



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

December 14, 2022

Stewart Fournier
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Warning Letter: FPPC No. 2022-00844, Stewart Fournier

Dear Mr. Fournier:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act¹ (the “Act”).¹ This letter is in response to a sworn complaint alleging that you violated the economic interests disclosure provisions of the Act.

The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that you failed to accurately disclose the amount of gross income you received from your employer, Compass, on your 2020 Annual, Leaving Office, and Candidate Statements of Economic Interests (“SEIs”).

Section 87200 of the Act requires certain public officials to disclose reportable interests. Every person holding a position enumerated within Section 87200, including a Planning Commissioner, must file an SEI within 30 days of assuming office, annually thereafter at the time specified by Commission regulations, and within 30 days of leaving office. Section 87207 requires that when reporting income, specific information is disclosed, including whether the aggregate total amount of gross income received was between \$500 and \$1,000, more than \$1,000 but not greater than \$10,000, more than \$10,000 but not greater than \$100,000, or more than \$100,000.

You violated the Act by failing to timely disclose the correct amount of gross income you received from Compass on your 2020 Annual, Leaving Office, and Candidate SEIs. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter rather than a fine because you have since filed amendments to each of the applicable SEIs to correct the amount of gross income received, you have left your position as a Planning Commissioner, and you have no prior history of violating the Act.

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

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.

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

Sincerely,

Angela J. Brereton

Angela J. Brereton, Chief
Enforcement Division

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