



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

August 4, 2022

Sergio Calderon
Calderon for Council 2015
Sergio Calderon for Water Board Director 2014
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Re: Warning Letter re: FPPC Case No. 2018-00245; Sergio Calderon, Calderon for Council 2015, Sergio Calderon for Water Board Director 2014

Dear Mr. Calderon:

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 Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder’s office alleging that you and your committees, Calderon for Council 2015 and Sergio Calderon for Water Board Director 2014, failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement. The Enforcement Division has completed its review and found that you and your committees failed to timely file the semi-annual campaign statement for the period covering July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

The Act requires candidate-controlled committees to file two pre-election campaign statements in connection with the applicable election, as well as semi-annual campaign statements until the committee terminates.² The obligation to file semi-annual campaign statements continues until the committee is terminated.

You violated the Act by failing to file the semi-annual campaign statements for the period covering July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, by the January 31, 2018 deadline. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to resolve this case with a warning letter rather than a fine for the following reasons: you and Sergio Calderon for Water Board Director 2014 filed the missing statement after you were contacted by the Enforcement Division, there was no activity disclosed on the statement, you are no longer a City Council Member for the City of Maywood, and you have no prior Enforcement history. Please note that, although we are closing this matter with a

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 Sections 84200 and 84200.5.

warning letter, you and Calderon for Council 2015 are still required to file the semi-annual campaign statement for the period covering July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

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.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Tara Stock at (916) 322-8241 or tstock@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Angela J. Brereton

Angela J. Brereton, Chief
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