Corso was an unsuccessful candidate for the Oceanside City Council in 2014 and 2018. Previously, Corso was an unsuccessful candidate for the Oceanside City Council in 2012, so she knew or should have known of her obligations to file campaign statements.

The Enforcement Division also takes into consideration previous cases that were approved by the Commission in determining penalties. In this matter, the following cases were used as guidelines:

#### Count 1

• In the Matter of Violeta Alvarez, Re-Elect Violeta Alvarez for Bell City Council 2015, and Mario Estrada, FPPC No. 15/150. (The Commission approved a default decision on October 18, 2018.) The Respondents, among other violations, failed to timely report all

contributions and expenditures on campaign statements for the reporting periods of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. The Commission imposed a penalty of \$3,000 for this violation. However, Alvarez failed to disclose any campaign activity before the relevant election, and the reporting violations could not be remedied with amendments since no records were maintained. Corso provided some disclosure before the election and amended the campaign statement in question after the election.

o A penalty of \$1,500 is recommended because Corso reported the majority of her activity prior to the election.

#### Counts 2 and 11-12

- In the Matter of Eric Payne and Eric Payne for SCCCD 2016 Trustee Area 2, FPPC No. 16/19917. (The Commission approved a default decision on June 13, 2019.) The Respondents, among other violations, failed to timely file two pre-election campaign statements. The Commission imposed a penalty of \$3,000 per count. Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file one-prelection campaign statement; however, the statement was filed before the relevant election. Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso did not file the required pre-election campaign statements.
  - A penalty of \$2,000 is recommended for Count 2 because the pre-election statement was filed prior to the election.
  - o A penalty of \$3,000 per Count is recommended for Counts 11 and 12 because the pre-election statements for Taxpayers were never filed.

#### Counts 3 and 7-9

- In the Matter of Re-Elect Terry Cox for Central Unified School District Trustee Area 6, 2016, Terry Cox, and Julie Lim, FPPC No. 17/382. (The Commission approved a default decision on June 13, 2019.) The Respondents failed to timely file three semi-annual campaign statements. The Commission imposed a penalty of \$3,000 per count. However, Cox was a successful candidate and was holding office when the violations occurred, and Corso lost the election.
  - A penalty of \$2,000 is recommended for Counts 2, 7, and 9 because Corso was unsuccessful, and the amount of the activity reported on her campaign statements was low.

#### Counts 4-6

• In the Matter of Angel Santiago, Friends of Angel Santiago for Inland Empire Utilities Agency Director Division 4, and Valerie Santiago, FPPC No. 13/547. (The Commission approved a default decision on December 17, 2015.) The respondents, among other

violations, failed to timely file four 24-hour contribution reports for contributions in the amount of \$1,500; \$5,000; \$1,000; and \$3,000. The Commission imposed a penalty of \$4,000 per count. Santiago was a successful candidate and failed to provide any disclosure before the election. Corso was not successful and filed pre-election campaign statements before the relevant election but failed to disclose the late contributions in question.

o A penalty of \$3,000 per count is recommended for Counts 4-6 because the contributions were not reported prior to the election.

#### Count 10

- In the Matter of Eric Payne and Eric Payne for SCCCD 2016 Trustee Area 2, FPPC No. 16/19917. (The Commission approved a default decision on June 13, 2019.) The Respondents, among other violations, failed to timely amend a statement of organization. The Commission imposed a penalty of \$2,000 per count.
  - o A penalty of \$2,000 is recommended for Count 10.

#### PROPOSED PENALTY

After considering the factors of Regulation 18361.5 and the penalties imposed in prior cases, the following penalties are proposed:

| Counts | Violations: Corso for Council and Corso                  | Proposed Penalty per Count |
|--------|--|----------------------------|
| 1      | Failure to Timely Report Contributions                   | \$1,500                    |
| 2      | Failure to Timely File a Pre-Election Campaign Statement | \$2,000                    |
| 3      | Failure to Timely File a Semi-Annual Campaign Statement  | \$2,000                    |
| 4-6    | Failure to Timely File a 24-Hour Contribution Report     | \$3,000                    |
|        | Total:   | \$8,500                    |

| Counts | Violations: Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso               | Proposed Penalty per Count |
|--------|---|----------------------------|
| 7-9    | Failure to Timely File a Semi-Annual Campaign Statement     | \$2,000                    |
| 10     | Failure to Timely File an Amended Statement of Organization | \$2,000                    |
| 11-12  | Failure to Timely File a Pre-Election Campaign Statement    | \$3,000                    |
|        | Total:  | \$7,000                    |



# DECLARATION OF CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS CALIFORNIA FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION Enforcement Division

#### **CERTIFICATION OF RECORDS**

The undersigned declares and certifies as follows:

- 1. I am employed as an Associate Governmental Program Analyst by the California Fair Political Practices Commission (Commission). My business address is: California Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q St, Ste 3000, Sacramento, CA 95811.
- I am a duly authorized custodian of the records maintained by the Commission in the Enforcement Division. As such, I am authorized to certify copies of those records as being true and correct copies of the original business records which are in the custody of the Commission.
- I have reviewed documents maintained in FPPC Case No. 15/245; Corso for Council 2014, Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods, and Dana Corso, and have caused copies to be made of documents contained therein. I certify that the copies attached hereto are true and correct copies of the documents prepared in the normal course of business and which are contained in files maintained by the Commission. The attached documents are as follows:
- EXHIBIT A-1: Report in Support of a Finding of Probable Cause, dated September 4, 2018
- EXHIBIT A-2: Proofs of Service for the Report in Support of a Finding of Probable Cause and applicable statutes and regulations, dated April 10, 2019 and November 30, 2018
- EXHIBIT A-3: Cover letter to the Respondents regarding the Report in Support of a Finding of Probable Cause, dated September 4, 2018, memorandum describing Probable Cause Proceedings, and applicable statutes and regulations
- EXHIBIT A-4: Amended Report in Support of a Finding of Probable Cause, dated February 26, 2019
- EXHIBIT A-5: Proof of Service for the Report in Support of a Finding of Probable Cause and applicable statutes and regulations, dated February 26, 2019, and a certified mail receipt

- EXHIBIT A-6: Cover letter to the Respondents regarding the Report in Support of a Finding of Probable Cause, dated February 26, 2019, memorandum describing Probable Cause Proceedings, and applicable statutes and regulations
- EXHIBIT A-7: Ex Parte Request for a Finding of Probable Cause and an Order that an Accusation Be Prepared and Served, dated April 10, 2019
- EXHIBIT A-8: Finding of Probable Cause and Order to Prepare and Serve an Accusation, dated April 10, 2019
- EXHIBIT A-9: Accusation, dated August 16, 2019
- EXHIBIT A-10: Affidavit of Process Server for Accusation and accompanying documents, dated October 16, 2019
- EXHIBIT A-11: Statement to Respondents, Notices of Defense, applicable statutes, and Proof of Service for Accusation and accompanying documents, dated August 16, 2019
- EXHIBIT A-12: Initial statement of organization filed by Corso for Council 2014 on July 28, 2014
- EXHIBIT A-13: Amended statement of organization filed by Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods on March 18, 2013
- EXHIBIT A-14: Pre-election campaign statement for the reporting period of July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 filed by Corso for Council 2014 on October 6, 2014
- EXHIBIT A-15: Amended campaign statement for the reporting period of July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 filed by Corso for Council 2014 on July 15, 2015
- EXHIBIT A-16: Campaign statement for the reporting period of October 1, 2014 through October 22, 2014 filed by Corso for Council 2014 on October 27, 2014
- EXHIBIT A-17: Semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of October 23, 2014 through December 31, 2014 filed by Corso for Council 2014 on May 11, 2015
- EXHIBIT A-18: Semi-annual campaign statements for the reporting periods of July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014 filed by Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods on March 27, 2014; October 27, 2014; and May 11, 2015
- EXHIBIT A-19: Declaration of Bob Perna in Support of Default Decision and Order, dated March 4, 2020
- EXHIBIT A-20: Notice of Default Decision and Order, dated February 5, 2020

EXHIBIT A-21: Notice of Intent to Enter Default Decision and Order, dated March 3, 2020

EXHIBIT A-22: Amended campaign statement for the reporting period of October 23, 2014

through December 31, 2014 filed by Corso for Council 2014 on July 15, 2015

EXHIBIT A-23: Letter regarding Default Decision and Order, dated March 4, 2020

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on March 4, 2020, at Sacramento, California.

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Fair Political Practices Commission



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| 11          | In the Matter of  | ) FPPC No. 15/245  |
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| 13          | CORSO FOR CITY COUNCIL 2014,<br>TAXPAYERS FOR OCEANSIDE   | REPORT IN SUPPORT OF A FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE                 |
| 14          | NEIGHBORHOODS, AND DANA<br>CORSO,   | ) Conference Date: TBA   |
| 15          | CORSO,  | ) Conference Time: TBA ) Conference Location: Commission Offices |
| 16<br>17    | Respondents.  | 1102 Q Street, Suite 3000<br>Sacramento, CA 95811                |
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| 21          | Respondent Dana Corso ("Corso") was an u  | Insuccessful candidate for the Oceanside City Council            |
| 22          | in 2014. Respondent Corso for Council 2014 ("C  | orso for Council") is Corso's controlled committee.              |
| 23          | Respondent Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborho   | oods ("Taxpayers for Oceanside") is a city general               |
| 24          | purpose committee. Corso serves as treasurer of b   | oth Corso for Council and Taxpayers for Oceanside.               |
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The Political Reform Act (the "Act")<sup>1</sup> requires committees and candidates to do the following: timely file semi-annual campaign statements by July 31 and January 31 of each year, timely file prelection statements, timely report the receipt of contributions on all campaign statements, and it requires 24-hour reports to be filed within 24-hours of receiving or making a late contribution in the 90 days leading up to an election. Furthermore, the Act prohibits a candidate from making expenditures out of any bank account other than the one designed for campaign activity on their statement of organization.

Corso for Council and Corso violated the Act by failing to timely report the receipt of contributions, failing to timely file a preelection statement, failing to timely file a semi-annual statement, and by failing to timely file 24-hour reports.

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso violated the Act by failing to timely file four semi-annual campaign statements, failing to timely file an amendment to its statement of organization, and failing to timely file two preelection campaign statements.

#### **SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

All legal references and discussions of law pertain to the Act's provisions as they existed at the time of the violations.

#### Jurisdiction

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "Commission") has administrative jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of the Act.<sup>2</sup>

# Probable Cause Proceedings

Prior to the Enforcement Division commencing an administrative action, the General Counsel of the Commission or her designee (the "hearing officer"), must make a finding that there is probable cause to believe the respondent has violated the Act.<sup>3</sup> After a finding of probable cause, the Commission may

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Political Reform Act is contained in Government 81000 through 91014. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section § 83116.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Section 83115.5, and Reg. 18361 and 18361.4.

hold a noticed hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act<sup>4</sup> to determine whether violations occurred, and levy an administrative penalty of up to \$5,000 for each violation.<sup>5</sup>

# Standard for Finding Probable Cause

To make a finding of probable cause, the hearing officer must be presented with sufficient evidence to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe, or entertain a strong suspicion, that a respondent committed or caused a violation.<sup>6</sup>

# Need for Liberal Construction and Vigorous Enforcement of the Political Reform Act

When enacting the Political Reform Act, the people of the state of California found and declared that previous laws regulating political practices suffered from inadequate enforcement by state and local authorities.<sup>7</sup> To that end, the Act must be liberally construed to achieve its purposes.<sup>8</sup>

#### Controlled Committee

Under the Act, a controlled committee is defined as a "...committee that is controlled directly or indirectly by a candidate or state measurer proponent or that has acted jointly with a candidate, controlled committee, or state measure proponent in connection with the making of expenditures. A candidate or state measure proponent controls a committee if he or she, his or her agent, or any other committee he or she controls has a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the committee." Under the Act, there is not a definition of "significant influence", but the Commission has advised that a candidate is presumed to exert significant influence "...whenever the candidate is a voting member of a committee's leadership body..."

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Section 83116, and Reg. 18361.4, subdivision. (e).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Reg. 18361.4, subdivision, (e).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Section 81001, subdivision (h).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Section 81003.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Section 82016, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Ferguson Advice Letter, No. A-86-044. FPPC advice letters are issued pursuant to Government Code section 83114, subdivision (b), and California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 18329. They offer guidance to the public, and under certain circumstances, the requestor may use the advice as a defense in an enforcement proceeding. Although the ultimate resolution of legal issues regarding statutory interpretation lies with the courts, the advice of the FPPC as an agency empowered by the Legislature to interpret and enforce the Political Reform Act is entitled to weight.

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# Semi-Annual Campaign Statements

The Act requires candidates and committees to file semi-annual statements each year "...no later than July 31 for the period ending June 30, and no later than January 31, for the period ending December 31..." However, if the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or official state holiday, "the filing deadline for such a statement or report shall be extended to the next regular business day." <sup>12</sup>

# Preelection Campaign Statement

The Act states that "All candidates appearing on the ballot to be voted on at the next election, their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose an elected officer, candidate, or measure appearing on the ballot to be voted on at the next election shall file the applicable preelection statements." A candidate and their controlled committee are required to file a preelection statement on October 5 for the period ending September 30 and for the period ending 17 days before an election the statement shall be filed no later than 12 days before the election.

# Contents of a Campaign Statement

The Act requires each campaign statement to contain information pertaining to the total amount of contributions received during the applicable period, the total amount of expenditures made during the applicable period, and the name, street address, occupation, and employer of any contributor that has made contributions totaling more than \$100 in the applicable period.<sup>15</sup>

# Statement of Organization Amendments

The Act requires committees to file an amendment statement of organization within ten days to reflect any changes.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Section 84200, subdivision (a).

Regulation 18116, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Section 84200.5, subdivision (b)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Section 84200.7, subdivision (b)(1) and (2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Section 84211, subdivisions (a), (b), and (f). <sup>16</sup> Section 84103.

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# Naming a Controlled Committee

The Act requires the name of a candidate controlled committee to include the last name of the controlling candidate, the office sought, and the year of the election.<sup>17</sup>

# 24-Hour Reports

Under the Act, a late contribution is defined as "A contribution, including a loan, that totals in the aggregate one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more and is made to or received by a candidate, a controlled committee, or a committee formed or existing primarily to support or oppose a candidate or measure within 90 days before the date of the election..." A candidate or committee that receives or makes a late monetary contribution is required to report within 24-hours the receipt or making of a late contribution. Additionally, a candidate or committee that makes or receives a late in-kind contribution shall report that activity within 48 hours of making or receiving a late in-kind contribution.

# Candidate and Treasurer Liability

Under the Act, it is the duty of the candidate and treasurer of a controlled committee to ensure that the committee complies with all the requirements of the Act concerning the receipt, expenditure, and reporting of funds.<sup>21</sup> The candidate may be held jointly and severally liable, along with the committee, for violations committed by the committee.<sup>22</sup>

#### Liability for Violations

Under the Act, "Any person who violates any provision of this title, who purposely or negligently causes any other person to violate any provision of this title, or who aids and abets any other person in the violation of this title shall be liable... This section shall only apply to persons who have filing or reporting

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Regulation 18402, subdivision (c)(1) and (2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Section 82036, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Section 84203, subdivision (a) and (b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Section 84203.3, subdivision (b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Sections 81004, 84100 84213, and Regulation 18427.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

obligations under this title, or who are compensated for services involving the planning, organizing, or directing any activity regulated or required by this title..."23

## SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE

On November 4, 2014, Corso was an unsuccessful candidate in the County of San Diego's General Election for Oceanside City Council. Corso for Council qualified as a committee on or around August 17, 2014. Corso for Council received approximately \$26,388 in contributions and made approximately \$25,194 in expenditures. At the time Corso was running for city council, Corso was also serving as the treasurer of Taxpayers for Oceanside, which is a role she began on or around March 18. 2013. This matter was opened based on an audit of Corso for Council conducted by the California Franchise Tax Board ("FTB") covering the period of January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014 and based on several complaints alleging Corso for Council and Taxpayers for Oceanside were not in compliance with the filing requirements of the Act.

The FTB found and the Enforcement Division confirmed that Corso for Council violated the Act by failing to timely report contributions, failing to timely file 24-hour reports, and accepting cash contributions. Furthermore, the Enforcement Division determined that Corso was controlling Taxpayers for Oceanside at the same time she was running for Oceanside City Council. Taxpayers for Oceanside violated the Act by failing to timely file four semi-annual campaign statements, failing to timely file an amended statement of organization to change the name of the committee, and failing to timely file two preelection campaign statements

# Corso for City Council Reporting and Filing

During Corso's 2014 campaign for Oceanside City Council, Corso for Council committed the following reporting and filing violations:

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<sup>23</sup> Section 83116.5.

Failure to Timely Report

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| Statement                                       | Reporting<br>Period                        | Monetary contributions  | In-Kind<br>contributions  | Due<br>Date     | Date of<br>Filing | Date of Amendment Reporting Contribution   |
| Preelection<br>(failure to<br>timely<br>report) | July 1,<br>2014 –<br>September<br>30, 2014 | A \$200<br>Contribution<br>from Corso<br>was not timely<br>reported | A \$1,000 in-<br>kind<br>contribution<br>from<br>Oceanside<br>Associates<br>was not<br>timely<br>reported | October 6, 2014 | October 6, 2014   | July 15, 2015, Corso amended to include in- kind contribution but she reported the office space as valued at \$1,000 for 6 months instead of \$1,000 for the reporting period, which would have been accurate. |

Failure to Timely File Preelection and Semi-Annual Campaign Statements

| Statement   | Reporting<br>Period                         | Due<br>Date      | Date of Filing   | Aggravating Factors:   |
|-------------|---|------------------|------------------|--|
| Preelection | October 1,<br>2014 –<br>October<br>18, 2014 | October 23, 2014 | October 27, 2014 | In aggravation, a \$581 in-kind contribution from Oceanside Associates was not reported on the preelection statement when it was filed. Instead it was reported on an amendment to the semi-annual statement ending December 31, 2014. <sup>24</sup> In aggravation, Corso for Council used the reporting period of Oct 1, 2014 – October 22, 2014, instead of the correct reporting period, which was October 1, 2014 – October 18, 2014. |

The in-kind contribution totals the amount incurred during the period. For example, the total for the month was \$1,000, but amount incurred during the period was \$581.

| 1 | Semi-        | October    | February | May       | In aggravation, once Corso filed she over-        |
|---|--------------|------------|----------|-----------|---|
| 1 | Annual       | 19, 2014 – | 2, 2015  | 11,       | reported the loans she made to the campaign by    |
| 2 | (Failure to  | December   |          | 2015      | \$2,010. FTB determined Corso loaned her          |
| - | timely file) | 31, 2014   | ľ        |           | campaign \$990 instead of the \$3,000 she         |
| 3 |              |            |          |           | reported. FTB determined there was no             |
|   |              |            |          |           | transactions that matched Corso's reported        |
| 4 |              |            |          |           | amount.   |
| 5 |              |            |          |           |   |
|   |              |            |          |           | In aggravation, a \$919 in-kind contribution from |
| 6 |              |            |          |           | Oceanside Associates was not timely reported      |
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| Date<br>Received   | Contributor          | Amount   | Date Filed |
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| September 30, 2014 | Oceanside Associates | \$1,000 non-monetary contribution for office space | Not filed  |
| October 1,<br>2014 | Bernard Blom         | \$1,000 in total monetary contributions            | Not filed  |
| October 31, 2014   | Oceanside Associates | \$1,000 non-monetary contribution for office space | Not filed  |

# Taxpayers for Oceanside

Taxpayers for Oceanside failed to timely file the following statements:

Semi-Annual Campaign Statements

| Statement       | Reporting<br>Period                    | Due Date         | Date of Filing   | Activity <sup>25</sup>            |   |
|-----------------|--|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Semi-<br>Annual | July 1 2013 –<br>December 31,<br>2013  | January 31, 2014 | March 27, 2014   | Contrib: \$321<br>Expend: \$541   |   |
| Semi-<br>Annual | January 1, 2014  – June 30, 2014       | July 31,<br>2014 | October 27, 2014 | Contrib: \$491<br>Expend: \$467   |   |
| Semi-<br>Annual | July 1, 2014 –<br>December 31,<br>2014 | February 2, 2015 | May 11, 2015     | Contrib: \$1,176<br>Expend: \$760 | * |

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<sup>25</sup> Amounts are based on filed campaign statements.

# Corso's Control of Taxpayers for Oceanside

In addition to controlling Corso for Council, Corso also controlled Taxpayers for Oceanside. According to the Act, a candidate controls a committee if he or she, his or her agent, or any other committee he or she controls has a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the committee. The Act does not define "significant influence", but the Commission has advised that a candidate is presumed to exert significant influence "...whenever the candidate is a voting member of a committee's leadership body..." In an interview with Program Specialist Bob Perna ("Perna") of the Fair Political Practices Commission, Corso testified that she has served as treasurer and president of Taxpayers for Oceanside since January of 2013 and is a voting member of the five-person board. Based on the Act's definition of a controlled committee, Corso's ability to exert significance influence over the decisions of Taxpayers for Oceanside means that she controlled Taxpayers for Oceanside.

As a result of Corso controlling Taxpayers for Oceanside – Taxpayers for Oceanside was required to change the committee's name on the statement of organization to include the controlling candidate's last name, the office being sought, and the year of the election. Taxpayers for Oceanside was also required to file preelection statements because it was being controlled by Corso. Therefore, Taxpayers for Oceanside violated the Act by failing to amend its statement of organization to include Corso's last name and by failing to file preelection statements covering the reporting periods of July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014 and October 1, 2014 – October 18, 2014.

#### **VIOLATIONS**

# Count 1: Failure to Timely Report

Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely report a \$200 contribution from Corso and a \$1,000 in-kind contribution from Oceanside Associates received during the preelection reporting period covering July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014, due by October 6, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84211, subdivisions (a), (c), and (f).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Corso's statement regarding her position is supported by a statement of organization she signed, which lists Corso as the treasurer and principal officer (president) of Taxpayers for Oceanside.

# Count 2: Failure to Timely Report

Corso for Council and Corso failed timely file a preelection statement covering the reporting period of October 1, 2014 – October 18, 2014, due by October 23, 2014, in violation of Government Code Sections 84200.5, subdivision (a) and 84200.7, subdivision, (a).

# Count 3: Failure to Timely Report

Corso for Council and Corso failed timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of October 19, 2014 – December 31, 2014, due by February 2, 2015, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.

# Count 4: Failure to Timely File

Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file a 24-hour report after receiving a \$1,000 in-kind contribution in the form of office space from Oceanside Associates on September 30, 2014, in violation of Government Code Sections 84203 and 84203.3, subdivision (b).

# Count 5: Failure to Timely File

Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file a 24-hour report after receiving contributions from Bernard Blom that aggregated to \$1,000 on October 1, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84203.

## Count 6: Failure to Timely File

Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file a 24-hour report after receiving a \$1,000 in-kind contribution in the form of office space from Oceanside Associates on October 31, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84203 and 84203.3, subdivision (b).

# Count 7: Failure to Timely File

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of July 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013, due by January 31, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.

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# Count 8: Failure to Timely File

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014, due by July 31, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.

# Count 9: Failure to Timely File

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of July 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.

# Count 10: Failure to Amend Statement of Organization

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to amend its statement of organization to include Corso's last name in the name of the committee on or around August 17, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84103 and Regulation 18402, subdivision (c)(1) and (2).

# Count 11: Failure to Timely File a Preelection Statement

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a preelection statement covering the reporting period of July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014, due October 6, 2014, in violation of Government Code Sections 84200.5 subdivision (b) and 84200.7.

# Count 12: Failure to Timely File a Preelection Statement

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a preelection statement covering the reporting period of October 1, 2014 – October 18, 2014, due October 23, 2014, in violation of Government Code Sections 84200.5 subdivision (b) and 84200.7.

#### **EXCULPATORY AND MITIGATING INFORMATION**

In mitigation, Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso have never been penalized for violating the Act.

In mitigation, Corso for Council timely filed 24-hour reports for three other contributions totaling \$8,000.

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#### **CONCLUSION**

Probable cause exists to believe Corso for Council and Corso committed six violations of the Act as set forth above in Counts 1 - 6. Probable Cause exists to believe that Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso committed six violations of the Act as set forth above in Counts 7 - 12. The Enforcement Division respectfully requests an order finding probable cause pursuant to Section 83115.5 and Regulation 18361.4.

Dated: 9/4/18

Respectfully Submitted,

# FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Galena West

Chief of Enforcement

By: Michael W. Hamilton Commission Counsel Enforcement Division



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| 2.            | FPPC No. 15/245 Report in Support of a Finding of Probable Cause;  |
| 2             | Probable Course Foot Sheet   |

- 4. Selected Sections of the California Government Code regarding Probable Cause Proceedings for the Fair Political Practices Commission; and
- 5. Selected Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission regarding Probable Cause Proceedings.

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Dana Corso
Individually, and o/b/o
Corso for City Council 2014
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7. Person who served papers: a. (name): Jorge Varela

b. American Process Service 5491 Shattuck Ave Fremont, CA 94555c. phone: 510-383-6173 d. The fee for service was: \$ \$50.00

e. I am a registered California process server f. Registration #:1203 County of Alameda

8. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct:

Date: 11/30/2018

Jorge Varela (Print Name)

(Signature Of Server)

## **Affidavit of Process Server**

### FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

(NAME OF COURT)

IN THE MATTER OF

CORSO FOR CITY COUNCIL

15/245

PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER

DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT

CASE NUMBER

I MANFRED ARNOLD BRIESE JR., being first duly sworn, depose and say: that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action, and that within the boundaries of the state where service was effected, I was authorized by law to perform said service.

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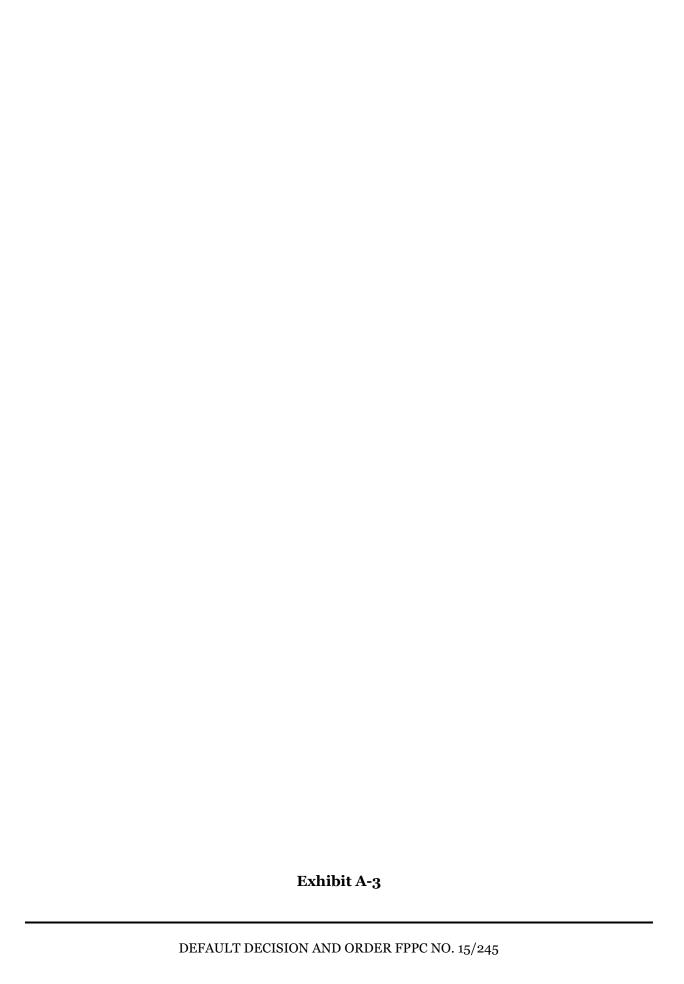
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### FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

1102 Q St • Suite 3000 • Sacramento, CA 95811 (916) 322-5660 • Fax (916) 322-0886

September 4, 2018

### **CERTIFIED MAIL**

Dana Corso Individually, and o/b/o Corso for City Council 2014 Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods

In the Matter of Corso for City Council 2014, Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods, and Dana Corso; FPPC No. 15/245

Dear Ms. Corso:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission is proceeding with an administrative action against you for your failure to comply with the filing and disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act"), as described in our previous correspondence dated April 23, 2018. The enclosed Report in Support of a Finding of Probable Cause (the "Report") contains a summary of the alleged violations and the relevant law and evidence.

You have the right to file a written response to the Report. That response may contain any information you think is relevant and that you wish to bring to the attention of the Commission's Hearing Officer. In your response, please indicate whether you would like the Hearing Officer to make a determination of probable cause based on the written materials alone (the Report and your response) or request a conference, during which you may orally present your case to the Hearing Officer. Probable cause conferences are held in our office which is located at 1102 Q Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. You may appear at the conference in person or by telephone and you are entitled to be represented by counsel. If you wish to submit a written response or request a probable cause conference, it must be filed with the Commission Assistant at the address listed above within 21 days from the date of service of this letter.

Please note that probable cause conferences are not settlement conferences. The sole purpose of a probable cause conference is to determine whether there is probable cause to believe that the Act was violated. However, settlement discussions are encouraged by the Commission and may take

place at any time except during a probable cause conference. If you are interested in reaching a settlement in this matter, please contact Michael W. Hamilton at (916) 322-5772 or mhamilton@fppc.ca.gov.

Finally, you have the right to request discovery of the evidence in possession of, and relied upon by, the Enforcement Division. *This request must also be filed with the Commission Assistant within 21 days from the date of service of this letter.* Should you request discovery, the Enforcement Division will provide the evidence by service of process or certified mail. From the date you are served with the evidence, you would have an additional 21 days to file a written response to the Report, just as described above.

Should you take no action within 21 days from the date of service of this letter, your rights to respond and to request a conference are automatically waived and the Enforcement Division will independently pursue the issuance of an accusation.

For your convenience, I have enclosed a fact sheet on probable cause proceedings and copies of the most relevant statutes and regulations.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Hamilton Commission Counsel Enforcement Division

Enclosures (3)

### PROBABLE CAUSE FACT SHEET

#### INTRODUCTION

The Fair Political Practices Commission is required by law to determine whether probable cause exists to believe that the Political Reform Act (the "Act") was violated before a public administrative accusation may be issued.

The probable cause proceedings before the Fair Political Practices Commission are unique, and most respondents and their attorneys are unfamiliar with them. Therefore, we have prepared this summary to acquaint you with the process.

#### THE LAW

Government Code sections 83115.5 and 83116 set forth the basic requirement that a finding of probable cause be made in a "private" proceeding before a public accusation is issued and a public hearing conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

The Commission has promulgated regulations further defining the probable cause procedure and delegating to the General Counsel (the "Hearing Officer" for purposes of these proceedings) the authority to preside over such proceedings and decide probable cause. A copy of these statutes and regulations are attached for your convenience.

In summary, the statutes and regulations entitle you to the following:

- a) A written probable cause report containing a summary of the law alleged to have been violated, and a summary of the evidence, including any exculpatory and mitigating information and any other relevant material and arguments;
- b) The opportunity to request discovery, respond in writing, and to request a probable cause conference within 21 days of service of the probable cause report;
- c) If the Commission met to consider whether a civil lawsuit should be filed in this matter, a copy of any staff memoranda submitted to the Commission and a transcript of staff discussions with the Commission at any such meeting; and
- d) If a timely request was made, a non-public conference with the General Counsel and the Enforcement Division staff to consider whether or not probable cause exists to believe the Act was violated.

#### THE PROCEDURE

### **Probable Cause Report**

Administrative enforcement proceedings are commenced with the service, by registered or certified mail or in person, of a probable cause report. The report will contain a summary of the law and the evidence, including any exculpatory and mitigating information of which the staff has knowledge and any other relevant material and arguments. It is filed with the Hearing Officer.

### **Discovery**

Within 21 calendar days following the service of the probable cause report, you may request discovery of the evidence in the possession of the Enforcement Division. This is not a right to full discovery of the Enforcement Division file, but to the evidence relied upon by the Division along with any exculpatory or mitigating evidence<sup>1</sup>.

This request must be sent by registered or certified mail to the Commission Assistant.

### **Response to Probable Cause Report**

Within 21 calendar days following the service of the probable cause report (or, if you timely requested discovery, within 21 calendar days from the service of the evidence) you may submit a response to the Report. By regulation, the written response may contain, "... a summary of evidence, legal arguments, and any mitigating or exculpatory information." (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 18361.4, subd. (c).)

You must file your response with the Commission Assistant and provide a copy, by service of process or registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, to all other proposed respondents listed in the probable cause report.

### **Staff Reply**

Within 10 calendar days following the date the response was filed with the Commission Assistant, Commission staff may submit any evidence or argument in rebuttal. You will be served with a copy of any such reply.

#### **Probable Cause Conference**

Probable cause conferences are held at the offices of the Fair Political Practices Commission, which is located at 1102 Q Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. You may appear at the conference in person or by telephone. The proceedings are not public unless all proposed respondents agree to open the conference to the public. Otherwise, the probable cause report, any written responses, and the probable cause conference itself are confidential.

Unless the probable cause conference is public, the only persons who may attend are the staff of the Commission, any proposed respondent and his or her attorney or representative, and, at the discretion of the Hearing Officer, witnesses.

The Hearing Officer may, but need not, permit testimony from witnesses. Probable cause conferences are less formal than court proceedings. The rules of evidence do not apply. The conferences will be recorded and a copy of the recording will be provided upon request.

Since it has the burden of proof, the Enforcement Division is permitted to open and close the conference presentations. The Hearing Officer may also hold the record open to receive additional evidence or arguments.

Probable cause conferences are not settlement conferences. The sole purpose of a probable cause conference is to determine whether or not there is probable cause to believe that the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> But see Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 18362, which states that the Commission provides access to complaints, responses to complaints, and investigative files and information in accordance with the requirements of the Public Records Act. (Govt. Code § 6250, et seq.)

Political Reform Act was violated. Anyone who wishes to discuss settlement with the Enforcement Division may do so before or after the probable cause conference but not during the conference.

Pursuant to Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 18361.4, subdivision (e), the Hearing Officer will find probable cause "if the evidence is sufficient to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe or entertain a strong suspicion that a proposed respondent committed or caused a violation."

Ordinarily, probable cause determinations are made based upon the written probable cause report, any written response by the respondent, any written reply by the Enforcement Division, and the oral arguments presented at the conference. Timely written presentations are strongly recommended.

### **Probable Cause Order and Accusation**

Once the matter is submitted to the Hearing Officer, the probable cause decision will normally be made within ten days. If the Hearing Officer finds probable cause, he will issue a Finding of Probable Cause, which will be publicly announced at the next Commission Meeting. An accusation will be issued soon after the Finding of Probable Cause is publicly announced.

#### **Continuances**

Every reasonable effort is made to accommodate the schedules of parties and counsel. However, once a date has been set it is assumed to be firm and will not be continued except upon the order of the Hearing Officer after a showing of good cause. Settlement negotiations will be considered good cause only if the Hearing Officer is presented with a fully executed settlement, or is convinced that settlement is imminent.

#### **Settlements**

Settlement discussions may take place at any time except during the probable cause conference. In order to open settlement discussions, a proposed respondent or his or her counsel or representative should present a written offer to settle stating, where appropriate, the violations to be admitted, and the monetary penalty or other remedy to be tendered.

The Enforcement Division attorney assigned to the case will negotiate any potential settlement on behalf of the Fair Political Practices Commission, and will draft the language of the settlement agreement. The Hearing Officer will not directly participate in the negotiations, but will be represented by Enforcement Division attorneys. Staff attorneys will present settlement offers to the Hearing Officer for his/her approval.

#### **CONCLUSION**

This fact sheet was intended to give you a brief summary of the probable cause process at the Fair Political Practices Commission. Such a summary cannot answer every question that might arise in such proceedings. Therefore, if you have any questions that are not addressed by this fact sheet or the copies of the law and regulations we have attached, feel free to contact the attorney whose name appears on the probable cause report.

Attachments: Relevant Sections of (1) California Government Code, and (2) Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission, Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations.

#### CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE

#### **Probable Cause Statutes**

## § 83115.5. Probable cause; violation of title; notice of violation; summary of evidence; notice of rights; private proceedings

No finding of probable cause to believe this title has been violated shall be made by the commission unless, at least 21 days prior to the commission's consideration of the alleged violation, the person alleged to have violated this title is notified of the violation by service of process or registered mail with return receipt requested, provided with a summary of the evidence, and informed of his right to be present in person and represented by counsel at any proceeding of the commission held for the purpose of considering whether probable cause exists for believing the person violated this title. Notice to the alleged violator shall be deemed made on the date of service, the date the registered mail receipt is signed, or if the registered mail receipt is not signed, the date returned by the post office. A proceeding held for the purpose of considering probable cause shall be private unless the alleged violator files with the commission a written request that the proceeding be public.

### § 83116. Violation of title; probable cause; hearing; order

When the Commission determines there is probable cause for believing this title has been violated, it may hold a hearing to determine if a violation has occurred. Notice shall be given and the hearing conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500), Part 1, Division 3, Title 2, Government Code). The Commission shall have all the powers granted by that chapter. When the Commission determines on the basis of the hearing that a violation has occurred, it shall issue an order that may require the violator to do all or any of the following:

- (a) Cease and desist violation of this title.
- (b) File any reports, statements, or other documents or information required by this title.
- (c) Pay a monetary penalty of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per violation to the General Fund of the state. When the Commission determines that no violation has occurred, it shall publish a declaration so stating.

## REGULATIONS OF THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION TITLE 2, DIVISION 6 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

### **Probable Cause Regulations**

## § 18361 (b). Delegation by the Executive Director Pertaining to Enforcement Proceedings and Authority to Hear Probable Cause Proceedings.

Probable cause proceedings under Regulation 18361.4 shall be heard by the General Counsel or an attorney from the Legal Division. The General Counsel may delegate the authority to hear probable cause proceedings, in writing, to an administrative law judge.

### § 18361.4. Probable Cause Proceedings

- (a) <u>Probable Cause Report</u>. If the Chief of the Enforcement Division decides to commence probable cause proceedings pursuant to Sections 83115.5 and 83116, he or she shall direct the Enforcement Division staff to prepare a written report, hereafter referred to as "the probable cause report." The probable cause report shall contain a summary of the law and evidence gathered in connection with the investigation, including any exculpatory and mitigating information of which the staff has knowledge and any other relevant material and arguments. The evidence recited in the probable cause report may include hearsay, including declarations of investigators or others relating the statements of witnesses or concerning the examination of physical evidence.
- (b) No probable cause hearing will take place until at least 21 calendar days after the Enforcement Division staff provides the following, by service of process or registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, to all proposed respondents:
  - (1) A copy of the probable cause report;
  - (2) Notification that the proposed respondents have the right to respond in writing to the probable cause report and to request a probable cause conference at which the proposed respondent may be present in person and represented by counsel, and;
  - (3) If the Commission met in executive session on this matter pursuant to Regulation 18361.2, a copy of any staff memoranda submitted to the Commission at that time along with the recording of any discussion between the Commission and the staff at the executive session as required in subdivision (b) of Regulation 18361.2.

### (c) Response to Probable Cause Report.

- (1) Each proposed respondent may submit a written response to the probable cause report. The response may contain a summary of evidence, legal arguments, and any mitigating or exculpatory information. A proposed respondent who submits a response must file it with the Commission Assistant who will forward the response to the General Counsel or an attorney in the Legal Division (the "hearing officer") and provide a copy, by service of process or registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, to all other proposed respondents listed in the probable cause report not later than 21 days following service of the probable cause report.
- (2) Within 21 calendar days following the service of the probable cause report, a proposed

respondent may request discovery of evidence in the possession of the Enforcement Division. This request must be sent by registered or certified mail to the Commission Assistant. Upon receipt of the request, the Enforcement Division shall provide discovery of evidence relied upon by the Enforcement Division sufficient to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe or entertain a strong suspicion that a proposed respondent committed or caused a violation, along with any exculpatory or mitigating evidence. This is not a right to full discovery of the Enforcement Division file. The Enforcement Division shall provide access to documents for copying by the Respondent, or upon agreement among the parties, the Enforcement Division will provide copies of the requested documents upon payment of a fee for direct costs of duplication. The Enforcement Division shall provide such evidence by service of process or registered or certified mail with return receipt requested to all respondents, with a copy to the Commission Assistant. A respondent may submit a written response to the probable cause report described in subsection (1) no later than 21 calendar days after service of discovery.

- (3) The Commission staff may submit any evidence or argument in rebuttal to the response. When the Commission staff submits evidence or argument in rebuttal to the response, it shall provide a copy, by service of process or registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, to all proposed respondents listed in the probable cause report not later than 10 calendar days following the date the response was filed with the Commission Assistant. The hearing officer may extend the time limitations in this section for good cause. At any time prior to a determination of probable cause, the hearing officer may allow additional material to be submitted as part of the initial response or rebuttal.
- (d) Probable Cause Conference. Any proposed respondent may request a probable cause conference. The request shall be served upon the Commission Assistant and all other proposed respondents not later than 21 days after service of the probable cause report unless the hearing officer extends the time for good cause. The Commission Assistant shall fix a time for the probable cause conference and the hearing officer shall conduct the conference informally. The conference shall be closed to the public unless a proposed respondent requests and all other proposed respondents agree to a public conference. If the conference is not public, only members of the Commission staff, any proposed respondent and his or her legal counsel or representative shall have the right to be present and participate. The hearing officer may allow witnesses to attend and participate in part or all of the probable cause conference. In making this determination, the hearing officer shall consider the relevancy of the witness' proposed testimony, whether the witness has a substantial interest in the proceedings, and whether fairness requires that the witness be allowed to participate. Representatives of any civil or criminal prosecutor with jurisdiction may attend the conference at the discretion of the hearing officer if they agree to respect the confidential nature of the proceedings. If the conference is not open to the public and none of the parties and the presiding officer object, the conference may be conducted in whole or in part by telephone. The probable cause conference shall be recorded. The hearing officer may determine whether there is probable cause based solely on the probable cause report, any responses or rebuttals filed and any arguments presented at the probable cause conference by the interested parties. If the hearing officer requires additional information before determining whether there is probable cause, he or she may permit any party to submit additional evidence at the probable cause conference.

(e) Finding of Probable Cause. The hearing officer may find there is probable cause to believe a violation has occurred if the evidence is sufficient to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe or entertain a strong suspicion that a proposed respondent committed or caused a violation. A finding of probable cause by the hearing officer does not constitute a finding that a violation has actually occurred. The hearing officer shall not make a finding of probable cause if he or she is presented with clear and convincing evidence that, at a time prior to the alleged violation, the violator consulted with the staff of the Commission in good faith, disclosed truthfully all the material facts, and committed the acts complained of either in reliance on the advice of the staff or because of the staff's failure to provide advice. If the hearing officer makes a finding of probable cause, the Enforcement Division shall prepare an Accusation pursuant to Section 11503 and have it served upon the person or persons who are subjects of the probable cause finding. The hearing officer shall publicly announce the finding of probable cause. The announcement shall contain a summary of the allegations and a cautionary statement that the respondent is presumed to be innocent of any violation of the Act unless a violation is proved in a subsequent proceeding. The Chief of the Enforcement Division shall be responsible for the presentation of the case in support of the Accusation at an administrative hearing held pursuant to Section 83116.

### § 18362. Access to Complaint Files

- (a) Access to complaints, responses thereto, and investigative files and information shall be granted in accordance with the requirements of the Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250, et seq.).
- (b) When release of material is requested pursuant to subdivision (a), the Executive Director, or his or her designee, shall review the material prior to its release or prior to a claim of exemption to determine that the requirements of the Public Records Act have been satisfied.
- (c) Any person requesting copies of material pursuant to subdivision (a) shall reimburse the Commission \$0.10 per page for each page copied or supply copying equipment and make copies in the offices of the Commission. Documents may not be removed from the offices of the Commission. If the request is for copies totaling ten pages or less, the copies shall be provided without charge for copying since the administrative costs do not warrant collection of \$1.00 or less. If the request is for copies totaling more than ten pages, reimbursements of copying costs shall include the cost for the first ten pages. Charges imposed pursuant to this subdivision are for the purpose of recovering the cost of copying.
- (d) Requests for access and copies pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be made in writing and shall specifically identify the documents sought.

### § 18361.2. Memorandum Respecting Civil Litigation.

(a) If the Executive Director concludes civil litigation should be initiated, he or she shall submit to the Commission a written memorandum, which shall be first reviewed by the General Counsel, or an attorney from the Legal Division, summarizing the facts and the applicable law of the case and recommending the initiation of a lawsuit. The memorandum shall include all exculpatory and mitigating information known to the staff.

- (b) The Commission shall review the memorandum at an executive session. The General Counsel, or an attorney from the Legal Division, and the Commission Assistant shall be in attendance. No other member of the staff may be present unless the Commission meets with a member of the staff for that person to answer questions. The Commission may not resume its deliberations until the person is no longer present. Any communication between the Commission and the person during the executive session shall be recorded. After review of the memorandum, the Commission may direct the Executive Director to do any of the following:
  - (1) Initiate civil litigation.
  - (2) Decide whether probable cause proceedings should be commenced pursuant to 2 Cal. Code of Regulations Section 18361.4.
  - (3) Return the matter to the staff for further investigation.
  - (4) Take no further action on the matter or take any other action it deems appropriate.
- (c) If the Commission decides to initiate civil litigation, the Commission may then permit other members of the staff to attend the executive session.
- (d) If the Executive Director deems it necessary, he or she may call a special meeting of the Commission to review a staff memorandum recommending the initiation of civil litigation.
- (e) It is the intent of the Commission in adopting this section to preserve for the members of the Commission the authority to decide whether alleged violations should be adjudicated in administrative hearings or in civil litigation, while at the same time avoiding the possibility that discussions with members of the staff might cause members of the Commission to prejudge a case that might be heard by the Commission under Government Code Section 83116.



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| 11          | In the Matter of  | ) FPPC No. 15/245  |
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| 13          | CORSO FOR CITY COUNCIL 2014,  | ) AMENDED REPORT IN SUPPORT OF A   |
| 14          | TAXPAYERS FOR OCEANSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS, AND DANA   | ) FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE  |
| 15          | CORSO,  | ) Conference Date: TBA ) Conference Time: TBA  |
| 16          | Respondents.  | ) Conference Location: Commission Offices<br>) 1102 Q Street, Suite 3000<br>) Sacramento, CA 95811 |
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| 21          | Respondent Dana Corso ("Corso") was an  | unsuccessful candidate for the Oceanside City Counci   |
| 22          | in 2014. Respondent Corso for Council 2014 ("   | 'Corso for Council") is Corso's controlled committee   |
| 23          | Respondent Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighbor   | hoods ("Taxpayers for Oceanside") is a city genera   |
| 24          | purpose committee. Corso serves as treasurer of   | both Corso for Council and Taxpayers for Oceanside   |
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The Political Reform Act (the "Act")<sup>1</sup> requires committees and candidates to do the following: timely file semi-annual campaign statements by July 31 and January 31 of each year, timely file prelection statements, timely report the receipt of contributions on all campaign statements, and it requires 24-hour reports to be filed within 24-hours of receiving or making a late contribution in the 90 days leading up to an election. Furthermore, the Act prohibits a candidate from making expenditures out of any bank account other than the one designed for campaign activity on their statement of organization.

Corso for Council and Corso violated the Act by failing to timely report the receipt of contributions, failing to timely file a preelection statement, failing to timely file a semi-annual statement, and by failing to timely file 24-hour reports.

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso violated the Act by failing to timely file four semi-annual campaign statements, failing to timely file an amendment to its statement of organization, and failing to timely file two preelection campaign statements.

This probable cause report is being amended to change the subdivisions from (a) to (b) in count 2 and subdivision (b) was added to Section 84200.7 in counts 11 and 12. Additionally, in law section pertaining to the liability, the treasurer was included on line 15.

#### **SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

All legal references and discussions of law pertain to the Act's provisions as they existed at the time of the violations.

#### Jurisdiction

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "Commission") has administrative jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of the Act.<sup>2</sup>

### Probable Cause Proceedings

Prior to the Enforcement Division commencing an administrative action, the General Counsel of the Commission or her designee (the "hearing officer"), must make a finding that there is probable cause

<sup>2</sup> Section § 83116.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Political Reform Act is contained in Government 81000 through 91014. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations.

to believe the respondent has violated the Act.<sup>3</sup> After a finding of probable cause, the Commission may hold a noticed hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act<sup>4</sup> to determine whether violations occurred, and levy an administrative penalty of up to \$5,000 for each violation.<sup>5</sup>

### Standard for Finding Probable Cause

To make a finding of probable cause, the hearing officer must be presented with sufficient evidence to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe, or entertain a strong suspicion, that a respondent committed or caused a violation.<sup>6</sup>

### Need for Liberal Construction and Vigorous Enforcement of the Political Reform Act

When enacting the Political Reform Act, the people of the state of California found and declared that previous laws regulating political practices suffered from inadequate enforcement by state and local authorities.<sup>7</sup> To that end, the Act must be liberally construed to achieve its purposes.<sup>8</sup>

### Controlled Committee

Under the Act, a controlled committee is defined as a "...committee that is controlled directly or indirectly by a candidate or state measurer proponent or that has acted jointly with a candidate, controlled committee, or state measure proponent in connection with the making of expenditures. A candidate or state measure proponent controls a committee if he or she, his or her agent, or any other committee he or she controls has a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the committee." Under the Act, there is not a definition of "significant influence", but the Commission has advised that a candidate is presumed to exert significant influence "...whenever the candidate is a voting member of a committee's leadership body..."

<sup>3</sup> Section 83115.5, and Reg. 18361 and 18361.4.

<sup>4</sup> Section 11500, et seq.

<sup>9</sup> Section 82016, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Section 83116, and Reg. 18361.4, subdivision. (e).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Reg. 18361.4, subdivision, (e).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Section 81001, subdivision (h).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Section 81003.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Ferguson Advice Letter, No. A-86-044. FPPC advice letters are issued pursuant to Government Code section 83114, subdivision (b), and California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 18329. They offer guidance to the public, and under certain circumstances, the requestor may use the advice as a defense in an enforcement proceeding. Although the ultimate resolution

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### Semi-Annual Campaign Statements

The Act requires candidates and committees to file semi-annual statements each year "...no later than July 31 for the period ending June 30, and no later than January 31, for the period ending December 31..." However, if the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or official state holiday, "the filing deadline for such a statement or report shall be extended to the next regular business day." <sup>12</sup>

### Preelection Campaign Statement

The Act states that "All candidates appearing on the ballot to be voted on at the next election, their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose an elected officer, candidate, or measure appearing on the ballot to be voted on at the next election shall file the applicable preelection statements." A candidate and their controlled committee are required to file a preelection statement on October 5 for the period ending September 30 and for the period ending 17 days before an election the statement shall be filed no later than 12 days before the election.

### Contents of a Campaign Statement

The Act requires each campaign statement to contain information pertaining to the total amount of contributions received during the applicable period, the total amount of expenditures made during the applicable period, and the name, street address, occupation, and employer of any contributor that has made contributions totaling more than \$100 in the applicable period.<sup>15</sup>

### Statement of Organization Amendments

The Act requires committees to file an amendment statement of organization within ten days to reflect any changes.<sup>16</sup>

of legal issues regarding statutory interpretation lies with the courts, the advice of the FPPC as an agency empowered by the Legislature to interpret and enforce the Political Reform Act is entitled to weight.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Section 84200, subdivision (a).

<sup>12</sup> Regulation 18116, subdivision (a).

<sup>13</sup> Section 84200.5, subdivision (b)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Section 84200.7, subdivision (b)(1) and (2).

<sup>15</sup> Section 84211, subdivisions (a), (b), and (f).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Section 84103.

### Naming a Controlled Committee

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The Act requires the name of a candidate controlled committee to include the last name of the controlling candidate, the office sought, and the year of the election. 17

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aggregate one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more and is made to or received by a candidate, a controlled committee, or a committee formed or existing primarily to support or oppose a candidate or measure

Under the Act, a late contribution is defined as "A contribution, including a loan, that totals in the

within 90 days before the date of the election..."18 A candidate or committee that receives or makes a late monetary contribution is required to report within 24-hours the receipt or making of a late contribution. 19

Additionally, a candidate or committee that makes or receives a late in-kind contribution shall report that activity within 48 hours of making or receiving a late in-kind contribution.<sup>20</sup>

Candidate and Treasurer Liability

Under the Act, it is the duty of the candidate and treasurer of a controlled committee to ensure that the committee complies with all the requirements of the Act concerning the receipt, expenditure, and reporting of funds.<sup>21</sup> The candidate and treasurer may be held jointly and severally liable, along with the committee, for violations committed by the committee.<sup>22</sup>

### Liability for Violations

Under the Act, "Any person who violates any provision of this title, who purposely or negligently causes any other person to violate any provision of this title, or who aids and abets any other person in the violation of this title shall be liable... This section shall only apply to persons who have filing or reporting

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Former Regulation 18402, subdivision (c)(1) and (2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Former Section 82036, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Section 84203, subdivision (a) and (b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Section 84203.3, subdivision (b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Sections 81004, 84100 84213, and Regulation 18427.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

obligations under this title, or who are compensated for services involving the planning, organizing, or directing any activity regulated or required by this title..."23

### SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE

On November 4, 2014, Corso was an unsuccessful candidate in the County of San Diego's General Election for Oceanside City Council. Corso for Council qualified as a committee on or around August 17, 2014. Corso for Council received approximately \$26,388 in contributions and made approximately \$25,194 in expenditures. At the time Corso was running for city council, Corso was also serving as the treasurer of Taxpayers for Oceanside, which is a role she began on or around March 18, 2013. This matter was opened based on an audit of Corso for Council conducted by the California Franchise Tax Board ("FTB") covering the period of January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014 and based on several complaints alleging Corso for Council and Taxpayers for Oceanside were not in compliance with the filing requirements of the Act.

The FTB found and the Enforcement Division confirmed that Corso for Council violated the Act by failing to timely report contributions, failing to timely file 24-hour reports, and accepting cash contributions. Furthermore, the Enforcement Division determined that Corso was controlling Taxpayers for Oceanside at the same time she was running for Oceanside City Council. Taxpayers for Oceanside violated the Act by failing to timely file four semi-annual campaign statements, failing to timely file an amended statement of organization to change the name of the committee, and failing to timely file two preelection campaign statements

### Corso for City Council Reporting and Filing

During Corso's 2014 campaign for Oceanside City Council, Corso for Council committed the following reporting and filing violations:

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<sup>23</sup> Section 83116.5.

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| Statement                                       | Reporting<br>Period                        | Monetary contributions  | In-Kind<br>contributions  | Due<br>Date     | Date of<br>Filing | Date of<br>Amendment<br>Reporting  |
|   |  |   |   |                 |                   | Contribution   |
| Preelection<br>(failure to<br>timely<br>report) | July 1,<br>2014 –<br>September<br>30, 2014 | A \$200<br>Contribution<br>from Corso<br>was not timely<br>reported | A \$1,000 in-<br>kind<br>contribution<br>from<br>Oceanside<br>Associates<br>was not<br>timely<br>reported | October 6, 2014 | October 6, 2014   | July 15, 2015, Corso amended to include in- kind contribution but she reported the office space as valued at \$1,000 for 6 months instead of \$1,000 for the reporting period, which would have been |
|   |  |   |   |                 |                   | accurate.  |

Failure to Timely File Preelection and Semi-Annual Campaign Statements

| Statement   | Reporting<br>Period                         | Due<br>Date      | Date of Filing   | Aggravating Factors:   |
|-------------|---|------------------|------------------|--|
| Preelection | October 1,<br>2014 –<br>October<br>18, 2014 | October 23, 2014 | October 27, 2014 | In aggravation, a \$581 in-kind contribution from Oceanside Associates was not reported on the preelection statement when it was filed. Instead it was reported on an amendment to the semi-annual statement ending December 31, 2014. <sup>24</sup> In aggravation, Corso for Council used the reporting period of Oct 1, 2014 – October 22, 2014, instead of the correct reporting period, |
|             |   |                  |                  | which was October 1, 2014 – October 18, 2014.  |

The in-kind contribution totals the amount incurred during the period. For example, the total for the month was \$1,000, but amount incurred during the period was \$581.

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| Annual       | 19, 2014 – | 2, 2015  | 11,  | reported the loans she made to the campaign by    |
| (Failure to  | December   |          | 2015 | \$2,010. FTB determined Corso loaned her          |
| timely file) | 31, 2014   |          |      | campaign \$990 instead of the \$3,000 she         |
|              |            |          |      | reported. FTB determined there was no             |
|              |            |          |      | transactions that matched Corso's reported        |
|              |            |          |      | amount.   |
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|              |            |          |      | In aggravation, a \$919 in-kind contribution from |
|              |            |          |      | Oceanside Associates was not timely reported      |

**Late Contribution Reports** 

| Date<br>Received   | Contributor          | Amount   | Date Filed |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|------------|
| September 30, 2014 | Oceanside Associates | \$1,000 non-monetary contribution for office space       | Not filed  |
| October 1,<br>2014 | Bernard Blom         | \$1,000 in total monetary contributions                  | Not filed  |
| October 31, 2014   | Oceanside Associates | \$1,000 non-monetary<br>contribution for office<br>space | Not filed  |

### Taxpayers for Oceanside

Taxpayers for Oceanside failed to timely file the following statements:

Semi-Annual Campaign Statements

| Statement | Reporting<br>Period | <b>Due Date</b> | Date of Filing   | Activity <sup>25</sup> |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Semi-     | July 1 2013 –       | January         | March 27, 2014   | Contrib: \$321         |
| Annual    | December 31, 2013   | 31, 2014        |                  | Expend: \$541          |
| Semi-     | January 1, 2014     | July 31,        | October 27, 2014 | Contrib: \$491         |
| Annual    | – June 30, 2014     | 2014            |                  | Expend: \$467          |
| Semi-     | July 1, 2014 –      | February        | May 11, 2015     | Contrib: \$1,176       |
| Annual    | December 31, 2014   | 2, 2015         |                  | Expend: \$760          |

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 $^{25}$  Amounts are based on filed campaign statements.

### Corso's Control of Taxpayers for Oceanside

In addition to controlling Corso for Council, Corso also controlled Taxpayers for Oceanside. According to the Act, a candidate controls a committee if he or she, his or her agent, or any other committee he or she controls has a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the committee. The Act does not define "significant influence", but the Commission has advised that a candidate is presumed to exert significant influence "...whenever the candidate is a voting member of a committee's leadership body..." In an interview with Program Specialist Bob Perna ("Perna") of the Fair Political Practices Commission, Corso testified that she has served as treasurer and president of Taxpayers for Oceanside since January of 2013 and is a voting member of the five-person board. Based on the Act's definition of a controlled committee, Corso's ability to exert significance influence over the decisions of Taxpayers for Oceanside means that she controlled Taxpayers for Oceanside.

As a result of Corso controlling Taxpayers for Oceanside – Taxpayers for Oceanside was required to change the committee's name on the statement of organization to include the controlling candidate's last name, the office being sought, and the year of the election. Taxpayers for Oceanside was also required to file preelection statements because it was being controlled by Corso. Therefore, Taxpayers for Oceanside violated the Act by failing to amend its statement of organization to include Corso's last name and by failing to file preelection statements covering the reporting periods of July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014 and October 1, 2014 – October 18, 2014.

#### **VIOLATIONS**

### Count 1: Failure to Timely Report

Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely report a \$200 contribution from Corso and a \$1,000 in-kind contribution from Oceanside Associates received during the preelection reporting period covering July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014, due by October 6, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84211, subdivisions (a), (c), and (f).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Corso's statement regarding her position is supported by a statement of organization she signed, which lists Corso as the treasurer and principal officer (president) of Taxpayers for Oceanside.

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### Count 2: Failure to Timely Report

Corso for Council and Corso failed timely file a preelection statement covering the reporting period of October 1, 2014 – October 18, 2014, due by October 23, 2014, in violation of Government Code Sections 84200.5, subdivision (b) and 84200.7, subdivision, (b).

### Count 3: Failure to Timely Report

Corso for Council and Corso failed timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of October 19, 2014 – December 31, 2014, due by February 2, 2015, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.

### Count 4: Failure to Timely File

Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file a 24-hour report after receiving a \$1,000 in-kind contribution in the form of office space from Oceanside Associates on September 30, 2014, in violation of Government Code Sections 84203 and 84203.3, subdivision (b).

### Count 5: Failure to Timely File

Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file a 24-hour report after receiving contributions from Bernard Blom that aggregated to \$1,000 on October 1, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84203.

### Count 6: Failure to Timely File

Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file a 24-hour report after receiving a \$1,000 in-kind contribution in the form of office space from Oceanside Associates on October 31, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84203 and 84203.3, subdivision (b).

### Count 7: Failure to Timely File

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of July 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013, due by January 31, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.

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Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014, due by July 31, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.

### Count 9: Failure to Timely File

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of July 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.

### Count 10: Failure to Amend Statement of Organization

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to amend its statement of organization to include Corso's last name in the name of the committee on or around August 17, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84103 and Regulation 18402, subdivision (c)(1) and (2).

### Count 11: Failure to Timely File a Preelection Statement

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a preelection statement covering the reporting period of July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014, due October 6, 2014, in violation of Government Code Sections 84200.5 subdivision (b) and 84200.7, subdivision (b).

### Count 12: Failure to Timely File a Preelection Statement

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a preelection statement covering the reporting period of October 1, 2014 – October 18, 2014, due October 23, 2014, in violation of Government Code Sections 84200.5 subdivision (b) and 84200.7, subdivision (b).

#### **EXCULPATORY AND MITIGATING INFORMATION**

In mitigation, Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso have never been penalized for violating the Act.

In mitigation, Corso for Council timely filed 24-hour reports for three other contributions totaling \$8,000.

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### **CONCLUSION**

Probable cause exists to believe Corso for Council and Corso committed six violations of the Act as set forth above in Counts 1 - 6. Probable Cause exists to believe that Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso committed six violations of the Act as set forth above in Counts 7 - 12. The Enforcement Division respectfully requests an order finding probable cause pursuant to Section 83115.5 and Regulation 18361.4.

Dated: **Z/24/19** 

Respectfully Submitted,

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Galena West

Chief of Enforcement

By: Michael W. Hamilton Commission Counsel Enforcement Division



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- 2. FPPC No. 15/245 Amended Report in Support of a Finding of Probable Cause;
- 3. Probable Cause Fact Sheet
- 4. Selected Sections of the California Government Code regarding Probable Cause Proceedings for the Fair Political Practices Commission; and
- 5. Selected Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission regarding Probable Cause Proceedings

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### FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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February 26, 2019

### **CERTIFIED MAIL**

Dana Corso Individually, and o/b/o Corso for City Council 2014 Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods 5256 South Mission Rd, Suite 310 Bonsall, CA 92003

# In the Matter of Corso for City Council 2014, Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods, and Dana Corso; FPPC No. 15/245

Dear Ms. Corso:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission is proceeding with an administrative action against you for your failure to comply with the filing and disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act"), as described in our previous correspondence dated April 23, 2018. The enclosed Report in Support of a Finding of Probable Cause (the "Report") contains a summary of the alleged violations and the relevant law and evidence.

You have the right to file a written response to the Report. That response may contain any information you think is relevant and that you wish to bring to the attention of the Commission's Hearing Officer. In your response, please indicate whether you would like the Hearing Officer to make a determination of probable cause based on the written materials alone (the Report and your response) or request a conference, during which you may orally present your case to the Hearing Officer. Probable cause conferences are held in our office which is located at 1102 Q Street, Sacramento, CA 95811. You may appear at the conference in person or by telephone and you are entitled to be represented by counsel. If you wish to submit a written response or request a probable cause conference, it must be filed with the Commission Assistant at the address listed above within 21 days from the date of service of this letter.

Please note that probable cause conferences are not settlement conferences. The sole purpose of a probable cause conference is to determine whether there is probable cause to believe that the Act was violated. However, settlement discussions are encouraged by the Commission and may take

place at any time except during a probable cause conference. If you are interested in reaching a settlement in this matter, please contact Michael W. Hamilton at (916) 322-5772 or mhamilton@fppc.ca.gov.

Finally, you have the right to request discovery of the evidence in possession of, and relied upon by, the Enforcement Division. *This request must also be filed with the Commission Assistant within 21 days from the date of service of this letter.* Should you request discovery, the Enforcement Division will provide the evidence by service of process or certified mail. From the date you are served with the evidence, you would have an additional 21 days to file a written response to the Report, just as described above.

Should you take no action within 21 days from the date of service of this letter, your rights to respond and to request a conference are automatically waived and the Enforcement Division will independently pursue the issuance of an accusation.

For your convenience, I have enclosed a fact sheet on probable cause proceedings and copies of the most relevant statutes and regulations.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Hamilton

Commission Counsel Enforcement Division

Enclosures (3)

### PROBABLE CAUSE FACT SHEET

#### INTRODUCTION

The Fair Political Practices Commission is required by law to determine whether probable cause exists to believe that the Political Reform Act (the "Act") was violated before a public administrative accusation may be issued.

The probable cause proceedings before the Fair Political Practices Commission are unique, and most respondents and their attorneys are unfamiliar with them. Therefore, we have prepared this summary to acquaint you with the process.

#### THE LAW

Government Code sections 83115.5 and 83116 set forth the basic requirement that a finding of probable cause be made in a "private" proceeding before a public accusation is issued and a public hearing conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

The Commission has promulgated regulations further defining the probable cause procedure and delegating to the General Counsel (the "Hearing Officer" for purposes of these proceedings) the authority to preside over such proceedings and decide probable cause. A copy of these statutes and regulations are attached for your convenience.

In summary, the statutes and regulations entitle you to the following:

- a) A written probable cause report containing a summary of the law alleged to have been violated, and a summary of the evidence, including any exculpatory and mitigating information and any other relevant material and arguments;
- b) The opportunity to request discovery, respond in writing, and to request a probable cause conference within 21 days of service of the probable cause report;
- c) If the Commission met to consider whether a civil lawsuit should be filed in this matter, a copy of any staff memoranda submitted to the Commission and a transcript of staff discussions with the Commission at any such meeting; and
- d) If a timely request was made, a non-public conference with the General Counsel and the Enforcement Division staff to consider whether or not probable cause exists to believe the Act was violated.

#### THE PROCEDURE

### **Probable Cause Report**

Administrative enforcement proceedings are commenced with the service, by registered or certified mail or in person, of a probable cause report. The report will contain a summary of the law and the evidence, including any exculpatory and mitigating information of which the staff has knowledge and any other relevant material and arguments. It is filed with the Hearing Officer.

### **Discovery**

Within 21 calendar days following the service of the probable cause report, you may request discovery of the evidence in the possession of the Enforcement Division. This is not a right to full discovery of the Enforcement Division file, but to the evidence relied upon by the Division along with any exculpatory or mitigating evidence<sup>1</sup>.

This request must be sent by registered or certified mail to the Commission Assistant.

### Response to Probable Cause Report

Within 21 calendar days following the service of the probable cause report (or, if you timely requested discovery, within 21 calendar days from the service of the evidence) you may submit a response to the Report. By regulation, the written response may contain, "... a summary of evidence, legal arguments, and any mitigating or exculpatory information." (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 18361.4, subd. (c).)

You must file your response with the Commission Assistant and provide a copy, by service of process or registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, to all other proposed respondents listed in the probable cause report.

### **Staff Reply**

Within 10 calendar days following the date the response was filed with the Commission Assistant, Commission staff may submit any evidence or argument in rebuttal. You will be served with a copy of any such reply.

#### **Probable Cause Conference**

Probable cause conferences are held at the offices of the Fair Political Practices Commission, which is located at 1102 Q Street, Suite 3000, Sacramento, CA 95811. You may appear at the conference in person or by telephone. The proceedings are not public unless all proposed respondents agree to open the conference to the public. Otherwise, the probable cause report, any written responses, and the probable cause conference itself are confidential.

Unless the probable cause conference is public, the only persons who may attend are the staff of the Commission, any proposed respondent and his or her attorney or representative, and, at the discretion of the Hearing Officer, witnesses.

The Hearing Officer may, but need not, permit testimony from witnesses. Probable cause conferences are less formal than court proceedings. The rules of evidence do not apply. The conferences will be recorded and a copy of the recording will be provided upon request.

Since it has the burden of proof, the Enforcement Division is permitted to open and close the conference presentations. The Hearing Officer may also hold the record open to receive additional evidence or arguments.

Probable cause conferences are not settlement conferences. The sole purpose of a probable cause conference is to determine whether or not there is probable cause to believe that the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> But see Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 18362, which states that the Commission provides access to complaints, responses to complaints, and investigative files and information in accordance with the requirements of the Public Records Act. (Govt. Code § 6250, et seq.)

Political Reform Act was violated. Anyone who wishes to discuss settlement with the Enforcement Division may do so before or after the probable cause conference but not during the conference.

Pursuant to Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 18361.4, subdivision (e), the Hearing Officer will find probable cause "if the evidence is sufficient to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe or entertain a strong suspicion that a proposed respondent committed or caused a violation."

Ordinarily, probable cause determinations are made based upon the written probable cause report, any written response by the respondent, any written reply by the Enforcement Division, and the oral arguments presented at the conference. Timely written presentations are strongly recommended.

#### Probable Cause Order and Accusation

Once the matter is submitted to the Hearing Officer, the probable cause decision will normally be made within ten days. If the Hearing Officer finds probable cause, he will issue a Finding of Probable Cause, which will be publicly announced at the next Commission Meeting. An accusation will be issued soon after the Finding of Probable Cause is publicly announced.

#### **Continuances**

Every reasonable effort is made to accommodate the schedules of parties and counsel. However, once a date has been set it is assumed to be firm and will not be continued except upon the order of the Hearing Officer after a showing of good cause. Settlement negotiations will be considered good cause only if the Hearing Officer is presented with a fully executed settlement, or is convinced that settlement is imminent.

#### **Settlements**

Settlement discussions may take place at any time except during the probable cause conference. In order to open settlement discussions, a proposed respondent or his or her counsel or representative should present a written offer to settle stating, where appropriate, the violations to be admitted, and the monetary penalty or other remedy to be tendered.

The Enforcement Division attorney assigned to the case will negotiate any potential settlement on behalf of the Fair Political Practices Commission, and will draft the language of the settlement agreement. The Hearing Officer will not directly participate in the negotiations, but will be represented by Enforcement Division attorneys. Staff attorneys will present settlement offers to the Hearing Officer for his/her approval.

#### **CONCLUSION**

This fact sheet was intended to give you a brief summary of the probable cause process at the Fair Political Practices Commission. Such a summary cannot answer every question that might arise in such proceedings. Therefore, if you have any questions that are not addressed by this fact sheet or the copies of the law and regulations we have attached, feel free to contact the attorney whose name appears on the probable cause report.

Attachments: Relevant Sections of (1) California Government Code, and (2) Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission, Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations.

#### CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE

#### **Probable Cause Statutes**

# § 83115.5. Probable cause; violation of title; notice of violation; summary of evidence; notice of rights; private proceedings

No finding of probable cause to believe this title has been violated shall be made by the commission unless, at least 21 days prior to the commission's consideration of the alleged violation, the person alleged to have violated this title is notified of the violation by service of process or registered mail with return receipt requested, provided with a summary of the evidence, and informed of his right to be present in person and represented by counsel at any proceeding of the commission held for the purpose of considering whether probable cause exists for believing the person violated this title. Notice to the alleged violator shall be deemed made on the date of service, the date the registered mail receipt is signed, or if the registered mail receipt is not signed, the date returned by the post office. A proceeding held for the purpose of considering probable cause shall be private unless the alleged violator files with the commission a written request that the proceeding be public.

## § 83116. Violation of title; probable cause; hearing; order

When the Commission determines there is probable cause for believing this title has been violated, it may hold a hearing to determine if a violation has occurred. Notice shall be given and the hearing conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500), Part 1, Division 3, Title 2, Government Code). The Commission shall have all the powers granted by that chapter. When the Commission determines on the basis of the hearing that a violation has occurred, it shall issue an order that may require the violator to do all or any of the following:

- (a) Cease and desist violation of this title.
- (b) File any reports, statements, or other documents or information required by this title.
- (c) Pay a monetary penalty of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per violation to the General Fund of the state. When the Commission determines that no violation has occurred, it shall publish a declaration so stating.

# REGULATIONS OF THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION TITLE 2, DIVISION 6 OF THE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

## **Probable Cause Regulations**

# § 18361 (b). Delegation by the Executive Director Pertaining to Enforcement Proceedings and Authority to Hear Probable Cause Proceedings.

Probable cause proceedings under Regulation 18361.4 shall be heard by the General Counsel or an attorney from the Legal Division. The General Counsel may delegate the authority to hear probable cause proceedings, in writing, to an administrative law judge.

## § 18361.4. Probable Cause Proceedings

- (a) <u>Probable Cause Report</u>. If the Chief of the Enforcement Division decides to commence probable cause proceedings pursuant to Sections 83115.5 and 83116, he or she shall direct the Enforcement Division staff to prepare a written report, hereafter referred to as "the probable cause report." The probable cause report shall contain a summary of the law and evidence gathered in connection with the investigation, including any exculpatory and mitigating information of which the staff has knowledge and any other relevant material and arguments. The evidence recited in the probable cause report may include hearsay, including declarations of investigators or others relating the statements of witnesses or concerning the examination of physical evidence.
- (b) No probable cause hearing will take place until at least 21 calendar days after the Enforcement Division staff provides the following, by service of process or registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, to all proposed respondents:
  - (1) A copy of the probable cause report;
  - (2) Notification that the proposed respondents have the right to respond in writing to the probable cause report and to request a probable cause conference at which the proposed respondent may be present in person and represented by counsel, and;
  - (3) If the Commission met in executive session on this matter pursuant to Regulation 18361.2, a copy of any staff memoranda submitted to the Commission at that time along with the recording of any discussion between the Commission and the staff at the executive session as required in subdivision (b) of Regulation 18361.2.

## (c) Response to Probable Cause Report.

- (1) Each proposed respondent may submit a written response to the probable cause report. The response may contain a summary of evidence, legal arguments, and any mitigating or exculpatory information. A proposed respondent who submits a response must file it with the Commission Assistant who will forward the response to the General Counsel or an attorney in the Legal Division (the "hearing officer") and provide a copy, by service of process or registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, to all other proposed respondents listed in the probable cause report not later than 21 days following service of the probable cause report.
- (2) Within 21 calendar days following the service of the probable cause report, a proposed

respondent may request discovery of evidence in the possession of the Enforcement Division. This request must be sent by registered or certified mail to the Commission Assistant. Upon receipt of the request, the Enforcement Division shall provide discovery of evidence relied upon by the Enforcement Division sufficient to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe or entertain a strong suspicion that a proposed respondent committed or caused a violation, along with any exculpatory or mitigating evidence. This is not a right to full discovery of the Enforcement Division file. The Enforcement Division shall provide access to documents for copying by the Respondent, or upon agreement among the parties, the Enforcement Division will provide copies of the requested documents upon payment of a fee for direct costs of duplication. The Enforcement Division shall provide such evidence by service of process or registered or certified mail with return receipt requested to all respondents, with a copy to the Commission Assistant. A respondent may submit a written response to the probable cause report described in subsection (1) no later than 21 calendar days after service of discovery.

- (3) The Commission staff may submit any evidence or argument in rebuttal to the response. When the Commission staff submits evidence or argument in rebuttal to the response, it shall provide a copy, by service of process or registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, to all proposed respondents listed in the probable cause report not later than 10 calendar days following the date the response was filed with the Commission Assistant. The hearing officer may extend the time limitations in this section for good cause. At any time prior to a determination of probable cause, the hearing officer may allow additional material to be submitted as part of the initial response or rebuttal.
- (d) Probable Cause Conference. Any proposed respondent may request a probable cause conference. The request shall be served upon the Commission Assistant and all other proposed respondents not later than 21 days after service of the probable cause report unless the hearing officer extends the time for good cause. The Commission Assistant shall fix a time for the probable cause conference and the hearing officer shall conduct the conference informally. The conference shall be closed to the public unless a proposed respondent requests and all other proposed respondents agree to a public conference. If the conference is not public, only members of the Commission staff, any proposed respondent and his or her legal counsel or representative shall have the right to be present and participate. The hearing officer may allow witnesses to attend and participate in part or all of the probable cause conference. In making this determination, the hearing officer shall consider the relevancy of the witness' proposed testimony, whether the witness has a substantial interest in the proceedings, and whether fairness requires that the witness be allowed to participate. Representatives of any civil or criminal prosecutor with jurisdiction may attend the conference at the discretion of the hearing officer if they agree to respect the confidential nature of the proceedings. If the conference is not open to the public and none of the parties and the presiding officer object, the conference may be conducted in whole or in part by telephone. The probable cause conference shall be recorded. The hearing officer may determine whether there is probable cause based solely on the probable cause report, any responses or rebuttals filed and any arguments presented at the probable cause conference by the interested parties. If the hearing officer requires additional information before determining whether there is probable cause, he or she may permit any party to submit additional evidence at the probable cause conference.

(e) Finding of Probable Cause. The hearing officer may find there is probable cause to believe a violation has occurred if the evidence is sufficient to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe or entertain a strong suspicion that a proposed respondent committed or caused a violation. A finding of probable cause by the hearing officer does not constitute a finding that a violation has actually occurred. The hearing officer shall not make a finding of probable cause if he or she is presented with clear and convincing evidence that, at a time prior to the alleged violation, the violator consulted with the staff of the Commission in good faith, disclosed truthfully all the material facts, and committed the acts complained of either in reliance on the advice of the staff or because of the staff's failure to provide advice. If the hearing officer makes a finding of probable cause, the Enforcement Division shall prepare an Accusation pursuant to Section 11503 and have it served upon the person or persons who are subjects of the probable cause finding. The hearing officer shall publicly announce the finding of probable cause. The announcement shall contain a summary of the allegations and a cautionary statement that the respondent is presumed to be innocent of any violation of the Act unless a violation is proved in a subsequent proceeding. The Chief of the Enforcement Division shall be responsible for the presentation of the case in support of the Accusation at an administrative hearing held pursuant to Section 83116.

#### § 18362. Access to Enforcement Records

- (a) Production of Enforcement Records. The Commission will make complaints, investigative files, and related records available to the public and members of the media in accordance with the Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250, et seq.) Enforcement records requests should specifically identify the documents sought.
- (b) Format of Enforcement Records. The Commission will make records available for inspection at its office during office hours. The Commission may provide copies of requested records either in paper or electronic format to the person that requested the records in lieu of inspecting the records at the Commission offices. Any person requesting paper copies of records must reimburse the Commission ten cents (\$0.10) per page to pay the cost of copying, or supply copying equipment and make copies in the offices of the Commission. Original records of the Commission may not be removed from the offices of the Commission.
- (c) Complaint Notice Period. The Commission may not provide or make available complaints or related records until after the disclosure periods provided in Regulation 18360.

#### § 18361.2. Memorandum Respecting Civil Litigation.

- (a) If the Executive Director concludes civil litigation should be initiated, he or she shall submit to the Commission a written memorandum, which shall be first reviewed by the General Counsel, or an attorney from the Legal Division, summarizing the facts and the applicable law of the case and recommending the initiation of a lawsuit. The memorandum shall include all exculpatory and mitigating information known to the staff.
- (b) The Commission shall review the memorandum at an executive session. The General

Counsel, or an attorney from the Legal Division, and the Commission Assistant shall be in attendance. No other member of the staff may be present unless the Commission meets with a member of the staff for that person to answer questions. The Commission may not resume its deliberations until the person is no longer present. Any communication between the Commission and the person during the executive session shall be recorded. After review of the memorandum, the Commission may direct the Executive Director to do any of the following:

- (1) Initiate civil litigation.
- (2) Decide whether probable cause proceedings should be commenced pursuant to 2 Cal. Code of Regulations Section 18361.4.
- (3) Return the matter to the staff for further investigation.
- (4) Take no further action on the matter or take any other action it deems appropriate.
- (c) If the Commission decides to initiate civil litigation, the Commission may then permit other members of the staff to attend the executive session.
- (d) If the Executive Director deems it necessary, he or she may call a special meeting of the Commission to review a staff memorandum recommending the initiation of civil litigation.
- (e) It is the intent of the Commission in adopting this section to preserve for the members of the Commission the authority to decide whether alleged violations should be adjudicated in administrative hearings or in civil litigation, while at the same time avoiding the possibility that discussions with members of the staff might cause members of the Commission to prejudge a case that might be heard by the Commission under Government Code Section 83116.



| 1        | GALENA WEST<br>Chief of Enforcement  |  |
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| 10       | In the Matter of   | ) FPPC No. 15/245  |
| 11       | CORSO FOR CITY COUNCIL 2014,<br>TAXPAYERS FOR OCEANSIDE  | EX PARTE REQUEST FOR A FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE AND AN ORDER THAT |
| 12       |  | AN ACCUSATION BE PREPARED AND SERVED                               |
| 13       |  | Gov. Code § 83115.5  |
| 14       | Respondents.   |  |
| 15       | TO THE HEARING OFFICER OF THE FA   | AIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION:                                |
| 16       | Pursuant to Section 83115.5 of the Political   | Reform Act (the "Act")1 and Regulation 18361.4,                    |
| 17       | Respondents Corso for Council 2014 ("Corso for Co  | ouncil"), Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods                    |
| 18       | ("Taxpayers for Oceanside"), and Dana Corso ("Cors   | o") were served with a copy of a report in support                 |
| 19       | of a finding of probable cause ("Report") in the above   | -entitled matter.2 The Report, attached as "Exhibit                |
| 20       | A," was part of a packet of materials, including a co  | ver letter and a memorandum describing probable                    |
| 21       | cause proceedings that were sub-served on Corso, C   | orso for Council, and Taxpayers for Oceanside on                   |
| 22       | November 30, 2018 by leaving the documents at  | Village Property Management (Corso's place of                      |
| 23       | business) with the receptionist who is authorized to acc   |  |
| 24       | serve Corso at her home. A copy of the documents wa  |  |
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| 26<br>27 | <sup>1</sup> The Political Reform Act is contained in Government On to this code. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Community the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references <sup>2</sup> Gov. Code § 83115.5; Cal. Code Reg., tit. 2, § 18361.4  | are to this source.  |
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place where the copies were left – making substituted service effective on December 11, 2018. A copy of the proofs of service and service attempts are attached as "Exhibit B."

On February 26, 2019, an Amended Report in Support of Probable Cause was mailed to Corso via certified mail at Village Property Management.<sup>3</sup> On March 4, 2019, the certified mail receipt was returned to the Enforcement Division and dated February 28 – making service effective March 20, 2019. A copy of the report, the proof, and certified mail receipt are attached as "Exhibit C."

In the cover letter dated February 26, 2019, and the attached materials, Corso was advised that she could respond in writing to the Report and orally present the case to the Hearing Officer at a probable cause conference to be held in Sacramento. Corso was further advised that in order to have a probable cause conference she needed to make a written request for one on or before 21 days of the date they received the Report. Additionally, Corso was advised that if she did not request a probable cause conference, such a conference would not be held and probable cause would be determined based solely on the Report and any written response that they submitted within 21 days of the date they were served with the Report. To date, Corso has not submitted a written response or requested a probable cause conference.

WHEREFORE, based on the attached Report, the Enforcement Division requests a finding by the Hearing Officer that probable cause exists to believe that Corso, Corso for Council, and Taxpayers for Oceanside committed violations of the Act, stated as follows:

Count 1: Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely report a \$200 contribution from Corso and a \$1,000 in-kind contribution from Oceanside Associates received during the preelection reporting period covering July 1, 2014 - September 30, 2014, due by October 6, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84211, subdivisions (a), (c), and (f),

Count 2: Corso for Council and Corso failed timely file a preelection statement covering the reporting period of October 1, 2014 - October 18, 2014, due by October 23, 2014, in violation of Government Code Sections 84200.5, subdivision (b) and 84200.7, subdivision. (b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The probable cause report was amended to change the subdivisions from (a) to (b) in count 2 and subdivision (b) was added to Section 84200.7 in counts 11 & 12. Additionally, in law section pertaining to the liability, the treasurer was included on line 15.

| 1        | Count 3:  | the reporting period of October 19, 2014 – December 31, 2014, due by February 2, 2015,   |
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| .51      |           | in violation of Government Code Section 84200.   |
| 2        | Count 4:  | Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file a 24-hour report after receiving a \$1,000   |
| 3        |           | in-kind contribution in the form of office space from Oceanside Associates on September 30, 2014, in violation of Government Code Sections 84203 and 84203.3, subdivision (b).   |
| 4        | Count 5:  | Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file a 24-hour report after receiving   |
| 5        | Count 5.  | contributions from Bernard Blom that aggregated to \$1,000 on October 1, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84203.  |
| 6        |           |  |
| 7        | Count 6:  | Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file a 24-hour report after receiving a \$1,000 in-kind contribution in the form of office space from Oceanside Associates on October 31, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84203 and 84203.3, subdivision (b). |
| 8        |           | 2011, in violation of Government code Section 01203 and 01203.3, Subdivision (b).  |
| 9        | Count 7:  | Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of July 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013, due by January 31,   |
| 10       |           | 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.   |
| 11       | Count 8:  | Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014, due by July 31, 2014, in  |
| 12       |           | violation of Government Code Section 84200.  |
| 13       | Count 9:  | Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement   |
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| 20       | Count 12  | Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a preelection statement covering   |
| 21       |           | the reporting period of October 1, 2014 – October 18, 2014, due October 23, 2014, in violation of Government Code Sections 84200.5 subdivision (b) and 84200.7, subdivision  |
| 22       |           | (b).   |
|          | A         | dditionally, after finding probable cause exists, the Enforcement Division requests an order by  |
| 23       | the Heari | ng Officer that an accusation be prepared against Corso, Corso for Council, and Taxpayers for  |
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| 25       | Oceanside | e and served upon them. <sup>4</sup>   |
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| 531      | 4 0       | Gov. Code § 11503.   |
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| 1  | A copy of this Request was ma                                       | iled via U.S. Mail to Corso on April 10, 2019 at her last known |
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| 2  | address, as follows:  |   |
| 3  |   |   |
| 4  | Dana Corso<br>5256 South Mission Rd, Suite 310<br>Bonsall, CA 92003 |   |
| 5  | Bonsan, Cri 72003   |   |
| 6  | Dated: 4/10/19  | Respectfully Submitted,   |
| 7  |   | FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION                             |
| 8  |   | Galena West<br>Chief of Enforcement                             |
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| 11 |   | By: Michael W. Hamilton   |
| 12 |   | Commission Counsel<br>Enforcement Division                      |
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| 5                     | 1102 Q Street, Suite 3000<br>Sacramento, CA 95811   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|                       | Telephone: (916) 322-5772<br>Email: <a href="mailton@fppc.ca.gov">mhamilton@fppc.ca.gov</a> |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6                     | Attorneys for Complainant   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7                     | Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practic  | ces Commission                            |   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 13                    | CORSO FOR CITY COUNCIL 2014,<br>TAXPAYERS FOR OCEANSIDE                                     | )<br>) REPORT IN SUPPO<br>) PROBABLE CAUS | ORT OF A FINDING OF                               |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14                    | NEIGHBORHOODS, AND DANA<br>CORSO,   | ) Conference Date:                        | TBA   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15                    | conso,  | ) Conference Time:                        | TBA : Commission Offices                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16<br>17              | Respondents.  | )   | 1102 Q Street, Suite 3000<br>Sacramento, CA 95811 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 20                    | INTRO   | DDUCTION                                  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21                    | Respondent Dana Corso ("Corso") was an  | unsuccessful candidate                    | for the Oceanside City Counci                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 22                    | in 2014. Respondent Corso for Council 2014 ("   | 'Corso for Council") is                   | Corso's controlled committee                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 23                    | Respondent Taxpayers for Occanside Neighbor   | hoods ("Taxpayers for                     | Oceanside") is a city genera                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24                    | purpose committee. Corso serves as treasurer of   | both Corso for Council                    | and Taxpayers for Oceanside                       |  |  |  |  |  |
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The Political Reform Act (the "Act")<sup>1</sup> requires committees and candidates to do the following: timely file semi-annual campaign statements by July 31 and January 31 of each year, timely file prelection statements, timely report the receipt of contributions on all campaign statements, and it requires 24-hour reports to be filed within 24-hours of receiving or making a late contribution in the 90 days leading up to an election. Furthermore, the Act prohibits a candidate from making expenditures out of any bank account other than the one designed for campaign activity on their statement of organization.

Corso for Council and Corso violated the Act by failing to timely report the receipt of contributions, failing to timely file a preelection statement, failing to timely file a semi-annual statement, and by failing to timely file 24-hour reports.

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso violated the Act by failing to timely file four semi-annual campaign statements, failing to timely file an amendment to its statement of organization, and failing to timely file two preelection campaign statements.

#### SUMMARY OF THE LAW

All legal references and discussions of law pertain to the Act's provisions as they existed at the time of the violations.

#### Jurisdiction

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "Commission") has administrative jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of the Act.<sup>2</sup>

### Probable Cause Proceedings

Prior to the Enforcement Division commencing an administrative action, the General Counsel of the Commission or her designee (the "hearing officer"), must make a finding that there is probable cause to believe the respondent has violated the Act.<sup>3</sup> After a finding of probable cause, the Commission may

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Political Reform Act is contained in Government 81000 through 91014. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section § 83116.

<sup>3</sup> Section 83115.5, and Reg. 18361 and 18361.4.

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hold a noticed hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act<sup>4</sup> to determine whether violations occurred, and levy an administrative penalty of up to \$5,000 for each violation.<sup>5</sup>

## Standard for Finding Probable Cause

To make a finding of probable cause, the hearing officer must be presented with sufficient evidence to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe, or entertain a strong suspicion, that a respondent committed or caused a violation.<sup>6</sup>

# Need for Liberal Construction and Vigorous Enforcement of the Political Reform Act

When enacting the Political Reform Act, the people of the state of California found and declared that previous laws regulating political practices suffered from inadequate enforcement by state and local authorities.<sup>7</sup> To that end, the Act must be liberally construed to achieve its purposes.<sup>8</sup>

## Controlled Committee

Under the Act, a controlled committee is defined as a "...committee that is controlled directly or indirectly by a candidate or state measurer proponent or that has acted jointly with a candidate, controlled committee, or state measure proponent in connection with the making of expenditures. A candidate or state measure proponent controls a committee if he or she, his or her agent, or any other committee he or she controls has a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the committee." Under the Act, there is not a definition of "significant influence", but the Commission has advised that a candidate is presumed to exert significant influence "...whenever the candidate is a voting member of a committee's leadership body..."

<sup>4</sup> Section 11500, et seq.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Section 83116, and Reg. 18361.4, subdivision. (e).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Reg. 18361.4, subdivision, (e).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Section 81001, subdivision (h).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Section 81003.

<sup>9</sup> Section 82016, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Ferguson Advice Letter, No. A-86-044. FPPC advice letters are issued pursuant to Government Code section 83114, subdivision (b), and California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 18329. They offer guidance to the public, and under certain circumstances, the requestor may use the advice as a defense in an enforcement proceeding. Although the ultimate resolution of legal issues regarding statutory interpretation lies with the courts, the advice of the FPPC as an agency empowered by the Legislature to interpret and enforce the Political Reform Act is entitled to weight.

## Semi-Annual Campaign Statements

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The Act requires candidates and committees to file semi-annual statements each year "...no later than July 31 for the period ending June 30, and no later than January 31, for the period ending December 31..." However, if the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or official state holiday, "the filing deadline for such a statement or report shall be extended to the next regular business day." 12

## Preelection Campaign Statement

The Act states that "All candidates appearing on the ballot to be voted on at the next election, their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose an elected officer, candidate, or measure appearing on the ballot to be voted on at the next election shall file the applicable preelection statements." A candidate and their controlled committee are required to file a preelection statement on October 5 for the period ending September 30 and for the period ending 17 days before an election the statement shall be filed no later than 12 days before the election. 14

## Contents of a Campaign Statement

The Act requires each campaign statement to contain information pertaining to the total amount of contributions received during the applicable period, the total amount of expenditures made during the applicable period, and the name, street address, occupation, and employer of any contributor that has made contributions totaling more than \$100 in the applicable period. 15

#### Statement of Organization Amendments

The Act requires committees to file an amendment statement of organization within ten days to reflect any changes.<sup>16</sup>

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23 Section 84200, subdivision (a).

24 | 12 Regulation 18116, subdivision (a).

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<sup>14</sup> Section 84200.7, subdivision (b)(1) and (2).

15 Section 84211, subdivisions (a), (b), and (f).

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#### Naming a Controlled Committee

The Act requires the name of a candidate controlled committee to include the last name of the controlling candidate, the office sought, and the year of the election.<sup>17</sup>

### 24-Hour Reports

Under the Act, a late contribution is defined as "A contribution, including a loan, that totals in the aggregate one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more and is made to or received by a candidate, a controlled committee, or a committee formed or existing primarily to support or oppose a candidate or measure within 90 days before the date of the election..." A candidate or committee that receives or makes a late monetary contribution is required to report within 24-hours the receipt or making of a late contribution. Additionally, a candidate or committee that makes or receives a late in-kind contribution shall report that activity within 48 hours of making or receiving a late in-kind contribution.

## Candidate and Treasurer Liability

Under the Act, it is the duty of the candidate and treasurer of a controlled committee to ensure that the committee complies with all the requirements of the Act concerning the receipt, expenditure, and reporting of funds.<sup>21</sup> The candidate may be held jointly and severally liable, along with the committee, for violations committed by the committee.<sup>22</sup>

## Liability for Violations

Under the Act, "Any person who violates any provision of this title, who purposely or negligently causes any other person to violate any provision of this title, or who aids and abets any other person in the violation of this title shall be liable... This section shall only apply to persons who have filing or reporting

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Regulation 18402, subdivision (c)(1) and (2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Section 82036, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Section 84203, subdivision (a) and (b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Section 84203.3, subdivision (b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Sections 81004, 84100 84213, and Regulation 18427.

<sup>22</sup> Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

obligations under this title, or who are compensated for services involving the planning, organizing, or directing any activity regulated or required by this title..."23

#### SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE

On November 4, 2014, Corso was an unsuccessful candidate in the County of San Diego's General Election for Oceanside City Council. Corso for Council qualified as a committee on or around August 17, 2014. Corso for Council received approximately \$26,388 in contributions and made approximately \$25,194 in expenditures. At the time Corso was running for city council, Corso was also serving as the treasurer of Taxpayers for Oceanside, which is a role she began on or around March 18, 2013. This matter was opened based on an audit of Corso for Council conducted by the California Franchise Tax Board ("FTB") covering the period of January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014 and based on several complaints alleging Corso for Council and Taxpayers for Oceanside were not in compliance with the filing requirements of the Act.

The FTB found and the Enforcement Division confirmed that Corso for Council violated the Act by failing to timely report contributions, failing to timely file 24-hour reports, and accepting cash contributions. Furthermore, the Enforcement Division determined that Corso was controlling Taxpayers for Oceanside at the same time she was running for Oceanside City Council. Taxpayers for Oceanside violated the Act by failing to timely file four semi-annual campaign statements, failing to timely file an amended statement of organization to change the name of the committee, and failing to timely file two preelection campaign statements

# Corso for City Council Reporting and Filing

During Corso's 2014 campaign for Oceanside City Council, Corso for Council committed the following reporting and filing violations:

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<sup>23</sup> Section 83116.5.

| Failure | to | Timely | Report |
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| Statement                                       | Reporting<br>Period                        | Monetary<br>contributions   | In-Kind<br>contributions  | Due<br>Date     | Date of<br>Filing | Date of Amendment Reporting Contribution   |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------|-------------------|--|
| Preelection<br>(failure to<br>timely<br>report) | July 1,<br>2014 –<br>September<br>30, 2014 | A \$200<br>Contribution<br>from Corso<br>was not timely<br>reported | A \$1,000 in-<br>kind<br>contribution<br>from<br>Oceanside<br>Associates<br>was not<br>timely<br>reported | October 6, 2014 | October 6, 2014   | July 15, 2015, Corso amended to include in- kind contribution but she reported the office space as valued at \$1,000 for 6 months instead of \$1,000 for the reporting period, which would have been accurate. |

Failure to Timely File Preelection and Semi-Annual Campaign Statements

| Statement   | Reporting<br>Period                         | Due<br>Date      | Date of<br>Filing | Aggravating Factors:   |
|-------------|---|------------------|-------------------|--|
| Preelection | October 1,<br>2014 –<br>October<br>18, 2014 | October 23, 2014 | October 27, 2014  | In aggravation, a \$581 in-kind contribution from Oceanside Associates was not reported on the preelection statement when it was filed. Instead it was reported on an amendment to the semi-annual statement ending December 31, 2014. <sup>24</sup> In aggravation, Corso for Council used the reporting period of Oct 1, 2014 – October 22, 2014, instead of the correct reporting period, which was October 1, 2014 – October 18, 2014. |

The in-kind contribution totals the amount incurred during the period. For example, the total for the month was \$1,000, but amount incurred during the period was \$581.

| Semi-        | October    | February | May  | In aggravation, once Corso filed she over-         |
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| Annual       | 19, 2014 – | 2, 2015  | 11,  | reported the loans she made to the campaign by     |
| (Failure to  | December   |          | 2015 | \$2,010. FTB determined Corso loaned her           |
| timely file) | 31, 2014   |          |      | campaign \$990 instead of the \$3,000 she          |
|              |            |          |      | reported. FTB determined there was no              |
|              |            |          |      | transactions that matched Corso's reported amount. |
|              |            |          |      | In aggravation, a \$919 in-kind contribution from  |
|              |            |          |      | Oceanside Associates was not timely reported       |

Late Contribution Reports

| Date<br>Received      | Contributor          | Amount   | Date Filed |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--|------------|
| September<br>30, 2014 | Oceanside Associates | \$1,000 non-monetary<br>contribution for office<br>space | Not filed  |
| October 1,<br>2014    | Bernard Blom         | \$1,000 in total monetary contributions                  | Not filed  |
| October<br>31, 2014   | Occanside Associates | \$1,000 non-monetary<br>contribution for office<br>space | Not filed  |

# Taxpayers for Oceanside

Taxpayers for Oceanside failed to timely file the following statements:

Semi-Annual Campaign Statements

| Statement       | Reporting<br>Period                    | <b>Due Date</b>     | Date of Filing   | Activity <sup>25</sup>            |
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| Semi-<br>Annual | July 1 2013 –<br>December 31,<br>2013  | January<br>31, 2014 | March 27, 2014   | Contrib: \$321<br>Expend: \$541   |
| Semi-<br>Annual | January 1, 2014  – June 30, 2014       | July 31,<br>2014    | October 27, 2014 | Contrib: \$491<br>Expend: \$467   |
| Semi-<br>Annual | July 1, 2014 –<br>December 31,<br>2014 | February<br>2, 2015 | May 11, 2015     | Contrib: \$1,176<br>Expend: \$760 |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Amounts are based on filed campaign statements.

# Corso's Control of Taxpayers for Oceanside

In addition to controlling Corso for Council, Corso also controlled Taxpayers for Oceanside. According to the Act, a candidate controls a committee if he or she, his or her agent, or any other committee he or she controls has a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the committee. The Act does not define "significant influence", but the Commission has advised that a candidate is presumed to exert significant influence "...whenever the candidate is a voting member of a committee's leadership body..." In an interview with Program Specialist Bob Perna ("Perna") of the Fair Political Practices Commission, Corso testified that she has served as treasurer and president of Taxpayers for Oceanside since January of 2013 and is a voting member of the five-person board. Based on the Act's definition of a controlled committee, Corso's ability to exert significance influence over the decisions of Taxpayers for Oceanside means that she controlled Taxpayers for Oceanside.

As a result of Corso controlling Taxpayers for Oceanside – Taxpayers for Oceanside was required to change the committee's name on the statement of organization to include the controlling candidate's last name, the office being sought, and the year of the election. Taxpayers for Oceanside was also required to file preelection statements because it was being controlled by Corso. Therefore, Taxpayers for Oceanside violated the Act by failing to amend its statement of organization to include Corso's last name and by failing to file preelection statements covering the reporting periods of July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014 and October 1, 2014 – October 18, 2014.

#### VIOLATIONS

## Count 1: Failure to Timely Report

Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely report a \$200 contribution from Corso and a \$1,000 in-kind contribution from Oceanside Associates received during the preelection reporting period covering July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014, due by October 6, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84211, subdivisions (a), (c), and (f).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Corso's statement regarding her position is supported by a statement of organization she signed, which lists Corso as the treasurer and principal officer (president) of Taxpayers for Oceanside.

| 1  | Count 8: Failure to Timely File  |
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| 2  | Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement                 |
| 3  | covering the reporting period of January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014, due by July 31, 2014, in violation     |
| 4  | Government Code Section 84200.   |
| 5  | Count 9: Failure to Timely File  |
| 6  | Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement                 |
| 7  | covering the reporting period of July 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014, in violation of Government Coo        |
| 8  | Section 84200.   |
| 9  | Count 10: Failure to Amend Statement of Organization   |
| 10 | Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to amend its statement of organization to include               |
| 11 | Corso's last name in the name of the committee on or around August 17, 2014, in violation of Government  |
| 12 | Code Section 84103 and Regulation 18402, subdivision (c)(1) and (2).                                     |
| 13 | Count 11: Failure to Timely File a Preelection Statement   |
| 14 | Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a preelection statement covering the             |
| 15 | reporting period of July 1, 2014 - September 30, 2014, due October 6, 2014, in violation of Government   |
| 16 | Code Sections 84200.5 subdivision (b) and 84200.7.   |
| 17 | Count 12: Failure to Timely File a Preelection Statement   |
| 8  | Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a preelection statement covering the             |
| 9  | reporting period of October 1, 2014 - October 18, 2014, due October 23, 2014, in violation of Government |
| 20 | Code Sections 84200.5 subdivision (b) and 84200.7.   |
| 21 | EXCULPATORY AND MITIGATING INFORMATION   |
| 22 | In mitigation, Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso have never been penalize            |
| 23 | for violating the Act.   |
| 24 | In mitigation, Corso for Council timely filed 24-hour reports for three other contributions totalin      |
| 25 | \$8,000.   |
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| 8  | REPORT IN SUPPORT OF FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE   |

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#### CONCLUSION

Probable cause exists to believe Corso for Council and Corso committed six violations of the Act as set forth above in Counts 1 – 6. Probable Cause exists to believe that Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso committed six violations of the Act as set forth above in Counts 7 – 12. The Enforcement Division respectfully requests an order finding probable cause pursuant to Section 83115.5 and Regulation 18361.4.

Dated: 9/4/18

Respectfully Submitted,

#### FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Galena West

Chief of Enforcement

By: Michael W. Hamilton Commission Counsel Enforcement Division

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct. Executed on 4/10/19.

Suzanna Gevorkyan

# Affidavit of Process Server

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

(NAME OF COURT) 15/245 CORSO FOR CITY COUNCIL IN THE MATTER OF CASE NUMBER DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER MANFRED ARNOLD BRIESE JR., being first duly sworn, depose and say: that I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action, and that within the boundaries of the state where service was effected, I was authorized by law to perform said service. Service: | served NON-SERVICE - DANA CORSO NAME OF PERSON / ENTITY BEING SERVED with (list documents) LETTER; REPORT IN SUPPORT OF FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE by leaving with RELATIONSHIP ☑ Residence CITY / STATE ADDRESS □ Business CITY/STATE ADDRESS TIME DATE Inquired if subject was a member of the U.S. Military and was informed they are not. Thereafter copies of the documents were mailed by prepaid, first class mail on DATE from Manner of Service: ☐ Personal: By personally delivering copies to the person being served. Substituted at Residence: By leaving copies at the dwelling house or usual place of abode of the person being served with a member of the household over the age of \_\_\_\_\_ and explaining the general nature of the papers. □ Substituted at Business: By leaving, during office hours, copies at the office of the person/entity being served with the person apparently in charge thereof. Posting: By posting copies in a conspicuous manner to the front door of the person/entity being served. Non-Service: After due search, careful inquiry and diligent attempts at the address(es) listed above, I have been unable to effect process upon the person/entity being served because of the following reason(s): ☐ Moved, Left no Forwarding ☐ Service Cancelled by Litigant ☐ Unable to Serve in Timely Fashion □ Unknown at Address ☐ Address Does Not Exist ☑ Other \*\*\* SEE ATTACHED DECLARATION Service Attempts: Service was attempted on: (1) TIME DATE TIME TIME TIME DATE DATE DATE Beard Glasses Description:. Age Sex Race Height Weight Hair DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF SIGNATURE OF PROCESS SERVER PERJURY THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

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PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER: IN THE MATTER OF

DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: CORSO FOR CITY COUNCIL

CASE NUMBER:

15/245

#### DECLARATION

(This form must be attached to another form or court paper before it can be filed in court.)

I, MANFRED ARNOLD BRIESE JR., am a registered process server and am employed in the county of San

| Diego. I am aware of the facts presented below. After due and diligent effort, I have been unable to effect personal service on the below-named subject. A list of dates, times and attempts at service is as follows: |
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| SERVEE: DANA CORSO   |
| ADDRESS:   |
| SERVICE ATTEMPTS AND RESULTS:  |
| 11/21/2018 at 7:33pm - No response at door. House dark. Large dog barking inside. Left contact card on door.   |
| 11/23/2018 at 6:41pm - No response at door. House dark. White Ford truck in driveway. Different shoes on porch from last attempt.  |
| 11/24/2018 at 8:46am - No response at door. Truck gone. Card was ripped up and left where I left it.   |
| 11/26/2018 at 7:30pm - No response at door. No movement. Heard dog inside.   |
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| I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.   |
| Date: 11/29/2018   |
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- 2. FPPC No. 15/245 Amended Report in Support of a Finding of Probable Cause;
- 3. Probable Cause Fact Sheet
- 4. Selected Sections of the California Government Code regarding Probable Cause Proceedings for the Fair Political Practices Commission; and
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| 13 | CORSO FOR CITY COUNCIL 2014,  | ) AMENDED REPORT IN SUPPORT OF A                                       |  |  |  |  |
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| 5  | CORSO,  | ) Conference Date: TBA ) Conference Time: TBA                          |  |  |  |  |
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| 20 | INTRO   | DUCTION  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | Respondent Dana Corso ("Corso") was an  | unsuccessful candidate for the Oceanside City Council                  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 | in 2014. Respondent Corso for Council 2014 ("   | Corso for Council") is Corso's controlled committee.                   |  |  |  |  |
| 23 |   | noods ("Taxpayers for Oceanside") is a city general                    |  |  |  |  |
| 24 |   | both Corso for Council and Taxpayers for Oceanside.                    |  |  |  |  |
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The Political Reform Act (the "Act")<sup>1</sup> requires committees and candidates to do the following: timely file semi-annual campaign statements by July 31 and January 31 of each year, timely file prelection statements, timely report the receipt of contributions on all campaign statements, and it requires 24-hour reports to be filed within 24-hours of receiving or making a late contribution in the 90 days leading up to an election. Furthermore, the Act prohibits a candidate from making expenditures out of any bank account other than the one designed for campaign activity on their statement of organization.

Corso for Council and Corso violated the Act by failing to timely report the receipt of contributions, failing to timely file a preelection statement, failing to timely file a semi-annual statement, and by failing to timely file 24-hour reports.

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso violated the Act by failing to timely file four semi-annual campaign statements, failing to timely file an amendment to its statement of organization, and failing to timely file two preelection campaign statements.

This probable cause report is being amended to change the subdivisions from (a) to (b) in count 2 and subdivision (b) was added to Section 84200.7 in counts 11 and 12. Additionally, in law section pertaining to the liability, the treasurer was included on line 15.

#### SUMMARY OF THE LAW

All legal references and discussions of law pertain to the Act's provisions as they existed at the time of the violations.

#### Jurisdiction

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "Commission") has administrative jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of the Act.<sup>2</sup>

# Probable Cause Proceedings

Prior to the Enforcement Division commencing an administrative action, the General Counsel of the Commission or her designee (the "hearing officer"), must make a finding that there is probable cause

<sup>2</sup> Section § 83116.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Political Reform Act is contained in Government 81000 through 91014. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations.

to believe the respondent has violated the Act.<sup>3</sup> After a finding of probable cause, the Commission may hold a noticed hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act<sup>4</sup> to determine whether violations occurred, and levy an administrative penalty of up to \$5,000 for each violation.<sup>5</sup>

## Standard for Finding Probable Cause

To make a finding of probable cause, the hearing officer must be presented with sufficient evidence to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe, or entertain a strong suspicion, that a respondent committed or caused a violation.<sup>6</sup>

# Need for Liberal Construction and Vigorous Enforcement of the Political Reform Act

When enacting the Political Reform Act, the people of the state of California found and declared that previous laws regulating political practices suffered from inadequate enforcement by state and local authorities.<sup>7</sup> To that end, the Act must be liberally construed to achieve its purposes.<sup>8</sup>

#### Controlled Committee

Under the Act, a controlled committee is defined as a "...committee that is controlled directly or indirectly by a candidate or state measurer proponent or that has acted jointly with a candidate, controlled committee, or state measure proponent in connection with the making of expenditures. A candidate or state measure proponent controls a committee if he or she, his or her agent, or any other committee he or she controls has a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the committee." Under the Act, there is not a definition of "significant influence", but the Commission has advised that a candidate is presumed to exert significant influence "...whenever the candidate is a voting member of a committee's leadership body..."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Section 83115.5, and Reg. 18361 and 18361.4.

<sup>4</sup> Section 11500, et seq.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Section 83116, and Reg. 18361.4, subdivision. (e).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Reg. 18361.4, subdivision, (e).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Section 81001, subdivision (h).

<sup>8</sup> Section 81003.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Section 82016, subdivision (a).

<sup>10</sup> Ferguson Advice Letter, No. A-86-044. FPPC advice letters are issued pursuant to Government Code section 83114, subdivision (b), and California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 18329. They offer guidance to the public, and under certain circumstances, the requestor may use the advice as a defense in an enforcement proceeding. Although the ultimate resolution

## Semi-Annual Campaign Statements

The Act requires candidates and committees to file semi-annual statements each year "...no later than July 31 for the period ending June 30, and no later than January 31, for the period ending December 31..." However, if the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or official state holiday, "the filing deadline for such a statement or report shall be extended to the next regular business day." <sup>12</sup>

## Preelection Campaign Statement

The Act states that "All candidates appearing on the ballot to be voted on at the next election, their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose an elected officer, candidate, or measure appearing on the ballot to be voted on at the next election shall file the applicable preelection statements." A candidate and their controlled committee are required to file a preelection statement on October 5 for the period ending September 30 and for the period ending 17 days before an election the statement shall be filed no later than 12 days before the election. 14

# Contents of a Campaign Statement

The Act requires each campaign statement to contain information pertaining to the total amount of contributions received during the applicable period, the total amount of expenditures made during the applicable period, and the name, street address, occupation, and employer of any contributor that has made contributions totaling more than \$100 in the applicable period.<sup>15</sup>

## Statement of Organization Amendments

The Act requires committees to file an amendment statement of organization within ten days to reflect any changes.<sup>16</sup>

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of legal issues regarding statutory interpretation lies with the courts, the advice of the FPPC as an agency empowered by the Legislature to interpret and enforce the Political Reform Act is entitled to weight.

<sup>11</sup> Section 84200, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Regulation 18116, subdivision (a).

<sup>13</sup> Section 84200.5, subdivision (b)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Section 84200.7, subdivision (b)(1) and (2).

Section 84211, subdivisions (a), (b), and (f).
 Section 84103.

## Naming a Controlled Committee

The Act requires the name of a candidate controlled committee to include the last name of the controlling candidate, the office sought, and the year of the election.<sup>17</sup>

#### 24-Hour Reports

Under the Act, a late contribution is defined as "A contribution, including a loan, that totals in the aggregate one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more and is made to or received by a candidate, a controlled committee, or a committee formed or existing primarily to support or oppose a candidate or measure within 90 days before the date of the election..." A candidate or committee that receives or makes a late monetary contribution is required to report within 24-hours the receipt or making of a late contribution. Additionally, a candidate or committee that makes or receives a late in-kind contribution shall report that activity within 48 hours of making or receiving a late in-kind contribution.

## Candidate and Treasurer Liability

Under the Act, it is the duty of the candidate and treasurer of a controlled committee to ensure that the committee complies with all the requirements of the Act concerning the receipt, expenditure, and reporting of funds.<sup>21</sup> The candidate and treasurer may be held jointly and severally liable, along with the committee, for violations committed by the committee.<sup>22</sup>

## Liability for Violations

Under the Act, "Any person who violates any provision of this title, who purposely or negligently causes any other person to violate any provision of this title, or who aids and abets any other person in the violation of this title shall be liable... This section shall only apply to persons who have filing or reporting

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Former Regulation 18402, subdivision (c)(1) and (2).

<sup>18</sup> Former Section 82036, subdivision (a).

<sup>19</sup> Section 84203, subdivision (a) and (b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Section 84203.3, subdivision (b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Sections 81004, 84100 84213, and Regulation 18427.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

obligations under this title, or who are compensated for services involving the planning, organizing, or directing any activity regulated or required by this title..."23

#### SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE

On November 4, 2014, Corso was an unsuccessful candidate in the County of San Diego's General Election for Oceanside City Council. Corso for Council qualified as a committee on or around August 17, 2014. Corso for Council received approximately \$26,388 in contributions and made approximately \$25,194 in expenditures. At the time Corso was running for city council, Corso was also serving as the treasurer of Taxpayers for Oceanside, which is a role she began on or around March 18, 2013. This matter was opened based on an audit of Corso for Council conducted by the California Franchise Tax Board ("FTB") covering the period of January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014 and based on several complaints alleging Corso for Council and Taxpayers for Oceanside were not in compliance with the filing requirements of the Act.

The FTB found and the Enforcement Division confirmed that Corso for Council violated the Act by failing to timely report contributions, failing to timely file 24-hour reports, and accepting cash contributions. Furthermore, the Enforcement Division determined that Corso was controlling Taxpayers for Oceanside at the same time she was running for Oceanside City Council. Taxpayers for Oceanside violated the Act by failing to timely file four semi-annual campaign statements, failing to timely file an amended statement of organization to change the name of the committee, and failing to timely file two preelection campaign statements

## Corso for City Council Reporting and Filing

<sup>23</sup> Section 83116.5.

During Corso's 2014 campaign for Oceanside City Council, Corso for Council committed the following reporting and filing violations:

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| Statement                                       | Reporting<br>Period                        | Monetary<br>contributions   | In-Kind<br>contributions  | Due<br>Date     | Date of<br>Filing | Date of<br>Amendment<br>Reporting<br>Contribution  |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------|-------------------|--|
| Preelection<br>(failure to<br>timely<br>report) | July 1,<br>2014 –<br>September<br>30, 2014 | A \$200<br>Contribution<br>from Corso<br>was not timely<br>reported | A \$1,000 in-<br>kind<br>contribution<br>from<br>Oceanside<br>Associates<br>was not<br>timely<br>reported | October 6, 2014 | October 6, 2014   | July 15, 2015, Corso amended to include in- kind contribution but she reported the office space as valued at \$1,000 for 6 months instead of \$1,000 for the reporting period, which would have been accurate. |

Failure to Timely File Preelection and Semi-Annual Campaign Statements

| Statement   | Reporting<br>Period                         | Due<br>Date      | Date of<br>Filing | Aggravating Factors:   |
|-------------|---|------------------|-------------------|--|
| Preelection | October 1,<br>2014 –<br>October<br>18, 2014 | October 23, 2014 | October 27, 2014  | In aggravation, a \$581 in-kind contribution from Oceanside Associates was not reported on the preelection statement when it was filed. Instead it was reported on an amendment to the semi-annual statement ending December 31, 2014. In aggravation, Corso for Council used the reporting period of Oct 1, 2014 – October 22, 2014, instead of the correct reporting period, which was October 1, 2014 – October 18, 2014. |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> The in-kind contribution totals the amount incurred during the period. For example, the total for the month was \$1,000, but amount incurred during the period was \$581.

| Semi-<br>Annual<br>(Failure to<br>timely file) | October<br>19, 2014 –<br>December<br>31, 2014 | February 2, 2015 | May<br>11,<br>2015 | In aggravation, once Corso filed she over-<br>reported the loans she made to the campaign by<br>\$2,010. FTB determined Corso loaned her<br>campaign \$990 instead of the \$3,000 she<br>reported. FTB determined there was no<br>transactions that matched Corso's reported<br>amount. |
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|  |   |                  |                    | In aggravation, a \$919 in-kind contribution from Oceanside Associates was not timely reported  |

Late Contribution Reports

| Date<br>Received      | Contributor          | Amount   | Date Filed |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--|------------|
| September<br>30, 2014 | Oceanside Associates | \$1,000 non-monetary contribution for office space       | Not filed  |
| October 1,<br>2014    | Bernard Blom         | \$1,000 in total monetary contributions                  | Not filed  |
| October<br>31, 2014   | Oceanside Associates | \$1,000 non-monetary<br>contribution for office<br>space | Not filed  |

## Taxpayers for Oceanside

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Taxpayers for Oceanside failed to timely file the following statements:

Semi-Annual Campaign Statements

| Statement       | Reporting<br>Period                    | <b>Due Date</b>     | Date of Filing   | Activity <sup>25</sup>            |
|-----------------|--|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Semi-<br>Annual | July 1 2013 –<br>December 31,<br>2013  | January<br>31, 2014 | March 27, 2014   | Contrib: \$321<br>Expend: \$541   |
| Semi-<br>Annual | January 1, 2014<br>– June 30, 2014     | July 31,<br>2014    | October 27, 2014 | Contrib: \$491<br>Expend: \$467   |
| Semi-<br>Annual | July 1, 2014 –<br>December 31,<br>2014 | February<br>2, 2015 | May 11, 2015     | Contrib: \$1,176<br>Expend: \$760 |

 $^{\rm 25}$  Amounts are based on filed campaign statements.

## Corso's Control of Taxpayers for Oceanside

In addition to controlling Corso for Council, Corso also controlled Taxpayers for Oceanside. According to the Act, a candidate controls a committee if he or she, his or her agent, or any other committee he or she controls has a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the committee. The Act does not define "significant influence", but the Commission has advised that a candidate is presumed to exert significant influence "...whenever the candidate is a voting member of a committee's leadership body..." In an interview with Program Specialist Bob Perna ("Perna") of the Fair Political Practices Commission, Corso testified that she has served as treasurer and president of Taxpayers for Oceanside since January of 2013 and is a voting member of the five-person board. Based on the Act's definition of a controlled committee, Corso's ability to exert significance influence over the decisions of Taxpayers for Oceanside means that she controlled Taxpayers for Oceanside.

As a result of Corso controlling Taxpayers for Oceanside – Taxpayers for Oceanside was required to change the committee's name on the statement of organization to include the controlling candidate's last name, the office being sought, and the year of the election. Taxpayers for Oceanside was also required to file preelection statements because it was being controlled by Corso. Therefore, Taxpayers for Oceanside violated the Act by failing to amend its statement of organization to include Corso's last name and by failing to file preelection statements covering the reporting periods of July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014 and October 1, 2014 – October 18, 2014.

#### **VIOLATIONS**

## Count 1: Failure to Timely Report

Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely report a \$200 contribution from Corso and a \$1,000 in-kind contribution from Oceanside Associates received during the preelection reporting period covering July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014, due by October 6, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84211, subdivisions (a), (c), and (f).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Corso's statement regarding her position is supported by a statement of organization she signed, which lists Corso as the treasurer and principal officer (president) of Taxpayers for Oceanside.

## Count 2: Failure to Timely Report

Corso for Council and Corso failed timely file a preelection statement covering the reporting period of October 1, 2014 – October 18, 2014, due by October 23, 2014, in violation of Government Code Sections 84200.5, subdivision (b) and 84200.7, subdivision, (b).

#### Count 3: Failure to Timely Report

Corso for Council and Corso failed timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of October 19, 2014 – December 31, 2014, due by February 2, 2015, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.

## Count 4: Failure to Timely File

Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file a 24-hour report after receiving a \$1,000 in-kind contribution in the form of office space from Oceanside Associates on September 30, 2014, in violation of Government Code Sections 84203 and 84203.3, subdivision (b).

#### Count 5: Failure to Timely File

Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file a 24-hour report after receiving contributions from Bernard Blom that aggregated to \$1,000 on October 1, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84203.

## Count 6: Failure to Timely File

Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file a 24-hour report after receiving a \$1,000 in-kind contribution in the form of office space from Oceanside Associates on October 31, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84203 and 84203.3, subdivision (b).

## Count 7: Failure to Timely File

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of July 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013, due by January 31, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.

#### Count 8: Failure to Timely File

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014, due by July 31, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.

#### Count 9: Failure to Timely File

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of July 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.

#### Count 10: Failure to Amend Statement of Organization

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to amend its statement of organization to include Corso's last name in the name of the committee on or around August 17, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84103 and Regulation 18402, subdivision (c)(1) and (2).

#### Count 11: Failure to Timely File a Preelection Statement

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a preelection statement covering the reporting period of July 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014, due October 6, 2014, in violation of Government Code Sections 84200.5 subdivision (b) and 84200.7, subdivision (b).

## Count 12: Failure to Timely File a Preelection Statement

Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a preelection statement covering the reporting period of October 1, 2014 – October 18, 2014, due October 23, 2014, in violation of Government Code Sections 84200.5 subdivision (b) and 84200.7, subdivision (b).

#### **EXCULPATORY AND MITIGATING INFORMATION**

In mitigation, Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso have never been penalized for violating the Act.

In mitigation, Corso for Council timely filed 24-hour reports for three other contributions totaling \$8,000.

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#### CONCLUSION

Probable cause exists to believe Corso for Council and Corso committed six violations of the Act as set forth above in Counts 1 - 6. Probable Cause exists to believe that Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso committed six violations of the Act as set forth above in Counts 7 - 12. The Enforcement Division respectfully requests an order finding probable cause pursuant to Section 83115.5 and Regulation 18361.4.

Dated: 2/24/19

Respectfully Submitted,

#### FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Galena West

Chief of Enforcement

By: 'Michael W. Hamilton Commission Counsel **Enforcement Division** 



## BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

| 4      | In the Matter of | ) FPPC No. 15/245   |
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| 5<br>6 |                  | )<br>) FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE AND<br>) ORDER TO PREPARE AND SERVE AN<br>) ACCUSATION |

Respondents.

Gov. Code § 83115.5

By means of an Ex Parte Request for an Order Finding Probable Cause and an Order that an Accusation be Prepared and Served, the Enforcement Division submitted the above-entitled matter to the Hearing Officer for a determination of Probable Cause. As set forth in the Ex Parte Request For a Finding of Probable Cause and an Order that an Accusation be Prepared and Served ("Ex Parte Request"), the Enforcement Division served a Report in Support of a Finding of Probable Cause ("PC Report") on Respondents on December 11, 2018 by substitute service. On February 28, 2018, the Enforcement Division served respondents with an Amended Report in Support of Probable Cause by certified mail. Dana Corso ("Corso") was served individually and on behalf of Corso for City Council 2014 ("Corso for City Council") and Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods ("Taxpayers") concerning this matter. Accompanying the PC Report was a packet of materials that informed the Corso, Corso for City Council, and Taxpayers of their right to file a written response to the PC Report and to request a probable cause conference within 21 days following service of the PC Report. During the 21 days that followed service of the PC Report and Amended PC Report, Corso did not file a response to the PC Report or request a probable cause conference. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations title 2, section 18361.4. determination of probable cause may be made solely on papers submitted when the respondent does not request a probable cause conference.1

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The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations.

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| 1 2      | covering the reporting period of July 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013, due by January 31, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.  |
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| 3        | Count 8: Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014, due by July 31, 2014, in  |
| 4        | violation of Government Code Section 84200.   |
| 5        | Count 9: Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of July 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014, in violation of  |
| 6        | Government Code Section 84200.  |
| 7<br>8   | Count 10: Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to amend its statement of organization to include Corso's last name in the name of the committee on or around August 17, 2014, in violation of Government Code Section 84103 and Regulation 18402, subdivision (c)(1) and (2). |
| 9        |   |
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| 11       | Count 12: Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a preelection statement covering  |
| 12<br>13 | the reporting period of October 1, 2014 – October 18, 2014, due October 23, 2014, in violation of Government Code Sections 84200.5 subdivision (b) and 84200.7, subdivision   |
| 14       | (b).  |
| 15       | Based on the Ex Parte Request given to me, I find that notice has been given to Corso, Corso for  |
|          | City Council, and Taxpayers. <sup>3</sup> I further find, based on the PC Report and the Ex Parte Request, that there   |
| 16       | is probable cause to believe Corso, Corso for City Council, and Taxpayers violated the Political Reform   |
| 17       | Act as alleged in Counts 1–12, as identified above.   |
| 18       | I therefore direct that the Enforcement Division issue an accusation against Corso, Corso for City  |
| 19       | Council, and Taxpayers in accordance with this finding.   |
| 20       | IT IS SO ORDERED.   |
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| 23       | Dated: 4-10-19  |
| 24       | Hearing Officer Fair Political Practices Commission   |
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| 27       | <sup>3</sup> Government Code § 83115.5; Cal. Code Reg., tit. 2, §18361.4, subd. (b).  |
| ^^       | FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE AND ORDER TO PREPARE AND SERVE AN ACCUSATION FPPC NO. 15/245  |

## FPPC No. 15/245, In the matter of Corso for City Council 2014, Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods, and Dana Corso

#### PROOF OF SERVICE

At the time of service, I was over 18 years of age and not a party to this action. My business address is Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3000, Sacramento, CA 95811. On the date below, I served the following document:

## FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE AND ORDER TO PREPARE AND SERVE AN ACCUSATION

#### **MANNER OF SERVICE**

(U.S. Mail) By causing a true copy thereof to be served on the parties in this action through the U.S. Mail and addressed as listed below. I am familiar with the procedure of the Fair Political Practices Commission for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service, and the fact that the correspondence would be deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day in the ordinary course of business.

#### **SERVICE LIST**

Dana Corso Individually, and o/b/o Corso for City Council 2014 Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods

(By Personal Service) On Thursday April 11, 2019, at approximately 3:30 p.m., I personally served:

Michael Hamilton, Commission Counsel, at 1102 Q Street, Suite 3000, Sacramento, CA 95811.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct and that this document is executed at Sacramento, California, on April 11, 2019.

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| 2  | MICHAEL W. HAMILTON Commission Counsel  |  |
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| 4  | Sacramento, CA 95811<br>Telephone: (916) 322-5772   | Ť  |
| 5  | Email: mhamilton@fppc.ca.gov  |  |
| 6  | Attorneys for Complainant Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices (                | Commission   |
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| 8  | BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICA  | L PRACTICES COMMISSION                                       |
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| 12 | CORSO FOR COUNCIL 2014,1  | )<br>FPPC No. 15/245   |
| 13 | TAXPAYERS FOR OCEANSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS, and DANA CORSO,  | )<br>ACCUSATION  |
| 14 |   | ) (Gov. Code §11503)   |
| 15 | Respondents.  | )<br>)   |
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| 17 | Complainant, the Enforcement Division of the  | Fair Political Practices Commission, after a finding         |
| 18 | of probable cause made pursuant to Government Cod   | e section 83115.5, hereby alleges the following:             |
| 19 | JURISDI   | CTION  |
| 20 | 1. Complainant is the Enforcement Divis   | sion of the Fair Political Practices Commission (the         |
| 21 | "Commission") and makes this Accusation in its office   | cial capacity and in the public interest.                    |
| 22 | 2. The authority to bring this action is de   | erived from California Code of Regulations, title 2,         |
| 23 | sections 18361 and 18361.4, subdivision (e), and the  | statutory law of the State of California, including,         |
| 24 | Government Code sections 83111, 83116, and 9100   | 0.5, which assign to the Enforcement Division the            |
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| 26 | In the caption of the Report in Support of Probable   | Cause (the "Report"), Corso for Council 2014 is incorrectly  |
| 27 | referred to as Corso for "City" Council 2014. In the caption of th with Corso for Council 2014. | is document, Corso for "City" Council 2014 has been replaced |
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duty to administer, implement, and enforce the provisions of the Political Reform Act, found at Government Code sections 81000 through 91014.

- When enacting the Political Reform Act (the "Act"), 2 California voters specifically found 3. and declared that previous laws regulating political practices had suffered from inadequate enforcement, and it was their purpose to ensure that the Act be vigorously enforced.<sup>3</sup>
  - 4. To that end, the Act must be liberally construed to achieve its purposes.<sup>4</sup>
- 5. One of the stated purposes of the Act is to ensure that receipts and expenditures in election campaigns are fully and truthfully disclosed, so that voters may be fully informed, and improper practices may be inhibited.<sup>5</sup> In furtherance of this purpose, the Act establishes a comprehensive campaign reporting system.

#### **RESPONDENTS**

- 6. Respondent Dana Corso ("Corso") was an unsuccessful candidate for the Oceanside City Council in 2014. Respondent Corso for Council 2014 ("Corso for Council") was Corso's controlled committee. Respondent Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods ("Taxpayers for Oceanside") is a city general purpose committee. Corso served as treasurer of Corso for Council and serves as treasurer of Taxpayers for Oceanside.
- 7. Corso for Council and Corso violated the Act by failing to timely report the receipt of contributions, failing to timely file a preelection statement, failing to timely file a semi-annual statement, and by failing to timely file 24-hour contribution reports.
- 8. Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso violated the Act by failing to timely file three semiannual campaign statements, failing to timely file an amendment to its statement of organization, and failing to timely file two preelection campaign statements.

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<sup>5</sup> Section 81002, subdivision (a).

<sup>4</sup> Section 81003.

the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.

<sup>3</sup> Sections 81001, subdivision (h), and 81002, subdivision (f).

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<sup>2</sup>The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code §§ 81000 through 91014, and all statutory references are

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#### APPLICABLE LAW

9. All applicable law referenced herein is the law as it existed during the relevant time for the violations alleged in this Accusation.

#### A. Definitions

- 10. A "candidate" is an individual who is listed on the ballot for election to any elective office.<sup>6</sup>
- 11. A "controlled committee"

...committee that is controlled directly or indirectly by a candidate or state measurer proponent or acts jointly with a candidate, controlled committee, or state measure proponent in connection with the making of expenditures. A candidate or state measure proponent controls a committee if he or she, his or her agent, or any other committee he or she controls has a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the committee."<sup>7</sup>

Under the Act, there is not a definition of "significant influence", but the Commission has advised that a candidate is presumed to exert significant influence "...whenever the candidate is a voting member of a committee's leadership body..."<sup>8</sup>

#### B. Duty to File Campaign Statements

- 12. The Act requires candidate-controlled committees to file campaign statements at specific times disclosing information regarding campaign contributions received and expenditures made by the campaign committees.<sup>9</sup>
- 13. Every committee must have a treasurer.<sup>10</sup> A treasurer is liable, along with the candidate and the committee, for any failure to comply with the Act's campaign reporting requirements.<sup>11</sup>
  - 14. Candidates for city office must file campaign statements with the clerk of the city. 12

## C. Duty to File Semi-Annual Campaign Statements

15. The Act requires candidates and committees to file semi-annual statements each year "...no later than July 31 for the period ending June 30, and no later than January 31, for the period ending

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Section 82007.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Section 82016, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Ferguson Advice Letter, No. A-86-044. FPPC advice letters are issued pursuant to Government Code section 83114, subdivision (b), and California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 18329. They offer guidance to the public, and under certain circumstances, the requestor may use the advice as a defense in an enforcement proceeding. Although the ultimate resolution of legal issues regarding statutory interpretation lies with the courts, the advice of the FPPC as an agency empowered by the Legislature to interpret and enforce the Political Reform Act is entitled to weight (Section 83114).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Sections 84200 through 84225.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Section 84100.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Section 84215, subdivisions (d) and (f).

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December 31..." <sup>13</sup> However, if the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or official state holiday, "the filing deadline for such a statement or report shall be extended to the next regular business day."<sup>14</sup>

#### D. Preelection Campaign Statements

16. The Act states that "...all candidates ...being voted upon the on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June or November, their controlled committees, and committees primarily formed to support or oppose those candidates...shall file a preelection statement..." <sup>15</sup> A candidate and her controlled committee are required to file a preelection statement no later than October 5 for the period ending September 30 and for the period ending 17 days before an election the statement shall be filed no later than 12 days before the election. <sup>16</sup>

#### E. Contents of a Campaign Statement

17. The Act requires each campaign statement to contain information pertaining to the total amount of contributions received during the applicable period, the total amount of expenditures made during the applicable period, and the name, street address, occupation, and employer of any contributor that has made contributions totaling more than \$100 in the applicable period. <sup>17</sup>

#### F. Statement of Organization Amendments

18. The Act requires committees to file an amendment statement of organization within ten days to reflect any changes. 18

#### G. Naming a Controlled Committee

19. The Act requires the name of a candidate controlled committee to include the last name of the controlling candidate, the office sought, and the year of the election. <sup>19</sup>

#### H. 24-Hour Contribution Reports

20. Under the Act, a late contribution is defined as "a contribution, including a loan, that totals in the aggregate one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more and is made to or received by a candidate, a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Section 84200, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Regulation 18116, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Former Section 84200.5, subdivision (b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Section 84200.7, subdivision (b)(1) and (2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Section 84211, subdivisions (a), (b), and (f).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Section 84103.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Former Regulation 18402, subdivision (c)(1) and (2).

controlled committee, or a committee formed or existing primarily to support or oppose a candidate or measure within 90 days before the date of the election..."<sup>20</sup> A candidate or committee that makes or receives a late monetary contribution is required to report within 24-hours of making or receiving a late contribution. <sup>21</sup> Additionally, a candidate or committee that receives a late in-kind contribution shall report that activity within 48 hours of receiving a late in-kind contribution. <sup>22</sup>

#### I. Candidate and Treasurer Liability

21. Under the Act, it is the duty of the candidate and treasurer of a controlled committee to ensure that the committee complies with all the requirements of the Act concerning the receipt, expenditure, and reporting of funds. <sup>23</sup> The candidate and treasurer may be held jointly and severally liable, along with the committee, for violations committed by the committee. <sup>24</sup>

#### J. Liability for Violations

22. Under the Act, "Any person who violates any provision of this title, who purposely or negligently causes any other person to violate any provision of this title, or who aids and abets any other person in the violation of this title shall be liable...this section shall only apply to persons who have filing or reporting obligations under this title, or who are compensated for services involving the planning, organizing, or directing any activity regulated or required by this title..."<sup>25</sup>

#### K. Factors for the Commission to Consider

23. In framing a proposed order following a finding of a violation pursuant to section 83116, the Fair Political Practices Commission, and the administrative law judge, shall consider all the surrounding circumstances, including: (1) the seriousness of the violation; (2) the presence or absence of any intention to conceal, deceive or mislead; (3) whether the violation was deliberate, negligent or inadvertent; (4) whether the violator demonstrated good faith by consulting the Commission staff or any other government agency in a manner not constituting a complete defense under section 83114(b); (5)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Former Section 82036, subdivision (a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Section 84203, subdivision (a) and (b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Section 84203.3, subdivision (b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Sections 81004, 84100 84213, and Regulation 18427.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Section 83116.5.

1 whether the violation was isolated or part of a pattern and whether the violator has a prior record of 2 violations of the Act or similar laws; and (6) whether the violator, upon learning of a reporting violation, voluntarily filed amendments to provide full disclosure.<sup>26</sup> 3 4 **GENERAL FACTS** 5 24. This matter was opened based on an audit of Corso for Council conducted by the California 6 Franchise Tax Board ("FTB") covering the period of January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014 and based on 7 complaints alleging Corso for Council and Taxpayers for Oceanside were not in compliance with the filing requirements of the Act. 8 9 25. Corso for Council qualified as a committee on or around August 17, 2014. Corso for Council reported receiving contributions totaling approximately \$26,388 in contributions and making 10 11 expenditures totaling approximately \$25,194. 12 26. At the time, Corso was running for city council, Corso was also serving as the treasurer of 13 Taxpayers for Oceanside, which is a role she began on or around March 18, 2013. 14 27. On November 4, 2014, Corso was an unsuccessful candidate in the County of San Diego's General Election for Oceanside City Council. 15 16 Corso for Council Reporting and Filing 28. 17 The evidence establishes that during Corso's 2014 campaign for Oceanside City Council, 18 Corso for Council and Corso committed the following reporting and filing violations: 19 /// 20 /// 21 /// 22 /// 23 /// 24 /// 25 /// /// 26 27 <sup>26</sup> Regulation 18361.5, subd. (d). 28 ACCUSATION

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|                       | are to Timely Report |

| Statement                              | Reporting<br>Period                        | Monetary<br>contributions   | In-Kind<br>contributions  | Due<br>Date        | Date of<br>Filing | Date of Amendment Reporting Contribution  |
|--|--|---|---|--------------------|-------------------|---|
| Preelection (failure to timely report) | July 1,<br>2014 –<br>September<br>30, 2014 | A \$200<br>Contribution<br>from Corso<br>was not timely<br>reported | A \$1,000 in-<br>kind<br>contribution<br>from<br>Oceanside<br>Associates<br>was not<br>timely<br>reported | October<br>6, 2014 | October 6, 2014   | July 15, 2015, Corso amended to include in- kind contribution but she reported the office space as valued at \$1,000 for 2 1/2 months instead of \$1,000 for the reporting period |

Failure to Timely File Preelection and Semi-Annual Campaign Statements

| Statement                                      | Reporting<br>Period                           | Due<br>Date         | Date of Filing   | Aggravating Factors:  |
|--|---|---------------------|------------------|---|
| Preelection                                    | October 1,<br>2014 –<br>October<br>18, 2014   | October 23, 2014    | October 27, 2014 | In aggravation, a \$581 in-kind contribution from Oceanside Associates was not reported on the preelection statement when it was filed. Instead it was reported on an amendment to the semiannual statement ending December 31, 2014. <sup>27</sup> In aggravation, Corso for Council used the reporting period of Oct 1, 2014 – October 22, 2014, instead of the correct reporting period, which was October 1, 2014 – October 18, 2014. |
| Semi-<br>Annual<br>(Failure to<br>timely file) | October<br>19, 2014 –<br>December<br>31, 2014 | February<br>2, 2015 | May 11, 2015     | In aggravation, once Corso filed she over-reported the loans she made to the campaign by \$2,010. FTB determined Corso loaned her campaign \$990 instead of the \$3,000 she reported. FTB determined there was no transactions that matched Corso's reported amount.  In aggravation, a \$919 in-kind contribution from Oceanside Associates was not timely reported  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> The in-kind contribution totals the amount incurred during the period. For example, the total for the month was \$1,000, but amount incurred during the period was \$581.

#### 24-Hour Contribution Reports

| Date<br>Received   | Contributor          | Amount   | Date Filed  Not filed |  |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| September 30, 2014 | Oceanside Associates | \$1,000 non-monetary contribution for office space |                       |  |
| October 1,<br>2014 | Bernard Blom         | \$1,000 in total monetary contributions            | Not filed             |  |
| October 31, 2014   | Oceanside Associates | \$1,000 non-monetary contribution for office       | Not filed             |  |
|                    |                      | space  |                       |  |

## Taxpayers for Oceanside Filing Violations

29. Taxpayers for Oceanside failed to timely file the following statements:

#### Semi-Annual Campaign Statements

| Statement       | Reporting<br>Period                    | <b>Due Date</b>     | Date of Filing   | Activity <sup>28</sup>            |
|-----------------|--|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Semi-<br>Annual | July 1 2013 –<br>December 31,<br>2013  | January 31, 2014    | March 27, 2014   | Contrib: \$321<br>Expend: \$541   |
| Semi-<br>Annual | January 1, 2014  – June 30, 2014       | July 31,<br>2014    | October 27, 2014 | Contrib: \$491<br>Expend: \$467   |
| Semi-<br>Annual | July 1, 2014 –<br>December 31,<br>2014 | February<br>2, 2015 | May 11, 2015     | Contrib: \$1,176<br>Expend: \$760 |

- 30. In addition to controlling Corso for Council, Corso also controlled Taxpayers for Oceanside. According to the Act, a candidate controls a committee if he or she, his or her agent, or any other committee he or she controls has a significant influence on the actions or decisions of the committee.
- 31. The Act does not define "significant influence", but the Commission has advised that a candidate is presumed to exert significant influence "...whenever the candidate is a voting member of a committee's leadership body..."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Amounts are based on filed campaign statements.

In an interview with Program Specialist Bob Perna ("Perna") of the Fair Political Practices Commission, Corso testified that she has served as treasurer and president of Taxpayers for Oceanside since January of 2013 and is a voting member of the five-person board. Based on the Act's definition of a controlled committee, Corso's ability to exert significance influence over the decisions of Taxpayers for Oceanside means that she controlled Taxpayers for Oceanside.

- 32. As a result of Corso simultaneously running for city council and controlling Taxpayers for Oceanside Taxpayers for Oceanside was required to change the committee's name on the statement of organization to include the controlling candidate's last name, the office being sought, and the year of the election within 10 days of Corso for Council qualifying as a committee to reflect the change in status.
- 33. Taxpayers for Oceanside was also required to file preelection statements because it was controlled by Corso. The evidence establishes that Taxpayers for Oceanside failed to amend its statement of organization to include Corso's last name and to file preelection statements covering the reporting periods of July 1, 2014 September 30, 2014 and October 1, 2014 October 18, 2014.

#### **PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

- 34. The Enforcement Division initiated this administrative action against Corso for Council, Taxpayers for Oceanside, and Corso by serving them with a Report in Support of a Finding of Probable Cause (the "Report"). Corso was sub-served on December 1, 2018 making service effective on December 11, 2018.<sup>29</sup>
- 35. Corso did not request a probable cause hearing within 21 days of being served with the Report thereby waiving their rights to a probable cause hearing.<sup>30</sup>
- 36. On February 26, 2019, an Amended Report in Support of Probable Cause was mailed to Corso via certified mail. On March 4, 2019, the certified mail receipt was returned to the Enforcement Division and dated February 28.
- 37. Corso did not request a probable cause hearing within 21 days of being served with the Report thereby waiving their rights to a probable cause hearing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Sections 83115.5 and 91000.5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Section 83115 and Regulation 18361.4

| 1  |                | Count 2  |
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| 2  |                | Failure to Timely File a Pre-Election Campaign Statement                                   |
| 3  | 45.            | Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1 – 44 of this Accusation, as though completely se     |
| 4  | forth herein.  |  |
| 5  | 46.            | Corso for Council and Corso had a duty to timely file a preelection statement covering the |
| 6  | reporting peri | od of October 1, 2014 – October 18, 2014, due by October 23, 2014 deadline.                |
| 7  | 47.            | Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file the required preelection statement by    |
| 8  | October 23, 2  | 014 deadline.  |
| 9  | 48.            | By failing to timely file the pre-election campaign statement by the October 23, 2014      |
| 10 | deadline, Cor  | so for Council and Corso violated Government Code Section 84200.5, subdivision (b) and     |
| 11 | 84200.7, subo  | livision (b).  |
| 12 |                | Count 3  |
| 13 |                | Failure to Timely File a Semi-Annual Campaign Statement                                    |
| 14 | 49.            | Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1 – 48 of this Accusation, as though completely se     |
| 15 | forth herein.  |  |
| 16 | 50.            | Corso for Council and Corso had a duty to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement     |
| 17 | for the period | covering October 19, 2014 – December 31, 2014, due by the February 2, 2015 deadline.       |
| 18 | 51.            | Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file the required semi-annual campaign        |
| 19 | statement by   | the February 2, 2015.  |
| 20 | 52.            | By failing to timely file the semi-annual campaign statement by the February 2, 2015       |
| 21 | deadline, Cor  | so for Council and Corso violated Government Code Section 84200.                           |
| 22 |                | Count 4  |
| 23 |                | Failure to Timely File a 24-Hour Contribution Report                                       |
| 24 | 53.            | Complainant incorporates paragraphs $1-52$ of this Accusation, as though completely set    |
| 25 | forth herein.  |  |
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- 54. Corso for Council and Corso had a duty to timely file a file a 24-hour contribution report after receiving a \$1,000 in-kind contribution in the form of office space from Oceanside Associates on September 30, 2014.
- 55. Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file a file a 24-hour contribution report after receiving a \$1,000 in-kind contribution in the form of office space from Oceanside Associates on September 30, 2014.
- 56. By failing to timely file a file a 24-hour contribution report after receiving a \$1,000 in-kind contribution in the form of office space from Oceanside Associates on September 30, 2014, Corso for Council and Corso violated Government Code Sections 84203 and 84203.3, subdivision (b).

#### Count 5

## Failure to Timely File a 24-Hour Contribution Report

- 57. Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1-56 of this Accusation, as though completely set forth herein.
- 58. Corso for Council and Corso had a duty to timely file a 24-hour contribution report after receiving contributions from Bernard Blom that aggregated to \$1,000 on October 1, 2014.
- 59. Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file a 24-hour contribution report after receiving contributions from Bernard Blom that aggregated to \$1,000 on October 1, 2014.
- 60. By failing to timely file a 24-hour contribution report after receiving contributions from Bernard Blom that aggregated to \$1,000 on October 1, 2014, Corso for Council and Corso violated Government Code Sections 84203.

#### Count 6

## Failure to Timely File a 24-Hour Contribution Report

- 61. Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1-60 of this Accusation, as though completely set forth herein.
- 62. Corso for Council and Corso had a duty to timely file a 24-hour contribution report after receiving a \$1,000 in-kind contribution in the form of office space from Oceanside Associates on October 31, 2014.

- 63. Corso for Council and Corso failed to timely file a 24-hour contribution report after receiving a \$1,000 in-kind contribution in the form of office space from Oceanside Associates on October 31, 2014.
- 64. By failing to timely file a 24-hour contribution report after receiving a \$1,000 in-kind contribution in the form of office space from Oceanside Associates on October 31, 2014 Corso for Council and Corso violated Government Code Sections 84203 and 84203.3, subdivision (b).

#### Count 7

### Failure to Timely File a Semi-Annual Campaign Statement

- 65. Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1-64 of this Accusation, as though completely set forth herein.
- 66. Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso had a duty to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of July 1, 2013 December 31, 2013, due by January 31, 2014 deadline.
- 67. Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of July 1, 2013 December 31, 2013, due by the January 31, 2014 deadline.
- 68. By failing to timely file the semi-annual campaign statement by January 31, 2014 deadline, Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso violated Government Code Section 84200.

### Count 8

## Failure to Timely File a Semi-Annual Campaign Statement

- 69. Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1-68 of this Accusation, as though completely set forth herein.
- 70. Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso had a duty to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of January 1, 2014 June 30, 2014, due by July 31, 2014 deadline.
- 71. Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of January 1, 2014 June 30, 2014, due by July 31, 2014 deadline.
- 72. By failing to timely file the semi-annual campaign statement by the July 31, 2014 deadline, Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso violated Government Code Section 84200.

#### Count 9

## Failure to Timely File a Semi-Annual Campaign Statement

- 73. Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1-72 of this Accusation, as though completely set forth herein.
- 74. Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso had a duty to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of July 1, 2014 December 31, 2014, due by February 2, 2015.
- 75. Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement covering the reporting period of July 1, 2014 December 31, 2014, due by February 2, 2015.
- 76. By failing to timely file the semi-annual campaign statement by the February 2, 2015 deadline, Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso violated Government Code Section 84200.

#### Count 10

#### Amended Statement of Organization

- 77. Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1-76 of this Accusation, as though completely set forth herein.
- 78. Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso had a duty to amend its statement of organization on or around August 17, 2014 to include Corso's last name in the name of the committee, the office being sought, and the year of the election.
- 79. Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso failed to amend its statement of organization on or around August 17, 2014 to include Corso's last name in the name of the committee, the office being sought, and the year of the election.
- 80. By failing to timely amend the statement of organization, Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso violated Government Code Section 84103 and Regulation 18402, subdivisions (c)(1) and (2).

#### Count 11

## Failure to Timely File a Pre-Election Campaign Statement

81. Complainant incorporates paragraphs 1-80 of this Accusation, as though completely set forth herein.

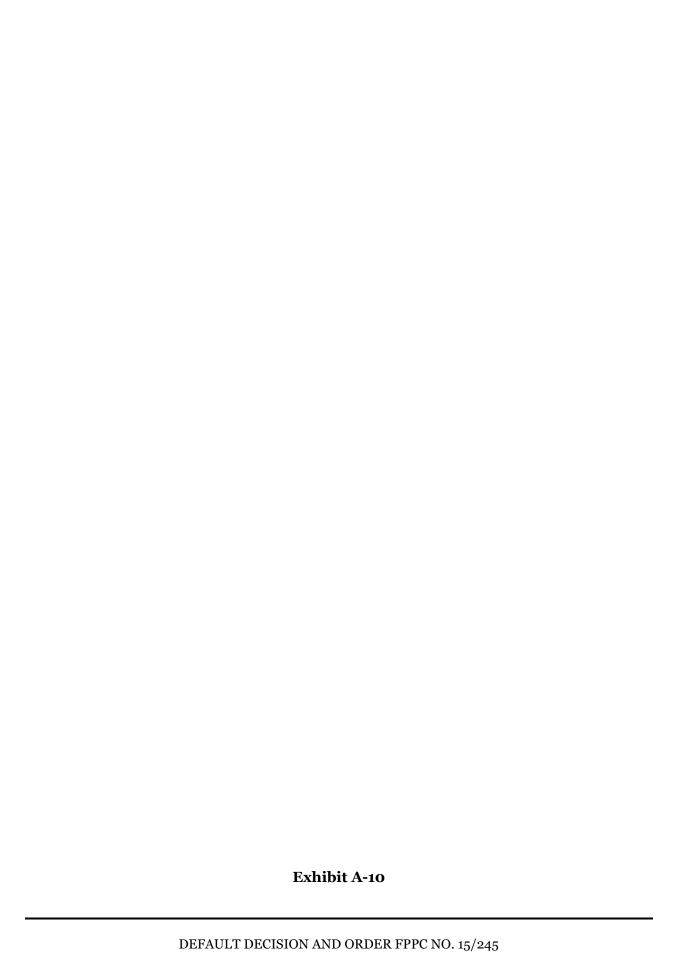
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- 8. That the Fair Political Practices Commission, pursuant to section 83116, subdivision (c), order Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso to pay a monetary penalty of up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the violation of the Act alleged in **Count 7**;
- 9. That the Fair Political Practices Commission, pursuant to section 83116, subdivision (c), order Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso to pay a monetary penalty of up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the violation of the Act alleged in **Count 8**;
- 10. That the Fair Political Practices Commission, pursuant to section 83116, subdivision (c), order Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso to pay a monetary penalty of up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the violation of the Act alleged in **Count 9**;
- 11. That the Fair Political Practices Commission, pursuant to section 83116, subdivision (c), order Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso to pay a monetary penalty of up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the violation of the Act alleged in **Count 10**;
- 12. That the Fair Political Practices Commission, pursuant to section 83116, subdivision (c), order Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso to pay a monetary penalty of up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the violation of the Act alleged in **Count 11**;
- 13. That the Fair Political Practices Commission, pursuant to section 83116, subdivision (c), order Taxpayers for Oceanside and Corso to pay a monetary penalty of up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the violation of the Act alleged in **Count 12**;
- 14. That the Fair Political Practices Commission, pursuant to regulation 18361.5, subdivision (d), consider the following factors in framing a proposed order following a finding of a violation pursuant to Section 83116: (1) the seriousness of the violation; (2) the presence or absence of any intention to conceal, deceive or mislead; (3) whether the violation was deliberate, negligent or inadvertent; (4) whether the violator demonstrated good faith by consulting the Commission staff or any other government agency in a manner not constituting a complete defense under section 83114(b); (5) whether the violation was isolated or part of a pattern and whether the violator has a prior record of violations of the Act or similar laws; and (6) whether the violator, upon learning of a reporting violation, voluntarily filed amendments to provide full disclosure.

| 1        | 15. That the Fair Political           | Practio | ces Commis             | sion grant suc   | ch other and further | relief as it deems |
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## **Affidavit of Process Server**

#### Before the Fair Political Practices Commission, State of California

vis In The Matter of Corso For Council 2014, Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods, and Dana Corso Case Number: 15/245 I.K. Wysong, being first duly sworn, depose and say: that I am over the age of 18 years and not a part to this action, and that within the boundries of the state where service was effected, I was authorized by law to perform said service. Party Served: Dana Corso Documents Served: Statement to Respondent, Accusation; Notice of Defense; California Government Code Sections 11506 through 11508 Served at Place of Business: 5256 S. Mission Rd. Ste. 310, Bonsall, CA 92003 Date Served: 10/1/2019 Time of Service: 11:00 AM By leaving with Elizabeth Johnson - Receptionist Description of person served Weight: Sex: I Eyes: Height: Skin: Marks: Manner of Service: PERSONAL SERVICE: By personally delivering copies to the person being served. SUBSTITUTED SERVICE AT RESIDENCE: By personally delivering copies to the dwelling house orusual place of abode of the person (or authorized person on behalf of an entity) being served. Person receiving documents must be at least 18 years of age and should be informed of the general nature of the papers. SUBSTITUTED SERVICE AT BUSINESS: By leaving, during normal business hours, copies at the office of the person/entity being served with the person apparently in charge thereof. POSTING: By posting copies in a conspicuous manner to the front door of the person/entity being served. MAILING: I also placed a copy of the documents in the mail on 10/1/2019 from San Diego, CA by デルサ にんちう Non-Service: After due search, careful inquiry and diligent attempts at the address(es) listed above, I have been unable to effect process upon the person/entity being served because of the following reason(s): Unknown at Address Moved, Left no Forwarding Service Cancelled by Litigant Unable to serve in a Timely Fashion

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Address Does Not Exist Other:

SIGNATURE OF PROCESS SERVER

K. Wysong RPS: 1802

| ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (Name, State Bar number, and address) Galena West California Fair Political Practices Commission 1102 Q Street Ste. 3000 Sacramento, CA 95811  TELEPHONE NO.: (916) 322-8185   FAX NO   E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): sgevorkyan@fppc ca gov ATTORNEY FOR (Name):: | FOR COURT USE ONLY          |
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| Before the Fair Political Practices Commission, State of California  |                             |
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| city and zip code: Sacramento, CA 95811  |                             |
| BRANCH NAME:   |                             |
| PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER;  | CASE NUMBER:                |
| DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: In The Matter of Corso For Council 2014, Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods, and Dana Corso   | 15/245                      |
| DECLARATION OF DILIGENCE   | Ref, No. or File No.: 39505 |

Statement to Respondent, Accusation; Notice of Defense; California Government Code Sections 11506 through 11508;

I attempted personal service on the following dates and times with the following results:

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| 9/12/2019 | 9:12 AM  | Business | Subject not in office, per receptionist. She claims subject is in and out K. Wysong   |
|           |          |          | 5256 S. Mission Rd. Ste. 310, Bonsall, CA 92003   |
| 9/14/2019 | 1:53 PM  | Business | Subject not in, per co-worker. She comes and goes. No set schedule K. Wysong  |
|           |          |          | 5256 S. Mission Rd. Ste. 310, Bonsall, CA 92003   |
| 9/20/2019 | 10:34 AM | Business | Subject not in office today, per receptionist. Subject has not been in the office in two weeks. Has no set schedule or upcoming appointments. Left contact card K. Wysong 5256 S. Mission Rd. Ste. 310, Bonsall, CA 92003 |
| 9/23/2019 | 1:10 PM  | Business | Not in, per receptionist - K. Wysong<br>5256 S. Mission Rd. Ste. 310, Bonsall, CA 92003   |
| 10/1/2019 | 11:00 AM | Business | Substituted service on: Dana Corso; 5256 S. Mission Rd. Ste. 310, Bonsall, CA 92003; by serving: Elizabeth Johnson - Receptionist,  |
| 10/1/2019 |          |          | Mailed copy of documents to: Dana Corso.<br>5256 S. Mission Rd. Ste. 310, Bonsall, CA 92003   |

Fee for Service: \$ 200.00
County: San Diego
Registration No.: 1802

San Diego Service of Process, LLC

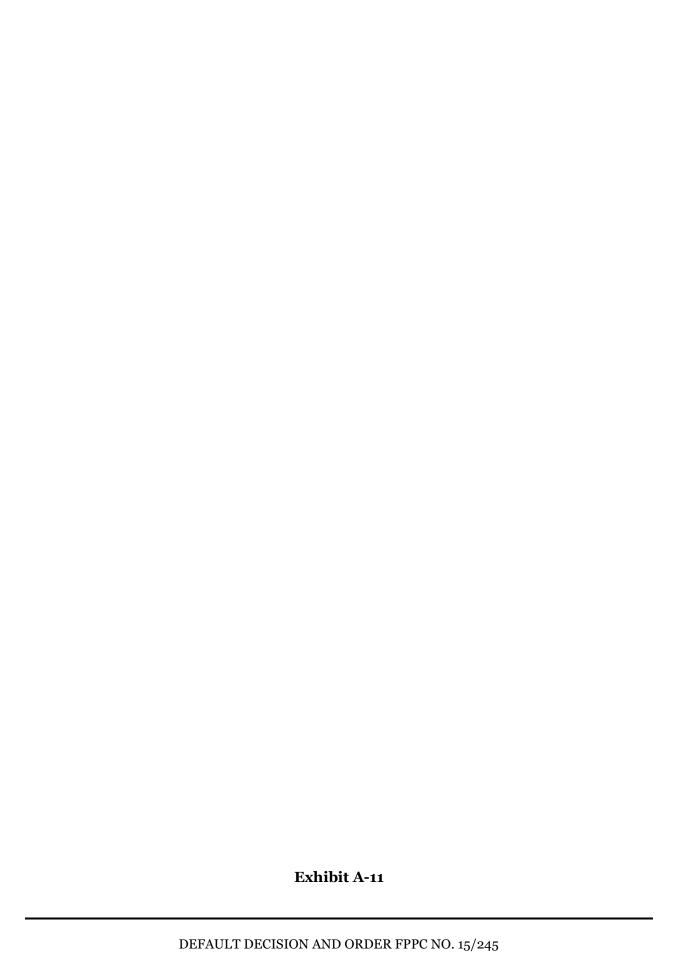
2445 Morena Blvd. Suite 201 San Diego, CA 92110 (619) 275-6400 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on October 15, 2019.



Signature:

K. Wysong

I, K. Wysong , declare: I am a Registered Process Server and was retained to serve process in the above-referenced matter on the following person or entity: Dana Corso as follows: Documents:





### FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

1102 Q St • Suite 3000 • Sacramento, CA 95811 (916) 322-5660 • Fax (916) 322-0886

#### STATEMENT TO RESPONDENT

[Government Code Section 11505, subdivision (b)]

Corso for Council 2014, Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods, and Dana Corso

FPPC Case No. 15/245

Enclosed is an Accusation, which was filed with the Fair Political Practices Commission (the "FPPC") and which is hereby served upon you, along with two copies of a Notice of Defense and Government Code Sections 11506 through 11508.

Unless a written request for a hearing signed by you or on your behalf is delivered or mailed to the FPPC within 15 days after the Accusation was served on you, the FPPC may proceed upon the Accusation without a hearing. The request for a hearing may be made by delivering or mailing the enclosed form entitled Notice of Defense, or by delivering or mailing a notice of defense as provided by Section 11506 of the Government Code to the Commission Assistant at the FPPC.

You may, but need not, be represented by counsel at any or all stages of these proceedings.

If you desire a list of the names and addresses of witnesses against you, or an opportunity to inspect and copy the items mentioned in Section 11507.6 of the Government Code that are in the possession, custody, or control of this agency, or if you with to discuss the possibility of resolving this matter without a formal hearing, you may contact Michael W. Hamilton, Commission Counsel, FPPC Enforcement Division at 916-322-5772.

The hearing may be postponed for good cause. If you have good cause, you are obliged to notify the FPPC or, if an administrative law judge has been assigned to the hearing, the Office of Administrative Hearings, within 10 working days after you discover the good cause. Failure to give notice within 10 days will deprive you of a postponement.

After a hearing, the FPPC will consider the following factors in determining whether to assess a penalty (Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 18361.5, subdivision (d).):

- 1. The seriousness of the violation;
- 2. The presence or absence of any intention to conceal, deceive, or mislead;
- 3. Whether the violation was deliberate, negligent, or inadvertent:
- 4. Whether the violator demonstrated good faith by consulting Commission staff or any other government agency in a manner not constituting a complete defense under Government Code Section 83114, subdivision (b);

- 5. Whether the violation was isolated or part of a pattern;
- 6. Whether the violator has a prior record of violations of the Political Reform Act or similar laws; and
- 7. Whether the violator, upon learning of a reporting violation, voluntarily filed amendments to provide full disclosure.



#### Before the Fair Political Practices Commission

#### State of California

| In the Matter of   | ) NOTICE OF DEFENSE<br>) (Pursuant to Gov. Code § 11506) |
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| CORSO FOR COUNCIL 2014,<br>TAXPAYERS FOR OCEANSIDE<br>NEIGHBORHOODS, and DANA<br>CORSO | ) FPPC Case No. 15/245<br>)<br>)<br>)                    |
| Respondents.   | )  |

Corso for Council 2014, Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods, and Dana Corso, respondents named in the above entitled proceeding, hereby acknowledges receipt of the Accusation, a copy of the Statement to Respondent, a copy of Government Code Sections 11506 through 11508, and two copies of a *NOTICE OF DEFENSE*.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11506, subdivision (a), you may file this *NOTICE OF DEFENSE* requesting a hearing on the grounds listed below. Failure to file this *NOTICE OF DEFENSE* shall constitute a waiver of your right to a hearing. If you waive your right to a hearing, you may file a statement of mitigation by separate letter that will be considered by the Commission in assessing any penalties for the violations alleged in the Accusation.

If you wish to file a *NOTICE OF DEFENSE*, please check <u>all</u> applicable grounds for the *NOTICE OF DEFENSE*, complete the remainder of the form, and mail to the Commission within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the Accusation.

### **GROUNDS FOR NOTICE OF DEFENSE**

| 1)     | I request a hearing;   |
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| 2)     | I object to the Accusation upon the ground that it does not state acts or omissions upon which the agency may proceed;   |
| 3)     | I object to the form of the Accusation on the ground that it is so indefinite or uncertain that I cannot identify the transaction that is the subject of the Accusation or prepare my defense;   |
| 4)     | I admit the Accusation in whole or in part (check box "a" or "b");   |
|        | a) I admit the Accusation in whole.  |
|        | b) I admit the Accusation in part as indicated below:  |
|        |  |
| 5)     | I wish to present new matter by way of defense;  |
| 6)     | I object to the accusation upon the ground that, under the circumstances, compliance with the requirements of a regulation of the Fair Political Practices Commission would result in a material violation of another regulation enacted by another department affecting substantive rights. |
|        |  |
| Dated: |  |
|        | Respondent   |
|        | Print Name   |
|        | Mailing Address  |
|        | City, State, Zip   |



#### Before the Fair Political Practices Commission

#### **State of California**

| In the Matter of   | ) | NOTICE OF DEFENSE<br>(Pursuant to Gov. Code § 11506) |
|--|---|--|
| CORSO FOR COUNCIL 2014,<br>TAXPAYERS FOR OCEANSIDE<br>NEIGHBORHOODS, and DANA<br>CORSO | ) | FPPC Case No. 15/245                                 |
| Respondents.   |   |  |

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### **GROUNDS FOR NOTICE OF DEFENSE**

|    | 1)     | I request a hearing;  |  |
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|    | 3)     |   | sation on the ground that it is so indefinite or<br>the transaction that is the subject of the<br>se;  |
|    | 4)     | I admit the Accusation in whole                               | or in part (check box "a" or "b");   |
|    |        | a) I admit the Accusation i                                   | n whole.   |
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### California Government Code sections 11506 through 11508

## § 11506. Filing of notice of defense or notice of participation; Contents; Right to hearing on the merits

- (a) Within 15 days after service of the accusation or District Statement of Reduction in Force the respondent may file with the agency a notice of defense, or, as applicable, notice of participation, in which the respondent may:
  - (1) Request a hearing.
- (2) Object to the accusation or District Statement of Reduction in Force upon the ground that it does not state acts or omissions upon which the agency may proceed.
- (3) Object to the form of the accusation or District Statement of Reduction in Force on the ground that it is so indefinite or uncertain that the respondent cannot identify the transaction or prepare a defense.
  - (4) Admit the accusation or District Statement of Reduction in Force in whole or in part.
  - (5) Present new matter by way of defense.
- (6) Object to the accusation or District Statement of Reduction in Force upon the ground that, under the circumstances, compliance with the requirements of a regulation would result in a material violation of another regulation enacted by another department affecting substantive rights.
- **(b)** Within the time specified the respondent may file one or more notices of defense, or, as applicable, notices of participation, upon any or all of these grounds but all of these notices shall be filed within that period unless the agency in its discretion authorizes the filing of a later notice.
- (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense or notice of participation, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation or District Statement of Reduction in Force not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense or notice of participation shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing. Unless objection is taken as provided in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a), all objections to the form of the accusation or District Statement of Reduction in Force shall be deemed waived.
- (d) The notice of defense or notice of participation shall be in writing signed by or on behalf of the respondent and shall state the respondent's mailing address. It need not be verified or follow any particular form.

(e) As used in this section, "file," "files," "filed," or "filing" means "delivered or mailed" to the agency as provided in Section 11505.

**HISTORY:** Added Stats 1945 ch 867 § 1. Amended Stats 1963 ch 931 § 1; Stats 1982 ch 606 § 1; Stats 1986 ch 951 § 20; Stats 1995 ch 938 § 29 (SB 523), operative July 1, 1997; Stats 2013 ch 90 § 5 (SB 546), effective January 1, 2014.

# § 11507. Amended or supplemental accusation or District Statement of Reduction in Force; Objections

At any time before the matter is submitted for decision, the agency may file, or permit the filing of, an amended or supplemental accusation or District Statement of Reduction in Force. All parties shall be notified of the filing. If the amended or supplemental accusation or District Statement of Reduction in Force presents new charges, the agency shall afford the respondent a reasonable opportunity to prepare his or her defense to the new charges, but he or she shall not be entitled to file a further pleading unless the agency in its discretion so orders. Any new charges shall be deemed controverted, and any objections to the amended or supplemental accusation or District Statement of Reduction in Force may be made orally and shall be noted in the record.

**HISTORY:** Added Stats 1945 ch 867 § 1. Amended Stats 2013 ch 90 § 6 (SB 546), effective January 1, 2014; Stats 2014 ch 71 § 69 (SB 1304), effective January 1, 2015.

#### § 11507.3. Consolidated proceedings; Separate hearings

- (a) When proceedings that involve a common question of law or fact are pending, the administrative law judge on the judge's own motion or on motion of a party may order a joint hearing of any or all the matters at issue in the proceedings. The administrative law judge may order all the proceedings consolidated and may make orders concerning the procedure that may tend to avoid unnecessary costs or delay.
- **(b)** The administrative law judge on the judge's own motion or on motion of a party, in furtherance of convenience or to avoid prejudice or when separate hearings will be conducive to expedition and economy, may order a separate hearing of any issue, including an issue raised in the notice of defense or notice of participation, or of any number of issues.

HISTORY: Added Stats 1995 ch 938 § 30 (SB 523), operative July 1, 1997. Amended Stats 2013 ch 90 § 7 (SB 546), effective January 1, 2014.

#### § 11507.5. Exclusivity of discovery provisions

The provisions of Section 11507.6 provide the exclusive right to and method of discovery as to any proceeding governed by this chapter.

HISTORY: Added Stats 1968 ch 808 § 3.

#### § 11507.6. Request for discovery

After initiation of a proceeding in which a respondent or other party is entitled to a hearing on the merits, a party, upon written request made to another party, prior to the hearing and within 30 days after service by the agency of the initial pleading or within 15 days after the service of an additional pleading, is entitled to (1) obtain the names and addresses of witnesses to the extent known to the other party, including, but not limited to, those intended to be called to testify at the hearing, and (2) inspect and make a copy of any of the following in the possession or custody or under the control of the other party:

- (a) A statement of a person, other than the respondent, named in the initial administrative pleading, or in any additional pleading, when it is claimed that the act or omission of the respondent as to this person is the basis for the administrative proceeding;
- **(b)** A statement pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding made by any party to another party or person;
- (c) Statements of witnesses then proposed to be called by the party and of other persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, not included in (a) or (b) above;
- (d) All writings, including, but not limited to, reports of mental, physical and blood examinations and things which the party then proposes to offer in evidence;
  - (e) Any other writing or thing which is relevant and which would be admissible in evidence;
- (f) Investigative reports made by or on behalf of the agency or other party pertaining to the subject matter of the proceeding, to the extent that these reports (1) contain the names and addresses of witnesses or of persons having personal knowledge of the acts, omissions or events which are the basis for the proceeding, or (2) reflect matters perceived by the investigator in the course of his or her investigation, or (3) contain or include by attachment any statement or writing described in (a) to (e), inclusive, or summary thereof.

For the purpose of this section, "statements" include written statements by the person signed or otherwise authenticated by him or her, stenographic, mechanical, electrical or other recordings, or transcripts thereof, of oral statements by the person, and written reports or summaries of these oral statements.

Nothing in this section shall authorize the inspection or copying of any writing or thing which is privileged from disclosure by law or otherwise made confidential or protected as the attorney's work product.

HISTORY: Added Stats 1968 ch 808 § 4. Amended Stats 1985 ch 1328 § 5; Stats 1995 ch 938 § 31 (SB 523), operative July 1, 1997.

#### § 11507.7. Motion to compel discovery; Order

- (a) Any party claiming the party's request for discovery pursuant to Section 11507.6 has not been complied with may serve and file with the administrative law judge a motion to compel discovery, naming as respondent the party refusing or failing to comply with Section 11507.6. The motion shall state facts showing the respondent party failed or refused to comply with Section 11507.6, a description of the matters sought to be discovered, the reason or reasons why the matter is discoverable under that section, that a reasonable and good faith attempt to contact the respondent for an informal resolution of the issue has been made, and the ground or grounds of respondent's refusal so far as known to the moving party.
- **(b)** The motion shall be served upon respondent party and filed within 15 days after the respondent party first evidenced failure or refusal to comply with Section 11507.6 or within 30 days after request was made and the party has failed to reply to the request, or within another time provided by stipulation, whichever period is longer.
- (c) The hearing on the motion to compel discovery shall be held within 15 days after the motion is made, or a later time that the administrative law judge may on the judge's own motion for good cause determine. The respondent party shall have the right to serve and file a written answer or other response to the motion before or at the time of the hearing.
- (d) Where the matter sought to be discovered is under the custody or control of the respondent party and the respondent party asserts that the matter is not a discoverable matter under the provisions of Section 11507.6, or is privileged against disclosure under those provisions, the administrative law judge may order lodged with it matters provided in subdivision (b) of Section 915 of the Evidence Code and examine the matters in accordance with its provisions.
- (e) The administrative law judge shall decide the case on the matters examined in camera, the papers filed by the parties, and such oral argument and additional evidence as the administrative law judge may allow.
- (f) Unless otherwise stipulated by the parties, the administrative law judge shall no later than 15 days after the hearing make its order denying or granting the motion. The order shall be in writing setting forth the matters the moving party is entitled to discover under Section 11507.6. A copy of the order shall forthwith be served by mail by the administrative law judge upon the parties. Where the order grants the motion in whole or in part, the order shall not become

effective until 10 days after the date the order is served. Where the order denies relief to the moving party, the order shall be effective on the date it is served.

**HISTORY:** Added Stats 1968 ch 808 § 5. Amended Stats 1971 ch 1303 § 8; Stats 1980 ch 548 § 2; Stats 1995 ch 938 § 32 (SB 523), operative July 1, 1997.

#### § 11508. Time and place of hearing

- (a) The agency shall consult the office, and subject to the availability of its staff, shall determine the time and place of the hearing. The hearing shall be held at a hearing facility maintained by the office in Sacramento, Oakland, Los Angeles, or San Diego and shall be held at the facility that is closest to the location where the transaction occurred or the respondent resides.
- **(b)** Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the hearing may be held at either of the following places:
- (1) A place selected by the agency that is closer to the location where the transaction occurred or the respondent resides.
  - (2) A place within the state selected by agreement of the parties.
- (c) The respondent may move for, and the administrative law judge has discretion to grant or deny, a change in the place of the hearing. A motion for a change in the place of the hearing shall be made within 10 days after service of the notice of hearing on the respondent.

Unless good cause is identified in writing by the administrative law judge, hearings shall be held in a facility maintained by the office.

**HISTORY:** Added Stats 1945 ch 867 § 1. Amended Stats 1963 ch 710 § 1; Stats 1967 ch 17 § 39; Stats 1987 ch 50 § 1; Stats 1995 ch 938 § 33 (SB 523), operative July 1, 1997; Stats 2005 ch 674 § 22 (SB 231), effective January 1, 2006.

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5. Termination Requirements By signing the verification, the treasurer, assistant treasurer and/or candidate, officeholder, or proponent certify that all of the following conditions have been met:

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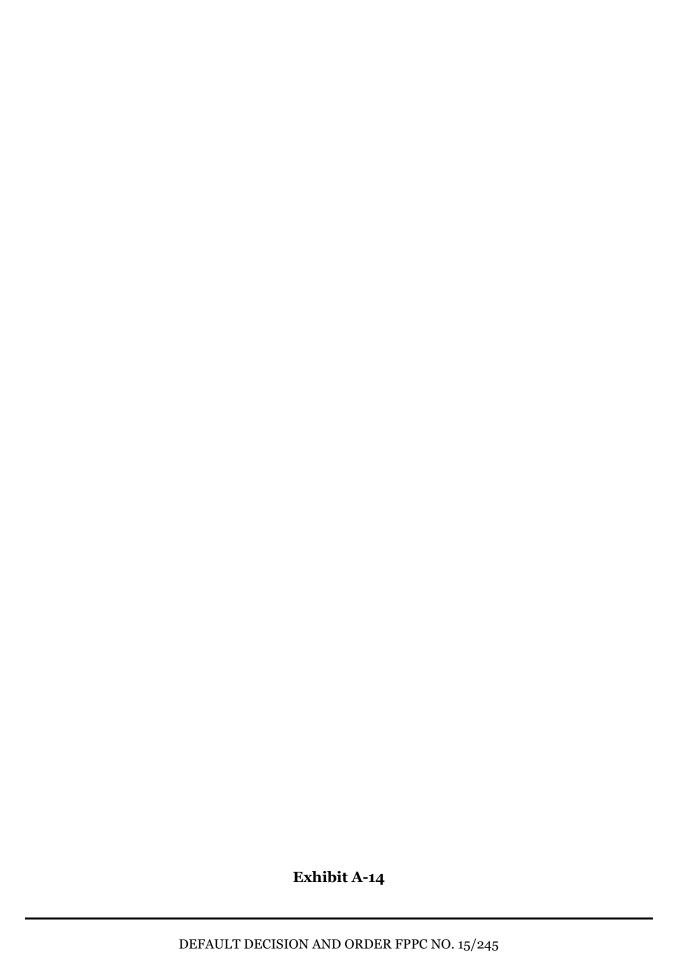
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| Officeholder or Candidate Controlled Commi  | ttee                               | 6. | Primarily Formed Ball        | lot Measure      | Committee        |                 |                   |
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### Schedule A (Continuation Sheet) Monetary Contributions Received

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\*Contributor Codes

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OTH - Other (e.g., business entity) PTY - Political Party

SCC - Small Contributor Committee

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| 3-29-14                   | Joan Brubaker<br>1406 Hackamore<br>Oceanside, Ca 97057   | COM<br>COM<br>COTH<br>PTY<br>SOC  | Retired  | 250.à                             |   |  |
| 8-18-14                   | William Bruinsma<br>2882 Dantmouth M.  | □COM<br>□COM<br>□PTY<br>□PTY      | Retired  | 150.00                            |   |  |
| 8-29-14                   | Sack Holmes  | □SOC<br>□STH<br>□COM<br>□COM      | Retired  | 200.00                            |   |  |
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| 3. Total mor<br>(Add Line | netary contributions received this period.  es 1 and 2. Enter here and on the Summary Page, Co | aumn A, Line                      | 1.) TOTAL \$   | 18,068                            |   | FPPC Form 469 (Januarine: 866/ASK-FPPC (866/275-   |

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| - 2-14   | Diane Hanson 131   | ☐COM<br>☐OTH<br>☐PTY<br>☐SCC   | Retired  | 180,00                            |                             |   |   |  |
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| -18-14           | Carol Blom<br>3030-71 Oside Blud<br>Oceanside, Ca 92054                                   | EMAD<br>COM<br>OTH<br>PTY<br>Sec      | Retired  | 200.00                            |  |  |
| 1-22-14          | Pancho Calevero Hoa   | □ND<br>□COM<br>□PTY<br>□SCC           |  | 400,00                            |  |  |
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| -25-14           | Oside Citz Employees assec<br>P.O. Box 952<br>Oside, Ca 97049                             | □N9<br>□COM<br>□PTY<br>□SCC                       |  | 2500.98                           |                                     |  |
| -25-14           | California Teamsters 1127 11th Street Ste 512 Sacramento, Ca 95844                        | □ ND<br>□ COM<br>□ COM<br>□ COM<br>□ COM<br>□ COM |  | 2500.00                           |                                     |  |
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| Hader Williams + Purdy<br>Glos 154-4150                            | OFC                            | Insurance        | 305.60      |  |

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| Copy max<br>Vista, Ca  | CMP     | Copris                         | 271.25      |
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| Walmart Ca   | ofc     | Supplies                       | 22.24       |

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| 1. Type of Recipient Committee: All Committees - 0  Officeholder, Candidate Controlled Committee State Candidate Election Committee Recall (Also Complete Part 5)  General Purpose Committee Sponsored Small Contributor Committee Political Party/Central Committee | Complete Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4.  Primarily Formed Ballot Measure Committee Controlled Sponsored (Also Complete Part 6)  Primarily Formed Candidate/ Officeholder Committee (Also Complete Part 7) | 2. Type of Statement:  Preelection Statement: Semi-annual Statement Termination Statement (Also file a Form 410 T Amendment (Explain b To include non mone  | ermination)   | Supplemental Preelection<br>Statement - Attach Form 495 |
| 3. Committee Information  COMMITTEE NAME (OR CANDIDATE'S NAME IF NO COMMITTEE CORSO FOR COUNCIL 2014   | .D. NUMBER<br>1368687  | Treasurer(s)  NAME OF TREASURER  Dana Corso  MAILING ADDRESS  | e de discourse  |   |
| STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX) 5838 Ranch View Rd  |  | 5838 Ranch View Rd  | STATE<br>CA   | ZIP CODE AREA CODE/PHONE 5868057777                     |
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# Campaign Disclosure Statement Summary Page

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#### Schedule C **Nonmonetary Contributions Received**

**Schedule C Summary** 

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| DATE<br>RECEIVED | FULL NAME, STREET ADDRESS AND<br>ZIP CODE OF CONTRIBUTOR<br>(IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER LD. NUMBER) | CONTRIBUTOR<br>CODE *                | IF AN INDIVIDUAL, ENTER<br>OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER<br>(IF SELF-EMPLOYED, ENTER<br>NAME OF BUSINESS) | DESCRIPTION OF<br>GOODS OR SERVICES | AMOUNT/<br>FAIR MARKET<br>VALUE | CUMULATIVE TO<br>DATE<br>CALENDAR YEAR<br>(JAN 1 - DEC 31) | PER ELECTION<br>TO DATE<br>(IF REQUIRED) |
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| <ul> <li>State Candidate Election Committee</li> <li>Recall</li> <li>(Also Complete Part 5)</li> <li>General Purpose Committee</li> <li>Sponsored</li> <li>Small Contributor Committee</li> </ul> | omplete Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4.  Ballot Measure Committee  Primarily Formed  Controlled  Sponsored  Also Complete Part 6)  Primarily Formed Candidate/  Officeholder Committee  Also Complete Part 7) | 2. Type of Statement:  Preelection Statement Semi-annual Statement Termination Statement Amendment (Explain b | t   | erly Statement<br>al Odd-Year Report<br>emental Preelection<br>nent - Attach Form 495 |
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### **Campaign Disclosure Statement Summary Page**

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|  | 19   |  |   | 1368687  |
|--|--|--|---|--|
| 1. Monetary Contributions                          | \$ 1320.00                                   | * 19,388,00<br>\$ 19,388,00<br>\$ 19,388,00  | Running in Both the<br>General Elections                  | nary for Candidates State Primary and  ough 6/30 7/1 to Date  \$\$               |
| Expenditures Made  6. Payments Made                | \$ 5399.62                                   | \$ 15,470.66<br>\$ 15,470.66   | 22. Cumulative  | Ummary for State  Expenditures Made*  Pluntary Expenditure Limit)  Total to Date |
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| Schedule A            |                   |
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SCHEDULE A

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through 10-22-14

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| DATE<br>RECEIVED | FULL NAME, STREET ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE OF CONTRIBUTOR (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER LD, NUMBER) | CONTRIBUTOR<br>CODE *                | IF AN INDIVIDUAL, ENTER OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER (IF SELF-EMPLOYED, ENTER NAME OF BUSINESS) | AMOUNT<br>RECEIVED THIS<br>PERIOD | CUMULATIVE TO DATE<br>CALENDAR YEAR<br>(JAN. 1 - DEC. 31) | PER ELECTION<br>TO DATE<br>(IF REQUIRED) |
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| 10-1-14          | Tony Persinger<br>165 Horizon Lane<br>Oside, Ca 92056                                       | COM<br>COM<br>OTH<br>PTY<br>SCC      | Retired  | 100.00                            |   |  |
| 0-1-14           | Carol + Dick Blom 3636 Oside Blud # 71 Oside, Ca 92054                                      | COM<br>COTH<br>PTY<br>SCC            | Retired  | 500.00                            |   |  |
| 0-2-14           | marght Love   | ☐IND<br>☐COM<br>☐OTH<br>☐PTY<br>☐SCE | Retired  | 100.00                            |   |  |
| -6-14            | George Maneil<br>2153 ande Lucia Way  | OTH PTY SCC                          | Retired  | 100.00                            |   |  |
| 1-17-14          | W.E. Little<br>3201 mesa Dr<br>Oside, Ca 92054  | COM<br>OTH<br>PTY<br>SCC             | Retined  | 100.00                            |   |  |

SUBTOTAL \$

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# **Schedule A Summary**

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\*Contributor Codes

IND - Individual

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(other than PTY or SCC) OTH - Other

PTY - Political Party

SCC - Small Contributor Committee

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# Schedule A (Continuation Sheet) Monetary Contributions Received

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| 10-21-14         | Oceanside Ce 92056  | GOM OTH PTY SCC                      | Self  | 100.                              |  |      |  |
| -17-14           | Willie Little<br>3201 Misa Dr.<br>Oside, Ca 92057   | ☐COM<br>☐OTH<br>☐PTY<br>☐SCC         | Tuticed   | 100,                              |  |      |  |
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SCC - Small Contributor Committee

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### Schedule E (Continuation Sheet) Payments Made

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<sup>\*</sup> Payments that are contributions or independent expenditures result also be summerized on Schedule D.

SUBTOTAL \$ 5399.62



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|   | Statement covers period from 10-23-14   | Date of election if applicable:<br>(Month, Day, Year)   |                                 | Page of<br>For Official Use Only  |
| SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE   | through 12-31-14  | 11-4-14   | OCEANSIDE CITY CLERE            |   |
| General Purpose Committee  Sponsored Small Contributor Committee  | rimarily Formed Ballot Measure ormittee ) Controlled ) Sponsored (so Complete Part 6) rimarily Formed Candidate/ fficeholder Committee (so Complete Part 7) | 2. Type of Statement:  Preelection Statement Semi-annual Statement Termination Statement (Also file a Form 410 Te                     | Special Supplermination) States | erly Statement<br>al Odd-Year Report<br>emental Preelection<br>nent - Attach Form 495 |
| 3. Committee Information  | NUMBER 1368687  | Treasurer(s)  |                                 |   |
| COMMITTEE NAME (OR CANDIDATE'S NAME IF NO COMMITTEE)  LOCSD FOR COUNCIL ZOIH  STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX)  5838 PANCH VIEW RCL  CITY STATE ZIP COE  MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT) NO. AND STREET OR P.O. BO  CITY STATE ZIP COD  OPTIONAL: FAX / E-MAIL ADDRESS | AREA CODE/PHONE 057 (586) 805 X 7777  | MAILING ADDRESS   | STATE ZIP COD                   | ch View<br>AREA CODE/PHONE<br>QU 97057<br>(586/805-777.                               |
| I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing and reviewing the under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California to Executed on   | By  | Wedge the information contained hereing the state of Treasurer or Assistant Trestaling Officeholder, Candidate, State Measure Proport | Basurer                         | is true and complete. I certify   |
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## Campaign Disclosure Statement **Summary Page**

19. Outstanding Debts ...... Add Line 2 + Line 9 in Column B above \$

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SUMMARY PAGE Statement covers period CALIFORNIA FORM I.D. NUMBER

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Corso For Council 2014

| Contributions Received   | Column A                                      | Column B   | 1368687   |
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|  | TOTAL THIS PERIOD<br>(FROMATTACHED SCHEDULES) | CALENDAR YEAR<br>TOTAL TO DATE   | Calendar Year Summary for Candidates  |
| 1. Monetary Contributions Schedule A, Line 3                         |   | \$ 19.388,00   | Running in Both the State Primary and General Elections                       |
| 2. Loans Received Schedule B, Line 3                                 | 3000,00                                       | +  | 40.0  |
| 3. SUBTOTAL CASH CONTRIBUTIONS Add Lines 1 + 2                       | \$ 3000.00                                    | 3000.00  | 1/1 through 6/30 7/1 to Dat   |
| 4. Nonmonetary Contributions Schedule C, Line 3                      | \$  | \$ 22.388.00   | 20. Contributions Received  |
| 5. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED Add Lines 3 + 4                      | \$ 3,000.00                                   | \$ 22.388,00   | 21. Expenditures  |
| Evnenditures Made  |   | * - 1,000  | Made \$ \$  |
| 6. Payments Made Schedule E, Line 4                                  | \$ 6722.80                                    | 20 101 00  | Expenditure Limit Summary for State   |
| Loans Made Schedule H, Line 3  | \$ 10.0.30                                    | s 22,194.27  | Candidates  |
| . SUBTOTAL CASH PAYMENTS Add Lines 6 + 7                             | 1:000 00                                      | _0   |   |
| . Accrued Expenses (Unpaid Bills)Schedule F, Line 3                  | \$ 6722.80                                    | \$ 22,194.27   | 22. Cumulative Expenditures Made* (If Subject to Voluntary Expenditure Limit) |
| O. Nonmonetary Adjustment Schedule F, Line 3                         |   | 20   | Doto of Election  |
| 1. TOTAL EXPENDITURES MADE   | 1000 04                                       | _8_  | (mm/dd/yy) Total to Date  |
| Add Lines 8 + 9 + 10   | \$ 6722.80                                    | \$ 22,194.27   | s   |
| Current Cash Statement   |   |  |   |
| 2. Beginning Cash Balance Previous Summary Page, Line 16             | 3916,53                                       |  | \$  |
| 3. Cash Receipts Column A, Line 3 above                              | 3000.00                                       | To calculate Column B, add amounts in Column A to the                                      |   |
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### Schedule B – Part 1 Loans Received

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| FULL NAME, STREET ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE<br>OF LENDER<br>(IFCOMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER)  | IF AN INDIVIDUAL, ENTER OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER (IF SELF-EMPLOYED, ENTER NAME OF BUSINESS) | (a) OUTSTANDING BALANCE BEGINNING THIS PERIOD | (b)<br>AMOUNT<br>RECEIVED THIS<br>PERIOD | (c) AMOUNT PAID OR FORGIVEN THIS PERIOD    | OUTSTANDING<br>BALANCEAT<br>CLOSE OF THIS<br>PERIOD | (e)<br>INTEREST<br>PAID THIS<br>PERIOD | ORIGINAL<br>AMOUNT OF<br>LOAN  | (g)<br>CUMULATIVE<br>CONTRIBUTIONS<br>TO DATE     |
| Dana Corso<br>5838 Ranch View<br>Oceanside, Ca 92657  | Self-employed<br>Queci Poochies  | \$  | , <u>3000</u> .00                        | \$ ————————————————————————————————————    | \$DATE DUE  | %<br>RATE                              | \$DATE INCURRED  | S PER ELECTION**                                  |
| TIND COM OTH PTY SCC  |  | \$  | s  | PAID  S——————————————————————————————————— | \$  | ,%<br>RATE                             | \$   | CALENDAR YEAR  \$ PER ELECTION **  \$             |
| TO IND COM OTH PTY SCC  |  | \$  | \$                                       | PAID  SFORGIVEN  \$                        | DATE DUE  | %<br>RATE                              | \$DATE INCURRED  | \$PER ELECTION*                                   |
| TO IND COM OTH PTY SCC  |  | SUBTOTALS                                     | \$                                       | \$   | \$  | \$                                     |  |   |
| Schedule B Summary  |  |   |  | \$   | 0000.00   | (Enter (e) on<br>Schedule E, Line      | 3)   |   |
| 1. Loans received this period (Total Column (b) plus unitemized loan  2. Loans paid or forgiven this period (Total Column (c) plus loans under \$10 (Include loans paid by a third party that | ns of less than \$100.)  O paid or forgiven.)  It are also itemized on Sche                | edule A.)                                     |  | \$   | 8000,00   |  | †Contributor Code<br>IND – Individual<br>COM – Recipient C<br>(other than<br>OTH – Other (e.g.<br>PTY – Political Par<br>SCC – Small Contr | Committee<br>n PTY or SCC)<br>n, business entity) |
| Net change this period. (Subtract Lin<br>Enter the net here and on the Summa  | ry Page, Column A, Line 2.   | _   |  | , •  | (May be a negative number)                          |  |  |   |

\*Amounts forgiven or paid by another party also must be reported on Schedule A. 
\*\* If required.

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### Schedule E **Payments Made**

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| NAME AND ADDRESS OF PAYEE                              | CODE OF | DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT       | AMOUNT PAID  |
|--|---------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Union Tribune  |         | Ad in Paper                  | 1084.24      |
| P.O. Box 120191<br>San Diego, Ca 92112-6191            | PRT     | Sticker on Front Page mailer | 3433,57      |
| 1914 Hacienda, Vista, Ca 92081                         | Let     | 1 2nd                        | 305.60       |
| Hatter, Williams & Pardy<br>2232 Faraday, Carlshad, Ca | of C    | SUBTOT                       | al\$ 5409.41 |

\* Payments that are contributions or independent expenditures must also be summarized on Schedule D.

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|---|--------------------------|
| Schedule E Summary  | \$ 4276 6.1              |
| Schedule E Summary  1. Itemized payments made this period. (Include all Schedule E subtotals.)  | \$ 376.11                |
| to this period of under \$100   |                          |
| <ol> <li>Unitemized payments made this period of under \$100 information.</li> <li>Total interest paid this period on loans. (Enter amount from Schedule B, Part 1, Column (e).)</li> <li>Total payments made this period. (Add Lines 1, 2, and 3. Enter here and on the Summary Page, Column A, Line 6.</li> </ol> | ) TOTAL \$ 6722.80       |
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### Schedule E (Continuation Sheet) **Payments Made**

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MBR member communications

office expenses

petition circulating

MTG meetings and appearances

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campaign paraphernalia/misc.

contribution (explain nonmonetary)\*

campaign consultants

NAME OF FILER

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CNS

Corso For Council 2014

PET

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RAD radio airtime and production costs returned contributions

campaign workers' salaries SAL

t.v. or cable airtime and production costs TEL

candidate travel, lodging, and meals

| FND fundraising events  ND independent expenditure supporting/opposing others (explain)*  POS postage, deliperore professional | survey research<br>ivery and messe<br>services (legal, | enger services (S) ballater between | same candidate/sponsor |
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| LIT campaign literature and mailings  NAME AND ADDRESS OF PAYEE  | CODE OR  | DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT              | AMOUNT PAID            |
| Veritor Wireless<br>El Camino Real   | Pho  | Phone banks                         | 130.00                 |
| Oside, Ca 92052<br>Lowery For Council 2014 (1367346)<br>P.D. Box 950<br>Oceanside, Ca 92049                                    | Pol  | Robo Call (For both)                | 300.00                 |
| Fry's - 150 Bent ave<br>Som marcos, Cu 92069   | ofc  | Equipment                           | 433,83                 |
| Walmart<br>College, Oceanside  | Cmp  | Sonk & paper Supplies               | 73.45                  |
|  | on Schadule D.   | SUBTOT                              | AL\$ 937.28            |

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| State Candidate Election Committee Recall (Also Complete Part 5)  General Purpose Committee Sponsored Small Contributor Committee  | Implete Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4.  Idinarily Formed Ballot Measure  Committee  Controlled  Sponsored  Viso Complete Part 6)  Irimarily Formed Candidate/  Ifficeholder Committee  Uso Complete Part 7) | 2. Type of Statement:  Preelection Statement: Semi-annual Statement Termination Statement (Also file a Form 410 T | t Special Suppliformination) Staten   | erly Statement<br>al Odd-Year Report<br>emental Preelection<br>nent - Attach Form 495 |
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| OPTIONAL: FAX / E-MAIL ADDRESS   | DE AREA CODE/PHONE   | OPTIONAL: FAX / E-MAIL ADDR   | STATE ZIP CO  | DE AREA CODE/PHONE  |
| 4. Verification I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing and reviewing under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California  Executed on  | that the foregoing is true and correct.  By  | Signature of Controlling Officeholder, Candidate, S   | Treasurer  oponent or Responsible Officer of Sponsor  State Measure Proponent | es is true and complete. I certify  |

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TAXPAYERS FOR OCEANSIDE NEighborhoods

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CMP campaign paraphernalia/misc.
CNS campaign consultants

CTB contribution (explain nonmonetary)\*

CVC civic donations

FIL candidate filing/ballot fees

FND fundraising events

ND Independent expenditure supporting/opposing others (explain)\*

LEG legal defense

LIT campaign literature and mailings

MBR member communications MTG meetings and appearances

OFC office expenses
PET petition circulating

PHO phone banks

POL polling and survey research

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TRS staff/spouse travel, lodging, and meals

F transfer between committees of the same candidate/sponsor

VOT voter registration

WEB information technology costs (internet, e-mail)

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF PAYEE<br>(IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER)     | CODE O | R DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT | AMOUNT PAID |
|---|--------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Blu HOST<br>1958 Sowth 950<br>Lita H (888) 401-4478                     | WEB    | WEBSITE HOSTING          | 236.15      |
| USPS - AVENIBA DE LA PLATA<br>476 LEN FANT PI<br>WASH. DC (714) 2763100 | Pos    | P.O. Box                 | 39.00       |
| Ca Secretary of STATE<br>1500 111-th ST (916) 653-3775                  | FiL    | Filing Fre               | 20.00       |

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#### **Schedule E Summary**

| 1. | Itemized payments made this period. (Include all Schedule E subtotals.)                       | \$ |
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| 2. | Unitemized payments made this period of under \$100   | \$ |
| 3. | Total interest paid this period on loans. (Enter amount from Schedule B, Part 1, Column (e).) | \$ |

OTAL \$ 513.67

#### Schedule E (Continuation Sheet) Payments Made

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TSF transfer between committees of the same candidate/sponsor

VOT voter registration

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| NAME AND ADDRESS OF PAYEE (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER)   | CODE OR | DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT                              | AMOUNT PAID  |  |
| Fry's Electronics<br>SAn MARCOS, Ca  | OFC     | INK FOR COPY MACHINE                                | 69.06        |  |
| FRYS ElECTRONICS<br>SAN MARCOS, Ca   | OFC     | INK   | 59.94        |  |
| POSTAL ANNEX<br>Collège + 74<br>Oceanside, Ca 22057  | LIT     | Literature  | 11,48        |  |
| Costco<br>Vista, CA  | MIG     | MEETING Supplies                                    | 89.<br>56.93 |  |
| DollAR TREE<br>1090 E. Vista WAJ<br>Vista, CA  | oFC     | OFFICE Supples                                      | 9.12         |  |

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| 1. Type of Recipient Committee: All Committees —  Officeholder, Candidate Controlled Committee O State Candidate Election Committee Recall Also Complete Part 5)  General Purpose Committee O Sponsored O Small Contributor Committee O Political Party/Central Committee | Primarily Formed Ballot Measure Committee Controlled Sponsored (Also Complete Part 6) Primarily Formed Candidate/ Officeholder Committee (Also Complete Part 7)  | 2. Type of Statement:  Preclection Statemen Semi-annual Statemen Termination Statemen (Also file a Form 410 Amendment (Explain   | nt Specific Support State  | terly Statement<br>ial Odd-Year Report<br>Ilemental Preelection<br>ment - Attach Form 495 |    |
| OS YOU, Cu 92057 MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT) NO. AND STREET OR P.  | RD AREA CODEIPHONE  STUB 1805-7777   | Treasurer(s)  NAME OF TREASURER  MAILING ADDRESS  CITY  OPTIONAL: FAX / E-MAIL AD  | STATE ZIP C  | 57 (586)805-7   | 77 |
| 4. Verification  I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing and revie under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Calif.  Executed on  | ornia that the foregoing is true and correct.  By  | owledge the information contained  Signature of Treasurer or Assistantiviting Officeholder, Centidate, State Measure  Signature of Controlling Officeholder, Candidate  Signature of Controlling Officeholder, Candidate | ant Treasurer Proponent or Responsible Officer of Sponsor  To, State Measure Proponent | =   |    |

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| NAME AND ADDRESS OF PAYEE (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER LD. NUMBER) | CODE O | R DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT | AMOUNT PAID |
|---|--------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Blu action 1958 Southstreet 950                                 | WEB    | Website                  | 19.99       |
| USPS AUDIDA DU DIO, OCCUPSIDE, CA GROTY                         |        | Pro. Box                 | 39.00       |
| Rite Aid  | emp    | Supplies                 | 29.41       |
| Plavidian Printing  | CMP    | Supplies                 | 368.90      |
| Sollar Ince to 1090 E. Vista Way, Vista                         | Cmp    | Supplies                 | 9.44        |

Schedule E Summary

1. Itemized payments made this period. (Include all Schedule E subtotals.)

2. Unitemized payments made this period of under \$100

3. Total Interest paid this period on loans. (Enter amount from Schedule B, Part 1, Column (e).)

4. Total payments made this period. (Add Lines 1, 2, and 3. Enter here and on the Summary Page, Column A, Line 6.)

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SCHEDULE A

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| NAME OF FILER                                   | TAXPAYERS FOR OCEA   | NSIDE                                | NEighbor   |                                   |  | I.D. NU                          |   |
| DATE<br>RECEIVED                                | FULL NAME, STREET ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE OF CONTRIBUTOR<br>(IFCOMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER LD. NUMBER)  | CONTRIBUTOR<br>CODE *                | IF AN INDIVIDUAL, ENTER OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER (IF SELF-EMPLOYED, ENTER NAME OF BUSINESS) | AMOUNT<br>RECEIVED THIS<br>PERIOD | CUMULATIVE TO<br>CALENDAR Y<br>(JAN. 1 - DEC | EAR                              | PER ELECTION<br>TO DATE<br>(IF REQUIRED)              |
| 10-13-14  | JAMES WOOD<br>4014 LOS PADRES<br>OSIGL, Ca 92057   | ☑ÍND<br>□COM<br>□OTH<br>□PTY<br>□SCC |  | 200.00                            |  |                                  |   |
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RAD radio airtime and production costs

returned contributions

SAL campaign workers' salaries

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE

CMP campaign paraphematia/misc.

CTB contribution (explain nonmonetary)\*

campaign consultants

NAME OF FILER

TAXPAYERS FOR OCEANSIDE NEIGHBORhOODS

OFC office expenses

MBR member communications

MTG meetings and appearances

CODES: If one of the following codes accurately describes the payment, you may enter the code. Otherwise, describe the payment.

| FIL candidate filing/ballot fees PHO phone to fundraising events POL polling to polling to independent expenditure supporting/opposing others (explain)*  POS postage | and survey research<br>, delivery and messer<br>ional services (legal, a |                         | , and meals<br>ing, and meals<br>ittees of the same candidate/sponsor |
|---|--|-------------------------|---|
| NAME AND ADDRESS OF PAYEE (IFCOMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER)   | - CODEOR-  | DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT  | AMOUNT PAID   |
| Dollar Tree<br>1090 E Vista Way, Vista  | Cmp  | Supplies                | 27.11   |
|   |  |                         |   |
| * Payments that are contributions or independent expenditures must also be su   | ummarized on Sche  | dule D.                 | SUBTOTAL\$  |
| Schedule E Summary  |  |                         | -1.   |
| Itemized payments made this period. (Include all Schedule E subtotals.).  | *******************************  |                         | <u>\$ 760.30</u>  |
| Unitemized payments made this period of under \$100   |  |                         | \$  |
| 3. Total interest paid this period on loans. (Enter amount from Schedule B, F   | Part 1, Column (e).  | <b>)</b>                | \$  |
| 4. Total payments made this period. (Add Lines 1, 2, and 3, Enter here and  | on the Summary F   | age, Column A. Line 6.) | TOTAL \$ 760.30   |

| Schedule E    | -         |
|---------------|-----------|
| (Continuation | on Sheet) |
| Payments N    | flade '   |

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SCHEDULE E (CONT.)

| Statement covers period from 7-30-14 | CALIFORNIA 460          |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| through 12-31-14                     | Page                    |
|                                      | 1.0. NUMBER<br>133 8881 |

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE NAME OF FILER

TAXPAYERS FOR OCEANSINE NEIGHBORHOODS

OFC

PET

campaign paraphemalia/misc. CNS campaign consultants CTB contribution (explain nonmonetary)\* CVC civic donations FIL candidate filing/ballot fees PHO fundraising events independent expenditure supporting/opposing others (explain)\* N LEG legal defense

campaign literature and mailings

CODES: If one of the following codes accurately describes the payment, you may enter the code. Otherwise, describe the payment. MBR member communications radio airtime and production costs MTG

meetings and appearances returned contributions office expenses SAL petition circulating phone banks

POL polling and survey research POS postage, delivery and messenger services PRO professional services (legal, accounting) PRT print ads

campaign workers' salaries t.v. or cable airtime and production costs

candidate travel, lodging, and meals staff/spouse travel, lodging, and meals TSF

transfer between committees of the same candidate/sponsor voter registration VOT

WEB information technology costs (internet, e-mail) NAME AND ADDRESS OF PAYEE (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER) CODE OR DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT AMOUNT PAID Ken Zies Printing OFC Envelopes Vista, Ca 189.88 Postco 110.08 Supplies CMP Corso For Council 2014 Robo Call 300.00 #1368687 POL Dolmart 705 College, Oceanside OFF 66.72 DEC Hacienda,

Payments that are contributions or independent expenditures must also be summarized on Schedule D.

SUBTOTAL



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|----------|--|---|--|--|--|
| 1        | GALENA WEST  |   |  |  |  |
| 2        | Commission Counsel FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION                         |   |  |  |  |
| 3        |  |   |  |  |  |
| 4        | 1102 Q Street, Suite 3000<br>Sacramento, CA 95811                              |   |  |  |  |
| 5        | Telephone: (916) 322-5772<br>Facsimile: (916) 322-1932                         |   |  |  |  |
| 6        | Attorneys for Complainant  |   |  |  |  |
| 7        | Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices                           | Commission  |  |  |  |
| 8        | DEFODE THE EARD BOLITICA   | I BD A CITICIES COAD MISSION  |  |  |  |
| 9        | BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICA   |   |  |  |  |
| 10       | STATE OF C   | ALIFORNIA   |  |  |  |
| 11       | In the Matter of   | ) PDDC N _ 15/045   |  |  |  |
| 12       | In the Matter of   | ) FPPC No. 15/245<br>)  |  |  |  |
| 13       | CORSO FOR COUNCIL 2014   | )<br>)<br>) DECLARATION OF DOD BERNA IN                                       |  |  |  |
| 14<br>15 | CORSO FOR COUNCIL 2014, TAXPAYERS FOR OCEANSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS, and DANA CORSO, | ) DECLARATION OF BOB PERNA IN<br>) SUPPORT OF DEFAULT DECISION AND<br>) ORDER |  |  |  |
| 16       |  | )<br>) (Gov. Code §§ 11506 and 11520)   |  |  |  |
| 17       | Respondents.   | ) (Gov. Code 99 11500 and 11520)  |  |  |  |
| 18       | I, Bob Perna, declare as follows:  |   |  |  |  |
| 19       | 1. I am over the age of 18 years and not a page                                | arty to the within action. My business address is                             |  |  |  |
| 20       | 1102 Q Street, Suite 3000, Sacramento, California.                             |   |  |  |  |
| 21       | 2. I am a Program Specialist for the Enforcement                               | Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission                           |  |  |  |
| 22       | (the "Commission") and have worked for the Commi                               | ssion from April 15, 1991 to November 4, 2014 and                             |  |  |  |
| 23       | from October 6, 2015 to the present.   |   |  |  |  |
| 24       | 3. On July 11, 2017, I interviewed Dana Corso v                                | ia telephone regarding the campaign activities of the                         |  |  |  |
| 25       | Corso for Council 2014 (ID #1368687) committee au                              | nd the Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods (ID                              |  |  |  |
| 26       | #1338881) committee.   |   |  |  |  |
| 27       |  |   |  |  |  |
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|          | DECLARATION OF BOB PERNA IN SUPPO  | RT OF DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER  |  |  |  |

FPPC NO. 15/245

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- 6. On January 28, 2020, I reviewed the filings of Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods and verified that Corso did not file pre-election campaign statements for the November 4, 2014, City Council Election.
- 7. I reviewed the FTB audit report for the Corso for Council 2014 committee and it explained that Corso made a \$200 cash contribution to the campaign. The \$200 deposit was not disclosed on the campaign statement filed for the period ending on September 30, 2014. Corso filed an amendment for this statement on July 15, 2015 but failed to report this contribution.
- 8. In July 2015, the July 1, 2014 September 30, 2014 campaign statement, was amended to add a non-monetary contribution for office space from Oceanside Associates that was not reported. During the audit of the committee conducted by FTB, the auditor spoke with Corso about the office space and FTB obtained from Corso a copy of a lease agreement for the office space. The lease agreement covered the period of September 1, 2014 November 15, 2014. The lease agreement shows the monthly rent as \$1. Corso told the FTB auditor she estimated the fair market value of the office space by researching the rental prices of similar properties around that time. There was nothing in the lease that showed the FMV of the monthly rent. FTB accepted Corso's estimate of the value. Based on the estimated FMV the reported non-monetary contribution of \$1,000 for the period September 1, 2014 September 30, 2014 is accurate.
- 9. In July 2015, an amended statement was filed for the period ending on December 31, 2014, it added two non-monetary contributions for office space from Oceanside Associates. A \$1,000 nonmonetary contribution was reported as received on October 20, 2014 and a \$1,000 non-monetary contribution was reported as received on November 20, 2014. Based on the FMV of the donated offices space, the statement should report a non-monetary contribution of \$919 for the statement period. (\$419 for prorated portion of October and \$500 for November through the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month when the lease terminated.
- 10. The total non-monetary contribution for the office space reported on the July 2015 amended statements for the periods ending September 30, 2014 and December 31, 2014 was \$3,000. The total non-monetary contributions for the office space for the period of September 1, 2014 November 15, 2014 was \$2,500 based on FMV.

DECLARATION OF BOB PERNA IN SUPPORT OF DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER FPPC NO. 15/245





# FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

1102 Q Street · Suite 3000 · Sacramento, CA 95811

February 5, 2020

Dana Corso Individually, and o/b/o Corso for Council 2014 Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods 5256 South Mission Rd, Suite 310 Bonsall, CA 92003

### NOTICE OF DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER

Re: FPPC No. 15/245, In the Matter of Corso for Council 2014, Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods, and Dana Corso

Dear Ms. Corso:

On October 10, 2019, you were served with an accusation in the above referenced matter. Pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, you were required to file a notice of defense within 15 days after service of the accusation to request an administrative hearing. You did not file a notice of defense. As a result, you have waived your right to an administrative hearing.<sup>1</sup>

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "Commission") will proceed with a default, decision and order ("default") against you. The initial notice of this default will appear on the published agenda for the Commission's public meeting on February 20, 2020. This agenda will be public, and you could be contacted by the media with questions. The Commission will be asked to adopt the default at the subsequent public meeting on March 19, 2020 and impose an administrative penalty of \$15,500 against you.

Following the issuance of the default, the Commission will obtain a judgment in superior court for the amount owed and then take action to collect the judgment. Please be advised that administrative penalties for violations of the Political Reform Act cannot be discharged in bankruptcy proceedings.

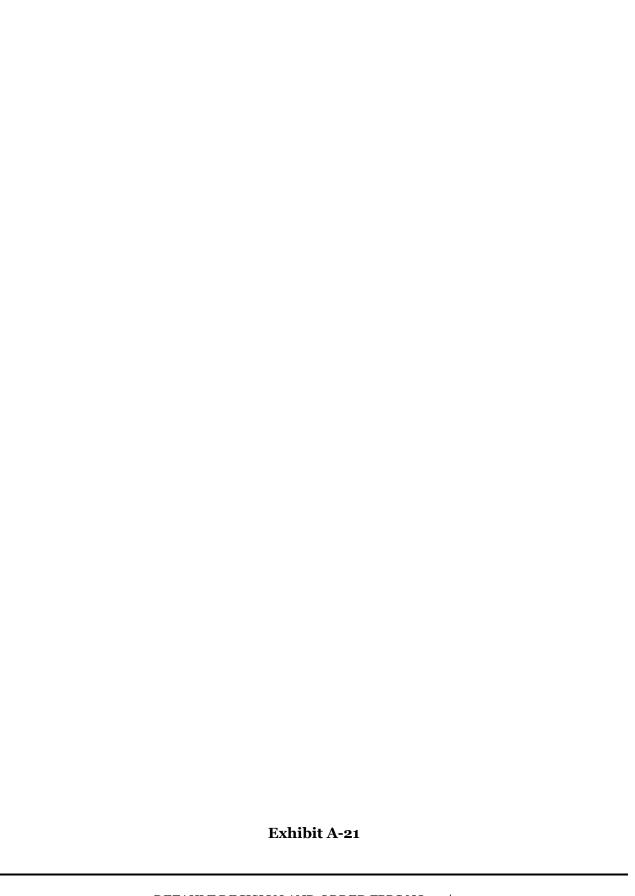
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Government Code Section 11505.

You may still resolve this matter informally by way of a stipulated settlement if an agreement can be reached prior to this matter appearing for consideration by the Commission. Please contact me at (916) 322-5772 or mhamilton@fppc.ca.gov if you wish to enter into a settlement to resolve this matter in its entirety.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Hamilton Commission Counsel

**Enforcement Division** 





# FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

1102 Q Street · Suite 3000 · Sacramento, CA 95811

March 3, 2020

Dana Corso Individually, and o/b/o Corso for Council 2014 Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods 5256 South Mission Rd, Suite 310 Bonsall, CA 92003

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER

Re: FPPC No. 15/245, In the Matter of Corso for Council 2014, Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods, and Dana Corso

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You may, but you are not required to, provide a response brief, along with any supporting materials, no later than five calendar days before the Commission hearing at which the default is scheduled to be heard. Your response brief must be served on the Commission Assistant, at the above address.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Government Code Section 11505.

Following the issuance of the default order and imposition of the administrative penalty, we will commence legal proceedings to collect this fine, which may include converting the Commission's order to a court judgment. Please be advised that administrative penalties for violations of the Political Reform Act cannot be discharged in bankruptcy proceedings.

This letter is your last opportunity to resolve this matter informally by way of a stipulated settlement, before the default proceedings are commenced. If we do not reach a resolution, the enclosed documents will be placed on the Commission's agenda for the March 19, 2020 meeting. Please contact me at (916) 322-5772 or mhamilton@fppc.ca.gov if you wish to enter into a negotiated settlement.

Sincerely.

Michael W. Hamilton Commission Counsel Enforcement Division

**Enclosures** 



| Recipient Committee Campaign Statement Cover Page (Government Code Sections 84200-84216.5)  | Type or print in  | ink.  | Date Stamp                        | CALIFORNIA 460  |
|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| (COVESSMERIC COde Sections 64200-64210.5)   | Statement covers period 10/23/14  | Date of election if applicable:<br>(Month, Day, Year)   | JUL 1 5 2015                      | Page of<br>For Official Use Only  |
| SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE   | through12/31/14   | 11/4/14   | CEANSIDE CITY CLERK               |   |
| State Candidate Election Committee  Recall (Also Complete Part 5)  General Purpose Committee  Sponsored  Small Contributor Committee                            | omplete Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4.  Primarily Formed Ballot Measure Committee Controlled Sponsored Also Complete Part 6)  Primarily Formed Candidate/ Officeholder Committee Also Complete Part 7) | 2. Type of Statement:  Preelection Statement Semi-annual Statement Termination Statement (Also file a Form 410 To Amendment (Explain to To include non mone | t Special Supple Supple Staten    | erly Statement al Odd-Year Report emental Preelection nent - Attach Form 495  Space |
|   | D. NUMBER<br>1368687  | Treasurer(s)  NAME OF TREASURER  Dana Corso  MAILING ADDRESS  |                                   |   |
| STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX)  CITY STATE ZIP CO  Oceanside CA  MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT) NO. AND STREET OR P.O. B  | 5868057777  | Oceanside NAME OF ASSISTANT TREASU  | STATE ZIP CO<br>CA<br>RER, IF ANY | DE AREA CODE/PHONE<br>5868057777  |
| OPTIONAL: FAX / E-MAIL ADDRESS  | DDE AREA CODE/PHONE   | OPTIONAL: FAX / E-MAIL ADD  | STATE ZIP CO                      | DE AREA CODE/PHONE  |
| 4. Verification I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing and reviewing under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California  Executed on | g this statement and to the best of my kn<br>a that the foregoing is true and correct<br>By   | owledge the information contained he  | 10                                | s is true and complete. I certify   |

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By \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature of Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer

By \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature of Controlling Officeholder, Candidate, State Measure Proponent or Responsible Officer of Sponsor

By \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature of Controlling Officeholder, Candidate, State Measure Proponent

By \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature of Controlling Officeholder, Candidate, State Measure Proponent

FPPC Form 460 (January/05)
FPPC Toll-Free Helpline: 866/ASK-FPPC (866/275-3772)
State of California

Recipient Committee Campaign Statement Cover Page — Part 2

| COVER              | PAGE - PART 2 |
|--------------------|---------------|
| CALIFORNIA<br>FORM | 460           |
| Page               | of            |

| Officeholder or Candid  | late Controlled       | Committee                         |                             | 6.                     | Primarily Formed Ball                                 | ot Measure     | Committee                             |            |                 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|----------------|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| NAME OF OFFICEHOLDER OR CANDIDATE   |                       |                                   |                             | NAME OF BALLOT MEASURE |   |                | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |            |                 |
| Dana Corso  |                       |                                   |                             |                        |   |                |                                       |            |                 |
| OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD (INC  | LUDE LOCATION AND     | DISTRICT NUM                      | BER IF APPLICABLE)          |                        | BALLOT NO. OR LETTER                                  | JURISDICTI     | ON                                    |            | SUPPORT         |
| Oceanside City Council  |                       |                                   |                             |                        |   |                |                                       |            | OPPOSE          |
| RESIDENTIAL/BUSINESS ADDRI  | ESS (NO. AND STREE    | ET) CITY                          | STATE ZIP                   |                        | Identify the controlling of                           | ficeholder, ca | ndidate, or state me                  | easure p   | roponent, if ar |
|   |                       |                                   |                             |                        | NAME OF OFFICEHOLDER, CA                              | NDIDATE, OR PE | ROPONENT                              |            |                 |
| Related Committees N<br>not included in this statemen<br>contributions or make expend | t that are controlled | by you or are p<br>your candidacy | orimarily formed to receive |                        | OFFICE SOUGHT OR HELD                                 |                | DISTR                                 | ICT NO. IF | ANY             |
| COMMITTEE NAME  |                       | I.D. N                            | UMBER                       |                        |   |                | •                                     |            |                 |
| Corso For Council 2014  |                       |                                   |                             |                        |   |                |                                       |            |                 |
| NAME OF TREASURER   |                       | CONT                              | ROLLED COMMITTEE?           | 7.                     | Primarily Formed Car<br>officeholder(s) or candidate( |                |                                       |            |                 |
| Dana Corso  |                       |                                   | YES NO                      |                        |   |                | OFFICE SOUGHT OF                      |            | <del></del>     |
| COMMITTEE ADDRESS   | STREETADDRESS (N      | 10 P.O. BOX)                      |                             |                        | NAME OF OFFICEHOLDER OR                               | CANDIDATE      | OFFICE SOUGHT OF                      | KHELD      | SUPPORT OPPOSE  |
| CITY  | STATE                 | ZIP CODE                          | AREA CODE/PHONE             |                        | NAME OF OFFICEHOLDER OR                               | CANDIDATE      | OFFICE SOUGHT OF                      | RHELD      | ☐ SUPPORT       |
| Oceanside   | CA                    | 92057                             | 5868057777                  |                        |   |                |                                       |            | OPPOSE          |
| COMMITTEE NAME  |                       | I.D. N                            | UMBER                       |                        | NAME OF OFFICEHOLDER OR                               | CANDIDATE      | OFFICE SOUGHT OF                      | RHELD      | SUPPORT OPPOSE  |
| NAME OF TREASURER   |                       |                                   | ROLLED COMMITTEE?           |                        | NAME OF OFFICEHOLDER OR                               | CANDIDATE      | OFFICE SOUGHT OF                      | RHELD      | SUPPORT         |
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| COMMITTEE ADDRESS   | STATE                 | ZIP CODE                          | AREA CODE/PHONE             |                        |   |                |                                       |            |                 |

# Campaign Disclosure Statement Summary Page

Type or print in ink.
Amounts may be rounded
to whole dollars.

SUMMARY PAGE CALIFORNIA FORM Statement covers period 10/23/14 from . 12/31/14 Page \_\_\_\_\_ of \_ through \_ I.D. NUMBER

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE NAME OF FILER Corso For Council 2014 1368687

| Contributions Received  | Column A<br>TOTAL THIS PERIOD<br>(FROMATTACHED SCHEDULES) |     | Column B<br>CALENDAR YEAR<br>TOTAL TO DATE                                    | Calendar Year Summary for Candidates<br>Running in Both the State Primary and      |
|---|---|-----|---|--|
| 1. Monetary Contributions Schedule A, Line 3                          | \$<br>0   | \$  | 19,388.00   | General Elections  |
| 2. Loans Received   | 3000.00   |     | 3000.00   | 1/1 through 6/30 7/1 to Date   |
| 3. SUBTOTAL CASH CONTRIBUTIONS Add Lines 1 + 2                        | \$<br>3000.00   | \$  | 22,388.00   | 20. Contributions Received \$\$.   |
| 4. Nonmonetary Contributions Schedule C, Line 3                       | 3000.00   |     | 3000.00   | 21. Expenditures   |
| 5. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED Add Lines 3 + 4                       | \$<br>6000.00   | \$  | 25,388.00   | Made \$ \$   |
| Expenditures Made   |   |     |   | Expenditure Limit Summary for State  |
| 6. Payments Made Schedule E, Line 4                                   | \$<br>6722.80   | \$  | 22,194.27   | Candidates   |
| 7. Loans Made Schedule H, Line 3                                      | 0   |     | 0   | 22. Cumulative Expenditures Made*  |
| 8. SUBTOTAL CASH PAYMENTS Add Lines 6 + 7                             | \$  | \$  | 22,194.27   | (if Subject to Voluntary Expenditure Limit)  |
| 9. Accrued Expenses (Unpaid Bills)Schedule F, Line 3                  | 0   |     | 0   | Date of Election Total to Date   |
| 10. Nonmonetary Adjustment Schedule C, Line 3                         | 2000.00   |     | 3000.00   | (mm/dd/yy)   |
| 11. TOTAL EXPENDITURES MADE Add Lines 8 + 9 + 10                      | \$<br>8722,80   | \$  | 25,194.27   | /\$  |
| Current Cash Statement  |   |     |   | / \$   |
| 12. Beginning Cash Balance Previous Summary Page, Line 16             | \$<br>3916.53   | To  | calculate Column B, add   |  |
| 13. Cash Receipts Column A, Line 3 above                              | 3000.00   | an  | nounts in Column A to the   |  |
| 14. Miscellaneous Increases to Cash Schedule I, Line 4                | 0   |     | rresponding amounts<br>m Column B of your last                                | *Amounts in this section may be different from amounts reported in Column B.       |
| 15. Cash Payments   | 6722.80   |     | port. Some amounts in<br>lumn A may be negative                               | reported in Odicinia B.  |
| 16. ENDING CASH BALANCE Add Lines 12 + 13 + 14, then subtract Line 15 | \$<br>193.73  | fig | ures that should be   |  |
| If this is a termination statement, Line 16 must be zero.             |   | ре  | btracted from previous riod amounts. If this is                               |  |
| 17. LOAN GUARANTEES RECEIVED Schedule B, Part 2                       | \$<br>  | foi | e first report being filed<br>this calendar year, only<br>my over the amounts |  |
| Cash Equivalents and Outstanding Debts                                | ·····   |     | m Lines 2, 7, and 9 (if<br>y).  |  |
| 18. Cash Equivalents  | \$  |     | ••  |  |
| 19. Outstanding Debts Add Line 2 + Line 9 in Column B above           | \$<br>  |     |   | FPPC Form 460 (January/05)<br>FPPC Toll-Free Helpline: 866/ASK-FPPC (866/275-3772) |

### Schedule C **Nonmonetary Contributions Received**

Type or print in ink. Amounts may be rounded to whole dollars.

**SCHEDULE C** Statement covers period CALIFORNIA 10/23/14 FORM from 12/31/14 through I.D. NUMBER

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE NAME OF FILER Corso For Council 2014 1368687

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|------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| DATE<br>RECEIVED | FULL NAME, STREET ADDRESS AND<br>ZIP CODE OF CONTRIBUTOR<br>(IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER) | CONTRIBUTOR<br>CODE *                | IF AN INDIVIOUAL, ENTER<br>OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER<br>(IF SELF-EMPLOYED, ENTER<br>NAME OF BUSINESS) | DESCRIPTION OF<br>GOODS OR SERVICES | AMOUNT/<br>FAIR MARKET<br>VALUE | CUMULATIVE TO<br>DATE<br>CALENDAR YEAR<br>(JAN 1 - DEC 31) | PER ELECTION<br>TO DATE<br>(IF REQUIRED) |
| 10//2014         | Oceanside Associates Oceanisde, CA 92054   | □IND<br>□COM<br>☑OTH<br>□PTY<br>□SCC |   | Office space                        | 1000.00                         |  |  |
| 11/2014          | Oceanside Associates Oceanside, CA 92054   | □IND □COM ☑OTH □PTY □SCC             |   | Office Space                        | 1000.00                         |  | 3000.00                                  |
|                  |  | □IND □COM □OTH □PTY □SCC             |   |                                     |                                 |  |  |
|                  |  | □IND □COM □OTH □PTY □SCC             |   |                                     |                                 |  |  |
| Attach add       | ditional information on appropriately lab  | eled continuati                      | ion sheets.   | SUBTOTAL \$                         | ,                               |  |  |

**Schedule C Summary** 1. Amount received this period – itemized nonmonetary contributions. 2000.00 (Include all Schedule C subtotals.) ......\$

2. Amount received this period – unitemized nonmonetary contributions of less than \$100 ......\$

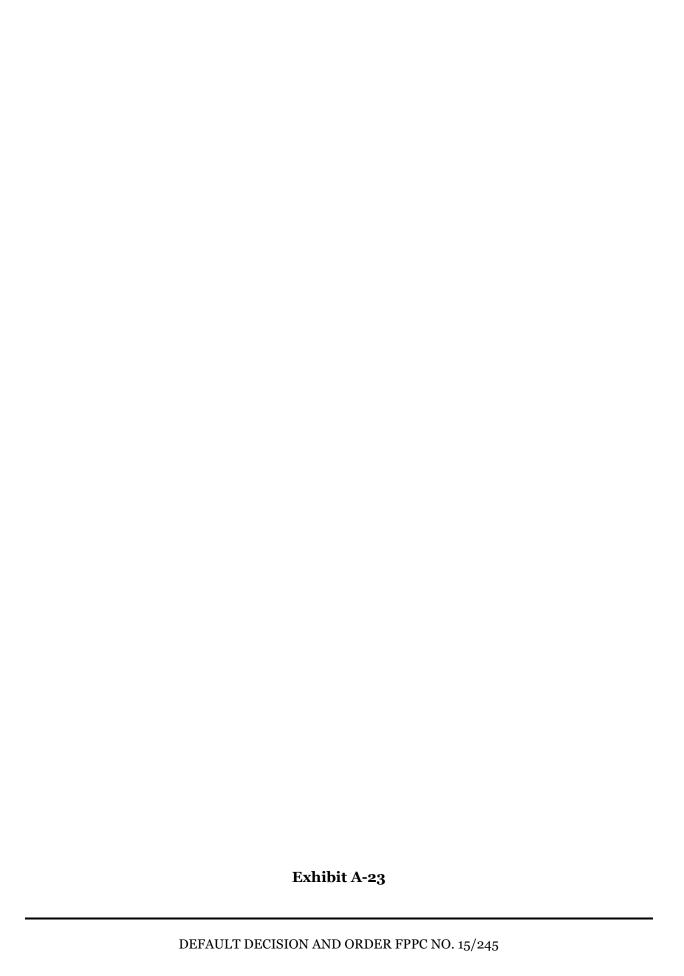
3. Total nonmonetary contributions received this period. 2000.00 

\*Contributor Codes IND - Individual

COM-Recipient Committee (other than PTY or SCC)

OTH - Other (e.g., business entity) PTY -- Political Party

SCC - Small Contributor Committee





# FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

1102 Q Street · Suite 3000 · Sacramento, CA 95811

March 4, 2020

Dana Corso Individually, and o/b/o Corso for Council 2014 Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods 5256 South Mission Rd, Suite 310 Bonsall, CA 92003

#### **DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER**

Re: FPPC No. 15/245, In the Matter of Corso for Council 2014, Taxpayers for Oceanside Neighborhoods, and Dana Corso

Dear Ms. Corso:

On March 3, 2020, the Enforcement Division sent by First Class mail a notice of intent to enter a default decision and order and copy of the default, decision, and order and accompanying exhibits the Commission will consider at its meeting on March 19, 2020. This letter is to notify you that the additional evidence attached to this letter will be used in support of the proposed Exhibit that was sent to you on March 3, 2020. Enclosed please find the proposed exhibit, sent on March 3, 2020, which contains only minor changes (no substantive changes), a new certification of records, additions to Bob Perna's declaration, and an amended campaign statement ending on December 31, 2014. This letter will also be included in the certification of records.

Please contact me at (916) 322-5772 or mhamilton@fppc.ca.gov if you have any questions or wish to enter into a negotiated settlement.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Hamilton Commission Counsel

**Enforcement Division** 

Enclosures