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Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2022 12:21 PM
To: Sonya Lu; Turner, Grace; CampaignGuidance
Subject: RE: Donor's PO Box address

Sonya,

Section 12.06.235 of the San José Municipal Code states “no contribution of any amount shall be deposited into a campaign account unless the name, address, occupation and employer of the contributor is on file in the written records of the candidate receiving the contribution.” For the purpose of reporting such contributions, the City generally follows the Political Reform Act. (12.06.910.)

The FPPC has previously advised that the Political Reform Act requires that a contributor provide a street address and post office boxes are not permitted. (*Warren* Advice Letter, No. I-07-152.) You may contact the FPPC for confirmation. The FPPC provides advice on the requirements of the Political Reform Act through its Advice Line at 1-866-ASK-FPPC (1-866-275-3772) or advice@fppc.ca.gov.

Although the City Attorney's Office may provide information on State law as it relates to San José's ethics and election laws, the FPPC is ultimately responsible for interpreting its rules. Relying on advice from the City Attorney's Office is not a defense in an inquiry on whether State law has been violated.

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Hello,

Just want to confirm that a PO Box address is not acceptable for a donor, or has that changed and is now acceptable?

Thank you for confirming.

- Sonya Lu

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