



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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February 7, 2023

Salvatore Joseph Gumina
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Warning Letter re: FPPC No. 2019-00958; Salvatore Gumina

Dear Salvatore Joseph Gumina:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act¹ (the “Act”). This letter is in response to a referral from the County of San Diego. The Enforcement Division found that because of your former position with the Solana Beach School District, the Act required you to periodically file a Statement of Economic Interests (“SEI”) and that you failed to file your **2018 Annual SEI**.

Section 87300 of the Act requires every state and local agency to develop a Conflict-of-Interest Code. This Code requires individuals who participate in making decisions which may foreseeably have a material financial effect on any financial interest belonging to that person to disclose all reportable interests on SEIs.² Individuals required to file SEIs must file within 30 days of assuming office, annually thereafter at the time specified by the Code, and within 30 days of leaving office.³

You violated the Act by failing to file your 2018 Annual SEI by the applicable deadlines. However, since you are no longer in the position, have no prior Enforcement history with the FPPC, and filed your leaving office statement, the Enforcement Division has presently decided to close your case with this warning letter rather than issuing a monetary fine. Further investigation revealed some of these pertinent factors.

This letter serves as a written warning to resolve this matter. However, 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.

Although the Enforcement Division is closing this case without seeking a penalty, you are still required to file all outstanding SEIs and pay any late filing fees assessed by your filing officer. Please contact your filing officer, Brian Andrade at Brian.Andrade@sdcounty.ca.gov, for further

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 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.

² Section 87302, subd. (b).

³ *Ibid.*

information about your required filings. Any future non-filings may result in monetary penalties and this warning letter may be considered in any future enforcement actions.

A warning letter is an FPPC 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 have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 916-322-7771 or aberjikly@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Artin Berjikly

Artin Berjikly, Senior Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

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