



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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April 6, 2010

Mr. Shawn Nelson

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**Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 10/206; Shawn Nelson**

Dear Mr. Nelson:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> found in Government Code section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to a complaint filed against you that alleged you failed to file your Candidate's Statement of Economic Interests.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you failed to file your Candidate's Statement of Economic Interests by the March 12, 2010 deadline.

The Act provides that candidates for county supervisor must file a candidate's statement of economic interests no later than the final filing date of a declaration of candidacy. (Section 87201.) The final filing date for Orange County Supervisor was March 12, 2010.

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to file your candidate's statement by the March 12, 2010 deadline, and only filed your statement on March 22, 2010, after you learned that a sworn complaint was filed against you. Since that statement has now been filed, we are closing this matter without further action.

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

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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. Ms. Shirley L. Grindle