



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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January 5, 2011

Mr. Ryan Swehla, Board President
Great Valley Academy

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 10/1101, Great Valley Academy; Dr. Eldon Rosenow Respondent(s)

Dear Mr. Swehla:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (“Commission”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”) found in Government Code Section 81000, and following. The Act requires that members of board or commissions of a newly-created agency must file Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700) within 30 days of assuming office disclosing all economic interests required by Section 87200. (Section 87302.6.)

The charter for the Great Valley Academy was approved by the Stanislaus Board of Education on February 12, 2008. Statements of Economic Interests should have been filed by all existing board members by March 14, 2008. Additionally, the members of the board should have filed annual statements by April 1, 2009, disclosing their interests between February 12, 2008 and December 31, 2008, and an annual statement by April 1, 2010, disclosing their interests from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Any board member who has left the board would file an additional leaving office statement. It has been brought to our attention that the Great Valley Academy failed to notify the members of their obligations and that those statements were not filed.

The failure of the board members to file the required statements is a violation of the Act. (Section 87302.6.) You must contact all past and existing members of the board and notify each that they must file the delinquent statements noted above. Those statements must be filed with the Great Valley Academy, who shall maintain a copy and forward the original to the Clerk of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. Please give each member a specific deadline to comply, preferably no more than 30 days, and advise that failure to file may subject them to an enforcement action, including monetary penalties of up to \$5,000.

Since the conflict of interest code was approved by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors on August 3, 2010, the board members' annual statements filed this April 1, 2011 will disclose their economic interests under the provisions of the conflict of interest code.

The Commission publishes forms and manuals to facilitate compliance with the provisions of the Act. If a board member needs a form or a manual, or guidance regarding their specific filing obligation, they may call the Commission's Technical Assistance Division at 1-866-275-3772 or visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Jeanette Turvill at (916) 322-8194.

Sincerely,

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 Gary S. Winuk, Chief
Enforcement Division

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cc: Clerk of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors
Dr. Eldon Rosenow