



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
1102 Q Street • Suite 3000 • Sacramento, CA 95811

March 28, 2023

Jim Theis
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No Action Closure Letter Re: FPPC No. 2020-00778; Unknown Billboard and Yard Signs Supporting Measure A

Dear Jim Theis:

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 the complaint you submitted alleging an unidentified person(s) paid for an electronic billboard and yard sign advertisements prior to the March 3, 2020 Primary Election and failed to include the necessary disclosures. After conducting our investigation and review of the case, we are closing this matter without further action.

The Act defines "committee" to include any person or combination of persons who directly or indirectly receives contributions totaling \$2,000 or more in a calendar year, or makes independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more in a calendar year.² Section 84502 of the Act requires committees to include a disclosure on any advertisement paid for by the committee.

The Enforcement Division's investigation confirmed that the person(s) responsible for the electronic billboard did not qualify as a committee under the Act and so were not required to include the necessary disclosures on their advertisements. Thus, this allegation has been disproven.

Furthermore, the Enforcement Division's investigation was unable to confirm the person(s) responsible for the yard sign.

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 18109 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations.

² Section 82013, subd. (a)-(b).

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at 916-327-6358 or arose@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Commission Counsel