



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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September 29, 2023

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Ben Pak, Individually and
O/B/O Ben Pak for Board of Equalization 2018

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Gary Crummitt, individually and
O/B/O Ben Pak for Board of Equalization 2018

No Action Closure Letter Re: FPPC No. 2020-00899; Ben Pak, Ben Pak for Board of Equalization 2018, and Gary Crummitt

Dear Ben Pak, Ben Pak for Board of Equalization 2018 and Gary Crummitt:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“Commission”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ This letter is in response to an audit performed by the Commission Audit Division. The audit found that Ben Pak for Board of Equalization 2018 (the “Committee”), Ben Pak and Gary Crummitt impermissibly accepted contributions from 3 contributors, exceeding the contribution limit by \$9,000 in total.

The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, the audit found that the Committee accepted contributions from: Jean Park in excess of the relevant contribution limits by \$1,500 on November 15, 2017; Carol Choi in excess of the contribution limits by \$200 on April 16, 2018; and Smart A & C, Inc. in excess of the contribution limits by \$7,300 on December 19, 2017. However, the audit was recently concluded and the Act’s statute of limitations to pursue administrative prosecution is five years.² Thus, the contribution limit violations are outside the Act’s statute of limitations.

For this reason, we are closing this matter without further action. If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact me at bcastillo@fppc.ca.gov or (916)324-8787.

Sincerely,

Bridgette Castillo
Bridgette Castillo
Senior Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

¹The 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 91000.5.

