



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Citizens for Better Education
Stephen Caperton, Treasurer
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Nora Garcia, Principal Officer
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Warning Letter re FPPC No. 2021-00794 and 2022-01005; Citizens for Better Education, Stephen Caperton, and Nora Garcia

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 received a referral from San Bernardino County alleging that your committee, Citizens for Better Education (“Committee”), violated the campaign disclosure provisions of the Act. The Enforcement Division has completed its review and found that the Committee failed to timely file one semi-annual campaign statement.

Under the Act, committees and treasurers must file campaign statements disclosing information regarding contributions received and expenditures made by the committees.² General purpose committees must file 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 31.³ The obligation to file semi-annual campaign statements continues until the principal officer or treasurer terminates the committee. The principal officer and committee treasurers are jointly and severally liable for violations by the committee.⁴

The Committee violated the Act by failing to file the semi-annual campaign statement covering July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 by the specified deadline of January 31, 2025. However, we are closing this matter with this Warning Letter because the late filing caused minimal public harm, the outstanding statement was filed in response to Enforcement contact, your Treasurer and Principal Officer have a low level of experience with the Act, and there was no activity during the reporting period.

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

² See Section 84200, et seq.

³ Section 84200, subd. (a).

⁴ 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 Regulation 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 need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding your obligations, please call the Commission's Toll-Free Advice Line at 1-866-275-3772 or visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov. Please feel free to contact me at 279-237-3754 or jevans@fppc.ca.gov with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Jaleena Evans

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