FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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July 21, 2011

Honorable Henry Ramsey
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Re: Warning Letter
FPPC No. 10/623; Retired Judge Henry Ramsey

Dear Judge Ramsey:

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 non-filer referral from your filing officer that alleged you violated the Act's disclosure provisions regarding filing the Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700 ("SEI").

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. The FPPC found that you violated the Act's disclosure provisions when, as a retired judge, you failed to properly file your 2009 Annual SEI.

The Act requires that persons identified in section 87200 file an SEI when they assume office, annually thereafter and within 30 days of leaving their position. Specifically, regulation 18724(b) requires judges who serve on assignment pursuant to Article VI, section 6 of the California Constitution shall file annual SEIs pursuant to section 87200 for each calendar year in which they serve 30 days or more. In 2009, you served 30 days or more.

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to file your 2009 Annual SEI by the March 1, 2010 deadline. However, since you filed your statement immediately after our contact, you paid the late filing fee, you are no longer serving as a retired judge and you have filed a Leaving Office SEI, we are closing your case with this warning letter. The information in this matter will be retained and may be considered should an enforcement action become necessary based on future conduct or newly discovered information. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in the future may result in an enforcement action against you, including monetary penalties of up to $5,000 for each violation.

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[1] The Political Reform Act is contained is 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.

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 with 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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Chief, Enforcement Division

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cc: Technical Assistance Division