



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION  
1102 Q Street • Suite 3000 • Sacramento, CA 95811

December 28, 2018

Robert M. Springer  
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**Warning Letter re: FPPC No. 2018-00896; Robert Springer**

Dear Mr. Springer:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).<sup>1</sup> On October 5, 2018, we notified you that we received a referral from San Bernardino County alleging that you violated the Act by failing to timely file an officeholder and candidate campaign statement short form (“Form 470”) for the reporting period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

The Act requires a candidate who receives or spends less than \$2,000 to file a Form 470 campaign statement by the first pre-election campaign statement deadline, which is 40 days before the election.<sup>2</sup>

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to timely file the Form 470 campaign statement. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter because you filed the required Form 470 with San Bernardino County soon after being contacted by the Enforcement Division. Additionally, you do not have a history of violating the Act.

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. This resolution does not provide you with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or administrative hearing. 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 days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the Enforcement Division will rescind this warning letter and proceed with administrative prosecution of your case. If we do not receive such notification, this warning letter will be posted on the Commission’s website.

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

<sup>2</sup> Sections 84206 and 84200.8; Regulation 18406.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Shaina Elkin at [selkin@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:selkin@fppc.ca.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Galena West".

Galena West, Chief  
Enforcement Division

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cc: San Bernardino County Elections Office of the Registrar of Voters