



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Concerned Citizens of Moreno Valley Advocacy Group
Craig Givens



Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2019-00953, Concerned Citizens of Moreno Valley Advocacy Group and Craig Givens

Dear Concerned Citizens of Moreno Valley Advocacy Group and Craig Givens:

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 referrals from the City of Moreno Valley alleging that the Concerned Citizens of Moreno Valley Advocacy Group committee (“Committee”) failed to timely file certain semi-annual campaign statements. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that the Committee failed to timely file nine semi-annual campaign statements.

The Act requires 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

The Committee’s actions violated the Act because it failed to timely file semi-annual campaign statements for the periods ending June 30, 2018, December 31, 2018, June 30, 2019, December 31, 2019, June 30, 2020, December 31, 2020, June 30, 2021, December 31, 2021, and June 30, 2022, by the applicable due dates. However, several statements were filed before Enforcement contact, the remaining statements were promptly filed after Enforcement contact, the most recent statements were filed only days or a few weeks late, and there was very little or no activity to report. Based on the foregoing, and in accordance with the Enforcement Division

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 84200.

³ Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

Policy Directives formally adopted by the Commission on January 26, 2023, which requires the Enforcement Division to take all appropriate actions within their discretion to decrease the Division's annual carryover caseload, the Enforcement Division is closing this case with this warning letter.⁴ Discretion was used based upon mitigating or aggravating circumstances and the totality of the circumstances.⁵ This resolution may not be used as a comparable case for other enforcement matters.⁶

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

Sincerely,

Jonathan Rivera

Jonathan Rivera, Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

cc: City of Moreno Valley dept_cityclerk@moval.org

⁴ <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/content/dam/fppc/NS-Documents/AgendaDocuments/General%20Items/2023/january/15.0-Enforcement-directives.pdf>

⁵ Regulation 18360.1.

⁶ See Regulation 18361.5, subdivision (e)(3).