



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

July 11, 2023

Christine Boles
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Warning Letter re: FPPC No. No. 2023-00469; Christine Boles

Dear Christine Boles:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ This letter is in response to an email we received from you to self-report potential violations of the campaign disclosure provisions of the Act. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case and found that you failed to timely file a Candidate Intention Statement (Form 501).

Under the Act, a candidate for local office must file a Form 501 for each election prior to soliciting or receiving any contributions or making expenditures from personal funds on behalf of their candidacy.² An individual who intends to run for local office must file the Form 501 with the same filing officer as they would file their original campaign statements.³

You violated the Act by failing to file Form 501 prior to making expenditures from your personal funds on behalf of your candidacy. However, for the following reasons, the Enforcement Division has decided to close your case with this warning letter rather than a fine: You made minimal expenditures and did not receive any contributions from others before you filed Form 501; you self-reported the violation; you and your committee, *Christine Boles for Pacifica City Council 2022*, timely filed both pre-election campaign statements; and, you have no prior Enforcement history.

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

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code Sections 81000 through 91014.

² Section 85200.

³ *Ibid.*

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 have questions, please contact Tara Stock at (916) 322-8241 or tstock@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Burton

Christopher B. Burton, Acting Chief
Enforcement Division

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