



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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September 4, 2012

Ms. Patty Fitzpatrick
Reich, Adell, Crost & Civitan

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 12/060; Santa Clarita Elementary Teachers Assn Political Action Committee; Patty Fitzpatrick. Respondent(s)

Dear Ms. Fitzpatrick:

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 referral from the Office of the Secretary of State that alleged you failed to file a semi-annual campaign disclosure statement, in paper format, by the July 31, 2011 deadline.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you and your committee failed to file the semi-annual campaign statement, in paper format, for the period January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011 until March 8, 2012. Additionally, it appears that on that paper filing, the committee reported receiving contributions in the amount of \$2,915 over and above that which it reported on the electronic statement for the same period of time.

The Act requires that candidates and their committees file campaign statements at periodic intervals. Additionally, the Act requires state general purpose committees file statements in both paper and electronic format. (Section 84605.)

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to file your semiannual campaign statement due July 31, 2011 in paper format. However, since you filed that statement and

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.

amended the electronic version prior to contact by the Enforcement Division, 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,

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Gary S. Winuk, Chief
Enforcement Division

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