



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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May 21, 2026

Affordable Housing Advocates Santa Cruz
Don Lane, Treasurer
Via email: [REDACTED]

No Action Closure Letter re FPPC No. 2024-00568; Affordable Housing Advocates Santa Cruz and Don Lane

Dear Don Lane 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 that alleged you violated the campaign disclosure provisions of the Act regarding the March 5, 2024, Primary Election.

The Enforcement Division found that you violated the Act by failing to amend your Committee’s status to primarily formed and failed to file timely amend your statement of organization within 10 days of qualifying as a committee. Additionally, you failed to timely file a semi-annual statement for the reporting period ending on December 31, 2023, and two 24-hour reports for independent expenditures. The Enforcement Division found that you have since filed the outstanding statements and successfully completed the Commission’s Political Reform Education Program (“PREP”) course regarding Primarily Formed Committees. Moreover, completion of PREP exempts you from paying late filing fees for the violations listed in the PREP Agreement, (i.e., failure to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement) assessed by your filing officer, Santa Cruz County Clerk, pursuant to Section 91013. Please note, a separate streamline stipulation was approved for additional findings of violations of the Act.

For these reasons, we are resolving these findings without further action.

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

Sincerely,

Laura Columbel

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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 18104 through 18998 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.

Senior Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

cc: Sworn Complainant