



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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September 17, 2025

Democratic Club of Claremont
Eric Latham, Treasurer
Via email: [REDACTED]

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 2025-01009; Eric Latham, Democratic Club of Claremont

Dear Eric Latham and Committee:

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 you filed to self-report violations of the Act’s campaign disclosure provisions. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this matter. Specifically, we found that you failed to timely file the semi-annual campaign statements, in paper format, for the reporting periods of July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, and January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

The Act requires state general purpose committees that cumulatively receive contributions or make expenditures totaling twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to file electronically, and in paper format, semi-annual campaign statements with the Secretary of State 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.

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to timely file, in paper format, the semi-annual campaign statements for the reporting periods of July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, and January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, by the January 31, 2024, and July 31, 2024, deadlines, respectively. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with this warning letter rather than a fine because you timely filed the semi-annual campaign statements in electronic format, you filed the semi-annual campaign statements in paper format prior to being contacted by the Enforcement Division, and the committee has no recent Enforcement history.

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 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.

² Sections 84605 and 84200.

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 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.

Please feel free to contact Shelby Pearce at spearce@fppc.ca.gov with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Kendall L.D. Bonebrake

Kendall L.D. Bonebrake, Chief
Enforcement Division

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