



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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June 24, 2014

Russell Johnson for Assessor Recorder 2014
Russell Johnson, Candidate
Gladis Gonzalez, Treasurer
c/o William Baber
Attorney at Law

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RE: Warning Letter

FPPC Case No. 14/503: Russell Johnson for Assessor Recorder 2014; Russell Johnson, and Gladis Gonzalez, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Johnson and Ms. Gonzalez:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("Commission") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act") found in Government Code Section 81000, and following. This letter is to inform you that you failed to comply with the campaign reporting requirements of the Act when you failed to file a late contribution report within 24 hours.

The Act requires that a committee file a Late Contribution Report (LCR), Form 497, disclosing any contribution aggregating \$1,000 or more received during the "late reporting period," the 90 days prior to the election in which the candidate or measure is on the ballot. The LCR must be filed by the committee within 24 hours of making the contribution and filed at every location that the committee is required to file its regular campaign statements. (Sections 82036 and 84203.)

You received several contributions of \$1,000 or more during the 90 day late contribution period, and were required to file LCRs within 24 hours of receiving the contributions. Accordingly, your failure to file the LCRs was a violation of the Act. However, because you filed the LCRs as soon as you realized your error, the information was available prior to the election, and you do not have an enforcement history, 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 Commission 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, you may call the Commission's Technical Assistance Division at 1-866-275-3772 or visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Teri Rindahl at (916) 327-2018.

Sincerely,

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Gary S. Winuk, Chief
Enforcement Division

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