



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Isis for El Cerrito City Council 2020

Isis Bastet



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Warning Letter: FPPC No. 2021-00355; Isis for El Cerrito City Council 2020 and Isis Bastet

Dear Isis Bastet:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ This letter is in response to your self-reported complaint wherein you acknowledged that you and your controlled committee, Isis for El Cerrito City Council 2020 (“Committee”), impermissibly accepted cash contributions in connection with the November 3, 2020, General Election. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts of the case. Specifically, we found the Committee impermissibly accepted two \$500 cash contributions.

Under the Act, no contribution of \$100 or more shall be made or received in cash.² The Committee violated the Act by accepting two separate contributions in the form of cash totaling \$1,000. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with this warning letter for the following reasons: The Committee timely reported the contributions on the appropriate campaign statement so there was minimal public harm, you self-reported the violations before public discovery, the Committee had a low amount of activity, you were unsuccessful in the General Election, the Committee has terminated, and you and the Committee have no prior Enforcement history.

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 Regulations 18360.1 and 18360.2 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 10 days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the Enforcement Division

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code §§ 81000 through 91014, and all statutory references are to this code. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in §§ 18104 through 18998 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.

² Section 84300, subd. (a).

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 10 days from the date of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (279) 237-5932 or cfelkins@fppc.ca.gov

Sincerely,

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