FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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November 17, 2010

Mr. John Ramirez
Friends to Elect John Ramirez
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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 10/089; John Ramirez; Friends to Elect John Ramirez

Dear Mr. Ramirez:

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 your local filing officer that alleged you have failed to file your committee's semiannual campaign disclosure statements since the first half of 2007.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you failed to file your semiannual campaign disclosure statement by the July 31, 2007 deadline, and subsequently twice a year thereafter.

The Act requires that candidates and their committees file campaign statements at periodic intervals. Specifically the Act provides that elected officers, candidates, and committees shall file semiannual statements. (Section 84200.)

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to file the semiannual campaign statements by the specified deadlines. You must immediately file these campaign statements with the County of San Diego Registrar of Voters and continue filing them until you officially terminate your committee.

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.

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[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.

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 your committee is no longer active, you may want to terminate your committee at this time as well. Failure to do so is a violation of the Act. Please be advised that after every filing deadline, your local filing officer will refer all non-filers to the Enforcement Division. Any future failure to file your campaign statements will automatically be brought to our attention.

Although the FPPC is not seeking a penalty in the current matter, you are still responsible for any late filing fees assessed by your filing officer. (Section 91013.)

The FPPC publishes forms and manuals to facilitate compliance with the provisions of the Act. If you need forms or a manual, or guidance regarding your obligations, feel free to call the FPPC's Technical Assistance Division at (866) 275-3772 or visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Adrianne Korchmaros at (916) 322-8241.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Enforcement Division

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cc: David L. Morton, County of San Diego Registrar of Voters