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No More Taxes Orange: A Committee to Oppose Measure I
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Warning Letter re FPPC No. 2026-00896; No More Taxes Orange: A Committee to Oppose Measure I and Fred Whitaker

Dear Committee and Fred Whitaker:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").[1] This letter is in response to an AdWatch complaint alleging that a yard sign produced by the committee may not be in compliance with the Act's advertisement disclosure requirements. The Enforcement Division found that the yard sign in question failed to include the required advertisement disclaimer as required by the Act and includes formatting errors.

The Act requires primarily formed ballot measure committee's advertisements to include the words "ad paid for by" followed by the name of the committee as it appears on the most recent Statement of Organization filed pursuant to Section 84101.[2] The disclosures shall be in Arial equivalent type and the font must be a height of at least five percent of the advertisement, meaning that each line must be at least five percent of the advertisement, in a printed or drawn box with a solid white background on the bottom of the advertisement that is set apart from any other printed matter and shall not be condensed to be narrower than a normal non-condensed standard Arial Regular type.[3]

The committee violated the Act by failing to include the required disclaimer "ad paid for by No More Taxes Orange: A Committee to Oppose Measure I," failing to include the disclaimer in a printed or drawn box with a solid white background on the bottom of the yard sign, and failing to meet the five percent requirement for the font. However, the level of public harm is low as the committee attempted to include an advertisement disclaimer on the yard sign, "Paid for by No More Taxes Orange: A Committee to Oppose Measure I," and the committee does not have any

[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] Section 84502(a)(1) and 84504.2(a).
[3] Section 84504.2(a) and (b).

prior Enforcement history of this type. For these reasons, we are closing your case with this warning letter rather than a fine.

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 Jaleena Evans at jevans@fppc.ca.gov or 279-237-3754.

Sincerely,

Jaleena Evans

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