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FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Via email: [REDACTED]

**No Action Closure Letter re: FPPC No. 2024-00889; Campaign to Protect San Benito;
Maureen Nelson; Brigitte Bauman Thorp; Joseph Howard; Peter Munoz-Cowan**

Dear Respondents:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").¹ This letter is in response to a commission-initiated investigation regarding potential violations of the campaign reporting provisions and advertisement disclaimer provisions of the Act. After our investigation and review of the case, the Enforcement Division has found that you did not qualify as a committee. Thus, the allegations have been disproven, and we are closing this matter without further action.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (279) 237-5974 or lcolumbel@fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Laura Columbel

Laura Columbel
Commission Counsel
Enforcement Division

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.