



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

428 J Street • Suite 620 • Sacramento, CA 95814-2329
(916) 322-5660 • Fax (916) 322-0886

July 8, 2014

Leslie Lohse

REDACTED

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 14/129 Leslie Lohse

Dear Ms. Lohse:

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 in response to a referral from the Commission's Technical Assistance Division that alleged you failed to file both your Assuming Office and your Leaving Office Statements of Economic Interests. The Act requires that employees designated in their employer's conflict of interest code file Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700) when they assume office, annually thereafter, and within 30 days of leaving their position.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you failed to file either an Assuming Office or a Leaving Office Statement of Economic Interests with the State Athletic Commission. In a telephone conversation with a member of the Enforcement Division, you indicated that although you were appointed to the Athletic Commission, you never attended a meeting.

The Act provides that any person who resigns within 12 months of initial appointment is not deemed to have assumed office provided the person did not come into a decision making capacity. (Regulation 18730(b)(5.5)). Since more than 12 months elapsed between your appointment and your eventual resignation, you were required to file the Assuming Office Statement and then follow with a Leaving Office Statement when it became apparent that you

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.

would not serve on the Athletic Commission. Your failure to file the required statements is a violation of the Act. (Gov. Code § 87300.)

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.

You must immediately file your assuming office and leaving office statements with the State Athletic Commission. Although the Enforcement Division is not seeking a penalty in the current matter, you are still responsible for any late filing fees assessed by your filing officer. (Gov. Code § 91013.)

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.

Please feel free to contact Jeanette Turvill at (916) 322-8194 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

Gary S. Winuk, Chief
Enforcement Division

GSW/jt

cc: Technical Assistance Division