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Re: **Consent Item 12 – In the Matter of Steven Detrick**
FPPC 14/130

I respectfully submit a rebuttal to the Stipulation, Decision and Order in the above-referenced case. The sworn complaints were filed by both Constance Conley and myself and stem from Elk Grove City Council member Steven Detrick using a total of $93,500 from his campaign account to pay for his son's legal fees.

There are several inaccuracies in the Stipulation, Decision and Order that must be addressed. The Respondent's assertion that Ms. Conley is a "former employee" of Mr. Detrick's is not true. Ms. Conley has never been employed by Mr. Detrick. In fact, Gary Winiuk, Chief, Enforcement Division, issued a findings letter to **both** Ms. Conley and the Respondent two years ago stating same when denying a previous complaint. There must be accountability for intentionally making false and misleading statements.

In inquiries from the media, the Respondent has issued more than one false written public statement that he **did not** use campaign funds to "...pay for Brian's lawsuit." Not only has it been determined by this Commission that the Respondent's public statements are false, but they are, in fact, a blatant attempt to deceive the citizens of Elk Grove.

Additionally, in an inquiry from the media regarding the Stipulation, Decision, and Order, the Respondent stated that he "did not agree to the amount of the fine." Again, the Respondent's statement shows that he is again blatantly attempting to deceive the citizens of Elk Grove.

I would respectfully request that the Commission reject the proposed fine of $3,500 as set forth in the Stipulation, Decision and Order. I would respectfully request a much higher fine be set as a consequence of the Respondent's deilberate false statements to the investigator and attorney assigned to this case and, more importantly, the citizens of Elk Grove.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.