



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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February 2, 2023

Helen Jaramillo for Azusa Unified School Board 2020
Helen Jaramillo



Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2021-00595, Helen Jaramillo and Helen Jaramillo for Azusa Unified School Board 2020

Dear Helen Jaramillo:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ As you are aware, we were made aware by Los Angeles County that you and the committee Helen Jaramillo for Azusa Unified School Board 2020 (the “Committee”) failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that you and the Committee failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement.

The Act requires candidate-controlled 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 and the Committee violated the Act because you failed to file the semi-annual campaign statement by the February 1, 2021 deadline. But, for the following reasons, the Enforcement Division has decided to close your case with a warning letter rather than a fine: You filed the semi-annual campaign statement before you were contacted by the Enforcement Division, you are a small committee, you were an unsuccessful candidate, the committee is terminated, and you have not had a prior violation of this section of the Act. Please note that while the Enforcement Division is closing this matter without a fine, your filing officer may assess late filing penalties.

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

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 me at jrivera@fppc.ca.gov or 916-738-6411 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Rivera

Jonathan Rivera, Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division