



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

December 9, 2024

Blake Hooper

Via email: [REDACTED]

Warning Letter re: FPPC No. 2024-01306; Blake Hooper

Dear Blake Hooper:

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 a sworn complaint alleging that you, in your position as Planning Commissioner for the City of Petaluma, violated the Act’s Statement of Economic Interests (“SEI”) disclosure provisions by failing to timely disclose certain interests on your SEIs. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the case and determined that you failed to properly disclose certain economic interests on your 2023 Annual SEI.

Section 87200 of the Act requires certain public officials to disclose reportable interests. Every person enumerated within Section 87200 must file an SEI within 30 days of assuming office, annually thereafter at the time specified by Commission regulations, and within 30 days of leaving office.² The SEI must include investments and interests in real property held, and income received, during the period covered by the SEI.³

Your actions violated the Act by failing to timely disclose the income your spouse received from their employment with North Bay Labor Council and Friends of the Petaluma River on your 2023 Annual SEI. But, since you filed an amendment to disclose the missing interests after you were contacted by the Enforcement Division, and you have not had a prior violation of this section, the Enforcement Division has decided to close your case with this warning letter rather than a fine.

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

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 Sections 87202, 87203, and 87204.

³ *Ibid.*

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 Vanessa Greer at vgreer@fppc.ca.gov or 279-237-5965.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Burton

Christopher B. Burton, Assistant Chief
Enforcement Division

CBB: vg

cc: Adina Flores (sworn complainant)