



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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September 2, 2014

Ms. Lynn Compton
Lynn Compton for Supervisor 2014

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Ms. Jen Slater
Lynn Compton for Supervisor 2014

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 14/432; Lynn Compton for Supervisor 2014; Lynn Compton; Jen Slater, Treasurer, Respondents

Dear Ms. Compton and Ms. Slater:

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 sworn complaint filed against you that alleged you failed to report certain in-kind (non-monetary) contributions on your campaign statements.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you failed to report the value of the use of a vehicle and a trailer that were "auto-wrapped" with your committee's campaign advertising as an in-kind contribution on your campaign statements.

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.

The Act requires that committees must report, among other things, the value of any goods or services received by the committee at no charge or at a discount from the fair market value, unless the discount is given in the regular course of business to members of the public. (Section 82015; Regulation 18215(b)(3).)

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to report on your campaign statements the value of the use of a truck and a trailer from your business that contained political advertising supporting your election. However, since you immediately amended your campaign statements when contacted by this agency, we are closing our file on this matter.

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 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 me with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Gary S. Winuk.

Gary S. Winuk, Chief
Enforcement Division

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cc: Mr. Ed Eby