



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Robert Rego
San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee – State
Via email: robert@rego.com

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2025-00358; Robert Rego, San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee - State

Dear Committee and Mr. Rego:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ As you are aware, the Enforcement Division received an anonymous complaint alleging that you failed to timely file the semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of October 20, 2024, through December 31, 2024.

The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that you failed to timely file, in electronic format, the semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of October 20, 2024, through December 31, 2024, by the January 31, 2025 due date.

The Act requires general purpose committees that cumulatively receive contributions or make expenditures totaling twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more to support or oppose candidates for any elective state office or state measure to file electronically, and in paper format, semi-annual campaign statements with the Secretary of State 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 obligation to file semi-annual campaign statements continues until the treasurer terminates the committee.

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to timely file, in electronic format, the semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of October 20, 2024, through December 31, 2024, by the January 31, 2025, due date. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to

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 84605 and 84200.

close this case with this warning letter rather than a fine because you timely filed the semi-annual campaign statement in paper format, you filed the semi-annual campaign statement in electronic format immediately after you were contacted by the Enforcement Division, and the committee has no Enforcement history. Please note that while the Enforcement Division is closing this matter without a fine, your filing officer may assess late filing penalties.

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 Cole Smith at csmith@fppc.ca.gov with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Burton

Christopher B. Burton, Assistant Chief
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