



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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July 28, 2014

Manu Patel
Manu Patel for Artesia City Council 2013

Re: Closure Letter
FPPC No. 13/1198; Manu Patel and Manu Patel for Artesia City Council 2013

Dear Mr. Patel:

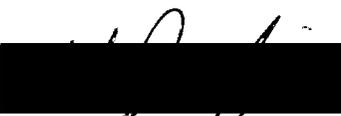
The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "Commission") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").¹ As you are aware, the Commission received a sworn complaint alleging that you and your committee, Manu Patel for Artesia City Council 2013, violated the Act's campaign reporting requirements by failing to report contributions your campaign for Artesia City Council in the November 5, 2013, election received in the form of free advertisements in the Gateway Guardian Newspaper.

The Enforcement Division of the Commission has completed its investigation into the allegations. We found that your committee paid fair market value for the advertisement supporting your campaign published by the Gateway Guardian Newspaper on October 17, 2013. Because your committee paid fair market value for the advertisement, the advertisement did not qualify as a contribution to your campaign, and your committee was not required to report it as such. (Section 82015, subd. (a).) As required, your committee reported the advertisement as an expenditure made.

Based on these findings, we have concluded that you and your committee did not violate the Act as alleged in the sworn complaint. Accordingly, we are closing this case with this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 916-327-6357.

Sincerely,


Milad Dalju
Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

cc: Brian Hews

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.