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Mark Littleton
Mark Littleton for Simi Valley City Council 2012

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Tania Eadie Rose, Treasurer
Mark Littleton for Simi Valley City Council 2012

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Advisory Letter Re: FPPC Case No. 13/952; Mark Littleton, Mark Littleton for Simi Valley City Council 2012, and Tania Eadie Rose, Treasurer

Dear Mr. Littleton and Ms. Rose:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").[1] In response to a referral we received regarding your terminated committee, Mark Littleton for Simi Valley City Council 2012, ("committee"), alleging that you and the committee have violated the campaign reporting provisions of the Act, we write this letter to address the matter.

The referral from the City of Simi Valley asserts that you must terminate with a zero balance as the statement's ending cash balance whereas your campaign statement shows an outstanding debt of $2,632.35. To terminate a committee, a recipient committee such as your campaign committee must complete the termination section on the Form 410 (Statement of Organization) declaring, under penalty of perjury, that the committee "has eliminated or *has declared that it has no intention or ability to discharge all of its debts*, loans received and other obligations."(Regulation 18404(b).) You have completed the Form 410's termination section and so the assumption is that the debts will remain unpaid.

[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 18109 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.

However, please note another requirement for terminating a recipient committee is that the committee has filed all required campaign statements *disclosing all reportable transactions*. (Regulation 18404(b).) The $80 disclosed as the committee's beginning cash balance on the terminating Form 460 should have been also disclosed on one of the Form 460 schedules showing its disposition, perhaps to pay some of the debt. (Section 84211(i).)

We are closing the case with this advisory letter. If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (916) 322-5660. If you have any questions about how to accurately complete the campaign forms required by the Act, please contact our Technical Assistance Division at 866-ASK-FPPC or at the website www.fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Adrianne Korchmaros
Enforcement Division

cc: Ky Spangler, Assistant City Clerk for City of Simi Valley