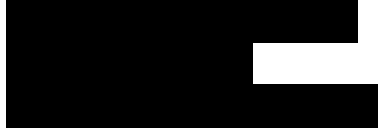




May 6, 2024

Alexis Aceves



Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2021-00867, Alexis Aceves

Dear Alexis Aceves,

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 a referral from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk that you failed to timely file an Officeholder Campaign Short Form (“Form 470”) for the reporting period of January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the matter and found that you failed to timely file a Form 470 by the applicable deadline.

The Act requires Candidate Controlled Committees to file semi-annual campaign statements each year no later than July 31 for the period ending June 30, and no later than January 31 for the period ending December 31.² The Act allows candidates and officeholders who receive contributions and make expenditures of less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in a calendar year to file a Form 470 covering the entire calendar year with the local elections office by July 31.³

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to timely file a Form 470 by the July 31, 2021 deadline. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with this warning letter rather than a fine because you filed all outstanding forms, you had minimal activity, your filing was not in connection with an election, and you have since resigned from your Board Member position at Lennox School District. 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

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 84200.

³ Section 84200, 84206, and 84215.

closing this case with this warning letter.⁴ Discretion was used based upon mitigating or aggravating circumstances and the totality of the circumstances.⁵ This resolution may not be used as a comparable case for other enforcement matters.⁶

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 279-237-3766 or cfelkins@fppc.ca.gov with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Felkins

Michael C. Felkins, Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

⁴ <https://www.fppc.ca.gov/content/dam/fppc/NS-Documents/AgendaDocuments/General%20Items/2023/january/15.0-Enforcement-directives.pdf>

⁵ Regulations 18360.1 and 18360.3.

⁶ See Regulation 18361.5, subd. (e)(3).