



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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February 18, 2025

Michael Bates

Via email: michael.bates@vta.org

No Action Closure Letter re: FPPC No. 2025-00230; Michael Bates

Dear Michael Bates:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“Commission”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ This letter is in response to a referral from Santa Clara County alleging that you failed to timely file your 2023 Annual Statement of Economic Interests (“SEI”) for your position as an Operations Manager – Rail Vehicle Maintenance & Engineering with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

The Enforcement Division found that you successfully completed the Commission’s Political Reform Education Program (PREP) course regarding SEIs. In addition, you have filed the missing SEI. For these reasons, we are closing this matter without further action.

Moreover, completion of PREP exempts you from paying late filing fees for the violations listed in the PREP Agreement, i.e., failure to timely file an 2023 Annual SEI, assessed by your filing officer, Santa Clara County, pursuant to Section 91013.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Taylor Culberson at tculberson@fppc.ca.gov or 279-237-5959.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Burton

Christopher B. Burton, Assistant Chief
Enforcement Division

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cc: Santa Clara County

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.