



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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September 13, 2023

El Molino Boosters Club
President Leslie McCormick, [REDACTED]
Vice President Gillian Hayes, [REDACTED]

Re: No Action Closure Letter: FPPC Case No. 2021-00327; El Molino Boosters Club

El Molino Boosters Club,

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ The Enforcement Division received an anonymous complaint alleging that the organization, El Molino Boosters Club, raised funds for a political purpose but failed to register as a committee. The Enforcement Division has investigated and determined there is insufficient evidence to show a violation occurred.

The Act regulates the disclosure and reporting requirements for campaign committees, including those organizations or groups that raise funds to recall elected offices and to petition for ballot measures. The complaint alleged that the organization, El Molino Boosters Club, was fundraising for campaign purposes. The evidence for this allegation was a website page located at www.saveelmo.com. The investigation determined this website was produced by a committee group, the Save Elmo Group, and the website's reference to the El Molino Boosters club was in error. The error was corrected after six days. According to all parties, including the El Molino Boosters Club and the volunteers associated with the Save Elmo Group, no actual funds went to the Boosters Club. The funds were directed to a Donate page set up through PayPal for the “Community Alliance for Responsible Education” or “CARE,” a fund managed by the Save Elmo Group. There is insufficient evidence to show that the El Molino Boosters Club received contributions or qualified as a political committee.

There is insufficient evidence to show a violation of the Act. Therefore, we have closed our investigation into this matter. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 916-323-6421 (voicemail).

Sincerely,

Theresa Gilbertson
Senior Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code §§ 81000 through 91014, and all statutory references are to this code. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in §§ 18104 through 18998 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.