



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Ron Largent

Committee for Ron Largent for Shasta County Assessor-Recorder 2010

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Teri L. Simmons, Treasurer

Committee for Ron Largent for Shasta County Assessor-Recorder 2010

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RE: FPPC Case No. 100081; Ron Largent, Committee for Ron Largent for Shasta County Assessor-Recorder 2010, and Teri L. Simmons, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Largent and Ms. Simmons:

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 a result of a pro-active investigation begun against you by the FPPC that alleged you and your committee, Committee for Ron Largent for Shasta County Assessor-Recorder 2010, did not fully disclose contributions and expenditures on the committee's statement for the period closing December 31, 2009.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that, in December 2009, Committee for Ron Largent for Shasta County Assessor-Recorder 2010 held a fundraiser, a "Gingerbread Magic" competition at the Christmas Holiday Spectacular display at the Shasta District Fairgrounds, and failed to disclose expenditures for the fundraiser.

The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91044. 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.

The Act provides that not fully disclosing expenditures on the appropriate campaign statement is prohibited. (Gov. Code § 84211 (b).) Specifically, the Act requires candidate controlled committees to report the committee's contributions and expenditures on its campaign statements. (Gov. Code §§ 84211(a) and (b).) Section 82025 defines expenditure essentially as a payment made for a political purpose.

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to correctly disclose the expenditure. You have since amended the Form 460 to show the expenditure.

Because we have now received a copy of the amended Form 460 campaign statement filed by your committee with the County of Shasta, we have decided to close this case. 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 1-866-275-3722. Please also visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Adrienne Korchmaros at (916) 322-8241.

Sincerely,

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Gary S. Womak, Chief
Enforcement Division