



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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May 19, 2025

Las Virgenes Educators Association Education Improvement Fund
Chris Sale, Treasurer
Via email: [REDACTED]

Warning Letter re: FPPC No. 2025-00404; Las Virgenes Educators Association Education Improvement Fund, Sale

Dear Committee and Chris Sale,

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 referral from the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office regarding your failure to timely file semi-annual campaign statements. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that you failed to timely file two semi-annual campaign statements. Additionally, we found that you failed to timely file an amendment to the committee's Statement of Organization (Form 410) to disclose that the committee changed its treasurer.

The Act requires committees to file 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 obligation to file semi-annual campaign statements continues until the treasurer terminates the committee. The Act also requires a committee to file an amendment to its Statement of Organization (Form 410) if there is a change in any of the information contained in the form, within 10 days of the change.³

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to file the semi-annual campaign statements for the periods covering January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023, and July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, by the July 31, 2023, and January 31, 2025, deadlines, respectively. You also failed to file an amendment to the committee's Form 410 within 10 days to disclose the committee's new treasurer and their contact information. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter rather than a fine for the following reasons: you filed the missing statements after you were contacted by the Enforcement Division, minimal activity was disclosed on the statements, and you have no prior history of violating the Act.

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 18998 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.

² Section 84200.

³ Section 84103.

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 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 Tara Stock at tstock@fppc.ca.gov or (279) 237-5958.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Burton

Christopher B. Burton, Assistant Chief
Enforcement Division

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