



## FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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June 28, 2012

Ms. Julie Sams  
Julie Sams for Supervisor 2012

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Re: Warning Letter

Re: FPPC No. 12/357; Julie Sams, and Julie Sams for Supervisor 2012

Dear Ms. Sams:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> found in Government Code Section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to a sworn complaint filed against you that alleged you and your committee failed to file a campaign disclosure statement in connection your supervisorial campaign.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that when you qualified as a committee on March 29, 2012, you and your committee failed to file a pre-election campaign statement for the period of January 1, 2012 through May 19, 2012 by the May 24, 2012 deadline.

On February 16, 2012, you filed an officeholder and candidate campaign statement-short form, Form 470, indicating that you did not anticipate receiving or spending \$1,000 or more in connection with the June 5, 2012 Sacramento County Board of Supervisor's election. On March 30, 2012, you filed the Form 470 Supplemental with the Sacramento County Voter Registrations and Elections indicating you did in fact raise and spend \$1,000 or more. However, you failed to file this form with the Secretary of State's Office, and you did not provide notice to each candidate seeking the same office. (Section 84206.) In addition, since you reached the \$1,000 threshold, you and your committee were required to file campaign statements at periodic intervals. (Sections 84200.5 and 84200.) Because you qualified before the ending date

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

covered by the 2<sup>nd</sup> pre-election statement (May 19, 2012), you should have filed a pre-election campaign statement by the May 24, 2012 deadline disclosing the contributions received and the expenditures made.

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to provide the proper notification once you reached the \$1,000 threshold, and you and your committee failed to file a pre-election statement by the specified deadline. You must immediately file this campaign statement with the Sacramento County Voter Registrations and Elections office. However, because you filed the Form 470 Supplemental with the local filing officer 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 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](http://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. Scott Thomas