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Mark Salkin, Principal Officer

o/b/o Committee to Support the Recall of Culver City Mayor Alex Fisch and Councilman Daniel Lee

Via email: [REDACTED]

Ramsey Houston Salem, Treasurer

o/b/o Committee to Support the Recall of Culver City Mayor Alex Fisch and Councilman Daniel Lee

Via email: [REDACTED]

Warning Letter re: FPPC No. 2022-00265; Committee to Support the Recall of Culver City Mayor Alex Fisch and Councilman Daniel Lee; Mark Salkin; Ramsey Houston Salem

Dear Committee, Mark Salkin, and Ramsey Houston Salem:

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 sworn complaint alleging that the Committee to Support the Recall of Culver City Mayor Alex Fisch and Councilman Daniel Lee (the “Committee”) violated the Act’s campaign disclosure provisions by failing to include all required information on campaign statements. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case and has found that the Committee failed to timely report information on campaign statements and failed to timely file campaign statements.

Under the Act, a primarily formed committee includes a recipient committee that supports a group of candidates being voted on in the same city, county, or multicounty election; a candidate includes any elected officer who is the subject of a recall.² The Act requires committees primarily formed to support or oppose local measures or candidates not being voted on in 2022 but to be voted on in a future election to file a quarterly campaign statement covering the period January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022 by the May 2, 2022 deadline.³ The Act also requires that, when the cumulative amount of contributions received from a person is one hundred dollars (\$100) or more and a contribution has been received from that person during the period covered by a campaign statement, the statement must include the person’s full name, street address, occupation, employer, date and amount contributed during the related reporting period, and the cumulative amount of contributions.⁴ If the contributor is a limited liability company (“LLC”),

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 82007 and 82047.5; Regulation 18247.5.

³ Section 84202.3.

⁴ Section 84211(f).

the “name” of the contributor shall include the name of the LLC and the full legal name of the individual primarily responsible for approving the contribution.⁵ For each person to whom an expenditure of one hundred dollars (\$100) or more has been made during the period covered by the campaign statement, the statement must include the person’s full name and street address, the amount of each expenditure, a brief description of the consideration for which each expenditure was made.⁶ A committee’s principal officer and treasurer are jointly and severally liable for violations by the committee.⁷

Your actions violated the Act because the Committee failed to file a quarterly campaign statement by May 2, 2022. The Committee also failed to include required information regarding contributions and expenditures on the campaign statement and its amendment covering the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, including the occupation and/or employer, address, specific dates, and itemized descriptions. Lastly, the Committee failed to include required information regarding contributions and expenditures on the campaign statement covering the period January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, including the occupation, address, and the individual responsible for approving the LLC contributor’s contributions. However, the Enforcement Division has determined that mitigating circumstances are present here and has decided to close this case with a warning letter rather than a fine for the following reasons: the Committee cooperated with the Enforcement Division’s investigation and filed an amended campaign statement once contacted; the Committee sought advice from the FPPC prior to filing said amendment; the Committee was unsuccessful in that the recall efforts failed to make it onto the relevant ballot; the Committee timely filed a campaign statement which reported activity that should have been reported on the missing campaign statement; there was no evidence of an intent to violate the Act or conceal the violations; the public harm was low; the Committee does not have prior Enforcement history involving the same violation; and, the Committee has terminated. Discretion was used based upon mitigating or aggravating circumstances and the totality of the circumstances.⁸

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 Regulations 18360.1 and 18360.2 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 10 days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the Enforcement Division will rescind this warning letter and proceed with

⁵ Regulation 18421.10(b).

⁶ Section 84211(k).

⁷ Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

⁸ Regulation 18360.1.

administrative prosecution of this case. If we do not receive such notification, this warning letter will be posted on the Commission's website 10 days from the date of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at vjimmy@fppc.ca.gov or (279) 237-5971.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Jimmy

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Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

Cc: Sworn Complainant