# **EXECUTIVE STAFF REPORTS**

## August 21, 2025, Commission Hearing

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## I. ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

STAFF: ANGELA J. BRERETON & CHRISTOPHER B. BURTON, ASSISTANT CHIEFS OF ENFORCEMENT

#### A. Overview

During the period of June 1, 2025, through July 31, 2025, the Enforcement Division received the following complaints and referrals:

	Sworn Non-Sv		Anonymous	Referrals
Number Received	75	22	45	449

The number of complaints and referrals received by the Enforcement Division in June and July increased compared with the previous months, particularly the number of referrals received.

For the months of June and July, more time to respond beyond the 14-day statutory period was needed for approximately 23 sworn complaints. Generally, additional time to respond was utilized in order to give respondents more time to respond to inquiries when it was requested.

Additionally, for the months of June and July, the Enforcement Division opened 213 cases, rejected 247 complaints and referrals, and closed a total of 223 cases including:

- 157 warning letters –statement of economic interests violations (123), campaign violations (22), advertisement violations (4), behested payment violations (2), agency conflict of interest code violations (2), gift-over-the-limit violations (3), and lobbying violations (1);
- 32 no action closure letters: PREP completed statement of economic interests violations (23), advertisement violations (1) and campaign violations (8);
- 18 no action closure letters alleging advertisement violations (3), conflict of interests violations (1), campaign violations (3), lobbying violations (4), and statement of economic interests violations (7);
- 9 approved stipulations from the June Commission meeting;
- 1 default approved from the February Commission meeting;
- 3 administrative terminations;
- 3 duplicate cases.

The Division had a total of 918 cases in various stages of resolution at the time of the June Monthly Report and currently has approximately 908 cases in various stages of resolution,

including the 12 streamline, 1 mainline, and 1 default cases before the Commission as listed in the August Agenda. Net case closings since the last monthly report totaled 10.

### **B.** Annual Statistics

The following is a chart that details the annual statistics for enforcement complaints, referrals and cases over the past six years. The statistics show a marked increase in complaints during election years while referrals were reduced in 2024.

	Y	ear	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1		omplaints eceived	744	1,390	606	1,379	653	1,456
2		eferrals eceived	1,950	1,518	1,751	1,724	1,971	1,393
3	Co Re	otal complaint and deferrals deceived	2,694	2,908	2,357	3,103	2,624	2,849
4	Ca	ases opened	1,820	1,155	1,185	990	831	1,403
5	Ca	ases closed <sup>3</sup>	1,465	1,526	1,058	1,075	1,295	1,536
6		ases with nalties <sup>1</sup>	343	278	269	161	98	149
	a	Streamline cases	263	194	234	142	79	117
	b	Mainline cases	73	77	32	14	17	25
	c	Default cases	7	7	3	5	2	7
7		otal fines nposed	\$797,384	\$1,940,107	\$472,248	\$617,548	\$376,531	\$802,238
8		arning ters issued	584	777	475	681	813	847
9		dministrative rminations	104	62	59	53	87	80

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Total for lines 6a, 6b, and 6c.

10	wi	nses closed th violations und <sup>2</sup>	1,031	1,117	803	895	998	1,076
11		lvisory ters issued	9	7	16	8	15	12
12		o action osure letters	423	402	237	217	296	469
	a	PREP Completed				39	86	261

## C. 2024-2025 Quarterly Caseload Summary

The following is a chart that compares the number of cases from given years at the end of each quarter during 2024 and 2025. Enforcement has successfully focused on the resolution of older cases.

	June 2024	September 2024	December 2024	March 2025	June 2025	Difference in Existing Caseload Overall
2018	8	8	5	3	1	-7
2019	22	21	12	11	8	-14
2020	103	84	40	24	14	-89
2021	124	105	68	54	42	-82
2022	191	165	131	119	104	-87
2023	260	236	194	171	154	-106
2024				318	295	-23

#### **D. Presentations**

On July 28, 2025, Supervising Special Investigators Jeffrey Kamigaki and Lance Hachigian participated in a presentation for the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL) entitled "Making the Case," which covered the initial steps in opening and conducting investigations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Total for lines 6, 8, and 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Total cases closed includes Commission approved cases from the previous year and Commission approved administrative judgements. It does not include Commission approved cases not yet closed.

## **E.** Unexecuted Streamline Stipulations

Streamline penalty stipulations are approved by the Chief of Enforcement and reported to the Commission for discussion only before they are executed. The following streamline stipulations are presented for that purpose. After the close of the hearing, the Chief of Enforcement may execute all or any of the streamline penalty stipulations, at the Chief's discretion per Regulation 18360.3.

Since the last Monthly Report, the Enforcement Chief has not used discretion to increase the penalties for Tier Two advertising violations resulting in public confusion, under Regulation 18360.1(e)(6)(C)(ii), or to increase the penalties for Tier Two violations involving the same candidate, committee, or principal officer who has paid a Tier One penalty to the Commission or received a Warning Letter from the Commission for the same type of violation occurring within the last five years, based on the resulting public harm.

#### Advertisements

In the Matter of No on Ross Valley Schools Measure E Sponsored by the Coalition of Sensible Taxpayers and Ingrid Harris; FPPC No. 25/545. Staff: Jaleena Evans, Commission Counsel. No on Ross Valley Schools Measure E Sponsored by the Coalition of Sensible Taxpayers was a local primarily formed ballot measure committee. Ingrid Harris was the Committee's principal officer. The Committee and Harris failed to include the sponsoring committee's information in their website disclaimer and failed to include the proper advertisement disclaimers on four electronic media advertisements, in violation of Government Code Sections 84502 and 84504.3 (5 counts). Total Penalty: \$1,551 (Tier One).

## In the Matter of Palo Altans for Sensible Zoning and Timothy Gray; FPPC No. 21/168.

Staff: Neal Bucknell, Senior Commission Counsel; and Jay Gehres, Special Investigator. Palo Altans for Sensible Zoning is a local general purpose committee that supported various candidates for Palo Alto City Council for the November 3, 2020 General Election. Timothy Gray was the Committee's treasurer. The Committee and Gray: failed to timely file a semiannual campaign statement, in violation of Government Code Section 84200 (1 count); failed to timely file a pre-election campaign statement, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.5 (1 count); and failed to timely file six 24-Hour Reports, in violation of Government Code Section 84204 (6 counts). Also, the Committee paid for ads, which failed to include the proper advertising disclosure, in violation of Government Code Section 84506.5 (4 counts). **Total Penalty: \$835 (Tier One).** 

#### **Lobbying Reporting**

In the Matter of A. O. Smith Corporation and Joshua C. Greene; FPPC No. 25/464. Staff Chance Felkins, Commission Counsel. A. O. Smith Corporation is a Lobbyist Employer and was registered to lobby for the 2019 – 2020 legislative session. Joshua C. Greene is A.O. Smith Corporation's responsible officer. A. O. Smith Corporation and Greene failed to timely file a lobbyist employer report, in violation of Government Code Section 86117 (1 count). Total Penalty: \$2,098 (Tier Two).

#### Campaign Late Filer/Reporter

In the Matter of Gary Hardie Jr., Gary Hardie for Lynwood Schools 2015, and Hardie for Lynwood Schools 2024; FPPC No. 21/627. Staff: Jonathan Rivera, Commission Counsel. Gary Hardie Jr. was a successful candidate for the Lynwood Unified Board of Education in the November 2020 General Election and the November 2024 General Election. Gary Hardie for Lynwood Schools 2015 (the "2015 Committee") and Hardie for Lynwood Schools 2024 (the "2024 Committee") were Hardie's candidate-controlled committees. The 2015 Committee and Hardie failed to timely file one semi-annual campaign statement, in violation of Government Code Section 84200 (1 count), two pre-election campaign statements, in violation of Government Code Sections 84200.5 and 84200.8 (2 counts), and six 24-Hour Reports, in violation of Government Code Section 84203 (6 counts). Hardie failed to timely file an officeholder campaign statement, in violation of Government Code Section 84206 (1 count). The 2024 Committee and Hardie failed to timely file four 24-Hour Reports in violation of Government Code Section 84203 (4 counts). Total Penalty: \$2,558 (Tier One).

In the Matter of AFSCME Local 3634 PAC and Q Arachchi; FPPC No. 22/926. Staff: Bridgette Castillo, Senior Commission Counsel. Respondents were represented by Dexter Rappleye of Bush Gottlieb. AFSCME Local 3634 PAC is a state general purpose committee. Q Arachchi serves as the Committee's treasurer. The Committee and Arachchi failed to timely file five 24-Hour Reports, in violation of Government Code Section 84203 (5 counts) and failed to timely file one pre-election campaign statement, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.5 (1 count). Total Penalty: \$1,910 (Tiers One and Two).

In the Matter of Campbell High School Teacher's Association PAC, and Margarita Ortiz-Minett; FPPC No. 22/215. Staff: Chance Felkins, Commission Counsel. Campbell High School Teacher's Association PAC is a local general purpose committee. Margarita Ortiz-Minett served as the Committee's treasurer. The Committee and Ortiz-Minett failed to timely file six semi-annual campaign statements, in violation of Government Code Section 84200 (6 counts), failed to timely file one pre-election campaign statement, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.5 (1 count), and failed to file two 24-Hour Reports, in violation of Government Code Section 84203 (2 counts). Total Penalty: \$1,183 (Tier One).

In the Matter of North American Pallet Association, and Alejandro Gonzalez Jimenez; FPPC No. 25/283. Staff: Christopher B. Burton, Assistant Chief of Enforcement and Vanessa Greer, Political Reform Consultant. North American Pallet Association is a local general purpose committee. Alejandro Gonzalez Jimenez serves as the Committee's treasurer. The Committee and Gonzalez Jimenez failed to timely file two semi-annual campaign statements, in violation of Government Code Section 84200 (2 counts). Total Penalty: \$1,057 (Tier One).

In the Matter of Youth Power PAC, Sponsored by PowerCA Action, and Luis Sanchez; FPPC No. 23/728. Staff: Bridgette Castillo, Senior Commission Counsel. Respondents were represented by Andrew Werbrock of Olson Remcho. Youth Power PAC, Sponsored by PowerCA Action is a state general purpose committee. Luis Sanchez serves as the Committee's treasurer. The Committee and Sanchez failed to timely report subvendor payments on two pre-

election campaign statements, in violation of Government Code Section 84211 subdivision (k)(6) (2 counts). **Total Penalty: \$700 (Tier Two).** 

In the Matter of Richmond District Democratic Club ("RDDC SMO"), Richmond District Democratic Club ("RDDC PAC"), Christine Randolph, and Margaret Cooley; FPPC No. 20/990. Staff: Cinthya Bernabé, Commission Counsel and Special Investigator Kaitlin Osborn. Richmond District Democratic Club is a slate mailer organization ("RDDC SMO") and local general purpose committee ("RDDC PAC"). Each committee has its own identification number. Margaret Cooley served as treasurer of the RDDC PAC. Christine Randolph and Margaret Cooley served as treasurers for the RDDC SMO. The RDDC PAC and Cooley failed to timely file a pre-election campaign statement, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.5 (1 count) and three semiannual campaign statements, in violation of Government Code Section 84200 (3 counts). The RDDC SMO, Randolph and Cooley failed to timely file eight semiannual campaign statements, in violation of Government Code Section 84218 (8 counts) and three 24-Hour Late Payment Reports, in violation of Government Code Section 84220 (3 counts). Total Penalty: \$268.

#### Statement of Economic Interests Late Filer/Reporter

In the Matter of Graham Thiel; FPPC No. 25/562. Staff: Christopher B. Burton, Assistant Chief of Enforcement and Amber Rodriguez, Staff Services Analyst. Graham Thiel, a former Planning Commissioner and a current City Council Member for the City of Moraga, failed to timely file a 2023 Annual, Leaving Office, and Assuming Office Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code Sections 87202, 87203, and 87204 (3 counts). Total Penalty: \$400 (Tier One).

In the Matter of Shawn Robinson; FPPC No. 25/646. Staff: Christopher Burton, Assistant Chief of Enforcement and Fela Williams, Staff Services Analyst. Shawn Robinson, a Material and Stores Supervisor I with the Division of Adult Institutions for Centinela State Prison, failed to timely file an Assuming Office Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code Section 87300 (1 count). **Total Penalty: \$200.** 

In the Matter of Lucio Perez; FPPC No. 25/380. Staff: Christopher Burton, Assistant Chief of Enforcement and Fela Williams, Staff Services Analyst. Lucio Perez, an Associate Director with the Napa County Resource Conservation Center, failed to timely file an Assuming Office Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code Section 87300 (1 count). Total Penalty: \$200.

## II. AUDITS & ASSISTANCE DIVISION

STAFF: SHRDHA SHAH, CHIEF OF AUDITS & ASSISTANCE

Audits are conducted per Government Code sections 90000 - 90008 of the Political Reform Act (the Act). The Act requires full disclosure of receipts and expenditures of candidates and committees and disclosure of the finances of lobbyists. The purpose of the audits is to determine the level of compliance of the auditees with the Act. The opinions expressed in the audit report reflect the level of compliance with the Act. The FPPC is not responsible for the contents of the candidate's documents. Audit reports are then submitted to the Enforcement Division for further review.

#### A. Overview

The audit reports prepared by the FPPC summarize findings with respect to the filer's conformity with the disclosure and recordkeeping requirements of the Political Reform Act. Copies of audit reports are always sent to the auditees and those included in the audit report (such as the prior treasurer, current treasurer, and/or their representatives). These reports are public documents.

### **B.** Current Period Updates

During the period June 1, 2025, to July 31, 2025, no audit reports were adopted by the Audits and Assistance Division. Currently, the team has 51 audits in progress at various stages, including fieldwork, post-fieldwork, and quality review.

#### C. Public Draw

A public draw is scheduled to be held on August 27, 2025, at 10:00 am to select local jurisdictions and superior court offices. Members of the public may view this drawing on the draw webpage at <a href="https://www.fppc.ca.gov/transparency/audit-program/drawing-schedule---results.html">https://www.fppc.ca.gov/transparency/audit-program/drawing-schedule---results.html</a>.

## III. LEGAL DIVISION

STAFF: DAVE BAINBRIDGE, GENERAL COUNSEL

## A. Pending Litigation

None.

## **B.** Outreach and Training

Webinars & Workshops

#### June

- June 6, the FPPC presented a Campaign/Treasurer webinar. Political Reform Consultants Stephen Hernandez and Alexandra Miner, presented. 18 people attended.
- June 17, the FPPC presented a Campaign Filing Officer webinar. Political Reform Consultants Alexandra Miner and Stephen Hernandez, presented. 23 people attended.
- June 26, the FPPC presented a Form 460/497 webinar. Political Reform Consultants Katie Ito and Stephen Hernandez, presented. 35 people attended.

#### July

- July 11, the FPPC presented a Form 460/497 webinar. Political Reform Consultants Katie Ito and Stephen Hernandez, presented. 7 people attended.
- July 15, the FPPC presented a Campaign Filing Officer webinar. Political Reform Consultants Stephen Hernandez and Alexandria Miner, presented. 29 people attended.
- July 23, the FPPC presented a Campaign/Treasurer webinar. Political Reform Consultants Alexandria Miner and Katie Ito, presented. 24 people attended.

#### Scheduled Webinars

- August 6, the FPPC is presenting a Statement of Economic Interests Filers webinar.
- August 15, the FPPC is presenting a Campaign Filing Officer webinar.
- August 26, the FPPC is presenting a Campaign/Treasurer webinar.

#### Video Tutorials:

June: Commission video tutorials were accessed a total of 291 times. Form 700 videos were accessed 171 times, the Candidate/Treasurer video was accessed 69 times, and the filing officer videos were accessed 51 times.

July: Commission video tutorials were accessed a total of 307 times. Form 700 videos were accessed 183 times, the Candidate/Treasurer video was accessed 73 times, and the filing officer videos were accessed 51 times.

## C. New and Updated Educational Resources

- Updated Form Retention Schedule for Filing Officers
- Updated Campaign Non-Filer Referral Checklist
- Updated Statement of Economic Interests Non-Filer Referral Checklist

## D. Political Reform Education Program (PREP):

## June

Course	Referrals Received	Completions	Failures to Complete	Current Enrollments
Statement of Economic Interests Course	13	7	1	29
Campaign Course for Local Candidates and Candidate-Controlled Committees	3	2	0	6
Campaign Course for State Candidates and Candidate-Controlled Committees	0	0	0	0
Advertisement Course for Candidates and Candidate-Controlled Committees	0	0	0	1

## July

Course	Referrals Received	Completions	Failures to Complete	Current Enrollments
Statement of Economic Interests Course	22	16	2	33
Campaign Course for Local Candidates and Candidate-Controlled Committees	6	6	0	6
Campaign Course for State Candidates and Candidate-Controlled Committees	0	0	0	0

Advertisement Course for Candidates and Candidate-Controlled	0	1	0	0
Committees				

#### E. Advice

The <u>June Advice Letter Report</u> is available on the FPPC website at <a href="https://www.fppc.ca.gov/advice/advice-opinion-search/advice-letter-reports/2025-advice-letter-reports.html">https://www.fppc.ca.gov/advice/advice-opinion-search/advice-letter-reports/2025-advice-letter-reports.html</a>.

In June, the Legal Division responded to the following requests for advice:

- *Education*: The Education unit responded to 264 requests for technical assistance via telephone.
- *Requests for Advice:* Political Reform Consultants and Legal Division attorneys collectively responded to 446 email requests for advice, 351 of which were responded to within 24 hours, and 375 of which were responded to within 48 hours.
- *Advice Letters:* The Legal Division received 9 advice letter requests under the Political Reform Act and completed 15.
- **Section 1090 Letters:** The Legal Division received 7 advice letter request concerning Section 1090 and completed 5.

The <u>July Advice Letter Report</u> is available on the FPPC website at <a href="https://www.fppc.ca.gov/advice/advice-opinion-search/advice-letter-reports/2025-advice-letter-reports.html">https://www.fppc.ca.gov/advice/advice-opinion-search/advice-letter-reports/2025-advice-letter-reports.html</a>.

In July, the Legal Division responded to the following requests for advice:

- *Education*: The Education unit responded to 458 requests for technical assistance via telephone.
- *Requests for Advice:* Political Reform Consultants and Legal Division attorneys collectively responded to 401 email requests for advice, 297 of which were responded to within 24 hours and 335 of which were not responded to within 48 hours.
- *Advice Letters:* The Legal Division received 11 advice letter requests under the Political Reform Act and completed 10.
- **Section 1090 Letters:** The Legal Division received 4 advice letter requests concerning Section 1090 and completed 4.

#### F. Miscellaneous Decisions

None.

## **G.** Upcoming Regulation Projects

#### September

**Notice of Attribution of Contributions** – New provision requiring a candidate-controlled committee that transfers funds to another committee subject to attribution requirements to provide notice to the contributor to whom a contribution was attributed. (Pre-notice)

#### October

**Behested Payment Reporting** – Adopt new regulations and/or amend existing regulations to codify existing advice, define statutory terms, and establish when general requests for payments trigger reporting requirements. (Pre-notice)

**Probable Cause Proceedings** – Amend the existing PC regulation to make the process more efficient and lessen unnecessary delays in conducting probable cause proceedings. (Pre-notice)

Committee Termination and Reopening Procedures – Amend Regulations 18404 and 18404.1 to clarify committee termination procedures and adopt new Regulation 18404.3 to clarify committee reopening procedures as well as to address the termination/reopening procedures related to the return or reimbursement of a security system or item paid for with campaign funds required by AB 2041. (Adoption)

#### November

**Notice of Attribution of Contributions** – New provision requiring a candidate-controlled committee that transfers funds to another committee subject to attribution requirements to provide notice to the contributor to whom a contribution was attributed. (Adoption)

#### January

**Enforcement Penalties** – Amend "streamline" regulations to clarify Enforcement's discretion to offer streamline settlements for violations that do not otherwise qualify for a reduced penalty, require the Commission to directly approve streamline fines, and consider existing inclusions and exclusion criteria. (Pre-notice)

**Behested Payment Reporting** – Adopt new regulations and/or amend existing regulations to codify existing advice, define statutory terms, and establish when general requests for payments trigger reporting requirements. (Adoption)

**Probable Cause Proceedings** – Amend the existing PC regulation to make the process more efficient and lessen unnecessary delays in conducting probable cause proceedings. (Adoption)

#### H. Conflict of Interest Codes

#### **Adoptions and Amendments**

#### State Agencies

- Seismic Safety Commission
- New Motor Vehicles Board
- State Historic Building Safety Board

#### Multi-County Agencies

- West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- Monterey Bay Air Resources District
- Cooperative Personnel Services
- Alta Vista Public Charter, Inc.
- Calbright College
- Redwoods Community College District
- West Valley Water District
- John Adams Academies, Inc.
- Las Virgenes Unified School District
- Public Risk Innovation, Solutions, and Management
- Las Virgenes-Triunfo Joint Powers Authority
- Napa Valley Community College District
- Patterson Joint Unified School District
- Dublin San Ramon Services District/East Bay Municipal Utility District
- Aspire Public Schools
- Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District
- Public Entity Risk Management Authority
- Sacramento County Office of Education
- Santa Barbara San Luis Obispo Regional Health Authority dba CenCal Health
- Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium
- Tulare County Office of Education
- Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District
- Alameda Contra Costa Transit District

## **Exemptions**

• None

#### **Extensions**

- California Child Welfare Council
- California Climate Action Team
- California-Mexico Border Relations Council
- Green Ribbon Science Panel

- CA Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
- Independent Emissions Market Advisory
- Regional Solid Waste Working Group
- Carpet Stewardship Program Advisory Committee
- Mattress Stewardship Advisory Committee

## **I. Probable Cause Proceedings**

Probable cause proceedings are conducted per Government Code section 83115.5. A finding of probable cause exists when the evidence supports a reasonable belief or strong suspicion that a violation occurred but does not constitute a finding a violation occurred. Respondents are presumed innocent of any violation of the Act until a violation is proven in a subsequent proceeding.

In the Matter of Angelina Rodriguez, *Case No: 2024-00238*. On July 1, 2025, probable cause was found on the papers submitted that Respondent Angelina Rodgriguez ("Rodgriguez") committed the following violations of the Act:

Count 1: Rodriguez failed to timely file an Assuming Office SEI by April 6, 2022, in

violation of Section 87300.

Count 2: Rodriguez failed to timely file a 2022 Annual SEI by April 3, 2023, in violation of

Section 87300.

Count 3: Rodriguez failed to timely file a 2023 Annual SEI by April 2, 2024, in violation of

Section 87300.

Count 4: Rodriguez failed to timely file a Leaving Office SEI by June 20, 2024, in violation

of Section 87300.

In the Matter of R.A. Drew Esquer, *Case No. 2024-00339*. On July 16, 2025, probable cause was found on the papers submitted that Respondent R.A. Drew Esquer ("Esquer") committed the following violations of the Act:

Count 1: Esquer failed to timely file a 2022 Annual SEI by the April 3, 2023, due date, in

violation of Government Code Section 87300.

Count 2: Esquer failed to timely file a 2023 Annual SEI by the April 2, 2024, due date, in

violation of Government Code Section 87300.

*In the Matter of John Keith Bohren, AKA Roxanne Bohren, Case No: 2024-00225*. On July 21, 2025, probable cause was found on the papers submitted that Respondent John Keith\_Bohren, AKA Roxanne Bohren ("Bohren"), committed the following violations of the Act:

<u>Count 1</u>: Bohren failed to timely file their Assuming Office SEI by the October 28, 2021,

due date, in violation of Government Code Section 87300.

- Count 2: Bohren failed to timely file their 2021 Annual SEI by the April 1, 2022, due date, in violation of Government Code Section 87300.
- Count 3: Bohren failed to timely file their 2022 Annual SEI by the April 3, 2023, due date, in violation of Government Code Section 87300.
- Count 4: Bohren failed to timely file their 2023 Annual SEI by the April 2, 2024, due date, in violation of Government Code Section 87300.

In the Matter of Stopper for Supervisor District 5 2018 and Benjamin Stopper, Case No: 2025-00042. On July 21, 2025, probable cause was found on the papers submitted that Respondents Stopper for Supervisor District 5 2018 ("Committee") and Benjamin Stopper ("Stopper") committed the following violations of the Act:

- Count 1: Stopper and the Committee failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 by the July 31, 2020 due date, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.
- Count 2: Stopper and the Committee failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 by the February 1, 2021 due date, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.
- Count 3: Stopper and the Committee failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 by the August 2, 2021 due date, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.
- Count 4: Stopper and the Committee failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 by the January 31, 2022 due date, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.
- <u>Count 5</u>: Stopper and the Committee failed to timely file a preelection campaign statement for the reporting period of January 1, 2022 through April 23, 2022 by the April 28, 2022 due date in violation of Government Code Sections 84200.5 and 84200.8.
- <u>Count 6</u>: Stopper and the Committee failed to timely file a preelection campaign statement for the reporting period of April 24, 2022 through May 21, 2022 by the May 26, 2022 due date in violation of Government Code Sections 84200.5 and 84200.8.
- Count 7: Stopper and the Committee failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of May 22, 2022 through June 30, 2022 by the August 1, 2022 due date, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.
- Count 8: Stopper and the Committee failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 by the January 31, 2023 due date, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.

- Count 9: Stopper and the Committee failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 by the July 31, 2023 due date, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.
- Count 10: Stopper and the Committee failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 by the January 31, 2024 due date, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.
- Count 11: Stopper and the Committee failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 by the July 31, 2024 due date, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.
- Count 12: Stopper and the Committee failed to timely file a semi-annual campaign statement for the reporting period of July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 by the January 31, 2025 due date, in violation of Government Code Section 84200.

## IV. ADMINISTRATION & TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

STAFF: JUE WANG, PhD, CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION

## A. New Employee Report

#### **Executive Division**

Kendall Bonebrake, Chief of Enforcement

#### **Admin Division**

Lynda Carlisle, Associate Personnel Analyst

## **B.** Hiring Process

### **Legal Division**

Attorney Political Reform Consultant

## C. Statement of Economic Interest (SEI, Form 700)

### **April 1 (June 2) Filing Status**

As of August 6, 2025, 16,577 2024 annual statements—approximately 98.2% of the total 16,882—had been received and processed. Of the 305 non-filers, all with an April 1 due date, have been referred to the PREP unit. Those with a June 2 due date will be ready for referral in the middle of August.

Entity	Total	Filed	Not Filed
Cities A - M	3237	3124	80
Cities N - Z	2445	2363	70
Counties	795	779	13
Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) *	1568	1501	46
Keenan	18	18	0
Legislative Staffers	1542	1536	1

Multi-County Agencies	4494	4410	65
State Agencies	2783	2734	30
Total	16,882	16,577	305
		98.2%	1.8%

<sup>\*</sup>SB 1156 required, effective January 1, 2025, members of the board of directors, and the executive director, general manager, or other person with an equivalent position, of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to file their SEIs directly with the FPPC using the FPPC's electronic filing system.

### **SEI Unit July 2025 Summary**

- Referred 160 cases to the Enforcement
- Issued 136 fine letters
- Issued 859 Non-filer letters and 16 Amendment letters
- Processed 36 Form 462
- Responded 5334 emails from form 700@fppc.ca.gov and 251 phones calls
- Re-certified 8 existing local e-filing systems and approved 4 new local e-filing systems

### D. Collection/Revenue

FY 2024 -2025 Report of Collection

Category	Check	Credit Card	FTB Offset	Total
SEI Filing Fee	\$ 41,600	-	-	\$ 41,600
SEI Fine	\$ 9,275	\$ 26,376	\$ 5,830	\$ 41,481
PREP	\$ 552	\$ 15,250	-	\$ 15,802
Enforcement Collection	\$ 9,953	\$ -1,072	\$ 13,365	\$ 22,246
Enforcement Stipulations	\$ 482,472	\$ 188,027	-	\$ 670,499
Reimbursement	\$ 104,913	-	-	\$ 104,913
Total	\$ 648,765	\$ 228,581	\$ 19,195	\$ 896,541

## July 2025 Report of Collection

Category	Check	Credit Card	FTB Offset	Total
SEI Filing Fee	\$ 3,000	-	-	\$ 3,000
SEI Fine	\$ 200	\$ 2,200	\$ 200	\$ 2,600
PREP	-	\$ 1,100	-	\$ 1,100
Enforcement Collection	\$ 200	-	-	\$ 200
Enforcement Stipulations	\$ 4,768	\$ 5,591	-	\$ 10,359
Reimbursement	\$ 212,245	-	-	\$ 212,245
Total	\$ 220,413	\$ 8,891	\$ 200	\$ 229,504