



STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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Committee to Recall Torrance Councilman Aurelio Mattucci 2024

Mary Ann Bailey

Evelyn Smith

Via email: [REDACTED]

Warning Letter re FPPC No. 2024-00915; Committee to Recall Torrance Councilman Aurelio Mattucci 2024, Mary Ann Bailey, and Evelyn Smith

Dear Committee, Mary Ann Bailey, and Evelyn Smith:

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 alleging that the Committee to Recall Torrance Councilman Aurelio Mattucci 2024 (the “Committee”) violated the Act’s campaign disclosure provisions. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the facts in this case and has found that the Committee failed to timely file a quarterly campaign statement.

Under the Act, a primarily formed committee includes a recipient committee that opposes a single candidate or measure; a measure includes any proposition which is intended to be submitted to a popular vote at an election by recall procedure whether or not it qualifies for the ballot.² The Act requires committees primarily formed to support or oppose local measures or candidates not being voted on in 2024 but to be voted on in a future election to file a quarterly campaign statement covering the period January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024 by the April 30, 2024 deadline.³ A committee’s principal officer and treasurer are jointly and severally liable for violations by the committee.⁴

Your actions violated the Act because the Committee failed to file a quarterly campaign statement by April 30, 2024. 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 Committee raised and spent less than \$10,000; the Committee was unsuccessful in that the recall efforts failed to make it onto the relevant ballot; the Committee timely filed a campaign statement which reported activity that should have been reported on the missing campaign statement; there was no evidence of an

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.

² Sections 82007 and 82043.

³ Section 84202.3.

⁴ Sections 83116.5 and 91006.

intent to violate the Act or conceal the violations; the public harm was low; the Committee does not have prior Enforcement history; and the Committee has terminated.

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.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at jrivera@fppc.ca.gov or (279) 237-5913.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Rivera

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Cc: Yoko Patsy Okada