



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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January 30, 2017

Steven Placido
o/b/o Steven Placido for City Council 2012

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Michael T. Placido
o/b/o Steven Placido for City Council 2012

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 17/00044; Steven Placido for City Council 2012, Steven Placido, and Michael T. Placido, Treasurer

Dear Committee:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").¹ This letter is in response to a complaint filed against you that you alleged you violated the Act's campaign reporting and disclosure provisions.

The Enforcement Division has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that you failed to properly disclose employer and occupational information for contributors who made campaign contributions of \$100 or more on your second pre-election and semi-annual campaign statements for the November 6, 2012 General Election.

The Act requires candidates and their controlled committees to disclose on their campaign statements the name, street address, occupation, and employer, or if self-employed, the name of the contributor's business for every individual who contributed \$100 or more to the campaign during the statement period.²

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to include occupation and employer information for contributors of \$100 or more on your second pre-election and semi-annual campaign statements for the November 6, 2012 General Election. Despite your violation of the Act, mitigating factors exist such that the Enforcement Division has decided to issue a warning

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014, and all statutory references are to this code. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.

² §84211, subd. (f)

letter rather than impose a fine. The contributor information disclosed on your campaign statements included the contributor's name, street address, employer, and only failed to include the contributor's occupation. Further, it does not appear that your failure to disclose occupational and employer information was intended to deceive the public. Since you have no prior Enforcement history, we are closing our file on this matter.

This letter serves as a written warning. The information in this matter will be retained and may be considered should an enforcement action become necessary based on newly discovered information or future conduct. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in the future will result in monetary penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation.

A warning letter is an Enforcement Division case resolution without administrative prosecution or fine. However, the warning letter resolution does not provide you with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or hearing before an Administrative Law Judge or the Commission. If you wish to avail yourself of these proceedings by requesting that your case proceed with prosecution rather than a warning, please notify us within ten (10) days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the Enforcement Division will rescind this warning letter and proceed with administrative prosecution of this case. If we do not receive such notification, this warning letter will be posted on the Commission's website ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

Please feel free to contact Chloe Hackert at (916) 322-8190 or chackert@fppc.ca.gov with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Galena West, Chief
Enforcement Division

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