



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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January 26, 2023

Mike Campbell for L.A. County Assessor 2022
Mike Campbell, Candidate & Treasurer
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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2022-00603; Mike Campbell for L.A. County Assessor 2022

Dear Mr. Campbell & 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 your filing officer, the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, which alleged that you and the Committee failed to timely file the first and second pre-election campaign statements in advance of the June 7, 2022 election.

The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that on August 25, 2022, you filed the first pre-election campaign statement covering the period January 1, 2022 through April 23, 2022, and the second pre-election campaign statement covering the period April 24, 2022 through May 21, 2022. Both statements were filed beyond their required due dates.

The Act requires candidate-controlled committees to file two pre-election campaign statements at specified times prior to the election in which the candidate will be on the ballot, as well as 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.

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to timely file the first and second pre-election campaign statements. However, the Enforcement Division decided to resolve these violations with this warning letter rather than issuing a fine because: you and the Committee were

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 84200.5 and 84200.

mistakenly not referred to the Commission's Enforcement Division in response to our pre-election outreach program in advance of the June 7, 2022 election; you and the Committee filed the missing campaign statements immediately after being contacted by the Enforcement Division; and you and the Committee have no prior Enforcement history. Finally, we note that a separate violation regarding late-filed semi-annual campaign statement was resolved via a streamline settlement approved at the January 26, 2023 Commission meeting.

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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