



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
1102 Q Street, Suite 3000, Sacramento, CA 95811

August 29, 2024

Caitlin Casey

Via email: caseyforjudge2024@gmail.com

Warning Letter: FPPC No. 2024-00875, Caitlin Casey

Dear Caitlin Casey:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act¹ (the “Act”). As you are aware, the Enforcement Division received an anonymous complaint alleging that you failed to timely file a Statement of Organization (Form 410) for your committee, Casey for Judge 2024, and failed to timely file a Candidate Statement of Economic Interests (“SEI”). While those allegations were disproven, we found that you failed to timely disclose interests in real property on your Candidate SEI.

The Enforcement Division found that as a result of your position as a Candidate for San Joaquin County Superior Court Judge in the March 5, 2024, Primary Election, the Act required you to file a Candidate SEI to disclose your reportable interests by November 8, 2023, the deadline for filing a declaration of candidacy.

Under the Act, a candidate for an office specified in Government Code Section 87200, including a candidate for Superior Court Judge, is required to file a Candidate SEI disclosing their investments, business positions, interests in real property, and income received during the preceding 12 months.² The SEI must be filed no later than the deadline for the declaration of candidacy.³

You violated the Act by failing to timely disclose two interests in real property on your Candidate SEI. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter rather than a fine because you have since filed an amendment to your Candidate SEI to disclose the properties, you were an unsuccessful candidate, and you have no prior history of violating the Act.

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

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 Section 87201.

³ *Ibid.*

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.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Shelby Pearce at 279-237-5972 or spearce@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Burton

Christopher B. Burton, Acting Chief
Enforcement Division

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