



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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✓ Mark E. Hood
The Committee to Elect Mark Hood Judge (1304980)

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC Case No. 100702; Mark Hood

Dear Mr. Hood:

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 an audit report referred to us by the Franchise Tax Board. The audit covered the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. A copy of the audit report is enclosed for your information.

The audit found that the committee failed to disclose some accrued expenses on two pre-election statements.

Section 82025 of the Act defines an expenditure as being made on the date payment is made or consideration is received, whichever is earlier. Section 84211 requires total expenditures to be reported in each campaign period. The failure to timely report the accrued expenses was a violation of the Act. The committee did, however, timely report other accrued expenses, and the dollar amount involved in the violation was not large. Therefore we have decided to close this case with a warning letter.

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.

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.

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 FPPC. 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 Program Specialist William Marland with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Chief Investigator
Enforcement Division

Enclosure