



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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May 6, 2025

Rowland Heights Advocates for Cityhood
Robert Lewis
Via email: [REDACTED]

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2021-00884; Rowland Heights Advocates for Cityhood and Robert Lewis

Dear Committee and Robert Lewis:

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 referral from Los Angeles County alleging that Rowland Heights Advocates for Cityhood (“the Committee”) failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that the Committee failed to timely file five semi-annual campaign statements by the applicable deadlines.

The Act requires general purpose committees to file two 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 committee is terminated.³

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to timely file five semi-annual statements for the reporting periods ending June 30, 2021; June 30, 2022; December 31, 2022; June 30, 2023; and December 31, 2023. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter for the following reasons: the committee had no or minimal activity, the committee was not active during any relevant elections, and the Committee has since terminated.

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 Section 84200, subd. (a).

³ Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

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 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 regarding this letter, please contact me at (279) 237-5913 or jrivera@fppc.ca.gov

Sincerely,

Jonathan Rivera

Jonathan Rivera
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Enforcement Division

cc: *Los Angeles County*