



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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July 26, 2024

Sonja Brunner

Via email: sbrunner@santacruzca.gov

No Action Closure Letter Re: FPPC No. 2021-00304; Sonja Brunner

Dear Sonja Brunner:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").¹ This letter is in response to our investigation concerning a complaint alleging you, in your capacity as a City of Santa Cruz Council Member, violated the Act's conflict of interest provisions. After conducting our investigation and review of the case, we are closing this matter without further action.

The Enforcement Division's investigation determined that the March 9, 2021 decision to adopt a Temporary Outdoor Living Ordinance would not have a financial effect on your source of income financial interest, Downtown Association of Santa Cruz. Therefore, this matter will be closed as the allegation has been disproven.

Even though we are closing our file on this matter, please be advised of the conflict of interest provisions of the Act in any future actions you may take in your capacity as a public official. If you have questions at a later date, please visit our website at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/advice.html>. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (279) 237-5910 or JRinehart@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Jenna Rinehart

Jenna C. Rinehart,
Senior Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

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.