



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Supervisor Patrick Henry Jones
Patrick Jones for Board of Supervisors District 4 2020
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Warning Letter re: FPPC Case No. 2020-01000; Patrick Henry Jones; Patrick Jones for Board of Supervisors District 4 2020

Dear Supervisor Jones:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act.¹ This case arises from a sworn complaint, which included allegations that you failed to comply with the Act's advertising "paid for by" disclosure requirements—in connection with your successful candidacy for Shasta County Supervisor in November 2020. We are closing this case with this warning letter, as discussed in more detail below.

Several of your campaign ads, including your mass mailings, provided "paid for by" disclosures with a name for your committee that was slightly different from what appeared on the committee's Form 410 statement of organization—in violation of Section 84305. Likewise, your Facebook landing page failed to provide required "Ad paid for by" disclosures in violation of Sections 84502 and 84504.4, subdivision (b).

In mitigation, there was minimal confusion for the public regarding who was responsible for the ads, and it was clear that your Facebook page was for your supervisor committee. Also, during the past five years, you do not have a history of prior, similar violations—and your violations in this case appear to have been inadvertent.

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. This warning letter may be considered in any future enforcement actions.

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

¹ The Political Reform Act—sometimes simply referred to as the Act—is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in California Code of Regulations, title 2, sections 18104 through 18998. Unless otherwise noted, all statutory and regulatory references are to these sources—as they were in effect during the time of the violations in this case (2020).

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).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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