



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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McShane for Supervisor 2020
Steve McShane and Patricia Worth
Via Email: [REDACTED]

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 20/761; McShane for Supervisor 2020, Steve McShane, and Patricia Worth

Dear Steve McShane and Patricia Worth:

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 sworn complaint alleging McShane for Supervisor 2020 (ID# 1415578) (the “Committee”) failed to timely disclose certain contributor information. The Enforcement Division found that the Committee failed to report the full name of a contributor on a pre-election and a semi-annual campaign statement.

The Act requires candidate-controlled committees to timely file campaign statements and to disclose on those campaign statements certain contributor information for contributions received of \$100 or more.² For contributions of \$100 or more, which are received from another committee, the Act requires disclosure of the committee’s full name, street address, and the number assigned by the Secretary of State.³

The Committee’s actions violated the Act because it failed to timely disclose the full name of a contributing committee on its pre-election campaign statement for the reporting period ending February 15, 2020 and on its semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period ending June 30, 2020. Further, the Committee failed to include the contributing committee’s number assigned by the Secretary of State. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with this warning letter because the related campaign statements were timely filed, the contributions were timely reported, the missing information caused minimal public harm as it was a small percentage of overall activity, the Committee has since terminated, and

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, *et seq.*; Section 84211, subd. (f).

³ Section 84211, subds. (f) and (m).

you and the Committee do not have a prior enforcement history for failing to timely report contributor information.

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 yourselves 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 or a manual, or guidance regarding their 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) 323-6302 or JRinehart@fppc.ca.gov with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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