



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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February 29, 2012

Ms. Belinda Abell

Committee to Elect Belinda Abell to the Oak Valley Hospital District Board

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Re: Advisory Letter

FPPC No. 12/080; Ms. Belinda Abell, and Committee to Elect Belinda Abell to the Oak Valley Hospital District Board

Dear Ms. Abell:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act ("Act"),¹ found in Government Code Section 81000, and following. This letter is in response to an anonymous complaint that alleged you violated the Act's mass mailing identification provisions regarding a mass mailing sent supporting your candidacy to the Oak Valley Hospital District Board in the November 2010 election.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the Act requires a candidate or committee that sends out a mass mailer be identified by the name of the candidate and committee, the committee's street address and city in no less than 6 point type in a color or print that contrasts with the background. (Section 84305.)

The complainant in this matter alleged that you failed to properly identify your committee when you sent out a mass mailing in connection with the Oak Valley Hospital District Board's November 2010 election. We reviewed the mailer and while it contained name of the candidate and committee, the sender identification failed to include the street address and city of the committee. Since the recipient of the mailer could easily determine that you were the sender of the mailer, we are closing this matter with an advisory letter. If in the future you send a mass mailing, be sure to include all of the information required by Section 84305 to identify yourself as the sender.

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 Commission publishes forms and manuals to facilitate compliance with the Act. If you need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding your obligations, please call the FPPC's Technical Assistance Division at (916) 322-5660, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please also visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Please feel free to contact me at (916) 327-2018 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,


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