



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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December 20, 2011

✓ Laura S. Freese  
San Juan Capistrano City Councilmember

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**RE: No Violation Letter  
FPPC No. 10/470; Laura Freese**

Dear Ms. Freese:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> found in Government Code Section 81000, and following. As you are aware, the FPPC received a complaint on June 9, 2011, alleging you violated Section 87100 of the Act by voting to approve a payment to Express Savings at the April 19, 2011, and May 3, 2011, San Juan Capistrano City Council board meetings, in connection with the Celebration Committee.

The Enforcement Division of the FPPC has completed its investigation of the allegations. We found that you did not vote to approve payments to Express Savings at the April 19, 2011, and May 3, 2011, San Juan Capistrano City Council board meetings. Rather, you voted to "receive and file" a report of payments made by the City of San Juan Capistrano, which was a ministerial act. A ministerial act is not a governmental decision, and therefore you did not violate Section 87100 of the Act.

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<sup>1</sup> The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in sections 18109 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 916-327-6357.

Sincerely, \_\_\_\_\_

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Milad Dalju  
Commission Counsel  
Enforcement Division