



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

1102 Q Street • Suite 3050 • Sacramento, CA 95811

December 12, 2023

Community Members Opposed to Unfair Taxation, Vote No on Measure M
C/O Shahryar Rokni

RE: No Action Closure Letter: Community Members Opposed to Unfair Taxation, Vote No on Measure M; FPPC No. 2022-00749

Dear Community Members Opposed to Unfair Taxation, Vote No on Measure M,

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 sworn complaint alleging that in connection with the November 8, 2022, General Election, Community Members Opposed to Unfair Taxation, Vote No on Measure M sent a text message advertisement opposing Measure M without including the proper advertisement disclaimer. After an investigation and review of the complaint, the investigation determined the allegations have been disproven.

A committee includes any person or combination of persons who directly or indirectly make independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more in a calendar year.² Advertisements paid for by a committee pursuant to 82013(b) shall include the words "Ad Paid for By" followed by the name that the filer is required to use on campaign statements.³ Here, Community Members Opposed to Unfair Taxation, Vote No on Measure M did not meet the threshold to qualify as a committee. Therefore, the text message did not require an advertisement disclosure. The allegations have been disproven and we are closing this matter with no further action.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at 279-237-5932 or MCorona@fppc.ca.gov.

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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.

² Section 82013, subd. (b).

³ Section 84502, subd. (b).

Sincerely,

Marissa Corona

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Enforcement Division

Cc: Sworn Complainant Kevin Dorn [REDACTED]