

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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Denis France Civil Grand Jury Foreman Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury PO Box 3387 Modesto, CA 95353

RE: Complaint Process

Dear Mr. France:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act") found in Government Code section 81000, and following. The FPPC has received your request for a response regarding a report issued by the Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury. We are returning it with information regarding the complaint process.

The FPPC provides telephone and written advice only to persons and organizations that have duties under, or are regulated by, the Act, and does not provide "third party" advice. If you believe that someone has violated the Act and you wish to report it, you can file a sworn complaint with the Enforcement Division. (Section 83115.)

A sworn complaint form and relevant instructions are enclosed. Please be specific regarding the particular violation(s), the date(s) it (they) occurred, and the basis of your personal knowledge. If you do not want your name disclosed in connection with your complaint under any circumstances, you may call 800-561-1861 on Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and make the complaint anonymously. The FPPC staff will evaluate your claims and has the authority to pursue a complaint on its own initiative. Additional information concerning our complaint process is on our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

For your convenience, enclosed is the Can I vote? A Basic Overview Of Public Officials' Obligations Under the Political Reform Act's Conflict-of-Interest Rules to assist you with the FPPC's conflict guidelines.

Sincerely,

Teri Rindahl

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Enforcement Division

Enclosures