



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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December 8, 2025

Joanne Motoike
Committee for Judge Joanne Motoike 2014
Via email: [REDACTED]

Warning Letter re FPPC No. 2025-01259; Joanne Motoike, Committee for Judge Joanne Motoike 2014

Dear Joanne Motoike 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 self-reported violation of the Act’s campaign disclosure provisions. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this matter. Specifically, we found that you failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement in electronic format.

The Act requires committees to file 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 Act provides that if a person has not previously filed a campaign statement, the period covered begins on January 1.³ A judge who is not listed on the ballot for reelection to, or recall from, any elective office during a calendar year is not required to file semi-annual campaign statements during any six-month period in that calendar year if they have not received any contributions and their expenditures are less than \$1,000 and for specific purposes.⁴ The obligation to file semi-annual campaign statements continues until the committee is terminated. Additionally, the Act requires certain state committees to file statements in both electronic and paper format.⁵

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to timely file the semi-annual campaign statement in electronic format, for the reporting period of January 1, 2022 through August 8,

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.

³ Section 82046(b).

⁴ Section 84200(a)(3)(A)-(B).

⁵ Section 84605.

2022, by the January 31, 2023 deadline. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with this warning letter rather than a fine for the following reasons: the campaign statement was timely filed in paper format, the campaign statement was electronically filed prior to contact from the Enforcement Division, you are no longer in this position, the committee has since terminated, 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 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 have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact Vanessa Greer at 279-237-5965 or vgreer@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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