FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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April 19, 2012

Mr. Maurice Lyons

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Warning Letter Re: FPPC No. 11/157; Maurice Lyons

Dear Mr. Lyons:

The Fair Political Practices Commission (the "FPPC") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act"),[1] found in Government Code section 81000, et seq. This letter is in response to a complaint filed against you that alleged you failed to disclose income on your Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700. We are closing this matter with a warning letter.

The FPPC has completed its investigation of the facts in this case. Specifically, the FPPC found that you failed to disclose income you received as a tribal vice chairman of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians on your 2008 Annual Statement of Economic Interests for your position with the Riverside County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefits Committee Member.

The Act provides that each agency adopt a conflict-of-interest code enumerating the positions within the agency that make or participate in the making of governmental decisions. (Section 87300.) Your position as a Riverside County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefits Committee Member is designated in Riverside County's Conflict-of-Interest Code. As a designated employee, you are required to disclose income you received from your position as tribal chairman.

Your actions violated the Act because you failed to disclose this income as required by Section 87300. However, because you no longer represent the Morongo Band of Mission Indians on the Riverside County Indian Gaming Local Community Benefits Committee Member, and the fact you do not have an enforcement history, we are closing this matter with a warning letter.

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[1] The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

This letter serves as a written warning. The information in this matter will be retained and may be considered should an enforcement action become necessary based on newly discovered information or future conduct. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in the future will result in monetary penalties of up to $5,000 for each violation.

A warning letter is an FPPC case resolution without administrative prosecution or fine. However, the warning letter resolution does not provide you with the opportunity for a probable cause hearing or hearing before an Administrative Law Judge or the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you wish to avail yourself of these proceedings by requesting that your case proceed with prosecution rather than a warning, please notify us within ten (10) days from the date of this letter. Upon this notification, the FPPC will rescind this warning letter and proceed with administrative prosecution of this case. If we do not receive such notification, this warning letter will be posted on the FPPC's website ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

Please feel free to contact Teri Rindahl at 916.327.2018 with any questions you may have regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

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Gary S. Winuk
Chief, Enforcement Division

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