



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Mike Hutchinson, Candidate

Mike Hutchinson for Oakland School Board 2022

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Chelsea Johnson, Treasurer

Via email: chelsea@cjandassociates.com

Warning Letter re FPPC No. 2022-00622; Mike Hutchinson for Oakland School Board 2022, Mike Hutchinson, and Chelsea Johnson

Dear Respondents:

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 complaint received from the Oakland Public Ethics Commission.

The Enforcement Division has completed its review of your campaign filings and has determined that the committee, Mike Hutchinson for Oakland School Board 2022, violated the campaign finance provisions of the Political Reform Act. We found that the 2022 Committee failed to timely file a statement of organization amendment within ten days of qualifying as a committee and failed to timely report accrued expenses and outstanding debts on a pre-election campaign statement.

The Act requires candidates to file a statement of organization (Form 410) to establish a candidate-controlled committee within 10 days of meeting the \$2,000 committee qualification threshold. For local candidate-controlled committees, the original Form 410 must be filed with the Secretary of State (SOS) and a copy must be filed with the local filing officer.²

Under the Act, candidate-controlled committees must file two pre-election campaign statements in connection with the applicable election, as well as semi-annual campaign statements until the committee terminates.³ The obligation to file semi-annual campaign statements continues until the candidate or treasurer terminates the committee. The Act also requires specific information to be disclosed on campaign statements, including the total amount of contributions received, total amount of expenditures made, the beginning and ending cash balance, and cash equivalents and

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code Sections 81000 through 91014.

² Section 84101.

³ Sections 84200 and 84200.5.

outstanding debts.⁴ The Act requires committees to itemize expenditures made to a person during the period totaling \$100 or more and provide detailed information regarding those expenditures.⁵ The Act's definition of expenditure includes accrued expenses (i.e. unpaid bills), and any accrued expense which remains outstanding shall be reported on each campaign statement until the expense is paid or forgiven.⁶

Your actions violated the Act by failing to timely file the statement of organization amendment upon qualifying as a committee on July 20, 2022 by the July 30, 2022 deadline, and failing to timely report accrued expenses and outstanding debts on the pre-election campaign statement covering September 25, 2022 to October 22, 2022 by the October 27, 2022 deadline. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter rather than a fine because you filed the outstanding statement of organization amendment, you amended the pre-election campaign statement to reflect the accrued expenses and outstanding debts, the committee is now terminated, and you have no prior FPPC Enforcement history of violating this section of the Act.

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 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 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 Jaleena Evans at jevans@fppc.ca.gov or 279-237-3754.

Sincerely,

Jaleena Evans

Jaleena Evans, Attorney
Enforcement Division

⁴ Section 84211.

⁵ Section 84211(i) and (k).

⁶ Regulation 18421.6.