



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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January 4, 2023

Rob Rennie for Assembly 2022

Rob Rennie, Candidate

Isabella Rennie, Treasurer



Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2022-00405; Rob Rennie for Assembly 2022; Rob Rennie; Isabelle Rennie

Dear Mr. Rennie, Ms. Rennie, & Rob Rennie for Assembly 2022:

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 filed against you that alleged Rob Rennie for Assembly 2022 (the “Committee”) exceeded the \$100,000 limit on loans received from the candidate.

The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that the Committee disclosed loans in the cumulative amount of \$175,000 on its first pre-election campaign statement.

The Act prohibits candidates for state office from personally loaning the candidate’s committee an amount exceeding \$100,000.²

Your actions violated the Act because the Committee received a loan from the Rob Rennie (the “Candidate”) in excess of the \$100,000 limit. However the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter since the total amount received from the Candidate was disclosed before the June 7, 2022 election; the amended campaign statement reclassifying \$75,000 of the loans as a monetary contribution was filed prior to the June 7, 2022 election; and because the Committee’s receipt of the over-the-limit loan was of minimal public harm. Additionally, you were an unsuccessful candidate for the Assembly race, and this is your first offense as you have no prior enforcement history.

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 85307(b)

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 need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding your 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 Ginny Brown at 916-322-8064 or gbrown@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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cc: Carolyn Livingston, Sworn Complainant