



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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April 15, 2024

Gracie Torres
Gracie Torres for Supervisor 2024
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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2023-00759; Gracie Torres for Supervisor 2024, Gracie Torres

Dear Gracie Torres and Committee:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ As you are aware, the Enforcement Division received a sworn complaint alleging that you violated the campaign disclosure provisions of the Act. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case and found that you and the committee failed to timely disclose contributions and expenditures on a semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, by the due date of July 1, 2023. Additionally, we found that you filed a Statement of Organization (Form 410) Amendment with an incorrect committee qualification date.

The Act requires candidate-controlled committees to file semi-annual campaign statements each year no later than July 31 for the period ending June 30, and no later than January 31 for the period ending December 31.² The obligation to file semi-annual campaign statements continues until the candidate or treasurer terminates the committee. The Act also requires recipient committees to file a Form 410 with the Secretary of State’s office within 10 days of their committee’s qualification date.³ Controlling candidates and committee treasurers are jointly and severally liable for violations by the committee.⁴

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to timely disclose contributions totaling \$2,100 and expenditures totaling \$127.32 on the semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, by the July 31, 2023 due date. Your actions further violated the Act by failing to disclose the correct date the committee qualification threshold was met. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter rather than a fine because you amended the semi-annual campaign statement and

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code Sections 81000 through 91014.

² Section 84200.

³ Section 84101, subd. (a).

⁴ Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

filed a corrected Form 410 Amendment after you were contacted by the Enforcement Division, you reported minimal activity on the semi-annual campaign statement, the activity was unrelated to an election, and you have no history of violating this section of the Act. Please note that while the Enforcement Division is closing this matter without a fine, your filing officer may assess late filing penalties.

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. 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.

Please feel free to contact Vanessa Greer at vgreer@fppc.ca.gov or 279-237-5965 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

James M. Lindsay

James M. Lindsay, Chief
Enforcement Division

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