



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
1102 Q Street • Suite 3050 • Sacramento, CA 95811

July 23, 2026

Ted Weill

Via email: tedw@ranchomirageca.gov

Re: FPPC Complaint No. COM-07222026-02835; Ted Weill

Dear Ted Weill:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission has received a sworn complaint that either named you as a respondent or included allegations against you. It appears the complainant is alleging you have violated the Political Reform Act's¹ campaign disclosure provisions.² The complaint and any attachments filed are enclosed. The complaint was filed against all those listed above, and was received by the Enforcement Division on July 22, 2026.

The person filing the Complaint is:
Michael Harrington

At this time, we have not made any determination about the allegation(s) made in the complaint. Within 14 calendar days from the date the complaint was received, the complainant will be notified of our intent to:

- investigate the allegations of the complaint;
- refer the complaint to another governmental agency;
- take no action on the complaint because, on the basis of the information provided, the Commission does not appear to have jurisdiction to investigate; or
- take no action on the complaint because the allegations of the complaint do not warrant the Commission's further action.

A copy of that letter will be forwarded to you. If you have any comments on the allegation(s), your comments must be submitted in writing directed to Vanessa Greer by

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014, and all statutory references are to this code. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18104 through 18998 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.

² Please note that under the Act, you are required to retain accounts, records, bills, receipts and other original source documentation. These records should be readily available for any audit or investigation conducted by the Fair Political Practices Commission. (GC §§ 84104, 86110 and 90003; Regulations 18401, 18401.1.)

email to vgreer@fppc.ca.gov. Please include the complaint number referenced above in your response.

Sincerely,

Kendall L.D. Bonebrake

Kendall L.D. Bonebrake
Chief, Enforcement Division

KLDB: vg

COMPLAINT RECEIVED

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission received the enclosed complaint, COM-07222026-02835, on 7/22/2026 3:44:00 PM. The information filed in the complaint is below and any attachments filed will be included.

The following individuals are the named parties in this complaint:

Michael Harrington
Complainant

Ted Weill
Respondent

The Violations alleged are:

Campaign Reporting Inaccurate/Incomplete
Campaign Form Incomplete or Inaccurate (84211)

I respectfully request that the FPPC review whether this Form 497 campaign report adequately identifies the contributor in compliance with the Political Reform Act.

On its face, the filing appears incomplete and internally inconsistent in several respects.

First, the filing identifies the contributor as “HELENE GALEN TRUST,” yet provides only “Rancho Mirage, CA 92270” and omits the contributor’s street address. The omission of the street address makes it difficult for the public to identify the actual contributor.

Second, the contributor is identified as a trust, yet the filing uses the “IND” (Individual) contributor code. While the FPPC can determine whether that coding is ultimately correct, the reporting appears facially inconsistent and warrants review to determine whether the contributor was properly classified.

Third, the contributor’s name is reported only as “HELENE GALEN TRUST.” While it is possible that this is the trust’s complete legal name, the reported name appears abbreviated and does not clearly identify which trust made the contribution. It is not the form of trust name commonly encountered in legal or public records, which reasonably raises the question whether the contributor’s complete legal name has been reported.

Taken together, these issues create a reasonable question as to whether the contributor has been completely and accurately identified. The purpose of campaign disclosure is to allow the public to identify the true source of campaign contributions. As filed, the report does not clearly identify which trust made the contribution.

The attached exhibits are submitted solely to illustrate why complete and accurate identification of the contributing trust is important. Publicly available records reflect that

trusts associated with Helene Galen have more specific legal names, separate identifying information, and publicly identifiable philanthropic activities. I am not asserting that any trust identified in the attached exhibits is the contributor reported on this Form 497. Rather, the exhibits demonstrate why reporting only “HELENE GALEN TRUST,” without a complete street address and while using the “IND” contributor code, leaves the public unable to determine with confidence which trust, if any, made the reported contribution.

I respectfully request that the FPPC determine whether the contributor’s legal name, street address, and contributor classification were reported in compliance with the Political Reform Act and, if necessary, require that the filing be amended to accurately identify the contributor.

The attached exhibits are submitted solely to illustrate why complete and accurate identification of the contributing trust is important. Publicly available records reflect that trusts associated with Helene Galen have more specific legal names, separate identifying information, and publicly reported involvement with community organizations, public facilities, and civic institutions within the Coachella Valley. I am not asserting that any trust identified in the attached exhibits is the contributor reported on this Form 497. Rather, the exhibits demonstrate why reporting only “HELENE GALEN TRUST,” without a complete street address and while using the “IND” contributor code, leaves the public unable to determine with confidence which trust, if any, made the reported contribution.

As a resident and voter of the City of Rancho Mirage reviewing a campaign disclosure filed by a City Council member, I have a legitimate interest in being able to identify the actual source of reported campaign contributions. Where publicly available information reflects that trusts associated with the same individual have publicly reported involvement with community organizations, public facilities, and civic institutions, complete and accurate disclosure serves the purpose of allowing the public to understand who is providing financial support to elected officials.

Exhibits

Exhibit A – Form 497 campaign report identifying the contributor as “HELENE GALEN TRUST,” reporting only “Rancho Mirage, CA 92270” as the contributor’s address, and using the “IND” (Individual) contributor code.

Exhibit B (Pages 1–4)

Publicly available records regarding a Helene Galen charitable trust, including:

- * The trust’s more specific legal name.
- * Description of the trust and its charitable purpose.
- * EIN.
- * Street address.

* Other identifying public information.

(Cite it as Exhibit B, pages 1–4.)

Exhibit C – Publicly available article describing charitable activities associated with a Helene Galen trust involving community organizations, public facilities, and civic institutions within the Coachella Valley. This exhibit is submitted solely to illustrate why complete and accurate identification of the contributing trust is important to the public and not as evidence that the trust discussed in the article is the contributor reported on the Form 497.

ExA

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Amounts may be rounded to whole dollars.

NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT TED WEILL 2024			Date of This Filing 04/17/2024		Date Stamp E-Filed 04/17/2024 17:26:00 Filing ID: 211459914
AREA CODE/PHONE NUMBER (760)202-1985		I.D. NUMBER (if applicable) 1355769		Report No. 16	
STREET ADDRESS			☐ Amendment to Report No. (explain below)		
CITY Rancho Mirage	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 92270		No. of Pages 1	

1. Contribution(s) Received

DATE RECEIVED	FULL NAME, STREET ADDRESS AND ZIP CODE OF CONTRIBUTOR (IF COMMITTEE, ALSO ENTER I.D. NUMBER)	CONTRIBUTOR CODE *	IF AN INDIVIDUAL, ENTER OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS (IF SELF-EMPLOYED, ENTER NAME OF BUSINESS)
04/17/2024	HELENE GALEN TRUST RANCHO MIRAGE, CA 92270	☒ IND ☐ COM ☐ OTH ☐ PTY ☐ SCC	RETIRED RETIRED
04/17/2024	LLOYD ROCHFORD TTEE RANCHO MIRAGE, CA 92270	☒ IND ☐ COM ☐ OTH ☐ PTY ☐ SCC	RETIRED RETIRED
		☐ IND ☐ COM ☐ OTH ☐ PTY ☐ SCC	

*Contributor Codes
IND – Individual
COM – Recipient Committee
OTH – Other (e.g., business)
PTY – Political Party
SCC – Small Contributor

Reason for Amendment: _____

FPPC Advice: a



California

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/ Helene V Galen Charitable Remainder Trust

Galen Helene V Ttee

Organization Profile

Helene V Galen Charitable Remainder Trust Galen Helene V Ttee is a registered non-profit organization located in Los Angeles, California. The Employer Identification Number (EIN) for Helene V Galen Charitable Remainder Trust Galen Helene V Ttee is 841365226.

It is recognized by IRS as a non-profit under the category of 4947(a)(2) Split Interest Trust. The business category for Helene V Galen Charitable Remainder Trust Galen Helene V Ttee is Grantmaking Foundations. The fiscal year of the most recent IRS return in our database is 2014.

EIN Tax Id



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Basic Profile

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**Organization
Name**

Helene V Galen Charitable
Remainder Trust Galen
Helene V Ttee

EIN (Taxpayer Id)

84-1365226

Contact Address:

Address Line1

10253 Century Woods Dr

City

Los Angeles

State

California

Zip

90067





Public Records Center

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Additional Information

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IN/OUT-of-scope IN

Business Category Grantmaking Foundations

IRS subsection 4947(a)(2) Split Interest Trust

IRS Activity 4947(a)(2) trust

Ruling date from IRS December, -0001

NTEE Final Classification Named Trusts N.E.C.

NTEE code Classification Confidence Rating Low

ID of rule used for assigning rule-based NPC code 5728,5595,6527,6526

List of rule-derived NTEE-CC Philanthropy, Voluntarism & Grantmaking Foundations N.E.C., Named Trusts N.E.C.

Reason for 501(c)(3) status eintaxid.com



for assigning
rule-based NPC
code

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List of rule-
derived NTEE-CC
codes

Philanthropy, Voluntarism &
Grantmaking Foundations
N.E.C., Named Trusts N.E.C.

Reason for
501(c)(3) status

All organizations except
501(c)(3)

Total Revenue
from most recent
Form 990

0

Total Assets
from most recent
Form 990

1941929

Most Recent
Data Source

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Charitable Organizations

Ex C

Her partner of 12 years, Jamie Kabler, the founder of the wildly successful Rancho Mirage Writer's Festival (which Galen helped make possible by gifting the festival its first donation), agrees. "Today, Helene gives \$50,000 annually to the Writer's Festival and it's matched by Harold Matzner and the Auen Foundation.

She gave the first \$1.5 million to Palm Springs Art Museum in Palm Desert, The Galen, and it grew into \$6 million because others followed her example.

And she created their foundation and gave the first gift of \$1.5 million to The



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August 5, 2026

Michael Harrington
70070 Sun Valley Dr
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
Via email: [REDACTED]

Re: FPPC Complaint No. COM-07222026-02835; Ted Weill

Dear Michael Harrington:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission received your sworn complaint alleging violations of the campaign disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act. After reviewing the complaint, we have concluded that we will require additional time beyond the initial 14-day period to evaluate this matter in order to determine whether additional investigation is appropriate. We appreciate your patience in this regard.

Please be advised that, at this time, we have not made any determination about the validity of the allegations you have made or about the culpability, if any, of the person you identify in your complaint. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Vanessa Greer by email at vgreer@fppc.ca.gov or by phone at 279-237-5965.

Sincerely,

Kendall L.D. Bonebrake

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cc: Ted Weill



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September 30, 2026

Michael Harrington

Via email: [REDACTED]

Re: FPPC Case No. 2026-00885; Ted Weill

Dear Michael Harrington:

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.

Thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to our attention. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Vanessa Greer by email at vgreer@fppc.ca.gov or by phone at 279-237-5965.

Sincerely,

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