



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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✓ Adam Hill, Candidate
Friends of Adam Hill, County Supervisor 2012

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Sharon A. McMahan, Treasurer
Friends of Adam Hill, County Supervisor 2012

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC Case No. 14/294; In the Matter of Adam Hill, Friends of Adam Hill, County Supervisor 2012, and Sharon A. McMahan, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Hill and Ms. McMahan:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (“Act”),¹ found in Government Code section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to a complaint previously forwarded to you. The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this matter. Specifically, the FPPC found that you violated the Act’s campaign disclosure provisions with regard to contributor information.

The Act provides that candidates and committees must report specific information on campaign disclosure statements. To that effect, Section 84211 requires, among other things, that a committee report the occupation and employer, or if self-employed, the name of the business, of any individual who contributes \$100 or more in a calendar year. If a committee is unable to acquire this information, Section 85700 requires the committee to return the contribution. Your actions violated the Act because you failed to disclose the occupation and name of business or employer of a contributor to your committee, Gary Grossman. Mr. Grossman, rather than being retired as reported on your campaign statement covering the period July 1, 2013, through

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.

December 31, 2013, was President of Coastal Community Builders at the time of the contribution. Because you did not have this information in your records, you were required to return the contribution within 60 days of receipt. However, because you have no prior cases with our Enforcement Division and made relatively few reporting errors, we are closing your case with this warning letter. 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. Although the FPPC is not seeking a penalty in the current matter, you are still responsible for any late filing fees assessed by your filing officer. (Section 91013.) 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 or visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Please feel free to contact Adrienne Korchmaros at (916) 322-8241 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: Kevin Rice