



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Brian Hawkins

Hawkins for City Council 2020

Terri A. Fort

Via Email: bhawkins@sanjacintoca.gov; hawkinsforcitycouncil@gmail.com

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2022-00763; Brian Hawkins; Hawkins for City Council 2020 and Terri A. Fort

Dear Brian Hawkins, Terri A. Fort and Committee:

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 commission-initiated investigation alleging that you failed to comply with 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 four semi-annual campaign statements by the specified deadlines.

The Act requires a candidate controlled committee to file two semi-annual campaign statements 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 candidate or treasurer terminated the committee. Controlling candidates and committee treasurers are jointly and severally liable for violations by the committee.

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to timely file four semi-annual campaign statements with the due dates of February 1, 2021; July 31, 2021; January 31, 2022; and July 31, 2022. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter for the following reasons: three of the four late-filed campaign statements did not have any activity during their respective reporting periods and the one campaign statement that did have activity had only a \$250 contribution to report, the late campaign statements were unrelated to the relevant election, you terminated the committee, and you were inexperienced with the requirements of the Act. Additionally, neither you nor the Committee have a history of violating the Act.

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 Section 84200, subd. (a).

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.

If you need guidance regarding your obligations in the future, please visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov/advice.html or call the Commission's Toll-Free Advice Line at 1-866-ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3772).

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (279) 237-3766 or cfelkins@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Michael Chance Felkins

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