



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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September 29, 2023

Steve Ly
Re-Elect Mayor Steve Ly 2018
Shawnda Deane



No Action Closure Letter Re: FPPC No. 2018-01279 Re-Elect Mayor Steve Ly 2018, Steve Ly, and Shawnda Deane

Dear Steve Ly, Shawnda Deane and Committee:

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 an AdWatch submission regarding potential violations of the advertisement disclaimer provisions of the Act. We are closing this matter without further action as there is insufficient evidence to support a finding that you violated the Act.

The Enforcement Division's investigation did not obtain sufficient evidence to determine whether violations of the advertisement disclaimer provisions occurred. Therefore, in conjunction with the Enforcement Division Policy Directives formally adopted by the Commission on January 26, 2023, which requires the Enforcement Division to take all appropriate actions within their discretion to decrease the Division's annual carryover caseload, the Enforcement Division is closing this case without action.² Discretion was used based upon mitigating or aggravating circumstances and the totality of the circumstances.³ This resolution may not be used as a comparable case for other enforcement matters.⁴

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at 916-322-5771 or abrereton@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Angela J. Brereton

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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.

² <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/content/dam/fppc/NS-Documents/AgendaDocuments/General%20Items/2023/january/15.0-Enforcement-directives.pdf>

³ Regulations 18360.1 and 18360.3.

⁴ See Regulation 18361.5, subdivision (e)(3).