



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION  
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December 22, 2023

Mike Leonard  
Mike Leonard for Hesperia City Council District #1  
[REDACTED]

High Desert Jobs PAC  
Eric Schmidt, Principal Officer  
c/o Lysa Ray, Treasurer  
[REDACTED]

**No Action Closure Letter re: FPPC Case No. 2021-00301; Mike Leonard; Mike Leonard for Hesperia City Council District #1; High Desert Jobs PAC; Eric Schmidt; Lysa Ray**

Gentlepersons:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act.<sup>1</sup> This case arises from an anonymous complaint regarding an alleged expenditure by High Desert Jobs PAC in September 2020 for signs supporting Mike Leonard's candidacy for Hesperia City Council. Allegedly, this expenditure was coordinated such that it should have been treated and reported as an in-kind/non-monetary contribution—not as an independent expenditure.

Mike Leonard was not a successful candidate, and his committee is terminated. Also, High Desert Jobs PAC has terminated.

At this time, there is insufficient evidence to support a finding that you violated the Act—and we are closing this case without further action. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

***Neal P. Bucknell***

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<sup>1</sup> The Political Reform Act—sometimes simply referred to as the Act—is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in California Code of Regulations, title 2, sections 18104 through 18998. Unless otherwise noted, all statutory and regulatory references are to these sources.