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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 10/359; Friends of Hannah Beth Jackson, Hannah Beth Jackson, and Mary Ellen Padilla

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").[1] This letter is in response to a referral from the California Secretary of State that alleged that candidate Hannah Beth Jackson ("Ms. Jackson") and her committee, Friends of Hannah Beth Jackson (the "Committee"), failed to file a required Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Statement.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that Ms. Jackson and the Committee failed to file the Pre-Election Campaign Disclosure Statement for the period covering October 19, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

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. Additionally, Section 84200.5 requires that elected officers, candidates, and committees file pre-election statements during even-numbered years. These obligations to file statements continue until the committee is officially terminated.

The Committee's and Ms. Jackson's actions violated the Act because they failed to file the required Campaign Disclosure Statement. However, since Ms. Jackson lost the election and

[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 18110 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.

the Committee filed Termination Statements on June 23 and 24, 2011 to reflect a zero balance as of 2004, we are closing this matter with this warning letter.

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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cc: Gloria Gilmore
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