



County of Ventura

Campaign Finance Ethics Commission

Commissioners:
Honorable William L. Peck,
Chair
Cathy Elliott Jones
Margaret R. Peterson
Georgianna Regnier
Jane Tolmach

Date: September 13, 2006

Agenda Item #6 – Notice of No Probable Cause Finding, Case No. 2006-07 (Republicans for Ethical Government)

Recommendation:

1. Adopt and accept finding of no probable cause on Case No. 2006-7(Parks)

Discussion

On June 5, 2006, a complaint was filed with the Clerk of the Commission alleging violation of the Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance by the Republicans for Ethical Government campaign committee. A Reviewing Commissioner made a determination of "No Probable Cause" on June 14, 2006. Notification of this finding was provided to the complainant and respondent by the Clerk on August 9, 2006 and is attached for the Commission's information.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Del Tompkins".

Del Tompkins
Staff to Commission

Attachment

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**VENTURA COUNTY
CAMPAIGN FINANCE ETHICS COMMISSION**

**NOTIFICATION TO COMPLAINANT OF FINDING OF NO PROBABLE CAUSE
COMPLAINT NO. 2006-07**

As the Complainant in the filing of a Complaint with the Clerk of the Board of the County of Ventura on June 5, 2006, alleging violation of the Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance, you are hereby notified of the finding of "No Probable Cause."

Complainant: **County of Ventura Elections Division**

Respondent: **Republican for Ethical Government**

Complaint:

Election Cycle: **2006 Primary**

Elective Office/Race: **Supervisorial District 4**

Alleged Violation(s): **Committee ran an ad against Judy Mikels on May 5, 2006 and has only filed their Statement of Organization; Committee has failed to file activity Report 2nd Pre-Election Report due May 25, 2006.**

Probable Cause Determination:

Complainant is hereby notified that the Reviewing Commissioner **Jane M. Tolmach** made a determination of "No Probable Cause" on **June 14, 2006**.

The Hon. William Peck
Chair, Ventura County Campaign Finance Ethics Commission
800 South Victoria Ave. # 1940
Ventura, CA 93009

656 Douglas Avenue
Oxnard, CA 93030
June 13, 2006

Re; County Elections Division Complaint #2006-07 against Republican for Ethical Government and Dee Dee Cavanaugh for violation of Ordinance No. 4280.

Dear Judge Peck,

I have reviewed the above complaint for a determination of probable cause and have concluded that the Republican for Ethical Government did not violate Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance No.4280 (Amended to become No.4322)

The semi-annual report due 5/25/06 is part of the State Fair Political Practices Commission. I can find nothing in our Ventura County Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance 4322 that gives this Commission authority over that state violation at this time.

It is my opinion that there exists no probabe cause at this time for the Commission to investigate this complaint.

Sincerely yours,


Jane M. Tolmach

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY
CLERK AND RECORDER:**

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PHILIP J. SCHMIT
COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

May 30, 2006

Dee Dee Cavanaugh, Treasurer
Republican for Ethical Government
3552 Sweetwood Street
Simi Valley, CA 93065

CERTIFIED
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE: Outstanding 2006 2nd Pre-Election Report

Dear Ms. Cavanaugh:

Upon review of our records, a copy of your 2nd Pre-election campaign disclosure statement (Form 460) for 1/1/06 through 5/20/06 was not found. This report was due to our office on May 25, 2006. If this statement was previously filed, please forward a copy to our office as soon as possible. If no statement was filed, please complete the enclosed Form 460 and file it with our office at this time. The filing deadlines for campaign disclosure statements and reports are set out in Government Code Sections 84200-84206 and the Addendum to the "Information Manuals on Campaign Provisions of the Political Reform Act." There are no provisions in the Political Reform Act for extension of filing deadlines.

Government Code Section 91013 provides that any person who files a statement after its deadline shall be liable in the amount of \$10 per day, up to a maximum of \$100. Law prohibits the county from waiving any portion of the liability if the statement is not filed after you receive specific written notice of the filing requirements.

Please file your statement no later than 10 days of the date of this letter and include an explanation for your late filing. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office at (805) 654-2664.

Sincerely,

PHILIP J. SCHMIT, County Clerk & Recorder


Virginia Bloom
Deputy County Clerk

Enclosure
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