



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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August 17, 2015

✓ Mr. Greg Karraker
Committee for Measure U-Cotati



RE: **Warning Letter**
FPPC No. 14/868, Committee for Measure U-Cotati and Greg Karraker

Dear Mr. Karraker:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“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 Enforcement Division received a complaint against the Committee for Measure U-Cotati (“Committee”) concerning the receipt of cash contributions and disclosure language on campaign mailers.

The Enforcement Division has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, we found that on or about September 24, 2012, the Committee received two cash contributions, in the amount of \$350 each. The allegations involving the mailers concerned a local campaign ordinance, and were not within the purview of the Act.

The Act prohibits cash contributions of \$100 or more. (Section 84300.)

Your actions violated the Act because you received two cash contributions of \$350 each. Because you returned these contributions, reported this activity on a pre-election campaign statement prior to any contact by the Enforcement Division, and you have no prior violations of the Act, we are closing your case with this warning letter. 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.

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 Enforcement Division 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 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 Enforcement Division 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 Commission's website ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Zachary W. Norton
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Enforcement Division