FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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December 28, 2010

Ms. Cinthia Lozano
Friends to Elect Richard Castillo
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Re: **Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 10/768; Friends to Elect Richard Castillo; Cinthia Lozano; Treasurer**

Dear Ms. Lozano:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act ("Act"),[1] found in Government Code section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to a non-filer referral submitted by your filing officer that alleged you failed to file terminating campaign disclosure statement and a terminating statement of organization on behalf of the Friends to Elect Richard Castillo.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that after the passing of Richard Castillo, the committee filed a campaign statement reporting a zero balance in its account, but the committee failed to terminate its continued filing obligations.

The Act requires that candidates and their committees file campaign statements at periodic intervals and continue to do so until such time as the committee is terminated. (Section 84214; Regulation 18404(d)(1).)

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to terminate the committee by filing a Statement of Organization (Form 410) with the Office of the Secretary of State, with a copy to the City of Riverside and failed to amend the final statement filed with the City of Riverside as requested by the City Clerk as a terminating campaign statement.

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

[1] The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 92014. 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.

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 an FPPC 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 Fair Political Practices 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 FPPC 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 FPPC's website ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

Although the FPPC is not seeking a penalty in the current matter, you are still responsible for any late filing fees assessed by your filing officer. (Gov. Code § 91013.)

The FPPC publishes forms and manuals to facilitate compliance with the provisions of the Act. If you need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding your obligations, please call the FPPC's Technical Assistance Division at 1-866-275-3772. Please also visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Please feel free to contact Jeanette Turvill at (916) 322-8194 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Gary S. Winuk
Chief, Enforcement Division

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