



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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July 28, 2014

Melinda Kimsey
Gateway Guardian Newspaper

Re: Closure Letter
FPPC No. 13/1198; Melinda Kimsey and Gateway Guardian Newspaper

Dear Ms. Kimsey:

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 were involved in violations of the Act’s campaign reporting requirements related to advertisements and news stories published in the Gateway Guardian Newspaper on October 17, 2013.

The Enforcement Division of the Commission has completed its investigation into the allegations. We found that the Gateway Guardian Newspaper received fair market value from each candidate that was featured in an advertisement in the Gateway Guardian Newspaper that was published on October 17, 2013. Because the newspaper received full and adequate consideration for each advertisement that supported a candidate, none of the advertisements qualified as a contribution to the candidate. (Section 82015, subd. (a).)

Based on these finding, we have concluded that you were not involved in any violations of 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.