



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Richard Rios, rrios@olsonremcho.com
o/b/o Jesus Cardenas

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2023-00411, Jesus Cardenas

Dear Jesus Cardenas:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ This letter is sent in response to a self-referral from you stating that you failed to timely report the proper gross income received from your business Grassroots Resources by stating its value was below \$100,000 on your 2021 Annual Statement of Economic Interests (“SEI”). On May 26, 2023, you filed an amended 2021 SEI and correctly stated the gross income as over \$100,000.

The Act requires that every agency shall adopt and promulgate a conflict of interest code pursuant to the provisions of this article.² The San Diego Ethics Commission requires all sources of income received over \$500 to be reported on an annual SEI.³

Upon review, the Enforcement Division determined that you violated the Act by failing to timely report your source of income from Grassroots Resources on your 2021 Annual SEI. However, mitigating circumstances exist here: you self-reported and corrected the violations prior to Enforcement’s discovery, the interest was properly reported aside from the dollar amount, the rest of your SEIs were properly and timely filed, and you have no prior history with Enforcement.

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.

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 87300.

³ San Diego Ethics Ordinance Section 27.3561.

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 279-237-3752 or arose@fppc.ca.gov with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex J. Rose". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alex J. Rose
Senior Commission Counsel,
Enforcement Division