



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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December 12, 2023

James Elia and Sara Kagy, individually and o/b/o James Elia for State Assembly 2018



No Action Closure Letter RE: FPPC No. 2021-00107; James Elia for State Assembly 2018, James Elia, and Sara Kagy

Dear James Elia, Sara Kagy, and Committee:

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 Franchise Tax Board’s (“FTB”) Political Reform Audit Program resulting from an audit of James Elia for State Assembly 2018 (ID# 1400530) (the “Committee”), for the audit period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

The FTB audit found that the Committee failed to maintain adequate campaign records, failed to timely file certain campaign statements and reports, failed to timely disclose certain contributions and expenditures, accepted prohibited cash contributions, and improperly used campaign funds for personal purposes. After completing our review of the case and since you were previously prosecuted for violations occurring in 2018, we are closing this matter without further action.

In November 2018, the Committee was referred to the Enforcement Division, by the Secretary of State, for failing to timely file certain campaign statements in connection with the 2018 Primary and General Elections. On April 16, 2020, the Commission approved a stipulated agreement in which you admitted to violations of the Act, including failing to timely file certain campaign statements, for a total penalty of \$3,000.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (279) 237-5910 or JRinehart@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Jenna Rinehart

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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.