

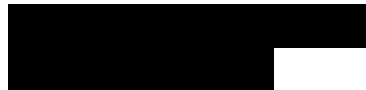


STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Jeanette Vazquez for Fullerton School Board 2016

Jeanette Vazquez



Via email: jeanette.vazquez2011@gmail.com

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 19/1531, Jeanette Vazquez and Jeanette Vazquez for Fullerton School Board 2016

Dear Jeanette Vazquez:

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 submitted by the Secretary of State’s office that alleged that you and the committee Jeanette Vazquez for Fullerton School Board 2016 (the “Committee”) failed to timely pay your annual fees. 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 several semi-annual campaign statements.

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. Controlling candidates and committee treasurers are jointly and severally liable for violations by the committee.³

Your actions violated the Act because you and the Committee failed to timely file the semi-annual campaign statement for the periods covering July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017; January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018; July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018; January 1, 2019

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.

³ Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

through June 30, 2019; July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019; and January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020.⁴ For the following reasons, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with this warning letter rather than a fine: The statements were filed before Enforcement contact, there was very little or no activity to report, the committee is terminated, and you are no longer in office.

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

⁴ Additionally, you and the Committee failed to timely file the semi-annual campaign statements and pre-election campaign statements for the periods covering January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016; July 1, 2016 through September 24, 2016; September 25, 2016 through October 22, 2016; October 23, 2016 through December 31, 2016; and January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. However, the applicable statute of limitations has expired as to these additional violations.