



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

January 3, 2023

Natasha Serrano for CA 56 State Assembly 2022
Natasha Serrano, Candidate
William Ringland, Treasurer
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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2022-00721; Natasha Serrano for CA 56 State Assembly 2022; Natasha Serrano; William Ringland

Dear Ms. Serrano, Mr. Ringland, & 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 a referral from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office which alleged you failed to timely file a pre-election campaign statement in connection with the June 7, 2022 election.

The Act requires that if a candidate-controlled committee for a state elected office does not electronically file its campaign statements with the Secretary of State, the committee must file its signed original campaign statements with the Secretary of State and file copies of those statements with the County in which the candidate is domiciled.²

You violated the Act because you failed to file copies of your campaign statements with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office. But since you timely filed all your campaign statements with the Secretary of State, were unsuccessful in your election, your committee is now terminated; and you have not had a prior violation of this section, the Enforcement Division has decided to close your case with this 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.

A warning letter is an Enforcement Division case resolution without administrative prosecution. This resolution does not provide you with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or administrative hearing. 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 days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the Enforcement Division will rescind this warning letter and

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014 and all statutory references are to this code.

² Sections 84215 and 84605(g)

proceed with administrative prosecution of your case. If we do not receive such notification, this warning letter will be posted on the Commission's website.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ginny Brown at gbrown@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Angela J. Brereton

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Enforcement Division Chief

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cc: Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office (w/ copies of Form 410; 460)