FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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June 16, 2010

Mr. Peter L. Thottam
✓Thottam for Assembly 2010
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Advisory Letter Re: FPPC File No. 10/501; Thottam for Assembly 2010; Peter Thottam

Dear Mr. Thottam:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("Commission") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act") found in Government Code Section 81000, and following. The Act requires candidates and committee be properly identified on mass mailings sent by the candidate or committee.

The Act requires a candidate or committee that sends out a mass mailer be identified by the name of the candidate and committee, the committee's street address and city in no less than 6 point type in a color or print that contrasts with the background. (Section 84305.)

The complainant in this matter alleged that you failed to properly identify your committee when you sent out a mass mailing in connection with the June 2010 primary election. We reviewed the mailer and while it contains name of the candidate and committee, as well as other information not required by law, such as your telephone number and committee's email address, the sender identification failed to include the street address and city of the committee. Since the recipient of the mailer could easily determine that you were the sender of the mailer, we are closing this matter with an advisory letter.

If in the future you send a mass mailing, be sure to include all of the information required by Section 84305 to identify yourself as the sender. The Commission publishes forms and manuals to facilitate compliance with the Act. If you need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding your obligations, please call the FPPC's Technical Assistance Division at (916) 322-5660, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please also visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (916) 322-8194.

Sincerely,

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cc. Mr. Fred Huebscher