



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Wade Woods

Wade Woods for Democratic County Central Committee 2016
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Louis L. Garrett, Sr.

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Warning Letter: FPPC No. 17/1317; Wade Woods, Wade Woods for Democratic County Central Committee 2016, Louis L. Garrett, Sr.

Dear Wade Woods, the Committee and Louis L. Garrett, Sr.:

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 referral from the San Francisco Ethics Commission. The Enforcement Division found that as a result of Wade Woods’ (“Woods”) candidacy in 2016, the Act required Woods to periodically file campaign statements.

The Act requires candidate-controlled 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 31.² The obligation to file campaign statements continues until the candidate or treasurer terminates the committee. The Act states that controlling candidates and committee treasurers are jointly and severally liable for violations by the committee.³

Woods was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic County Central Committee in the June 7, 2016 Primary Election. Woods violated the Act by failing to timely file five semiannual campaign statements spanning the reporting periods of May 22, 2016 to June 30, 2018. But since Woods was an unsuccessful candidate, timely filed his two preelection campaign statements, and has no history of prior violations of the Act, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with this warning letter.

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.

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 Sections 84200 and 84200.5.

³ Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

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 Woods with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or hearing before an Administrative Law Judge or the Commission. If Woods wishes to avail yourself of these proceedings by requesting that this 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 mvanarsdale@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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