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o/b/o Barbara Bry
Sent via email only: rrios@olsonremcho.com

Re: No Action Closure Letter FPPC No. 2023-00348; Barbara Bry

Dear Richard Rios:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (“Commission”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ This letter is in response to a complaint the Enforcement Division received alleging that your client, Barbara Bry (“Bry”), violated the conflict-of-interest and financial disclosure (Statement of Economic Interest – Form 700) provisions of the Act by participating in governmental decisions as a councilmember with the City of San Diego, while having financial interests in various business entities owned by a spouse and failing to properly disclose those interests. After conducting our investigation, we are closing this case without taking any enforcement action because the evidence does not rise to the level required to substantiate a finding of a violation of the conflict-of-interest laws.

Specifically, the Enforcement Division found that Bry did not have a material financial interest in Deckard Technologies, Blackbird Ventures, and Blackbird Special Projects because they are the separate property of Bry’s spouse, and Bry did not derive any financial benefit from the business entities. Additionally, Bry’s participation in governmental decisions did not have a material financial effect on the spouse’s business interest in these entities. Therefore, when Bry voted in July and October of 2018 while a councilmember for the City of San Diego, regarding the short-term rental ordinance, there was no material financial interest which would have led to a conflict-of-interest on either Bry or Bry’s spouse.

Additionally, the relevant Statements of Economic Interest filed by Bry were amended to reflect the business interests as belonging solely to Bry’s husband.

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014, and all statutory references are to this code. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18104 through 18998 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, and all regulatory references are to this source.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (916) 322-7771 or aberjikly@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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