



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Mina J. Blazy
Mina Blazy for Victor Valley Union High School District 2020 Board



Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2021-00512; Mina J. Blazy, Mina Blazy for Victor Valley Union High School District 2020 Board, and Burton Blazy

Dear Committee and Mina J. Blazy:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practice Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ This letter is in response to a referral from the County of San Bernardino, alleging that the committee, Mina Blazy for Victor Valley Union High School District 2020 Board (the “Committee”), failed to file a semi-annual campaign statement due January 31, 2021. Specifically, we found that the Committee failed to timely file two pre-election campaign statements. The Committee also failed to file a semi-annual campaign statement and failed to report contribution information on the late-filed pre-election report.

The Act requires committees to file two pre-election campaign statements prior to the applicable election in which the candidate is listed on the ballot.² The obligation to file semi-annual campaign statements continue until the candidate or treasurer terminated the committee.³ For contributions totaling \$100 or more, candidates and their controlled committees are required to itemize on each campaign statement the following information about the contributor: his or her full name and street address; his or her occupation, and the name of his or her employer, or if self-employed, the name of his or her business; the date and amount of each contribution and the cumulative amount of contributions received from the contributor.⁴

Your actions violated the Act because the Committee failed to timely file a pre-election campaign statement by the September 24, 2020 deadline. Additionally, The Committee failed to file a pre-election campaign statement by the October 22, 2020 deadline and failed to file a semi-annual campaign statement by the January 31, 2021 deadline. The Committee also failed to report contributor information on the pre-election campaign statement due September 24, 2020. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter rather than a fine because you had a lack of experience with these specific requirements of the Act, you

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code section 81000 through 91014, and all statutory references are to this code. The regulations of the Fair Political Practice Commission are contained in Section 18104 through 18998 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.

² Section 84200.5.

³ Section 84214.

⁴ Section 82411, subd. (f).

were unsuccessful in the 2020 General Election, your committee has been terminated, you raised and spent a low amount, 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 Regulations 18360.1 and 18360.2 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 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 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

cc: *filing officer*