



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

November 14, 2024

Hon. Thomas T. Lewis
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Warning Letter re: FPPC Case No. 2023-00165; Thomas Lewis

Dear Judge Lewis:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act.¹ This case arises from a sworn complaint. The Enforcement Division is closing this case with this warning letter, as discussed below.

You are a former judge for the Superior Court of Los Angeles County. On or about December 17, 2019, you left office, but you failed to file a leaving office statement of economic interest (Form 700) within 30 days—in violation of Section 87204. (Your statement was due by mid-January 2020, but was not filed until approximately June of that year.)

In mitigation, you do not have a history of prior, similar violations—and it appears that your violation was unintentional.

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. This warning letter may be considered in any future enforcement actions.

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.

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¹ The Political Reform Act—sometimes simply referred to as the Act—is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in California Code of Regulations, title 2, sections 18104 through 18998. Unless otherwise noted, all statutory and regulatory references are to these sources—as they were in effect at the time of the violation in this case (2020).

If you need guidance regarding your obligations in the future, please visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov/advice.html or call the Commission's Toll-Free Advice Line at 1-866-ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3772).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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