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FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Sent via Email

Thomas Butt
[REDACTED]

Gayle McLaughlin
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RE: **No Action Closure Letter**
FPPC Case No. 2018/00056; In the Matter of Thomas Butt and Gayle McLaughlin

Dear Thomas Butt and Gayle McLaughlin:

As you may know, the Enforcement Division of the California Fair Political Practices Commission (“Commission”) enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”).¹ This letter is in response to our investigation concerning a sworn complaint in connection with the above referenced case, alleging Thomas Butt, in your capacity as the Mayor of Richmond, and Gayle McLaughlin, in your capacity as a Richmond City Council Member, violated the conflict of interest provisions of the Act. The Enforcement Division is closing its file on this matter with this No Action Closure Letter as there is insufficient evidence to support a finding that you violated the Act.

During the course of this matter, a civil case was filed, addressing your potential violations of the Act as well as other matters. This civil case was ultimately settled, with ongoing amendments to the settlement. The Enforcement Division is closing our case in this matter based on the resolution of the civil matter and insufficient evidence to establish a conflict of interest violation occurred.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (916) 324-8787 or bcastillo@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Bridgette Castillo

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Senior Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

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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 18109 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations.