

# Ben Gould

## BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL

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## Fair Campaign Practices Commission Declines to Take Action Against Gould Campaign

The Commission acknowledged quick remedies taken to address allegations

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*Berkeley, CA* – At the Fair Campaign Practices Commission (FCPC) meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Commission voted unanimously not to take any action against Ben Gould's campaign, stating that any violations of the Berkeley Election Reform Act (BERA) were minor and had been swiftly addressed.

"My campaign team and I worked quickly and diligently to address the issues as soon as they came to our attention, and the Commission appreciated our good faith efforts to comply with BERA," Mr. Gould said, "I'm glad the FCPC decided that the allegations were minor and did not warrant further investigation."

In a seeming rebuke of the Progressive Student Association's demand that Ben Gould be disqualified from the race, some commissioners noted that the purpose of BERA was to provide transparency, not discourage everyday citizens from running for public office.

“I’m unsurprised that the FCPC declined to take action,” said Kristin Hunziker, former manager for the Student District Campaign, and current campaign manager for Ben Gould. “The role of the Commission is to protect Berkeley elections from serious fraud and corruption, not chase young, grassroots candidates out of the race.”