



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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March 29, 2023

Darrell Talbert
400 S. Vicentia St.
Corona, Ca 92882

Warning Letter: FPPC No. 2019-00965 Darrell Talbert

Dear Darrell Talbert:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ This letter is in response to a sworn complaint that alleged that you, as City Manager for the City of Corona, violated the Act’s Statement of Economic Interests (“SEI”) disclosure provisions by failing to timely disclose certain interests on your SEI. The Enforcement Division has completed its investigation and review of the case and determined that you failed to properly disclose certain investments on your 2017 Annual SEI, 2018 Annual SEI, and Leaving Office SEI.²

Section 87200 of the Act requires certain public officials to disclose reportable interests. Every person enumerated within Section 87200 must file an SEI within 30 days of assuming office, annually thereafter at the time specified by Commission regulations, and within 30 days of leaving office.

Your actions violated the Act by failing to properly disclose the income from commissions your spouse received from their business as your spouse is a real estate agent/independent contractor. You failed to report each single source of income of \$10,000 or more³ on your 2017 Annual SEI,⁴ 2018 Annual SEI and your Leaving Office SEI. But since you are no longer in the position, you have filed amendments to disclose the missing interests after receiving contact from the Enforcement Division, and you have not had a prior violation of this section, the Enforcement Division has decided to close your case with this warning letter rather than a fine.

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

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 Darrell Talbert failed to timely report certain investments on the 2015 Annual SEI and 2016 Annual SEIs. However, amendments have been filed to disclose the interests and the applicable statute of limitations for these violations has expired.

³ For your 2015 Annual SEI, your spouse received income from Brad & Patricia Robbins and Peter & Melody Fischetti. For your 2016 Annual SEI, your spouse received income from John & Susan Gavigan, Shane Feller, and Ronald Benitzhak. For your 2018 Annual SEI, your spouse received income from Mitchell Norton & Irena Leigh and Thomas & Kimberly Lorenz. For your Leaving Office SEI, your spouse received income from Blake & Kimberly Ryan.

⁴ The statute of limitations for the 2017 Annual SEI violations will expire on April 2, 2023.

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. The Commission has adopted Regulation 18360.1 to authorize the Enforcement Division to issue warning letters to conclude cases in specified circumstances. 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.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (916) 738-6411 or jrivera@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Rivera

Jonathan Rivera, Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

cc: Steve Nolan [REDACTED]