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FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Cathi Eredia
Individually and O/B/O
Cathi Eredia for EMCSO Board 2015 and
Cathi Eredia for City Clerk 2018



Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2018-00972; Cathi Eredia for EMCSO Board 2015, Cathi Eredia for City Clerk 2018, and Cathi Eredia

Dear Cathi Eredia, Cathi Eredia for EMCSO Board 2015, and Cathi Eredia for City Clerk 2018,

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 referral from the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters regarding two committees, Cathi Eredia for EMCSO Board 2015 (“the 2015 Committee”) and Cathi Eredia for City Clerk 2018 (“the 2018 Committee”). The referral alleged both committees failed to timely file pre-election campaign statements in connection with the November 6, 2018 General Election.

The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found the 2018 Committee failed to timely file two pre-election campaign statements, two 24-hour contribution reports, and failed to timely report contributions on a semiannual campaign statement. In addition, we found the 2015 Committee failed to timely file two pre-election campaign statements. A streamline stipulation was previously approved for the violations regarding the 2018 Committee: two counts for failing to timely file two pre-election campaign statements, two counts for failure to timely file two 24-hour contribution reports, and one count failing to report contributions on a semi-annual campaign statement. The remaining violations are being resolved with this Warning Letter, as detailed below.

A central purpose of the Act is to ensure voters are fully informed and improper practices are inhibited by requiring candidates and committees to disclose all contributions received and expenditures made throughout a campaign on timely filed campaign statements and reports.² The Act requires candidate-controlled committees to file two pre-election campaign statements at

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 See sections 81002, subd. (a); See Section 84200, *et seq.*

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 31.³ The obligation to file semi-annual campaign statements continues until the candidate or treasurer terminates the committee.⁴

The Enforcement Division found the 2015 Committee violated the Ac by failing to timely file the pre-election campaign statements covering July 1, 2018 to September 22, 2018 and September 23, 2018 to October 20, 2018. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter rather than a fine because the statements were filed with no reported activity, 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 anyone with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or hearing before an Administrative Law Judge or the Commission. If any of you wish to avail yourself of these proceedings by requesting the 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 me at 916-322-5772 (voicemail) or mcorona@fppc.ca.gov with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Marissa Corona

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Commission Counsel

³ Sections 84200.5 and 84200.

⁴ Section 84214; Regulation 18404.

Enforcement Division