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May 5, 2011

Mr. Robert Bogert
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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 10/783; Rboert Bogert

Dear Mr. Bogert:

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 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 April 28, 2009 you made a contribution to the Meg Whitman for Governor 2010 Exploratory Committee, but failed to file a major donor statement in connection with that contribution by the July 31, 2009 deadline.

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

Your actions violated the Act because you made a $10,000 contribution to Meg Whitman for Governor 2010 Exploratory Committee in April of 2009, but failed to file a semi-annual campaign statement. You must immediately file this campaign statement with the Secretary of State.

[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.

Because you do not have an enforcement history and the contribution was reported by the Meg Whitman for Governor 2010 Exploratory Committee, we are closing our file on this matter with a warning letter.

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.

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

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