



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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March 6, 2015

Steven Miesen
Chula Vista City Council Member



Re: Warning Letter: FPPC No. 15/096; Steven Miesen

Dear Mr. Miesen:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (Act) contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. This letter is in response to an anonymous complaint that alleged a violation of the Act's financial disclosure provisions. The FPPC has closed this matter with a warning letter.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you failed to disclose your stock option investment in Republic Services on your Assuming Office Statement of Economic Interests.

The Act requires public officials who are listed in Government Code section 87200, to disclose investments that are valued at \$2,000 or more, which are located in or doing business on a regular basis in the public official's jurisdiction. (Section 87206.)

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to disclose your investment in Republic Services as required by Section 87206. However, because you amended your Assuming Office statement, have since disposed of the stock options, and you do not have an enforcement history, we are closing this matter 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.

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.

The FPPC publishes forms and manuals to facilitate compliance with the provisions of the Act. If you need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding your obligations, please call the FPPC's Technical Assistance Division at 1-866-275-3772. Please also visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

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

Sincerely, 



Galena West, Acting Chief
Enforcement Division

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