



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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April 11, 2012

Mr. Brian Dahle

✓ Brian Dahle for Assembly 2012

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Ms. Sara Edson

Treasurer, Brian Dahle for Assembly 2012

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RE: Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 12/161

Sworn Complaint against Brian Dahle, Brian Dahle for Assembly 2012, and Sara Edson, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Dahle and Ms. Edson:

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 complaint filed against you and your committee that alleged violations of the campaign disclosure provisions of the Act. We are closing this matter with a warning letter.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that your committee received contributions of \$1,000 or more, during the 90-day election cycle, and failed to timely report those contributions within 24 hours.

Under section 85309, any committee that triggers the electronic filing requirements of section 84605, is required to electronically file with the Secretary of State, a report disclosing the receipt of a contribution of \$1,000 or more and the report shall be filed within 24 hours of receipt of the contribution. For the June 5, 2012 Primary election, the

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.

90-day Election Cycle Report filing period is from March 7, 2012 through June 5, 2012. Your actions violated the Act because your committee received a number of \$1,000 contributions during this election cycle, and failed to electronically file reports disclosing these contributions within 24 hours. However, because the electronic reports were filed as soon as the treasurer realized the error, 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,

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Gary S. Winuk
Chief, Enforcement Division

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cc: Mr. Rick Bosetti