



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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June 11, 2013

Steve Gronke
Steve Gronke for Supervisor 2014, Gronke for Hospital Board 2012

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 13/132; Steve Gronke; Steve Gronke for Supervisor 2014, Gronke for Hospital Board 2012

Dear Mr. Gronke:

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 referral from the County of San Diego Registrar of Voters that alleged you failed to file your committees' semiannual and preelection campaign disclosure statements.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case and found that you failed to file the following campaign statements:

- First preelection: July 1, 2012 – September 30, 2012 (due October 5, 2012)
- Second preelection: October 1, 2012 – October 20, 2012 (due October 25, 2012)
- Semiannual: October 21, 2012 – December 31, 2012 (due January 31, 2013)

Section 84200 of the Act provides that elected officers, candidates, and committees shall file semiannual campaign statements. Under Section 84200.5, elected officers, candidates, and committees are also required to file two preelection statements for the time periods and by the due dates as set forth in Sections 84200.7 and 84200.8. Further, candidates and elected officers who control more than one committee are required to file campaign statements for each committee on the dates the candidate or elected officer is required to file preelection statements. (Cal. Code Regs. tit. 2, § 18405.)

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to file the aforementioned campaign statement(s) by the specified deadlines. However, since you do not have an enforcement history and all outstanding statements have been filed, 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

¹ The Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. The regulations of the FPPC are contained in sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations.

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 any of these publications, or guidance regarding your filing obligations, please call the FPPC's Technical Assistance Division at (866) 275-3772 or visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Tracey Frazier at (916) 327-2019.

Sincerely,


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Gary S. Winuk
Chief, Enforcement Division

cc: San Diego ROV

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