



FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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October 21, 2013

Nancy Pyle

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RE: Warning Letter
FPPC Case No. 13/812; Nancy Pyle

Dear Ms. Pyle:

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 Commission was investigating whether you were in violation of the gift limit provisions of the Act because of gift of tickets that you received in 2012. The Commission has decided to close this case with this warning letter.

In July 2013, the Enforcement Division of the Commission (“Enforcement”) received a referral from the Commission’s Technical Assistance Division regarding gifts reported on your 2012 Leaving Office Statement of Economic Interests (“SEI”). On that SEI, you reported receiving approximately \$500 in gifts from the United Food & Commercial Workers Local 5 PAC.

Section 89503, subdivision (a), of the Act states:

“No elected state officer, elected officer of a local government agency, or other individual specified in Section 87200 shall accept gifts from any single source in any calendar year with a total value of more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).”

The \$250 gift limit amount is adjusted biennially to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index pursuant to Section 89503, subdivision (f). For calendar year 2012, the applicable gift limit was \$420 from a single source in a calendar year. The gift that you received from the United Food & Commercial Workers Local 5 PAC was in excess of the \$420 gift limit.

Your acceptance of a gift over the limits is a violation of the Act. (Section 89503, subdivision (c).) Although you had a non-delegable duty to understand and abide by the provisions of the Act, we are not moving forward with this matter based on the specific facts of this case. These include the fact that you timely reported the gift, and once you received contact from the Enforcement Division, you paid down the difference and filed an amendment to reflect the amended value.

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 future conduct or newly discovered information. 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.

The Commission publishes forms and manuals to facilitate compliance with the provisions of the Act and provides guidance regarding filing obligations over the telephone and through written advice. Please call the Commission's Technical Assistance Division at 1-866-275-3772 or visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Gary Winuk, Chief
Enforcement Division

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