



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION  
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May 17, 2023

Juan Mejia  
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**Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2020-00884; Juan Mejia**

Dear Juan Mejia:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).<sup>1</sup> This letter is in response to a Commission-Initiated complaint opened to investigate potential violations of the Act’s economic disclosure provisions. The Enforcement Division found that as a result of your position as both Planning Commissioner for the Fowler Planning Commission and a member of the Fowler City Council you failed to disclose economic interests when filing multiple Statements of Economic Interests (“SEIs”).

The Act requires certain public officials to file SEIs at specified times to disclose reportable investments, interests in real property, and sources of income received during the pertinent reporting period.<sup>2</sup> Every person enumerated within Section 87200 must file an SEI within 30 days of assuming office, annually thereafter at the time specified by Commission regulations, and within 30 days of leaving office.<sup>3</sup>

Additionally, when reporting income on Schedule C of the SEI, specific information is required to be disclosed, including the name and address of each source of income aggregating \$500 or more, a range of the amount received (e.g., \$10,001 - \$100,000), and a general description of the business activity, if any, of each source.<sup>4</sup>

Your actions violated the Act by failing to disclose income generated by your spouse from Sun-Maid Raisins on your 2017 Annual SEI and 2018 Annual SEI. Additionally, you failed to disclose your income from PG&E on your 2018 Annual SEI. However, mitigating circumstances exist here: you self-reported the PG&E income on several other SEIs dating back as far as 2013; you included your spouse’s income and the PG&E income on later filed SEIs; you immediately moved to correct the deficient disclosures following contact from the Enforcement Division; and you have no prior history of violating the Act. Based on the foregoing, and in accordance with the

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Sections 87200 -87210.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> Section 87207.

Enforcement Division Policy Directives formally adopted by the Commission on January 26, 2023, which requires the Enforcement Division to take all appropriate actions within their discretion to decrease the Division's annual carryover caseload, the Enforcement Division is closing this case with this warning letter.<sup>5</sup> Discretion was used based upon mitigating or aggravating circumstances and the totality of the circumstances.<sup>6</sup> This resolution may not be used as a comparable case for other enforcement matters.<sup>7</sup>

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 visit our website at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov). Please feel free to contact me at [abreron@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:abreron@fppc.ca.gov) or (916) 322-5771 (voicemail) with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

*Angela J Brereton*

Angela J. Brereton,  
Assistant Chief, Enforcement Division

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/content/dam/fppc/NS-Documents/AgendaDocuments/General%20Items/2023/january/15.0-Enforcement-directives.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> Regulation 18360.1.

<sup>7</sup> See Regulation 18361.5, subdivision (e)(3).