



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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✓ Bridgid "Briye" McCann
McCann for Judge

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Shawn Washington, Treasurer
McCann for Judge

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 10/594; Bridgid "Briye" McCann, McCann for Judge, and Shawn Washington, Treasurer

Dear Ms. McCann and Mr. Washington:

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 the results of a mandatory audit and investigation concerning the "McCann for Judge" campaign committee in the June 3, 2008, Statewide Direct Primary Election.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. The FPPC found that you violated Section 85201 of the Act by failing to deposit campaign contributions into the campaign committee in connection with Ms. McCann's candidacy for San Bernardino Superior Court Judge in the June 3, 2008, election, and failing to make expenditures totaling \$25,866 from the campaign bank account. In addition, you violated Section 84211, subdivision (f), by failing to disclose Ms. McCann's parents as the source of a \$25,500 loan in connection with the race. However, since the expenditures were reported, the public harm was minimal, and you cooperated with the investigation, we have decided to close this case with a warning letter.

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

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.

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.

Sincerely,

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