



## FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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July 8, 2009

Ms. Steff Padilla

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**Re: Advisory Letter**

**FPPC No. 090433; Steff Padilla and Alan H. Friedenthal**

Dear Ms. Padilla:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (“Commission”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”)<sup>1</sup> found in Government Code section 81000, and following. The Enforcement Division received a complaint against you alleging that you violated the statement of economic interests reporting (SEI) provisions of the Act when you failed to report interests in real property and sources of income on your statements of economic interests, Form 700. After review of the complaint, we have decided to close this case with an advisory letter.

The Act requires public officials to disclose their ownership interest in real property located in their jurisdiction which is owned directly, indirectly or beneficially by the public official, or his or her immediate family, if the fair market value of the interest is \$2,000 or more and the property is not used exclusively as their personal residence. (Section 87206.) The complainant alleged that your husband disclosed an interest in property located at 4614 Vesper Avenue, Sherman Oaks, on his 2006 Annual SEI. If this property is not used exclusively as your personal residence, this property should also have been reported on your SEI.

If the Vesper property is required to be disclosed, you must amend your 2006 SEI and any other subsequent SEIs to disclose this information.

Additionally it is alleged that you reported receiving income from Five Acres, in the form of foster payments, which was reported on your 2006 SEI, but you failed to disclose this income on your 2007 and 2008 SEIs. The Act requires public officials to report income of \$500 or more, unless an exception applies. (Section 82030 subds., (a) and (b), and Section 87207.)

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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If you have received income of \$500 or more from Five Acres during 2007 and 2008, as a foster parent, and this income is of the type required to be disclosed, then you were required to disclose this income on your 2007 and 2008 SEIs, and you must amend your SEIs to disclose reflect this information.

Another allegation stated in the complaint is your spouse's failure to disclose income received from mediation services. As stated above, income received of \$500 or more is required to be disclosed, including your pro-rata share of your spouse's income. (Section 82030.) If your spouse received income from mediation services, in which your pro-rata share of the income was \$500 or more, and it is from the type of income required to be disclosed, then you must amend your SEI to reflect this income.

If amendment(s) are needed, please provide me with a file-stamped copy of the amendment(s) no later than July 31, 2009, or you may face further enforcement actions.

Please note that a failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in the future may result in an enforcement action against you, including monetary penalties of up to \$5,000 for each violation.

If you need guidance regarding your obligations, please call the Commission's Toll-Free Advice Line at 1-866-275-3772. Please also visit our website at [www.fppc.ca.gov](http://www.fppc.ca.gov).

If you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact me at (916) 327-2018.

Sincerely, 

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