



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

September 7, 2022

Ann Ravel
o/b/o Rolando Bonilla
[REDACTED]

Warning Letter: FPPC No. 2022-00662, Rolando Bonilla

Dear Ms. Ravel:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act¹ (the “Act”). As you are aware, the Enforcement Division received an anonymous complaint alleging that Mr. Bonilla failed to disclose reportable economic interests on their Statements of Economic Interests (“SEIs”). The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. We found that Mr. Bonilla failed to timely disclose their spouse’s business on their Assuming Office, 2020 Annual, and 2021 Annual SEIs.

Section 87200 of the Act requires certain public officials, including planning commissioners, to disclose reportable interests at specified times. Within 30 days of assuming a position listed in Section 87200, individuals must file a SEI to disclose investments and interests in real property held on the date of assuming office, as well as income received during the 12 months before assuming office.² Additionally, annual statements must be filed by April 1 of each year to disclose investments, interests in real property, and income received during the reporting period.³

Mr. Bonilla violated the Act by failing to timely disclose their spouse’s business on their Assuming Office, 2020 Annual, and 2021 Annual SEIs. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter rather than a fine because, although the business was not disclosed on Schedule A-2 of the SEIs, it was disclosed on Schedule C as a source of income to Mr. Bonilla; amendments have since been filed to disclose the business on Schedule A-2; Mr. Bonilla has left office; and they have no prior 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 or fine. The Commission has adopted Regulation 18360.1 to authorize the Enforcement Division to

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 87202.

³ Section 87203.

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 questions regarding this letter, please contact Tara Stock at (916) 322-8241 or tstock@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Angela J. Brereton

Angela J. Brereton, Chief
Enforcement Division

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