



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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February 23, 2012

✓ Nancy Lawrence

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC Case No. 111027; Nancy Lawrence

Dear Ms. Lawrence:

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 results of the attempted audit of your campaign activity have been referred to this Division. The audit covered the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. A copy of the report is enclosed for your information.

The report indicated that you did not respond to the auditor's requests for records and/or information regarding your campaign for Board of Equalization in the 2010 General Election and that consequently the auditor was unable to express an opinion regarding the accuracy of your reported activity.

The audit was mandated by the Section 90001 of the Act. Section 84104 requires a candidate to maintain records necessary to prepare statements and, implicitly, to provide those records to the auditor when requested. Your failure to maintain records constitutes a violation of the Act. The campaign statement that you filed, however, indicated that you would receive and spend less than \$1,000 during the campaign and we have no evidence that you did otherwise. Therefore 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 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.

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.

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 FPPC. 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 Program Specialist William Marland with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Gary S. Winuk
Chief, Enforcement Division

Enclosure