FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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March 5, 2013

Mr. Jim Hartley
Committee to Re-elect Jim Hartley for
El Dorado Hills Water District 2012

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Mr. Matt Belleci
Committee to Re-elect Jim Hartley for
El Dorado Hills Water District 2012

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 12/870; Committee to Re-elect Jim Hartley for El Dorado Hills County Water District Board of Directors 2012; Jim Hartley and Matt Belleci, Treasurer, Respondent(s)

Dear Messrs. Hartley and Belleci:

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 sworn complaint filed against you that alleged you failed to verify your campaign statements. (Complaint sent to you previously.)

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you failed to sign your campaign statements at each statement's verification.

The Act requires that candidates and their treasurers shall verify campaign statements. (Sections 81004 and 84213(a).)

[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.

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to sign your campaign statements by their respective filing deadline. However, since you immediately amended your campaign statements when contacted by the Enforcement Division, we are closing our file on this matter.

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.

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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cc: Mr. Craig Petersen