



Fair Political Practices Commission to Investigate Lily Mei for Potential Violations of State Election Law


As of October 22, 2020, Fremont Mayor Lily Mei is now being investigated by state authorities for potentially violating state election law.

FREMONT, CA, 94536, October 23, 2020
/EINPresswire.com/ -- On October 22, 2020, Chief of the Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Galena West confirmed in public documents that state authorities have opened an investigation into Lily Mei's campaign financial statements for potential violations of state election law. This ranges from incomplete/inaccurate reporting to potentially accepting double contributions or conduit contributions from donors.

On October 23, 2020, the FPPC confirmed that Lily Mei and Lily Mei for Fremont Mayor will both be investigated and that additional allegations have been merged with the existing case.

In 2017, Lily Mei was fined for violating 5 counts of state election law during her 2016 campaign. This included [not reporting](#) campaign donations and campaign expenditures.

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 STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
1102 Q Street • Suite 2000 • Sacramento, CA 95811

October 22, 2020

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RE: FPPC Case No. 2020-00923; Lily Mei
[REDACTED]

This letter is to notify you that the Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission will investigate the allegation(s), under the jurisdiction of the Commission, of the sworn complaint you submitted in the above-referenced matter. You will next receive notification from us upon final disposition of the case. However, please be advised that at this time we have not made any determination about the validity of the allegation(s) you have made or about the culpability, if any, of the person(s) you identify in your complaint.

Please note that elected city councilmembers are not required to disqualify themselves from participating in decisions affecting the source of a campaign contribution while sitting in their capacity as elected councilmembers. (Section 87103(c); 82030(b)(1).) Note that the only exception is Section 84308 that requires persons in an appointed capacity to refrain from participating in certain decisions that might affect the source of a campaign contribution. Section 84308 however does not apply to local government agencies whose members are directly elected by the voters, such as the elected city council. Additionally, the Act's prohibition on foreign contributions does not extend to candidates. Section 85320 applies only to state or local ballot measures. Therefore, we will not pursue the conflict of interest and foreign contribution allegations further.

Thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to our attention. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] @fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,
Galena West
Galena West, Chief
Enforcement Division
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cc: Lily Mei, via email at: [REDACTED]

Fremont Mayor Lily Mei is now being investigated by state authorities.



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October 23, 2020

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Re: FPPC Complaint No. COM-10152020-02652; Mei, Lily Mei for Fremont Mayor 2020, Reyes

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This letter is in response to the sworn complaint you submitted to the Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission regarding the above-referenced committee. Since the allegations in your complaint are related to the subject of an existing case, we will not open a new case on this matter. Your complaint has been incorporated into our existing case, FPPC Case No. 2020-00923.

You will next receive notification from us upon the final disposition of the case. However, please be advised that at this time we have not made any determination about the validity of the allegation(s) you have made or about the culpability, if any, of the person(s) you identify in your complaint. Thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to our attention. If you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact ██████████ at ██████████@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Galena West

Galena West, Chief
Enforcement Division

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cc: Lily Mei for Fremont Mayor 2020; Lily Mei; ██████████

The FPPC merges all allegations into a single case that will be investigated.

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