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June 27, 2022

Hilary Jones
o/b/o Mark Perryman
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Al Adam for Council 2020 and Al Adam
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Re: Warning Letter
FPPC No. 2020-00819
In the Matter of Al Adam for Council 2020, Al Adam, and Mark Perryman

Mark Perryman and Al Adam and Committee:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").¹ On October 2, 2020, the Enforcement Division received a sworn complaint against the committee, Al Adam for Council 2020 (the "Committee") and Al Adam. Upon investigation, the Enforcement Division determined that there is insufficient evidence to find that the allegations in this complaint occurred. However, the investigation determined that the committee violated Government Code section 84300, by accepting a contribution in the form of a cashier's check.

Section 84300 prohibits the acceptance of contributions that are received in the form of cashier's checks or money orders. The investigation determined that the Committee received a personal check from a contributor but that this check bounced. After communicating this to the contributor, the contributor sent another check, this time in the form of a cashier's check. As the contribution constituted less than 2% of the activity for that reporting period, and the contribution was reported timely, the Enforcement Division has determined that further enforcement action is not warranted and that this warning letter is sufficient.

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

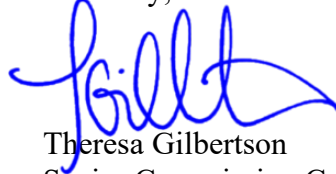
¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code §§ 81000 through 91014, and all statutory references are to this code. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in §§ 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.

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 916-323-6421 or tgilbertson@fppc.ca.gov with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Gilbertson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Theresa Gilbertson
Senior Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

CC: Sally Hibbitts, Sworn Complainant.