



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Brendon Messina for Yuba City Council District 1 2022
Brendon Messina

Via email: brendon4district1@gmail.com

Warning Letter re FPPC No. 2023-00172; Brendon Messina for Yuba City Council District 1 2022, and Brendon Messina

Dear Committee and Brendon Messina,

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”). This letter is in response to two anonymous complaints alleging that you failed to meet the campaign filing requirements of the Act in conjunction with your candidacy for City Council of Yuba City in the November 8, 2022 General Election. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of this matter and found that you failed to timely file a preelection campaign statement, a semiannual campaign statement, two 24-hour contribution reports, and an amendment to your statement of organization.

The Act requires a candidate controlled committee to file two preelection campaign statements prior to the applicable election in which the candidate is listed on the ballot.¹ In addition, the committee must file two semiannual 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 Act further requires candidate controlled committees that make or receive a late contribution to file a late contribution report within 24 hours of making or receiving a late contribution.³ A “late contribution” includes a contribution(s) aggregating \$1,000 or more that is made to or received by a candidate controlled committee within 90 days before the date of the election, or on the date of the election, in which the pertinent candidate is to be voted on.⁴ Finally, the Act requires committees to file an amendment to their statement of organization (Form 410) with both the Secretary of State and local filing officer within 10 days of the date it qualifies as a recipient committee.⁵

You violated the Act by failing to timely file your pre-election campaign statement for the reporting period of September 25, 2022 to October 22, 2022, and semiannual campaign

¹ Section 84200.5.

² Section 84200, subd. (a).

³ Section 84203.

⁴ Section 82036.

⁵ Sections 84101 and 84103.

statement for the period of October 23, 2022 to December 31, 2022 by the applicable deadlines. Further, you failed to timely file two 24-hour contribution reports prior to the election – one for a \$1,000 late contribution and one for a \$2,000 late contribution. Finally, you failed to timely file an amendment to the committee’s statement of organization after qualifying as a committee under the Act. 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 subject preelection campaign statement and 24-hour contribution reports were filed prior to the election; you were unsuccessful in the election; the Committee raised and spent a relatively low amount; there was no evidence of an intent to violate the Act or conceal the violations; and you do not have any prior Enforcement history. Further, the Committee has been administratively terminated with the Secretary of State.

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, please feel free to contact me at cburton@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Christopher Burton

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