



ETHICS COMMISSION CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Re: Administrative Closure of 2018 Election Cycle Discretionary Audit of *Living Wage for Educators, with support from United Educators of San Francisco - Yes on G* FPPC ID #1387393

JAMES BELL
COMMISSIONER

Dear Ms. Quaranta:


LEEANN PELHAM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On May 17, 2019, the Ethics Commission notified "*Living Wage for Educators, Yes on G*," a committee formed for the purpose of supporting a parcel tax for San Francisco Unified School District on the June 5, 2018 city ballot, that it had been selected as one of 25 campaign audits to be conducted following the 2018 election pursuant to the Commission's audit authority under San Francisco Charter [Section C3-699-11\(4\)](#) and San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Code [Section 1.150](#).

For the 2018 audit cycle 16 audits conducted were of committees controlled by candidates seeking elective City office who received public campaign financing in their campaigns. Another 11 non-candidate committees were identified for discretionary audits by objective criteria. The Commission received committee records in May and October 2019 and began its preliminary audit work at that time.

Because of competing demands that have been placed on the Ethics Commission's limited Audit program resources since that time, including as a result of staff vacancies and emergency service worker deployments throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, I have at this time exercised my discretion as Executive Director to administratively close the audit of the *Living Wage for Educators, Yes on G* committee. The Commission will not be issuing a written audit report and notice of my determination to administratively close this discretionary audit with no findings will be placed on our 2018 Audit Report web page for purposes of public transparency. In addition, I have asked the Commission's new Audit and Compliance Review Manager Linda Fong contact you to coordinate with you on the return of the Committee's audit records as may be needed.

We appreciate the committee's flexibility and patience with this process given these unique circumstances. Should the committee have any questions or concerns about administrative closure, please feel free to contact me directly at leeann.pelham@sfgov.org.

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Sincerely,

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LeeAnn Pelham, Executive Director