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Committee for New Leadership Vote Martin, Medina, Calderon City Council 2009

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 12/423, Sergio Calderon, Thomas Martin, Ramon Medina, Committee for New Leadership Vote Martin, Medina, Calderon City Council 2009

Dear Messrs. Calderon, Martin, and Medina:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("Commission") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act ("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, 2009, through December 9, 2009. The audit found that Committee for New Leadership Vote Martin, Medina, Calderon City Council 2009 ("Respondent Committee") did not maintain adequate records for contributions received and expenditures made.

Section 84104 of the Act requires that each candidate and treasurer maintain detailed records to establish that campaign statements were properly filed. Regulation 18401 details the specific required records for both contributions and expenditures. Your failure to properly maintain records is a violation of the Act. However, we have decided to close this case with a warning letter, rather than a fine, because you cooperated with our investigation, you do not have

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 history of violating the recordkeeping provision of the Act, and we did not find any further violations of the Act during the period that we investigated.

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 a Commission 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 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 Commission 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 Commission's website ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

Please feel free to me at 916.327.6357 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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