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FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Bryan Burch

Hugh Bussell

o/b/o Alameda County Central Committee of the Republican Party; California Republican Party

Via email: bburch@cagop.org, chairman@alamedagop.org

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2021-00118: Alameda County Central Committee of the Republican Party, Hugh Bussell, California Republican Party, and Greg Gandrud

Dear Bryan Burch and Hugh Bussell:

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 alleging that you failed to timely report contributions. The Enforcement Division found that you failed to timely report three contributions on one campaign statement.

The Act requires each campaign statement required shall contain all of the following information: (a) The total amount of contributions received during the period covered by the campaign statement and the total cumulative amount of contributions received and (b) The total amount of expenditures made during the period covered by the campaign statement and the total cumulative amount of expenditures made.²

Upon review, the Enforcement Division determined that you violated the Act by failing to timely report \$66,500 in three payments made from Alameda County Republican Party (“ACRP”) to California Republican Party (“CRP”). The contributions were made on January 4, 2019 and January 10, 2019 and reported on a campaign statement for the reporting period ending on February 9, 2019. However, mitigating circumstances exist here: you correctly amended your campaign statement filings prior to Enforcement contact and you have no prior history with Enforcement.

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 18104 through 18998 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.

² Section 84211.

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.

Please feel free to contact Alex Rose at arose@fppc.ca.gov or 279-237-3752 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex J. Rose". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alex J. Rose, Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division