



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION  
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Murray for Judge 2022  
Peter Murray  
William Baber, Treasurer  
Via email: [wrbaw@flash.net](mailto:wrbaw@flash.net)

**Warning Letter re: FPPC No. 2024-00421; Murray for Judge 2022, Murray, Baber**

Dear Peter Murray, William Baber, and Committee:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).<sup>1</sup> This letter is in response to a self-reported violation of the Act’s campaign disclosure provisions. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this matter. Specifically, we found that you failed to timely file the semi-annual campaign statement, in paper format, for the reporting period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, by the July 31, 2023, deadline.

The Act requires 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.<sup>2</sup> The obligation to file semi-annual campaign statements continues until the committee is terminated. Additionally, the Act requires certain state committees to file statements in both electronic and paper format.<sup>3</sup> Controlling candidates and committee treasurers are jointly and severally liable for violations by the committee.<sup>4</sup>

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to timely file the semi-annual campaign statement, in paper format, for the reporting period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, by the July 31, 2023, deadline. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with this warning letter rather than a fine for the following reasons: you timely filed the semi-annual campaign statement in electronic format, you have since filed the campaign statement in paper format, the campaign statement for the reporting period disclosed minimal activity, you have since terminated the committee, and the committee has no prior enforcement history.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.

<sup>2</sup> Section 84200.

<sup>3</sup> Section 84605.

<sup>4</sup> Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

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 (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 Tara Stock at [tstock@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:tstock@fppc.ca.gov) or (279) 237-5958 with any questions you have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

*James M. Lindsay*

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