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Ronald S. Calderon
Ron Calderon for Assembly 2004
✓ Friends of Ron Calderon for Assembly
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Yolanda Miranda, Treasurer
Ron Calderon for Assembly 2004
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RE: FPPC No. 04/068; Ronald Calderon et al.

Dear Mr. Calderon and Ms. Miranda:

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 opened a case regarding allegations that you violated the personal use provisions of the Act. These allegations include whether, while you were a member of the California State Assembly for District 58 and seeking re-election, campaign funds of three of your campaign committees during 2003 and 2004 were impermissibly used for personal purposes as described in Section 89510, and following. The three campaign committees are: Ron Calderon for Assembly 2004, Friends of Ron Calderon for Assembly, and Ronald S. Calderon for Assembly. Ms. Miranda was the treasurer for these committees at all relevant times. The Commission has decided to close this case without further action.

The Act provides that expenditures to seek office must be reasonably related to a political purpose; expenditures associated with holding office must be *reasonably* related to a legislative or governmental purpose; and expenditures that confer a substantial personal benefit must be *directly* related to a political, legislative or governmental purpose. (See Section 89512.) Based on our review of the campaign statements and supporting documents provided by Ms. Miranda,

and the information obtained through our limited investigation, nothing facially indicates that the expenditures were made for anything other than a political, legislative or governmental purpose as required. Although we have decided not to pursue an enforcement action in this case, you are advised that your failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in the future could result in an enforcement action.

You should also note that Regulation 18421.7, which became effective July 1, 2008, requires detailed reporting of expenditures for gifts, meals and travel. The Commission publishes forms and manuals to facilitate compliance with the provisions of the Act, so if you need forms or manuals, or guidance regarding your obligations, please call the Commission's Technical Assistance Division at 1-866-275-3772. Please also visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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