



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Central Firefighters Local 3535 (formerly Aptos/La Selva Firefighters)

Matt Garcia, treasurer

Aidan MaGee, treasurer

Via email: [REDACTED] and l3535treasurer@gmail.com

Re: Warning Letter re FPPC No. 2025-00793; Central Firefighters Local 3535, Matt Garcia, and Aidan MaGee

Dear Respondents,

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 has received a referral from the Santra Cruz County Clerk alleging that you failed to timely file campaign statements. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that you and the Committee failed to timely file eleven semi-annual campaign statements. Furthermore, you failed to timely report an expenditure for a payment made on Schedule E.

The Act requires recipient 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 Recipient committees that qualify under Section 82013(a) are also obligated to file campaign reports under the Act until its status is terminated.³ Additionally, recipient committees are required to report the total amount of expenditures made during the period covered by the campaign statement to persons who have received one hundred dollars (\$100) or more and include that person’s full name, that person’s street address, the amount of each expenditure, and a brief description of the consideration for which each expenditure was made.⁴

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to timely file eleven semi-annual campaign statements for the reporting periods ending on December 31, 2020; June 30, 2021; December 31, 2021; June 30, 2022; December 31, 2022; June 30, 2023; December 31, 2023; June 30, 2024; and December 31, 2024; June 30, 2025; and December 30, 2025. Additionally, you failed to

¹The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 8100 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, subd.(a).

³ Section 84200, subd. (a) and Regulation 18404 subd. (b).

⁴ Section 84211, subds. (i) & (k).

report a refunded contribution on March 3, 2021, in the amount of \$25,460 on a semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. However, the Enforcement Division has decided to close this case with a warning letter rather than a fine because, you filed an amended statement and properly reported the missing expenditure, you have since terminated your committee and filing obligations, most of your outstanding campaign statements had no activity during the reporting period, and you have no prior 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 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.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at lcolumbel@fppc.ca.gov or (279) 237-5974.

Sincerely,

Laura Columbel

Laura Columbel
Senior Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division