



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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January 20, 2023

Democratic Activists for Women Now
Jordan Eldridge, Treasurer
Dolores Morales, Former Treasurer
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Warning Letter re: FPPC Case No. 2020-00030; Democratic Activists for Women Now; Morales

Dear Committee, Jordan Eldridge, and Dolores Morales:

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 Secretary of State alleging that you failed to timely file the semi-annual campaign statement for the period covering January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case and found that you failed to timely file the semi-annual campaign statements for the periods covering January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 and July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

The Act requires recipient committees, including general purpose committees, to file 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 31.² The obligation to file semi-annual campaign statements continues until the treasurer terminates the committee. In addition, if the committee makes contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$500 or more to support or oppose a candidate or measure appearing on the ballot during the pre-election reporting period, it must file pre-election statements.³

You violated the Act by failing to file the semi-annual campaign statements for the periods ending June 30, 2019 and December 31, 2019 deadlines by the July 31, 2019 and January 31, 2020 deadlines, respectively. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this matter with a warning letter rather than a fine for the following reasons: the missing statements were filed immediately after you were contacted by the Enforcement Division, Ms. Morales was new to the position as the Committee’s treasurer, and the Committee has no prior Enforcement history.

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.

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code Sections 81000 through 91014.

² Section 84200.

³ Section 84200.5(a)(3).

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.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Tara Stock at (916) 322-8241 or tstock@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Angela J. Brereton

Angela J. Brereton, Chief
Enforcement Division

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