



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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March 24, 2023

Latino Victory Fund
c/o Maria Gonzalez, Treasurer
1909 K Street 12th Floor
Washington DC 20006
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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2020-00393, Latino Victory Fund

Dear Latino Victory Fund¹ and Maria Gonzalez:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).² This letter is in response to referrals from the Secretary of State’s Office alleging that the Latino Victory Fund (“the Committee”) failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that the Committee failed to timely file a paper semi-annual campaign statement.

The Act requires 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 31.³ The obligation to file semi-annual campaign statements continues until the candidate or treasurer terminates the committee. Committee treasurers are jointly and severally liable for violations by the committee.⁴

The Committee’s actions violated the Act because it failed to timely file a paper semi-annual campaign statement for the period ending June 30, 2018, by the applicable due date. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter because you filed the required campaign statements with the California Secretary of State’s Office after being contacted by the Enforcement Division, you timely filed the pertinent campaign statement

¹ The Treasurer at the time the Form 460 was not filed was Daniela Fernandez. The Enforcement Division is not pursuing Daniela Fernandez as a respondent since having passed away.

² 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.

³ Section 84200.

⁴ Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

in electronic format, the missing statements had no activity, 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.

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

Sincerely,

Michael Chance Felkins

Chance Felkins, Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

cc: Secretary of State's Office prdcampaign@sos.ca.gov