



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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September 28, 2023

Patrick Jones
Via email: pjones@co.shasta.ca.us

Warning Letter re: FPPC No. 2023-00648; Patrick Jones

Dear Patrick Jones:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ As you are aware, the Enforcement Division received an anonymous complaint alleging that your committee failed to report campaign contributions. The Enforcement Division has completed its review and found that you failed to timely file an officeholder campaign statement short form (“Form 470”) for 2021 and 2022 in connection with your position as a Supervisor for the County of Shasta.

The Act requires elected officers who do not have an open committee and do not plan to raise or spend \$2,000 or more in a non-election calendar year to file Form 470 covering the entire calendar year by July 31.²

Your actions violated the Act because you are currently an officeholder subject to the provisions of the Act, and you failed to timely file a Form 470 for the calendar years of 2021 and 2022. Since you filed the appropriate forms after contact from the Enforcement Division and have no prior history of violating this section of the Act, the Enforcement Division has decided to close your case with this warning letter. Please note your filing officer may assess late filing penalties.

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.

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

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 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.

² Sections 84200 and 84206.

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 need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding your obligations, please call the Commission's Toll-Free Advice Line at 1-866-275-3772 or visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Please feel free to contact Amber Rodriguez at arodriguez@fppc.ca.gov or (916) 322-1198 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Burton

Christopher B. Burton, Assistant Chief
Enforcement Division

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