



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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January 15, 2013

Humboldt County Republicans

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Mr. Todd Walker, Treasurer
Humboldt County Republicans

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Re: Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 12/464; Humboldt County Republicans, and Todd Walker, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Walker:

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 referral from your filing officer that alleged you and your committee failed to file a semi-annual campaign disclosure statement in electronic format.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you and your committee failed to file a semi-annual campaign statement for the period July 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 due January 31, 2012 in electronic format.

The Act requires that candidates and their committees file campaign statements at periodic intervals. Additionally, the Act requires state candidates and state general purpose committees file statements in both paper and electronic format. (Section 84605.)

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to file your semi-annual campaign statement, electronically, by the deadline. However, since you have now filed that statement, we are closing our file on this matter.

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 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 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. Secretary of State