



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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March 2, 2010

✓ Ms. Lorraine Staffiero
Lorraine Staffiero Campaign

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 09/797; Lorraine Staffiero Campaign; Lorraine Staffiero, Respondent(s)

Dear Ms. Staffiero:

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 that you and your committee failed to file campaign statements since July 1, 2004.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that, other than a statement filed for the period July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, you and your committee have failed to file semi-annual campaign statements since July 1, 2004.

The Act provides that a committee must continue to file semi-annual campaign statements until such time as it terminates the committee by filing a terminating Statement of Organization with the Secretary of State.

Your actions violated the Act because you have failed to file the necessary campaign statements. However, since it does not appear that your committee has been active and it reported less than \$10 in activity in 2007, we have decided to close this matter with a warning letter.

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 18109 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.

You must file your delinquent campaign statements with the County Registrar in San Diego and should also file a terminating Statement of Organization (Form 410) with the Secretary of State as well. Your committee retains a filing requirement until such time as the terminating Statement of Organization is filed.

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,

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✓ Gary S. Winuk, Chief
Enforcement Division

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