



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Mike Holland

Committee to Elect Mike Holland, Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors, District 1, 2024

Kristen Lopez, Treasurer

Warning Letter: FPPC No. 2024-00212; Mike Holland; Committee to Elect Mike Holland, Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors, District 1, 2024; Kristen Lopez

Dear Mike Holland and Kristen Lopez:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“Commission”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ As you were made aware, the Enforcement Division opened a commission-initiated case arising from an anonymous complaint alleging that the committee Committee to Elect Mike Holland, Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors, District 1, 2024 (the “Committee”) violated the campaign disclosure provisions of the Act. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that you failed to timely file a statement of organization and 24-hour contribution report.

The Act requires candidates to file a statement of organization (Form 410) to establish a candidate-controlled committee within 10 days of meeting the \$2,000 committee qualification threshold. For local candidate-controlled committees, the original Form 410 must be filed with the Secretary of State and a copy must be filed with the local filing officer.² The Act also requires candidate-controlled committees that receive a contribution(s), including a loan(s), totaling \$1,000 or more from a single source within 90 days before the election, or on the date of the election, to file a 24-hour contribution report within 24 hours of receiving the contribution.³

You violated the Act by failing to timely file a qualifying statement of organization and a 24-hour contribution report following receipt of a \$5,000 loan within the applicable 90-day period. However, for the following reasons, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with this warning letter rather than a fine: the statement of organization was filed in advance of the election; the subject loan was reported on the relevant campaign statement, which was timely filed prior to the election; and you have no prior history of violating the relevant sections of the Act.

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

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 84101.

³ Sections 82036 and 84203.

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.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at cburton@fppc.ca.gov or (279) 237-3769.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Burton

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