



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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June 7, 2012

✓ James A. Light, Chair
Building a Better Redondo

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC Case No. 12/313, Building A Better Redondo and James A. Light, Chair

Dear Mr. Light:

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 sworn complaint alleging the purchase of lawn signs urging "No on G" went unreported in the City of Redondo Beach's November 2010 election.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you and Building a Better Redondo, a 501(c)(4) public welfare organization, failed to file a Supplemental Independent Expenditure Reports (Form 465) and an Independent Expenditure Committee Campaign Statement (Form 461) on the required deadlines after making an independent expenditure in the form of lawn signs.

The Act requires that committees file certain campaign statements when making independent expenditures. Specifically the Act requires that if a committee has made independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to support or oppose a ballot measure, it must file the Form 465 at the same time, covering the same periods, and in the places where the ballot measure committee would be required to file campaign statements. (GC § 84203.5.) Your committee made independent expenditures at a cost of \$1,200 to oppose Measure G in August

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.

2010 prior to the November 2, 2010 election, but failed to file the Form 465 by the October 5, 2010, deadline. Further, you neglected filing the Form 461 disclosing the independent expenditure on the required deadline of January 31, 2011.

The actions of Building a Better Redondo violated the Act because you failed to file the independent expenditure statements, both the Forms 465 and 461, by the specified deadlines. However, because you have no prior violations of the Act and because Building a Better Redondo has no history of making independent expenditures before or since this expenditure, and because you filed the required statements immediately following contact from the Enforcement Division, 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.

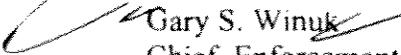
A warning letter is an FPPC case resolution without administrative prosecution or fine. However, the warning letter resolution does not provide you with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or hearing before an Administrative Law Judge or the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you wish to 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: Donald Szerlip