



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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July 12, 2024

Charlie Klinakis
Klinakis for La Puente City Council 2022
Via email: [REDACTED]

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2024-00234; Charlie Klinakis, Klinakis for La Puente City Council 2022

Dear Charlie Klinakis and Committee:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ As you are aware, the Enforcement Division received an AdWatch submission against you alleging that you violated the advertisement disclaimer provisions of the Act.

Your actions violated the Act because you published a Facebook page for your candidacy that did not include the words “Ad paid for by.” However, it was clear the committee produced the subject Facebook page, and you have no prior Enforcement history. 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, the Enforcement Division is closing this case with this warning letter.² Discretion was used based upon mitigating or aggravating circumstances and the totality of the circumstances.³ This resolution may not be used as a comparable case for other enforcement matters.⁴

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.

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

³ Regulations 18360.1 and 18360.3.

⁴ See Regulation 18361.5, subdivision (e)(3).

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.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Tara Stock at tstock@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

James M. Lindsay

James M. Lindsay, Chief
Enforcement Division

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