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From: Stephen Petzold <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, August 07, 2019 12:36 PM
To: CommAsst
Subject: Public Comment RE FPPC 2018-01060

Dear FPPC Commissioners,

This comment is separate from the one I filed earlier today regarding Warning Letters issued to D'Autremont-Helms and Subsystem Designs. for campaign finance violations.

However it should be viewed as an illustration of the disparate treatment given to violators of campaign finance regulations.

My friend Evan Patlian became a candidate for the Saugus School Board in 2018. He is young and unfamiliar with campaign finance regulations.

He admittedly failed to file two pre-election statements with the Complainant, the Los Angeles County Registrar.

Upon notification of the violation Evan cooperated and made the required filing.

The FPPC did not offer to settle with a warning letter. Instead, on January 11, 2019 the Enforcement Chief Galena West encouraged a Streamlined Settlement which included a fine of \$233.00

It would appear to me, based on Regulation 18360.1 that a Warning Letter would be allowable and appropriate in this circumstance.

Evan Patlain is young and has a refreshing passion for public service. He was a first time candidate and did not win the position. The large majority of funding \$2,000 came from his own personal resource.

My question for the Commission to consider is, why wasn't a Warning Letter appropriate for Evan Patlain, and is it appropriate to have such disparate treatment for corporate Major Donors and first time candidates.

I respectfully request in the interest of justice that the Commission authorize a reimbursement to Evan Patlain and a Warning Letter be issued to him.

Respectfully,

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Steve Petzold
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**Protected Settlement Communication
Pursuant to Evidence Code Sections 1152 and 1154**

January 11, 2019

Evan Patlian
Evan Patlian for Saugus School Board 2018
28572 Herrera St
Valencia, CA 91354

RE: 1st Streamlined Stipulation Settlement Offer: FPPC No. 2018-01060

Dear Mr. Patlian:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").¹ The Enforcement Division received a referral from the City of Fullerton alleging that your committee, Evan Patlian for Saugus School Board 2018 (the "Committee"), failed to timely file two pre-election campaign statements. The Enforcement Division has completed its review of the matter and found that the Committee failed to timely file one pre-election campaign statement for the reporting period of July 1, 2018 through September 22, 2018, by the September 27, 2018 due date.

The Act requires candidate-controlled committees to file two pre-election campaign statements prior to the applicable election, as well as semi-annual campaign statements until the committee terminates.

You violated the Act by failing to timely file the first pre-election campaign statement by the September 27, 2018 deadline. The Enforcement Division has commenced an enforcement action against you, and can obtain an order that you pay a monetary penalty to the State of California of up to \$5,000 per violation.

The Enforcement Division encourages those whose violations meet the criteria for a streamlined settlement to participate in the streamlined settlement program. The streamlined settlement program allows those who qualify to pay significantly lower penalties for their violations than they would if they do not take advantage of the program. The committee's violation qualifies you for the streamlined program. This is the first time the Enforcement Division has offered to resolve your case through a proposed streamlined stipulation. That being the case, our current offer to settle is \$200 per violation, plus 1% of contributions received or expenditures made, whatever is greater, as reported on the committee's statement(s). The following table details the total proposed fine:

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

Statement (Report) Filed Late	Amount of Contributions/ Expenditures	1% of Amount of Contributions/ Expenditures	Base Penalty	Total
2 nd Pre-Election	\$3349 /\$1556	\$33	\$200	\$233
Total Proposed Penalty: \$233				

Please note that this penalty will increase with each attempt we make to resolve this matter.

To take advantage of this settlement offer you must:

1. Sign and return the enclosed Stipulation, Decision and Order (Stipulation); and
2. Pay the **\$233** monetary penalty either by cashier's check/money order – OR – by debit/credit card on the FPPC's website by no later than **February 4, 2019**.
 - a. If you wish to pay by cashier's check/money order, please make the check payable to the "General Fund of the State of California." Please note that this cannot be a personal check.
 - b. If you wish to pay by debit/credit card, you will need to use the Enforcement Division's electronic payment system available by following this link: <http://www.fppc.ca.gov/enforcement/pay-enforcement-penalty.html>. Please note that if you wish to pay your enforcement monetary penalty by debit/credit card, there is a 3% transaction fee that will be added to your full penalty amount at the end of the transaction.

If you enter into this proposed streamlined stipulated agreement, the signed stipulation will be presented at the next regularly scheduled public meeting of the Fair Political Practices Commission. Please be advised that the settlement of this case is subject to approval by a majority of the five members of the Commission.

For more information on campaign filing requirements, visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact Shaina Elkin at selkin@fppc.ca.gov or (916) 327-2020.

Sincerely,



Galena West
Enforcement Chief

Enclosures
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Recipient Committee Campaign Statement Cover Page

Date of election if applicable: (Month, Day, Year) 11/06/2018 CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Statement covers period from 9/23/2018 through 10/20/2018

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE

1. Type of Recipient Committee: All Committees - Complete Parts 1, 2, 3, and 4.

- Officerholder, Candidate Controlled Committee
- State Candidate Election Committee
- Recall (Also Complete Part 5)
- General Purpose Committee
- Sponsored
- Small Contributor Committee
- Political Party/Central Committee
- Primarily Formed Ballot Measure Committee
- Controlled
- Sponsored (Also Complete Part 6)
- Primarily Formed Candidate/Officerholder Committee (Also Complete Part 7)

2. Type of Statement:

- Preelection Statement
- Semi-annual Statement
- Termination Statement (Also file a Form 410 Termination)
- Amendment (Explain below)
- Quarterly Statement
- Special Odd-Year Report

3. Committee Information

COMMITTEE NAME (OR CANDIDATE'S NAME, IF NO COMMITTEE)
Evan Pattian for Saugus School Board 2018

I.D. NUMBER
1411599

Treasurer(s)

NAME OF TREASURER
Evan Pattian
MAILING ADDRESS
28572 Herrera St

STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX)
28572 Herrera St

CITY Valencia STATE CA ZIP CODE 91354 AREA CODE/PHONE 818-671-7856

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT) NO. AND STREET OR P.O. BOX

CITY STATE ZIP CODE AREA CODE/PHONE

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NAME OF ASSISTANT TREASURER, IF ANY

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE AREA CODE/PHONE

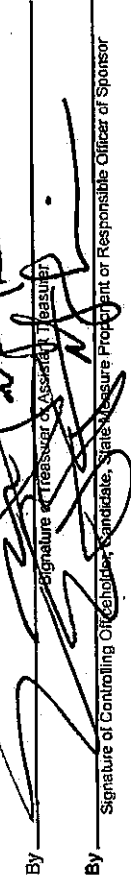
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4. Verification

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing and reviewing this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in the attached schedules is true and complete. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 10/25/2018 Date
 Executed on 10/25/2018 Date
 Executed on _____ Date
 Executed on _____ Date

By  Signature of Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer
 By _____ Signature of Controlling Officerholder, Candidate, State Measure Proponent or Responsible Officer of Sponsor
 By _____ Signature of Controlling Officerholder, Candidate, State Measure Proponent
 By _____ Signature of Controlling Officerholder, Candidate, State Measure Proponent