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Inland Empire Taxpayers Association
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Via email: rteaman@trscpas.com; jcasul@trscpas.com

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2020-00924; Inland Empire Taxpayers Association

Dear Respondents,

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 alleging that you failed to disclose contributions received since the closing date of the last campaign statement filed. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that you failed to timely disclose contributions received on seventeen 24-hour independent expenditure reports.

The Act requires committees that make a late independent expenditure to include with its late independent expenditure report the person’s full name, street address, occupation, name of the person’s employer, and the date and amount received for each contribution covering the period from the day after the closing date of the last campaign report filed, through the date of the late independent expenditure, or if the committee has not previously filed a campaign statement, covering the period from the previous January 1 through the date of the late independent expenditure.²

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to include the required information for contributions received since the last campaign report for seventeen 24-hour independent expenditure reports. However, because the missing information was reported timely on another campaign statement and the missing information was amended and disclosed prior to the relevant election, we are closing this case with this warning letter.

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.

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 Sections 84204(b).

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 your client with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or hearing before an Administrative Law Judge or the Commission. If your client wishes to avail himself of these proceedings by requesting that his 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 need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding your obligations, please call the Commission's Toll-Free Advice Line at 1-866-275-3772 or visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Please feel free to contact me at jrivera@fppc.ca.gov or (279) 237-5913 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Rivera

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