FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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February 8, 2011

Ms. Samantha Allen-Newman
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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 10/781; Samantha Allen-Newman, Respondent

Dear Ms. Allen-Newman:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act ("Act"), found in Government Code Section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to a referral from the Secretary of State that alleged you failed to file a Major Donor Campaign Statement.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that on March 2, 2009 you made a contribution to the Republican Central Committee of Los Angeles County, but failed to file a Major Donor Statement in connection with that contribution by the July 31, 2009 deadline.

Section 82013 of the Act defines a committee to include any person or combination of persons who directly or indirectly makes contributions totaling ten thousand dollars ($10,000) or more in a calendar year to or at the behest of candidates or committees. Section 84200 requires persons who qualify as a major donor file campaign statements on a semi-annual basis disclosing the contributions made during a six-month period.

Your actions violated the Act because you made contributions totaling $30,000 to the Republican Central Committee of Los Angeles County in March of 2009, but failed to file a semi-annual campaign statement. However, since you filed that statement immediately after contact by the Enforcement Division, we are closing our file on this matter.

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.

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[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 18109 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 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.

Please feel free to contact Teri Rindahl at 916-327-2018 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Gary S. Winuk, Chief
Enforcement Division

cc: Mr. Chris Reynolds, Acting Chief, Political Reform Division, Secretary of State's Office

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