



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION  
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August 11, 2025

David Chen

Via email: [REDACTED]

**Warning Letter re: FPPC No. 2024-00970; David Chen**

Dear David Chen,

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).<sup>1</sup> This letter is in response to two sworn complaints alleging that you failed to report sources of income on your Statements of Economic Interests (“SEIs”). The Enforcement Division found that as a result of your position as a Member of the Community Advisory Board for the City of Santa Rosa, the Act required you to periodically file SEIs, and that you failed to timely report income on your Assuming Office SEI, 2023 and 2024 Annual SEIs, and your Leaving Office SEI.

Section 87300 of the Act requires every state and local agency to develop a Conflict of Interest Code. This Code requires individuals who participate in making decisions which may foreseeably have a material financial effect on any financial interest belonging to that person to disclose all reportable interests on SEIs.<sup>2</sup> Individuals required to file SEIs must file within 30 days of assuming office, annually thereafter at the time specified by the Code, and within 30 days of leaving office.<sup>3</sup>

For all applicable reporting periods, the City of Santa Rosa Conflict of Interest Code designated Members of the Community Advisory Board with Category A disclosure and required them to fully disclose their interests on SEIs.<sup>4</sup>

Your actions violated the Act by failing to report income from W Real Estate on your Assuming Office SEI, 2023 and 2024 Annual SEIs, and your Leaving Office SEI by the specified deadlines. However, since you are no longer in this position, you were responsive when contacted by the Enforcement Division and have since filed amendments to your SEIs, and you have no prior Enforcement history, the Enforcement Division has decided to close your case with this warning letter rather than a fine.

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.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Section 87302, subd. (b).

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> 2022 and 2024 City of Santa Rosa Conflict of Interest Code.

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 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 any questions regarding this letter, please contact Franceska Gonzalez at [fgonzalez@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:fgonzalez@fppc.ca.gov) or (279) 237-5993.

Sincerely,

*Franceska Gonzalez*

Franceska Gonzalez, Attorney  
Enforcement Division

cc: Adina Flores, sworn complainant