



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

June 27, 2018

Malia Cohen
Candidate, State Board of Equalization District 2

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Also sent to: [REDACTED]

Warning Letter: Case No. 2018-00380, Malia Cohen

Dear Ms. Cohen:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ As you are aware, the Enforcement Division received a referral from the FPPC’s Statements of Economic Interests (“SEI”) unit alleging that you failed to timely file a Candidate SEI.

The Enforcement Division completed its investigation and found that as a result of your position as a Candidate for the State Board of Equalization, the Act required you to file a Candidate SEI and you violated the Act by failing to file your Candidate SEI by the March 9, 2018 deadline.

Under the Act, a candidate for elective state office is required to file a Candidate SEI disclosing his or her investments, interests in real property, and income received during the immediately preceding 12 months.² The SEI must be filed no later than the deadline for the declaration of candidacy.³

You violated the Act by failing to file the Candidate SEI by March 9, 2018, the final filing date for the declaration of candidacy. But for the following reasons, the Enforcement Division has decided to close your case with this warning letter instead of a fine: you filed your candidate SEI immediately after being contacted by the Enforcement Division; you timely filed 2017 Annual SEIs for different positions; you filed all campaign statements timely; and you have not had a prior violation of this section.

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.

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 Section 87201.

³ *Ibid.*

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.

If you have questions, please contact Tara Stock at tstock@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Galena West
Chief, Enforcement Division

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cc: FPPC's SEI Unit, via email: cglaser@fppc.ca.gov