



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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December 12, 2022

Soto4SWC
Corina Soto



Armando G. Soto



Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 22/781; Soto4SWC, Corina Soto, and Armando Soto

Dear Respondents:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ In response to the Enforcement Division’s pre-election outreach efforts, we were made aware by the San Diego County Registrar of Voters that Soto4SWC (the “Committee”), Corina Soto and Armando G. Soto failed to timely file a pre-election campaign statement in connection with the November 8, 2022 General Election.

The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that you and the Committee failed to timely file two pre-election campaign statements for the reporting periods ending on September 24, 2022 and October 22, 2022 with the San Diego County Registrar of Voters by the applicable due dates.

The Act requires candidate-controlled committees to file two pre-election campaign statements prior to the applicable election, as well as semi-annual campaign statements until the committee terminates.² Controlling candidates and committee treasurers are jointly and severally

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 84200.5.

liable for violations by the committee.³

Your actions violated the Act because you and the Committee failed to timely file the first pre-election campaign statement for the reporting period ending on September 24, 2022, by the September 29, 2022 deadline, and failed to timely file the second pre-election campaign statement for the reporting period ending on October 22, 2022, by the October 27, 2022 deadline, with the San Diego County Registrar of Voters. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter because you filed the required campaign statements with the San Diego County Registrar of Voters after being contacted by the Enforcement Division, the Committee had minimal activity, and neither you nor the Committee have a history of violating the Act and neither had prior experience with the Act.

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.

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 me at cfelkins@fppc.ca.gov or (916) 327-2016 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Michael Chance Felkins

Michael Chance Felkins, Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

³ Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

