



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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May 8, 2025

Jessie Lopez
City/Town Council Member, City of Santa Ana
Via email: jessielopez@santa-ana.org

RE: FPPC Complaint No. COM-04302025-01181 – Possible Gift Limit Violation

Dear Jessie Lopez:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission received a referral from the Commission's Statement of Economic Interests ("SEI") Unit alleging that you may have violated the gift limits imposed by the Political Reform Act ("the Act") found in Government Code Section 81000, et seq. More specifically, Schedule D of your 2024 SEI (Form 700), filed on or around March 31, 2025, discloses that you received a gift(s) in excess of the gift limits imposed by the Act in Section 89503. For calendar year 2024, the annual gift limit was \$590.

On Schedule D, you report gifts totaling \$1,580 from Orange County Soccer Club. If you do not believe you violated the Act, please notify us in writing by May 22, 2025. Include any documentation that supports your claim. We will review any information you submit and provide you with a written response.

Please be advised, however, that the fact that you might not have been aware of the gift limitation does not relieve you of your legal obligations. If we determine that you violated the gift limit, we will notify you of the determination and we may seek a penalty of up to \$5,000 for each violation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at csmith@fppc.ca.gov or 279-237-3770.

Sincerely,

Cole Smith

Cole Smith
Political Reform Consultant, Enforcement Division