



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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January 14, 2024

Adam Sanchez
Committee to Elect Adam Sanchez City Council 2022
Via email: [REDACTED]

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2022-00783 - Adam Sanchez; Committee to Elect Adam Sanchez City Council 2022

Dear Respondents:

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 an AdWatch complaint alleging that you violated the Act's advertisement disclaimer and campaign finance filing provisions. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that you failed to timely file your Candidate Campaign Statement Short Form (Form 470) for the November 8, 2022 General Election by the specified deadline.

The Act requires candidate-controlled committees to file two pre-election campaign statements at specified times prior to the election, as well as 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 allows a candidate who does not have an open committee and does not plan to raise or spend \$2,000 or more in connection with the applicable election to file a Form 470 (Campaign Statement - Short Form) covering the entire calendar year by the first pre-election campaign statement deadline.³

You violated the Act because you failed to timely file your Form 470 by September 29, 2022, the deadline to file the first pre-election campaign statement. However, you filed your Form 470 on November 7, 2022, which was after Enforcement contact but prior to the election, there was a low level of public harm, and you were an unsuccessful candidate. Based on the foregoing, and in accordance with the Enforcement Division Policy Directive formally adopted by the Commission on January 26, 2023, which requires the Enforcement Division to take all

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 84200 and 84200.5.

³ Sections 84206 and 84200.8; Regulation 18406.

appropriate actions within their discretion to decrease the Division's annual carryover caseload, the Enforcement Division is closing this case with this warning letter.⁴ Discretion was used based upon mitigating or aggravating circumstances and the totality of the circumstances.⁵ This resolution may not be used as a comparable case for other enforcement matters.⁶

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.

Please contact me at 279-237-3754 or jevans@fppc.ca.gov with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Jaleena Evans

Jaleena Evans, Attorney
Enforcement Division

⁴ [https://www.fppc.ca.gov/content/dam/fppc/NSDocuments/AgendaDocuments/General Items/2023/january/15.0-Enforcement-directives.pdf](https://www.fppc.ca.gov/content/dam/fppc/NSDocuments/AgendaDocuments/General%20Items/2023/january/15.0-Enforcement-directives.pdf)

⁵ Regulations 18360.1 and 18360.3.

⁶ See Regulation 18361.5, subd. (e)(3).