



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Stephen J. Kaufman
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o/b/o Perez for College of the Desert Board of Trustees 2022, Ruben Perez, Jennifer Mitchell
Via email: skaufman@kaufmanlegalgroup.com

No Action Closure Letter re: FPPC No. 2022-00788; Perez for College of the Desert Board of Trustees 2022, Ruben Perez, Jennifer Mitchell

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“Commission”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ As you are aware, the Enforcement Division opened an investigation regarding your client’s potential violations of the campaign disclosure provisions of the Act.

The Enforcement Division found that Regulation 18421.7(a)(2) does not apply to the meals reported by your client. Specifically, a payment for minimal food and beverages provided to campaign staff does not require additional disclosure as an expenditure for a gift or a meal under Regulation 18421.7.² Therefore, we are closing this matter without further action. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Amber Rodriguez at arodriguez@fppc.ca.gov or (916) 322-1198.

Sincerely,

Angela J. Brereton

Angela J. Brereton, Chief
Enforcement Division

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cc: Larissa Chavez Chaidez (sworn complainant)

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 Advice Letter I-08-159