



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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January 3, 2012

✓ Connie Lee

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 10/019; Connie Lee, Respondent

Dear Ms. Lee:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act"),¹ found in Government Code section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to an investigation alleging that a committee Citizens to Recall Lance MacLean violated the Act. During that investigation, we uncovered evidence that you failed to file a major donor campaign statement.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that in 2009, you made three contributions to the Citizens to Recall Lance MacLean, totaling \$12,053, but failed to file a major donor statement in connection with those contributions.

Specifically the Act defines a committee to include any person that makes contributions totaling \$10,000 or more in a calendar year to or at the behest of candidates or committees. (Section 82013.) Persons who qualify as a major donor file campaign statements on a semi-annual basis disclosing the contributions made during a six-month period. (Section 84200.)

Your actions violated the Act because you made \$12,053 in contributions to Citizens to Recall Lance MacLean in 2009, but failed to file a major donor campaign statement. You are still required to file a major donor campaign statement. However, the FPPC has decided to close

¹ 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 18110 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.

this matter with a warning letter based on the facts that you cooperated with the investigation and you have no history with the Enforcement Division.

This letter serves as a written warning. The information in this matter will be retained and may be considered should an enforcement action become necessary based on newly discovered information or future conduct. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in the future will result in monetary penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation.

A warning letter is an FPPC case resolution without administrative prosecution or fine. However, the warning letter resolution does not provide you with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or hearing before an Administrative Law Judge or the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you wish to avail yourself of these proceedings by requesting that your case proceed with prosecution rather than a warning, please notify us within ten (10) days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the FPPC will rescind this warning letter and proceed with administrative prosecution of this case. If we do not receive such notification, this warning letter will be posted on the FPPC's website ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding this letter at (916)324-8787.

Sincerely,

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