



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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Ms. Renee Stadel  
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**RE: FPPC No. 15/809; Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils**

Dear Ms. Stadel:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act") found in Government Code Section 81000, and following. As you may be aware, the Commission opened an investigation into the filing duties of the Los Angeles Neighborhood Councils. We examined the role of the Neighborhood Councils and the decision by the City of Los Angeles to exempt members of these councils from filing Statements of Economic Interests generally, and specifically, whether a member of the Mid-City West Neighborhood Council had a conflict of interest. The Enforcement Division has decided to close the case without further action.

First, the Enforcement Division found that Los Angeles is permitted to exempt members of the neighborhood councils from filing obligations under Regulation 18751, although members are still subject to the conflict of interest prohibitions contained in Section 87100 et seq. Second, the Enforcement Division did not find that the neighborhood council member referenced in the complaint, violated the conflict of interest provisions of the Act when he commented on a project, in the same manner as any member of the general public, located across the street from his residence. (Regulation 18704.4(b).)

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Sincerely,



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