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August 24, 2009

Donna Schalansky

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RE: Advisory Letter
FPPC No. 06/458; Donna Schalansky

Dear Ms. Schalansky:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("Commission") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act") found in Government Code Section 81000, and following. As you may be aware, the Commission opened a case regarding allegations that you violated the personal use provisions of the Act. These allegations include whether, while you were the Chairman of the Sacramento County Republican Party, campaign funds of the Sacramento County Republican Party were impermissibly used for personal purposes as described in Section 89510, and following. The Commission has decided to close this case with this advisory letter.

The Act provides that expenditures to seek office must be reasonably related to a political purpose; expenditures associated with holding office must be *reasonably* related to a legislative or governmental purpose; and expenditures that confer a substantial personal benefit must be *directly* related to a political, legislative or governmental purpose. (See Section 89512.) Based on our review of the campaign statements and supporting documents provided by you and the Sacramento County Republican Party, as well as the information obtained through our limited investigation, nothing facially indicates that the expenditures were made for anything other than a political, legislative or governmental purpose as required. Although we have decided not to pursue an enforcement action in this case, you are advised that your failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in the future could result in an enforcement action.

The Commission publishes forms and manuals to facilitate compliance with the provisions of the Act, so if you need forms or manuals, or guidance regarding your obligations, please call the Commission's Technical Assistance Division at 1-866-275-3772. Please also visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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