

## FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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February 24, 2014

Robert W. MacKenzie, Responsible Officer North Valley Holistic Health

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC Case No. 14/118; North Valley Holistic Health and Robert W. MacKenzie, Responsible Officer

Dear Mr. MacKenzie:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act ("Act"), found in Government Code section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to a sworn complaint, which was forwarded to you previously.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that North Valley Holistic Health failed to disclose specific information about its nature and interests as a major donor on the two Forms 461 filed February 24, 2012, covering the period January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011.

The Act requires major donors to file campaign statements disclosing contributions at regular periods. (Sections 82013, 84200, and 84200.5.) On these campaign statements, the major donor is required to disclose sufficient information identifying the major donor's nature and interests including, when the major donor is a business entity, a description of its business activity. Your actions violated the Act because, although you checked the box identifying North Valley Holistic Health as a business entity, you failed to describe the business activity in which it is engaged. However, because North Valley Holistic Health has no prior violations of the Act, we are closing this case with this warning letter. The information in this matter will be retained and may be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

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.

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.

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, please call the FPPC's Technical Assistance Division at 1-866-275-3772 or visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Please feel free to contact Adrianne Korchmaros at (916) 322-8241 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

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Chief, Enforcement Division

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