



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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February 10, 2014

Edward Varela

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Re: Case Closure Letter Edward Varela, FPPC No. 12/801

Dear Mr. Varela:

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. The FPPC initiated an investigation as the result of a complaint we received alleging that you made a governmental decision in which you had a financial interest. These allegations concerned a lawsuit filed by the City of Maywood seeking to prevent Los Angeles Unified School District from building a new high school in Maywood. The proposed project would impact real property in which you have a financial interest.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. The FPPC did not find evidence that you participated in a governmental decision concerning the proposed high school that would qualify as a conflict of interest under the Act.

Since we have determined that you did not violate the Act, we are closing this matter. But information in this matter will be retained and may be considered should an enforcement action result from future conduct or newly discovered information. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act can result in an enforcement action against you and penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation.

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you have regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Dave Bainbridge
Senior Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

Cc: Rafael Castro, complainant