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FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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October 5, 2023

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2019-01425; David Mecchi

Dear David Mecchi:

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 a referral from the Commission’s Statement of Economic Interest (“SEI”) Unit. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the matter and found that as a result of your position as Board Member for the Sierra Coordinated Resources Management Council, the Act required you to periodically file a Statement of Economic Interests (“SEI”), and you failed to timely file your 2018 Annual SEI, 2019 Annual SEI, and 2021 Annual SEI.

Section 87300 of the Act requires every state and local agency to develop a Conflict of Interest Code. This Code requires individuals who participate in making decisions which may foreseeably have a material financial effect on any financial interest belonging to that person to disclose all reportable interests on SEIs.² 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.³

Your actions violated the Act by failing to timely file your 2018 Annual SEI, 2019 Annual SEI, and 2021 Annual SEI. The Enforcement Division has determined that mitigating circumstances exist here. These violations resulted in minimal public harm, all the late-filed SEIs have been filed, and the 2020 Annual SEI and 2022 Annual SEI were timely filed. Based on the foregoing, and in accordance with the Enforcement Division Policy Directives formally adopted

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).

³ *Ibid.*

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 with this warning letter.⁴ Discretion was used based upon mitigating or aggravating circumstances and the totality of the circumstances.⁵ Additionally, discretion was used for violations that caused minimal public harm when lack of experience or knowledge of the Act's requirements caused multiple violations with minimal public harm that were corrected after contact.⁶ This resolution may not be used as a comparable case for other enforcement matters.⁷

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 responsible for paying any late filing fees assessed by your filing officer. Please contact your filing officer, Cyndi Glaser, at cglaser@fppc.ca.gov for further information. 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.

⁴ <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/content/dam/fppc/NS-Documents/AgendaDocuments/General%20Items/2023/january/15.0-Enforcement-directives.pdf>

⁵ Regulation 18360.1.

⁶ Regulation 18360.2.

⁷ See Regulation 18361.5, subdivision (e)(3).

If you need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding your obligations, please visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov. Please feel free to contact me at abreron@fppc.ca.gov or (916) 322-5771 (voicemail) with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Angela J Breron

Angela J. Breron,
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