



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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August 3, 2023

Ruby Garma-Williams
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Warning Letter re: FPPC No. 2019-01299; Ruby Garma-Williams

Dear Ruby Garma-Williams:

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 a referral from the Department of Health Care Services alleging that you failed to disclose sources of income on your 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017 Annual Statements of Economic Interest (“SEI”). The Enforcement Division has completed its investigation and found insufficient evidence to support a finding that you failed to report income from Dhelmar Care Home and Fairview House on your SEIs. However, the Enforcement Division found that as a result of your position as a Nurse Evaluator II for the Department of Health Care Services, the Act required you to periodically file a SEI, and that you failed to timely file your Leaving Office SEI.

Section 87300 of the Act requires every state and local agency to develop a Conflict of Interest Code. The Conflict of Interest Code for Department of Health Care Services requires all Nurse Evaluators to disclose, among other economic interests, investments, business positions, and sources of income in business entities which are regulated by the board where the employee holds their position or services. Individuals required to file SEIs must file within 30 days of assuming office, annually thereafter at the time specified by the Code, and within 30 days of leaving office.²

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to timely file your Leaving Office SEI by the August 30, 2018 deadline. But since you are no longer in this position and have not had a prior violation of this section, the Enforcement Division has decided to close your case with this Warning Letter instead of a fine.

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.

Although the Enforcement Division is closing this case without seeking a penalty, you are still required to file all outstanding SEIs and pay any late filing fees assessed by your filing officer. Please contact your filing officer, Darci Haesche, at darci.haesche@dhcs.ca.gov for further

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 18104 through 18998 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.

² Section 87302 subd. (b).

information about your required filings. Please note that any future non-filings will be brought to our attention and may result in monetary penalties. This warning letter may be considered should a future enforcement action become necessary.

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 any questions regarding this letter, please contact Artin Berjikly at aberjikly@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Artin Berjikly

Artin Berjikly
Senior Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division