



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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January 13, 2025

Parise Shepherd
City of Suisun City
Sent via email: pshepherd@suisun.com

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2024-01422; Parise Shepherd

Dear Parise Shepherd:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").¹ As you are aware, the Enforcement Division received a sworn complaint alleging that you violated the campaign disclosure provisions of the Act. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case and found that you failed to timely file a Form 470 (Campaign Short Form) in connection with the November 5, 2024 General Election.

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 Short Form) covering the entire calendar year by the deadline for the first pre-election campaign statement.²

You violated the Act because you failed to timely file your Form 470 by the September 26, 2024, deadline. However, since you filed your Form 470 prior to being contacted by the Enforcement Division, you filed it before the election, and you have no history of violating this section of the Act, the Enforcement Division has decided to close your case with this warning letter rather than a fine. Please note that while the Enforcement Division is closing this matter without a fine, your filing officer may assess late filing penalties.

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

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014 and all statutory references are to this code.

² Sections 84206 and 84200.8; Regulation 18406.

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, please feel free to contact Vanessa Greer at vgreer@fppc.ca.gov or 279-237-5965.

Sincerely,

James M. Lindsay

James M. Lindsay, Chief
Enforcement Division

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cc: James Berg (sworn complainant)