



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Helen Myers

Individually and o/b/o Fullerton Taxpayers for Reform PAC (major funding by Tony Bushala)
1519 E Chapman Ave., #219
Fullerton, CA 92831

Warning Letter re: FPPC No. 2022-00674; Fullerton Taxpayers for Reform PAC (major funding by Tony Bushala); Helen Myers

Dear Helen Myers and Committee:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").¹ This letter is in response to an Adwatch submission against your committee Fullerton Taxpayers for Reform PAC (major funding by Tony Bushala) (the "Committee"), alleging that the Committee failed to use the proper disclosures on an advertisement. The Enforcement Division found that the Committee failed to use the precise disclaimer language on a yard sign advertisement.

The Act requires any advertisement, other than electronic media ads, that is paid for by a general purpose committee to include the words, "Ad paid for by" followed by the name of the committee as it appears on the most recent Statement of Organization filed.² In addition, the Act requires advertisements paid for by a general purpose committee to include the words, "committee major funding from" followed by the names of the top contributors to the committee paying for the advertisement.³

You violated the Act when the Committee paid for a yard sign advertisement against Ahmad Zahra for Fullerton City Council and only included the words, "Paid for by" followed by the name of the Committee. Furthermore, you failed to include the "committee major funding from" disclosure on the advertisement. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter. First, you do not have a violation of these advertisement disclosure provisions within the past five years. Second, the public harm is minimal because the disclaimer used still provided disclosure but wasn't the precise language required by the Act. Therefore, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter.

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 18109 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations.

² Section 84502, subd. (a)(1).

³ Section 84503.

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 need forms, manual, or guidance regarding your obligations, please call the Commission's Toll-Free Advice Line at 1-866-275-3772 or visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 327-6358 or arose@fppc.ca.gov with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Alex Rose

Alex Rose
Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division