



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Monique Hokman for School Board 2022
Monique Hokman, Candidate
Mindy Walker, Treasurer

Via email: [REDACTED]

Warning Letter re: FPPC Case No. 2022-00774; Monique Hokman for School Board 2022, Monique Hokman, and Mindy Walker

Dear Committee, Monique Hokman, and Mindy Walker:

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 an anonymous complaint and a filing officer referral received by the Enforcement Division. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the matter and found that you failed to timely file two preelection campaign statements, an amendment to the Committee’s Statement of Organization, and a Form 470 Supplement, in advance of the November 8, 2022 General Election.

The Act requires candidate-controlled committees to file two preelection campaign statements prior to the applicable election in which the candidate is listed on the ballot.² The Act requires candidates to file a statement of organization (Form 410) to establish a candidate-controlled committee within 10 days of meeting the \$2,000 committee qualification threshold. For local candidate-controlled committees, the original Form 410 must be filed with the Secretary of State (SOS) and a copy must be filed with the local filing officer.³ If the candidate has already filed a statement of organization, then an amendment is required within 10 days to reflect the change in the committee’s qualification status.⁴ The Act requires candidates or officeholders who filed a Form 470 and thereafter received contributions or made expenditures totaling \$2,000 or more, to send written notification (Form 470 Supplement) to the Secretary of State, the local filing officer, and each candidate for the same office within 48 hours of receiving or spending \$2,000 or more.⁵ Controlling candidates and committee treasurers are jointly and severally liable for violations by the committee.⁶

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

² Sections 84200.5 and 84206.

³ Section 84101.

⁴ Section 84103.

⁵ Section 84206, subd. (c), and Regulation 18406.

⁶ Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

You violated the Act by failing to timely file the preelection campaign statements for the periods of July 1, 2022 to September 24, 2022, and September 25, 2022 to October 22, 2022 by the respective deadlines. Further, you failed to timely file an amendment to the Committee's Statement of Organization once the Committee had qualified. Finally, you failed to timely file a Form 470 Supplement with the Secretary of State and your local filing officer. However, for the following reasons, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter: you filed both preelection statements, the Statement of Organization amendment, and Form 470 Supplement (with SOS) prior to the election; you were an unsuccessful candidate; you have no prior enforcement history of violating the pertinent sections of the Act; and you have since terminated the committee.

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.

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 cburton@fppc.ca.gov or (279) 237-3769 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Burton

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