



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION  
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October 26, 2017

**Sent Via Email**

Nora A. Saenz  
[REDACTED] -

**Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 15/169; Nora Saenz**

Dear Ms. Saenz:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (Act).<sup>1</sup> This letter is the result of a sworn complaint against you and your controlled committee, Nora Saenz for Bell City Council 2013, alleging that you failed to file campaign statements in connection with the March 5, 2013 election.

Our investigation found that you filed a Form 501 Candidate Intention Statement and a Form 410 Statement of Organization in connection with your unsuccessful candidacy for Bell City Council in the March 2013 election, but you did not file any campaign statements for your committee. But we determined that Nora Saenz for Bell City Council 2013 did not qualify as a committee under the Act because it did not reach the \$1,000 threshold.<sup>2</sup> So you were not required to file any campaign statements as a committee. Instead, you were required to file a Form 470 Officeholder and Candidate Campaign Statement - Short Form. You have recently filed your Form 470 related to your candidacy with the Bell city clerk.

This letter serves as a written warning for failing to timely file your Form 470. 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 Fair Political Practices 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.

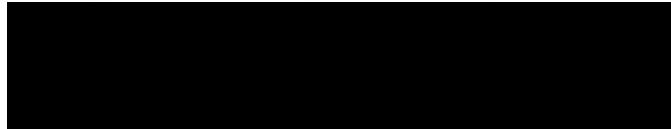
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<sup>1</sup> The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014, and all statutory references are to this code.

<sup>2</sup> § 82013, subd. (a) [2013].

If you need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding your obligations, please visit our website at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov). Please feel free to contact Angela Brereton at (916) 322-5771 or [abrereton@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:abrereton@fppc.ca.gov) with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Angela J. Brereton.

Angela J. Brereton  
Senior Commission Counsel  
Enforcement Division