



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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March 18, 2010

Ms. Marla Strich
Committee to Elect Marla Strich

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✓ Ms. Amy L. Leon
Committee to Re-Elect Marla Strich

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 10/037; Committee to Elect Marla Strich; Marla Strich, and Amy L. Leon

Dear Ms. Strich and Ms. Leon:

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 you failed to file campaign disclosure statements after the November 2006 election in the County of San Diego.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that the committee's last statement filed in connection with the November, 2006 election for the Encinitas Union School District was on October 26, 2006.

Specifically, the Act provides that candidates and their committees must file semi-annual campaign statements no later than July 31, for the period ending June 30, and no later than January 31, for the period ending December 31. (Section 84200.) A committee may terminate its filing obligations once the committee has no activity which must be disclosed. (Section 84214.) If a committee does not terminate by filing a terminating Statement of Organization, it retains the requirement to file campaign disclosure statements.

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.

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to file semi-annual campaign statements after the November 2006 election. However, we have since learned that on January 10, 2010, you did file your past campaign disclosure statements and terminated your committee effective February 2, 2007. We have now closed 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. David Morton, San Diego County Registrar of Voters