



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Stacy Begin for Oceanside Unified School District Board of Trustees, Area 3 2018

Stacy Begin, Candidate

Teresa Horton, Treasurer

Via email: stacy.begin@oside.us; thorton@cta.org

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2022-00213; Stacy Begin for Oceanside Unified School District Board of Trustees, Area 3 2018; Begin; Horton

Dear Committee, Ms. Begin, and Ms. Horton:

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 a referral from the County of San Diego Registrar of Voters office alleging that you failed to timely file four semi-annual campaign statements.

The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that you failed to file four semi-annual campaign statements covering the periods from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 by the applicable deadlines.

The Act requires committees to file semi-annual campaign statements each year no later than July 31 for the period ending June 30, and no later than January 31 for the period ending December 31.² The obligation to file semi-annual campaign statements continues until the candidate or treasurer terminates the committee. Controlling candidates and committee treasurers are jointly and severally liable for violations by the committee.³

You violated the Act by failing to timely file the semi-annual campaign statements for the periods covering July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020, July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, and January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, by the applicable deadlines, despite remaining an open committee. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with this warning letter rather than a fine because you filed all missing campaign statements before you were contacted by the Enforcement Division, there was no activity disclosed, and you have no history of violating the Act.

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 84200

³ Sections 83116.5 and 91006

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 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.

Please feel free to contact Tara Stock at tstock@fppc.ca.gov with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Angela J. Brereton

Angela J. Brereton, Chief
Enforcement Division

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