



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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August 18, 2025

Armando Barajas

Via email: [REDACTED]

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2021-00870; Armando Barajas

Dear Armando Barajas:

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 referral from Los Angeles County alleging that you failed to timely file a campaign statement in violation of the Act’s campaign filing provisions. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that you failed to timely file three Officeholder Campaign Statement Short Forms (Form 470) by the specified deadline.

The Act allows officeholders who do not have an open committee and do not plan to raise or spend \$2,000 in a calendar year to file a Form 470 (Campaign Statement - Short Form) covering the entire calendar year with the local elections office by July 31.²

You violated the Act because you failed to file three Form 470s by the specified deadlines. However, we are closing this matter with this warning letter because you filed the missing statements, the late filing was of minimal public harm, the activity was unrelated to the election that triggered filing requirements, and there was no activity during the reporting period.

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 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 your client with the opportunity for a

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 84206 and Regulation 18406.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Jonathan Rivera

Jonathan Rivera,
Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

cc: Los Angeles County Filing Officer voterinfo@rrcc.lacounty.gov