FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Steven S. Lucas, Partner
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Re: FPPC No. 080349; Sharon Wright

Dear Mr. Lucas:

The Fair Political Practices Commission has completed its investigation into the allegation that your client, Sharon Wright, made, participated in making, or attempted to use her official position to influence a governmental decision in which she knew or has reason to know she has a disqualifying conflict of interest. The alleged conflict of interest was in regard to stock in Northern Empire Bankshare ("NEB"). It was further alleged that she concealed her ownership of this reportable economic interest in the stock from 2003 through 2004 by publicly stating that she had sold the interest and then subsequently failing to disclose it on her Statements of Economic Interest ("SEI").

Our investigation did not discover evidence to support the allegation that Ms. Wright owned or attempted to conceal any ownership interest in the stock during the period in question or acted where she had a disqualifying conflict of interest because of this stock. Therefore, we are closing this case without action.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 916-327-2019.

Sincerely,

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Ty D. Moore
Enforcement Division