



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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January 17, 2013

Mr. Denis Bilodeau
Ms. Suzanne Bilodeau, Treasurer
Bilodeau for Water Board

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RE: Advisory Letter
FPPC No. 12/888: Denis Bilodeau; Bilodeau for Water Board; and Suzanne Bilodeau, Treasurer

Dear Mr. and Ms. Bilodeau:

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 a complaint filed against you that alleged you failed to have the proper sender identification on your campaign mass mailings. We are closing this matter with an advisory letter.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that the campaign mailers that supported your re-election campaign to the Orange County Water Board failed to have the words "Paid for by" preceding your committee's name.

Section 84305 requires candidates and committees to include the name, street address, and city of the committee on each piece of mail in a mass mailing. Furthermore, regulation 18435(d) states the identification required by section 84305 shall be preceded by the words "Paid for by."

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to have the "Paid for by" words on your mass mailings. However, because you visited the Orange County Registrar of Voters office to inquire as to what the sender identification requirements are for mass mailings, and you followed section 84305 by including your committee name, address and city on the mailers, we are closing this matter with an advisory letter.

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.

The FPPC publishes forms and manuals to facilitate compliance with the provisions of the Act. If you need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding your obligations, please call the FPPC's Technical Assistance Division at 1-866-275-3772. Please also visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Please feel free to contact Teri Rindahl at 916.327.2018 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Gary S. Winuk
Chief, Enforcement Division

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cc. Shirley Grindle