FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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March 21, 2011

Mayor Fred Smith
City of Buena Park
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Re: FPPC Case No. 11/189; Fred Smith

Dear Mr. Smith:

On March 10, 2011, in a proactive investigation, the Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission sent a letter to you inquiring about how your trip to China, taken from November 10, 2010, was funded.

In response to our letter, we have now received your explanation of what occurred; specifically, that the payment for travel was made from campaign funds and personal funds. Regarding the use of campaign funds for this purpose, the payment in question comports with the exception in Government Code Section 89513 (a)(1)-(a)(4) that allows an elected officer to use campaign funds to travel when the expenditures are directly related to a political, legislative, or governmental purpose. In your case, the travel regarded the EB-5 visa for Immigrant Investors and the purpose was to encourage foreign nationals to invest money in your city.

Based on your explanation, we are closing this case with no further action. If you have any questions, you may contact me at (916) 322-8241.

Sincerely,

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Enforcement Division