



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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✓ Ms. Marianne Slade-Troutman
Committee to ReElect Slade-Troutman
For Nevada County Board of Education 2014



Ms. Jan R. Collins
Committee to ReElect Slade-Troutman
For Nevada County Board of Education 2014



Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 14/1210; Committee to ReElect Slade-Troutman for Nevada County Board of Education 2014; Marianne Slade-Troutman, Jan R. Collins, Treasurer, Respondent(s)

Dear Ms. Slade-Troutman and Ms. Collins:

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 sworn complaint filed against you that alleged you failed to expenditures in connection with newspaper ads, radio ads and election signs as non-monetary contributions to the Committee to Elect Paul Haas Nevada County Superintendent of Schools 2014.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you and your committee made expenditures from your campaign funds to support Paul Haas for Nevada County Superintendent, but that you failed to report those expenditures on your campaign statements.

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.

statements, a candidate must report for each person to whom an expenditure of \$100 or more has been made, that person's full name, street address, amount of the expenditure and a brief description of the consideration for which each expenditure has been made. (Section 84211(k). These expenditures are reported on Schedule E of the campaign disclosure statement.

Additionally, the Act requires that for expenditures that are a contribution to a candidate, in addition to the above information, the campaign statement must report the date of the contribution, the cumulative amount of contributions made to the candidate, the full name of the candidate and the office and district for which he or she seeks election and the jurisdiction in which the candidate is voted upon. (Section 84211(k)(5).) These payments are reported on Schedule D of the campaign disclosure statement.

Your actions violated the Act because while you included expenditures to vendors on Schedule E, you failed to report the value of non-monetary contributions made to Paul Haas for Nevada County Superintendent on Schedule D. However, since the Paul Haas for Nevada County Superintendent committee has now reported these non-monetary contributions from you, we are closing our file on this matter.

However, you must amend your campaign statements on file with Nevada County to report the value of those expenditures that represent a non-monetary contribution to Paul Haas. These payments should be reported on Schedule D of the campaign statement. If you need further assistance in this regard, you should contact the Commission's Technical Assistance 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.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covers the signature of Gary S. Winuk.

Gary S. Winuk, Chief
Enforcement Division

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