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June 21, 2011

Thomas Jefferson Cares
Cares for Assembly 2009
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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 11/123; Thomas Cares, Cares for Assembly 2009

Dear Mr. Cares:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act"),[1] found in Government Code section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to a referral from the California Secretary of State that alleged that you and your committee, Cares for Assembly 2009, failed to file your Semiannual Campaign Disclosure Statement.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you have failed to file the required Semiannual Campaign Disclosure Statement for the period covering January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010.

The Act requires that candidates and committees must periodically file campaign statements. Specifically, Section 84200, subsection (a), provides that elected officers, candidates, and committees must file semiannual campaign disclosure statements. You are obligated to continue filing statements until you officially terminate your committee. If your committee is no longer active, you may want to terminate your committee at this time as well.

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to file your Semiannual Campaign Disclosure Statement for the period covering January 1, 2010 through June 30, 2010 by the required date of August 2, 2010. You must immediately file this campaign statement with the California Secretary of State. However, we are closing this matter with a warning letter because

[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.

you do not have a prior history of violating the Act, your committee previously showed minimal activity, and you are not in office.

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.

If you have further questions regarding this matter, please contact Dayna Bryant at (916) 322-8222.

Sincerely,

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Gary S. Winuk
Chief, Enforcement Division

cc: Chris Reynolds, Acting Chief
Political Reform Division
California Secretary of State

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