



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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November 30, 2022

Mike Juarez

o/b/o Committee to Elect Mike Juarez for Supervisor 2020



Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2020-00221; Committee to Elect Mike Juarez for Supervisor 2020, Mike Juarez

Dear Mike Juarez:

After an investigation, the Enforcement Division is closing its file in this matter with a streamline penalty for failure to timely file one pre-election campaign statement for the reporting period ending on February 15, 2020, as publicly noticed at the December 2022 Commission meeting and the warning letter as discussed below.

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”). This letter is in response to a Riverside County Elections referral against you and your committee, alleging that you failed to timely a pre-election campaign statement. The Enforcement Division found that you failed to timely file four semi-annual campaign statements.

The Act requires candidate-controlled committees and candidates to file two pre-election campaign statements at specified times prior to the election in which the candidate will be on the ballot, as well as semi-annual campaign statements each year no later than July 31 for the period ending June 30, and no later than January 31 for the period ending December 31.¹ The obligation to file semi-annual campaign statements continues until the candidate or treasurer terminates the committee. Controlling candidates and committee treasurers are jointly and severally liable for violations by the committee.²

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to timely file semi-annual campaign statements for the reporting periods ending on 6/30/20, 6/30/21, 12/31/21, and 6/30/22. But, for the following reasons, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with this warning letter rather than a fine: you had no reportable campaign activity on the statements; you were unsuccessful in

¹ Sections 84200.5 and 84200.

² Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

your election; you have no history of violating the Act; and the campaign statements were not in connection to an election. Please note that while the Enforcement Division is closing this matter without a fine, 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 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.

Please feel free to contact Alex Rose at arose@fppc.ca.gov or 916- 327-6358 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Alex Rose

Alex Rose, Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division