FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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November 29, 2010

Ms. Claire Morton
Redacted

Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 09/918, Claire Morton

Dear Ms. Morton:

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 filing officer that alleged you failed to file your Assuming Office and 2009 Annual Statements of Economic Interests. The Act requires that all agencies adopt a Conflict of Interest Code, designating the employees who must file Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700) each year disclosing investments, interests in real property, and income held or received during the previous year. The Siskiyou County Conflict of Interest Code designates grand jury members as individuals who must file Statements of Economic Interests.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you failed to file your Assuming Office and 2009 Annual Statements of Economic Interests by their respective deadlines regarding your position as a member of the Siskiyou County Grand Jury. Given that you have no prior history of violating the Act and did file your Leaving Office Statement of Economic Interests, we have decided to close this case with a warning letter.

Your failure to timely file the required statements is a violation of the Act. (Section 87300.) 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.

Although the Enforcement Division 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.)

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.

Please feel free to contact Amanda Allen at (916) 322-8218 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Gary S. Winuk, Chief
Enforcement Division

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cc: Ms. Colleen Setzer, Siskiyou County Clerk