



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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January 18, 2024

John Redmond

Via Email: jredmond@mtshastaca.gov

Warning Letter re: FPPC No. 2021-00211; John Redmond

Dear John Redmond:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“Commission”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ As you are aware, the Enforcement Division received a referral from the FPPC’s Statement of Economic Interests (“SEI”) Unit alleging that you, as a City Council Member for the City of Mount Shasta, violated the Act by failing to timely file your 2019 and 2020 Annual SEIs.

The Enforcement Division has completed its investigation and review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that you failed to timely file your 2019 and 2020 Annual SEIs, by the June 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021 respective due dates. Additionally, you failed to timely disclose your interest in Handsome John’s Speakeasy on your Assuming Office, 2019, 2020, and 2021 Annual SEIs, by the applicable due dates.

The Act requires for every City Council Member to file an SEI, by April 1st each year, disclosing investments, interests in real property, and income during the reporting period.² If an investment is required to be disclosed then the SEI must contain a statement of the nature of the investment or interest, the name of the business entity, a general description of the business activity, address, and the fair market value.³ If the filer’s pro rata share of income to a business entity, including income to a sole proprietorship, is required to be disclosed then the SEI must contain the name, street address, a general description of the business activity of the business entity, the name of every person from whom the business entity received payments totaling \$10,000 or more during the calendar year.⁴

On January 18, 2024, your streamline stipulation was approved for two counts of failing to timely file SEIs. The remaining violations are being resolved with this warning letter because the Enforcement Division has determined that further enforcement action on these violations is not warranted due to the mitigating circumstances that exist here. You filed an amendment to your Assuming Office SEI, after receiving contact from the Enforcement Division, and disclosed your interest in Handsome John’s Speakeasy. Additionally, you disclosed your interest in Handsome John’s Speakeasy on your 2019, 2020, and 2022 Annual SEIs. You have no prior enforcement history within the last five years. Furthermore, the remaining violations at issue here caused

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 87203 and Regulation 18723, subd. (b)(2).

³ Section 87206, subds. (a)-(d).

⁴ Section 87207, subd. (b).

minimal public harm and there was no evidence of an intent to conceal the violations. Based on the foregoing, and in accordance with the Enforcement Division Policy Directives formally adopted by the Commission on January 26, 2023, which requires the Enforcement Division to take all appropriate actions within their discretion to decrease the Division's annual carryover caseload, the Enforcement Division is closing this case with this warning letter.⁵ Discretion was used based upon mitigating or aggravating circumstances and the totality of the circumstances.⁶ This resolution may not be used as a comparable case for other enforcement matters.⁷

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 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 days from the date of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

Jenna Rinehart

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⁵ <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/content/dam/fppc/NS-Documents/AgendaDocuments/General%20Items/2023/january/15.0-Enforcement-directives.pdf>

⁶ Regulations 18360.1 and 18360.3.

⁷ See Regulation 18361.5, subd. (e)(3).