



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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October 5, 2012

Mr. Stephen B. Barasch

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 12/649; Stephen B. Barasch; Respondent

Dear Mr. Barasch:

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 that alleged you failed to report real property interests or your community property interest in your spouse's income on your Candidate's Statement of Economic Interests ("SEI").

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you failed to report multiple interests in real property located in the City of San Luis Obispo or your spouse's income from Pearson Education – North America on your Candidate's SEI.

The Act provides that a candidate for public office must disclose all investments and real property held on the date of filing the declaration of candidacy and income received during the previous 12 month period. (Section 87201.) Income includes a community property interest in the income of your spouse. (Section 82030.)

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to report your interests on your Candidate's SEI. However, in response to our communication to you, you filed amendments to

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.

your statement and disclosed your real property interests and your spouse's income as requested. Since you immediately complied with our request, 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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cc: Mr. Mohammad Z. Iqbal