



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
1102 Q Street • Suite 3050 • Sacramento, CA 95811

December 6, 2024

Via email: [REDACTED]
Abdul Wahid

Re: Warning Letter; FPPC No. 2021-00957; Abdul Wahid

Dear Abdul Wahid:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ This letter is in response to multiple complaints, regarding the failure to file a Statement of Organization (“Form 410”) with the Secretary of State’s Office (“SOS”) in connection with the November 2020 election and failure to disclose the return of a payment made by the Tracy City Clerk’s Office.

The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the fact of this case. Specifically, we found that you formed a committee when you ran for the Mayor of Tracy in November 2020 but failed to file a Form 410 or the termination Form 410 with the SOS, as required. Additionally, you failed to timely disclose the refund of \$225.58 from the Tracy City Clerk for a Candidate Statement of Qualifications.

Under the Act, a committee includes any person or combination of persons who directly or indirectly raise contributions totaling \$2,000 or more in a calendar year.² The Act requires a Form 410 to be filed to form and terminate a committee, both locally and with the SOS, and to timely file all Form 460’s, disclosing contributions received, expenditures made, and miscellaneous increases to cash.³

You violated the Act by failing to file a Form 410 to form and terminate a committee with the SOS and failing to timely disclose a refund of \$225.58 to the committee. However, there are several mitigating factors present in this case: once contacted by the Enforcement Division, you disclosed the refunded payment prior to termination of the committee, you were an unsuccessful candidate for Mayor in 2020, the committee has been terminated for over two years, the campaign statements, including Form 410s, were filed locally disclosing contributions and expenditures, and you have no prior history of enforcement actions. 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,

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.

² Section 82013 subd. (a).

³ Sections 84101; 84200; and 84211.

the Enforcement Division is closing this case with this warning letter.⁴ Discretion was used based upon mitigating or aggravating circumstances and the totality of the circumstances.⁵ This resolution may not be used as a comparable case for other enforcement matters.⁶

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 me at bcastillo@fppc.ca.gov with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Bridgette Castillo

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Senior Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

⁴ <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/content/dam/fppc/NS-Documents/AgendaDocuments/General%20Items/2023/january/15.0-Enforcement-directives.pdf>

⁵ Regulations 18360.1 and 18360.3.

⁶ See Regulation 18361.5, subdivision (e)(3).