



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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April 22, 2024

Ginny Gonzales for Long Beach City Council 2022
Ginny Gonzales
Frances Ransom Gonzales
[REDACTED]

Via email: [REDACTED]

Warning Letter re: FPPC No. 2022-00730; Ginny Gonzales for Long Beach City Council 2022, Ginny Gonzales, and Frances Ransom Gonzales

Dear Committee, Ginny Gonzales, and Frances Ransom Gonzales:

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 sworn complaint 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 and a 24-hour contribution report in advance of the June 7, 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 Additionally, the Act requires candidate-controlled committees that make or receive a late contribution, including the candidate’s personal funds, to file a report within 24 hours of making or receiving the contribution.³ A “late contribution” includes a contribution (including loans) aggregating \$1,000 or more that is made to or received by a candidate, controlled committee, or primarily formed committee within 90 days before the date of the election at which the pertinent candidate or measure is to be voted on.⁴ Controlling candidates and committee treasurers are jointly and severally liable for violations by the committee.⁵

You violated the Act by failing to timely file the preelection campaign statements for the periods of January 1, 2022 to April 23, 2022 and April 24, 2022 to May 21, 2022 by the respective deadlines. Further, you failed to timely file a 24-hour contribution report for \$2,200 in loans received by the candidate. However, for the following reasons, the 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 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 84203.

⁴ Section 82036.

⁵ Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

has decided to close this case with a warning letter: you filed both preelection statements prior to the election, the relevant candidate loans were reported on campaign statements filed prior to the election, you were an unsuccessful candidate, your campaign had minimal activity, 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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