FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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August 31, 2009

Mr. Joel Butler
Yolo County Assessor

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Re: FPPC No. 060161; Joel Butler

Dear Mr. Butler:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act"),[1] found in Government Code section 81000, et seq. As you may be aware, the FPPC had received a complaint against you alleging you violated the Act.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the complaint filed against you in the above-referenced matter. The complaint alleged that you used your position in the Assessor's office to undervalue your property, and then reviewed and approved this undervalued assessment. If true, this potentially was a violation of the Political Reform Act's conflict of interest provisions.

Our investigation has determined that there is insufficient evidence to determine that you committed a violation of the Act. As a result, we are closing this case without taking any further action.

The FPPC publishes forms and manuals and maintains a Technical Assistance Division to facilitate compliance with the requirements of the Act. If you need forms or manuals, or have questions regarding any of your obligations, please call the Technical Assistance Division at 916-322-5660, Monday through Thursday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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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 18109 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.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 916-322-5660.

Sincerely,

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Gary S. Winuk
Chief, Enforcement Division

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