



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Arnold M. Alvarez-Glasman
o/b/o City of Montebello and City Councilmembers
Via Email: aglasman@agclawfirm.com

No Action Closure Letter Re: FPPC No. 2021-00845; City of Montebello (City Council)

Dear Arnold Alvarez-Glasman:

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 a complaint that alleged Montebello City Councilmembers Jack Hadjinian, Scarlet Peralta, Kimberly Cobos-Cawthorne, David Torres, Angie Jimenez, and Salvador Melendez received an unlawful gift from TopGolf in the form of travel and lodging. After conducting our investigation and review of the case, we are closing this matter without further action as the allegations have been disproven.

The Enforcement Division's investigation confirmed the travel and lodging expenses were paid for by the City and it was reasonably related to the governmental purpose of inspecting facilities that will be placed on public property. Travel provided to local elected officeholders by a governmental agency is not reportable income or gift provided that the travel is treated as a normal out-of-state travel on state business. Therefore, disclosure of the travel by the City Councilmembers was not required and no violation occurred.

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

Sincerely,

Alex J Rose

Alex J. Rose,
Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

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.