



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION  
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June 3, 2024

Abel Sanchez-Valencia

Via email: [asanchez@santacruzcoe.org](mailto:asanchez@santacruzcoe.org)

**No Action Closure Letter re: FPPC No. 2024-00521, Abel Sanchez-Valencia**

Dear Abel Sanchez-Valencia,

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).<sup>1</sup> This letter is in response to a referral from the City of Watsonville alleging that you failed to timely file your 2022 Annual Statement of Economic Interests (“SEI”) for your position as a Parks and Recreation Commissioner with the City of Watsonville.

You recently contacted the Enforcement Division to explain that you believed you had met your filing obligations. We have since learned that there was some confusion with your leaving office date, which should have been in December 2022 rather than July 2023. Since you left your position in December 2022, you were not required to file the 2022 Annual SEI. Additionally, you have since filed an amendment to your Leaving Office SEI. For these reasons, the Enforcement Division is closing this matter without further action. Although the Enforcement Division is closing this matter without seeking a penalty, you are still required to pay any late filing fees assessed by your filing officer, the City of Watsonville. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Fela Williams at [fwilliams@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:fwilliams@fppc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

*Christopher B. Burton*

Christopher B. Burton, Assistant Chief  
Enforcement Division

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cc: City of Watsonville

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<sup>1</sup> 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 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.