
STIP 17-287 Committee for College of the Canyons-Robert McCarty

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Dear members of the FPPC Commission,

My name is Stephen Petzold, the complainant against the aforementioned Committee. At your last meeting in June, you approved stipulation 17-287.

I was not notified by staff that a stipulation had been reached and was approved until a week after your meeting. An acknowledgement of the mistake and apology has been made, but the fact does not change. I should have had the chance to review the stipulation and make public comment before your vote to approve.

I am very disappointed in the Enforcement Division for their investigation and report to you.

The stipulation seems to indicate that one banner failed to include major donor information . That is not true. All of the mailers, signs and banners and web site were not in compliance with the disclosure requirements for advertising in the FPPC manual. In general , the disclosures were not placed correctly , not on a white background, not located at the bottom. FPPC Campaign manual five , chapter 3.14.

Numerous examples of signs, mailers, internet ads were sent to the FPPC office and were supposedly added to the original complaint.

There is not reference to the disposition of these complaints in the stipulation.

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If you have requirements for adverting disclosure you should enforce them and apply appropriate fines and penalties.

I was never contacted during the investigation, the public trusts your Enforcement Division to do their job and give you full disclosure in the stipulation.

The College of the Canyons Foundation is portrayed as the only major donor to the Committee and this may be technically true. However consider these suspicious circumstances.

Lundgren Management was awarded a large contract for the Science Center of the College on March 23, 2016. Their contract was dependent on the passage of Measure E.

This is their contribution record.

March 25, 2016. \$25,000

April 29, 2016. \$24,950

Contributions \$49,950 before election \$50.00 short of the Major Donor Requirements

After the June 7, 2016 election Lundgren made two donations.

June 16, 2020 \$30,000

July 15, 2020. \$30,000

Total contributions \$109,950

Why would anyone make such large donations after the result of the election is known.

This suspicious circumstance of skirting the disclosure requirement should have been considered as an aggravating circumstance. It speaks to the sophistication of the campaign that the timing of the donations . At the least, it was worthy of mention in the report for the commissions consideration.

Robert McCarty may have been a first time Treasurer, but I doubt if he was negligent. McCarty is a partner in a CPA firm and should have become familiar with FPPC regulations.

The truth is that McCarthy was a member of the Foundation which was the major donor.

The funds to the Committee came in the form of a grant that was requested by the Chancellor Dianne G. Van Hook, and counter signed by Sharlene Coleal and Cathy Ritz. All of these individuals are employees of the college and worked together in a manner meant to deceive the voters as to the true source of the funds.

Please note that there is a pending FPPC Enforcement Investigation against the college 2019-00723 for money laundering.

It is disheartening that the Enforcement Division "in the interest of settlement" decided not to fully investigate the conflict of economic interest between the Committee and the Foundation. Holy moly, why not? Please reference stipulation 17-287 Page 8 , line 18.

To this citizen it appears that the Enforcement Division is aiding and abetting the illegal behavior of the college, the foundation , and the committee.

Robert McCarty also failed to list other principal officers of the committee on Secretary of State Form 410. In response to COM-09092019-01756 Foundation member Brian Koegele claimed to be a Principal Officer that solicited donation for the Committee. Robert McCarty failed to provide or supplement form 410.

While you have already approved the stipulation, you must be made aware of the failure of the Enforcement Division in evaluating all the complaints against the Committee and providing you with relevant information upon which to gain your approval. There was not vigorous enforcement.


On the consent calendar for today you are asked to approve a settlement for the Foundation. Please do not approve the stipulation 19/475. Tell the Enforcement Division to do their job and fully investigate. Specifically , the source of contributions to the Funds for the Future account should be Researched and disclosed since it is a Multipurpose Organization.

You should also guide the Enforcement Division to integrate the investigation of the Foundation with that of the college.

I hope to address this issue at your next meeting with comments presented during "Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda".

Respectfully,

Stephen C Petzold


Open Government Advocate
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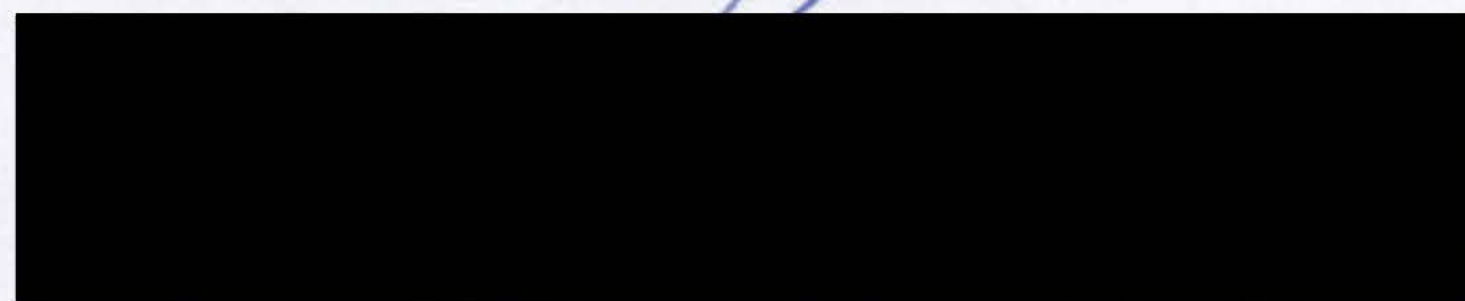
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9-30-2019

Dear FPPC Investigator

Please accept the following
documents in support
of my complaint

COM 09302019-02125

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cell



Statement of Organization Recipient Committee

13886666

Statement Type Initial Amendment Termination - See Part 5

Not yet qualified or

03/22/2016 Date qualified as committee

List I.D. number: # _____ Date qualified as committee (if applicable) _____

List I.D. number: # _____ Date of Termination _____

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CALIFORNIA FORM 410

For Official Use Only

1. Committee Information

NAME OF COMMITTEE
Committee for College of the Canyons - Yes on Measure E

STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX)
21300 Victory Blvd., Suite 420

CITY STATE ZIP CODE AREA CODE/PHONE
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)
P.O. Box 800194 Santa Clarita CA 91380-0194

FAX / E-MAIL ADDRESS
(818) 705-4259 / robert@ismcpa.com

COUNTY OF DOMICILE JURISDICTION WHERE COMMITTEE IS ACTIVE
Los Angeles Santa Clarita Community College Dist.

2. Treasurer and Other Principal Officers

NAME OF TREASURER
Robert McCarty

STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX)
21300 Victory Blvd., Suite 420

CITY STATE ZIP CODE AREA CODE/PHONE
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

NAME OF ASSISTANT TREASURER, IF ANY

STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX)

CITY STATE ZIP CODE AREA CODE/PHONE

NAME OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS
Robert McCarty

STREET ADDRESS (NO P.O. BOX)
21300 Victory Blvd., Suite 420

CITY STATE ZIP CODE AREA CODE/PHONE
Woodland Hills CA 91367 (818)705-4300

Attach additional information on appropriately labeled continuation sheets.

3. Verification

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein is true and complete. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 3/26/16 By _____ SIGNATURE OF TREASURER OR ASSISTANT TREASURER

Executed on 3/26/16 By _____ SIGNATURE OF CONTROLLING OFFICER/HOLDER, CANDIDATE, OR STATE MEASURE PROPONENT

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FPPC Form 410 (Jan/2016)
FPPC Advice: advice@fppc.ca.gov (866/275-3772)
www.fppc.ca.gov

EVENT AGREEMENT

This EVENT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") made this 24 day of March, 2016 (the "Effective Date") by and between Westfield, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, in its capacity as agent for the owner of the Shopping Center, with principal offices at 2049 Century Park East, Floor 42, Los Angeles, CA 90067 ("Westfield"), and Committee for College of the Canyons - Yes on Measure E, with offices to be located at 24021 Valencia Blvd., #2312, Valencia, CA 91355 or PO Box 78951; Santa Clarita, CA 91355 ("Company").

Westfield grants Company permission to enter upon the property commonly known as Westfield Valencia Town Center, located in Santa Clarita, California (the "Shopping Center") for the sole purposes and only to use certain space within the Shopping Center as described on Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Premises") to conduct the event and/or the permitted use as further described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the "Event"). Company agrees to conduct the Event as described on Exhibit A attached hereto and in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises hereinafter contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound hereby, agree as follows:

1. **Term.** The Event shall take place from March 25, 2016-June 15, 2016 (the "Term"), unless this Agreement is earlier terminated as set forth below.
2. **CHECK HERE IF APPLICABLE:** **Security Deposit.** Company shall provide to Westfield a security deposit in the amount of \$0 (the "Security Deposit") prior to entering the Shopping Center. It is agreed that upon completion of the use of the Shopping Center, the property manager or leasing manager shall inspect the Premises and the Shopping Center, and assess any and all damages to Westfield's property or businesses caused by Company and/or the Event. If the Premises and the Shopping Center are found to be in the condition in which they were provided to Company, the Security Deposit will be returned in full to Company. If, on the other hand, there are damages to the Premises and/or the Shopping Center, the cost of repairing such damages will be deducted from the Security Deposit and the remainder will be returned to Company, and to the extent the cost of repair exceeds the amount of the Security Deposit, Company shall promptly pay Westfield for the shortfall.
3. **Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated by Westfield at any time, for any reason, upon at least seven (7) days prior written notice to Company. The date that Company receives such notice shall be referred to as the "Notice Date" and the "Termination Date" shall be the date, which is five (7) days after the Notice Date. Upon receipt of such notice, Company will take immediate steps to cease all preparation for the Event and proceed with project completion.
4. **Rules.** Company agrees to comply with the Shopping Center's Rules and Regulations, a copy of which has been provided to Company. Company also agrees to comply with all rules, regulations, ordinances, and statutes of any governmental entity or nongovernmental entity having jurisdiction over Westfield or Company, and to obtain all necessary permits, licenses or other approvals that may be required from any entity to conduct the Event.
5. **Security.** Westfield shall have no responsibility to provide security, supervision or protection against any loss that may be sustained by Company. If Company requires security, it agrees to do so at its own cost and expense and shall utilize a security company approved by Westfield prior to the Event commencement date.
6. **Surrender.** Prior to the expiration or date of earlier termination of this Agreement, Company shall (i) remove all of its personal property, signs, sets, displays and equipment from the Shopping Center, (ii) remove all telephone and data cabling installed by or on behalf of Company, if any, (iii) restore the premises used by Company to the condition in which the premises existed prior to installing of such personal property, signs, sets, displays and equipment, subject to ordinary wear and tear, (iv) repair all damage caused by or in connection with Company's

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Physical Address for Committee Activities Note on 410

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

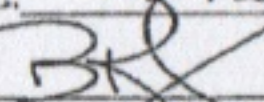
WESTFIELD:	COMPANY:
Westfield, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company	Committee for College of the Canyons - Yes on Measure E
In its capacity as agent for the owner of the Shopping Center	
DATE: _____	DATE: <u>3/25/2014</u>
BY: _____	BY: <u>[Signature]</u>
TITLE: _____	TITLE: <u>Co-Chair, Committee for COC -- Yes on Measure E</u>

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Unsigned
by Westfield

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Co-Chair is
not an official
position, nor
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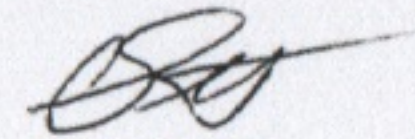
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4 [Signature]

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Event
Agreement
Signed
By "Principal
Officer"
Brian Koegle
Name Address
Phone # Not
on Committee
410

EXHIBIT A

EVENT DESCRIPTION

Event Name: Committee for College of the Canyons – Yes on Measure E
Campaign Headquarters

Business/Contact of Company: *★* Suzanne Finne – 661.495.1891 (Campaign Cell)
★ Claudia Dunn-Martinez – [REDACTED] (cell)

★ Address: Post Office Box 78951
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Venue and Description of Premises: Suite 2312

Date and Time: March 25, 2016 – June 15, 2016

Estimated Number in Attendance: TBD

Event Description: Campaign headquarters for Bond measure. As a temporary leased space the space shall be vacated within seven (7) days of termination notice from Westfield.

*Employee of College
of the Canyons working
in the Chancellor's
office*

Exhibit A

To Event Agreement

Address does not

Match form 410



A Wise Investment

Uploaded: , Friday, Jun 3, 2016

By Guest Commentary

*SCVNews.com Article
with names of
"Co Chairs"*

On June 7, Santa Clarita Valley voters will have the opportunity to vote for Measure E to improve College of the Canyons.

We have carefully studied Measure E and recommend a "yes" vote.

Time and again, College of the Canyons has demonstrated its wise stewardship of local dollars and continues to provide excellent career training and education to Santa Clarita Valley students.

We have confidence that Measure E funds will be spent prudently and efficiently. Over the years, local voters have overwhelmingly supported College of the Canyons, and our college has fulfilled its promise each and every time.

All past COC bond projects have been completed on time and on budget, allowing the college to continue serving the growing number of local students.

The college has proven itself to be responsible. While other institutions were forced to halt construction during the recession, College of the Canyons was able to deliver on all projects as promised. We can rely on College of the Canyons to do its part.

The college was also able to leverage local dollars to secure state matching funds — funds that would otherwise be

diverted to other communities or to other colleges. This allowed the college to build additional classrooms and facilities they otherwise could not — at no additional cost to local taxpayers.

College of the Canyons has grown to become one of our best known and most highly utilized local institutions. Over the years, we have supported the college, and in return, it has trained thousands of nurses, firefighters and sheriff's deputies who care for us, and thousands more highly skilled workers who nurture and sustain our growing local economy.

Measure E is a continuation of the great work we expect from College of the Canyons. Measure E will update outdated 1970s classrooms, labs and equipment to prepare Santa Clarita Valley students for four-year universities and promising careers.

It will address growing student enrollment by adding classrooms and science labs for career training for local professionals.

Furthermore, Measure E upgrades student centers to add improvements in career and academic counseling for veterans and all students.

Additionally, Measure E includes strict fiscal accountability protections that ensure local control. Every penny from Measure E will be used exclusively for improving classrooms and facilities at College of the Canyons. The state cannot take away any Measure E funds, and no funds can be used for salaries.

Independent citizens' oversight and annual audits will ensure all funds are spent exactly as promised.

This measure, like past measures, will also qualify COC for millions of dollars in state construction matching funds.

College of the Canyons has taken care of our families, businesses and local economy through career training and excellent academics. Now it is our turn to take care of our local college by voting "yes" on Measure E.

We urge you to vote "yes" on Measure E. It is a wise investment in our local businesses, our growing economy and our children's futures.

Richard Sandnes, Cameron Smyth, Jill Mellady, Brian Kogle, Don and Cheri Fleming, Richard Patterson and Anna Frutos-Sanchez are the co-chairs of the Measure E campaign.

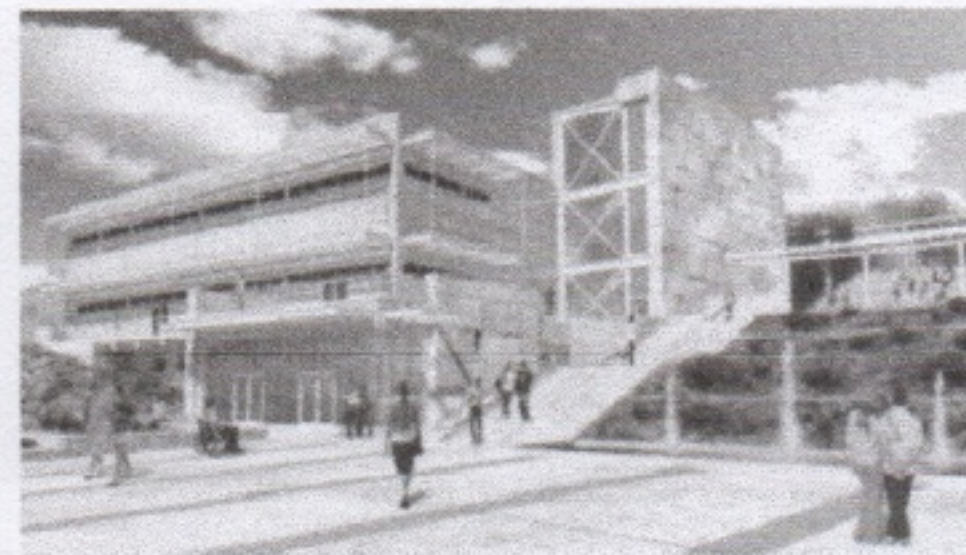
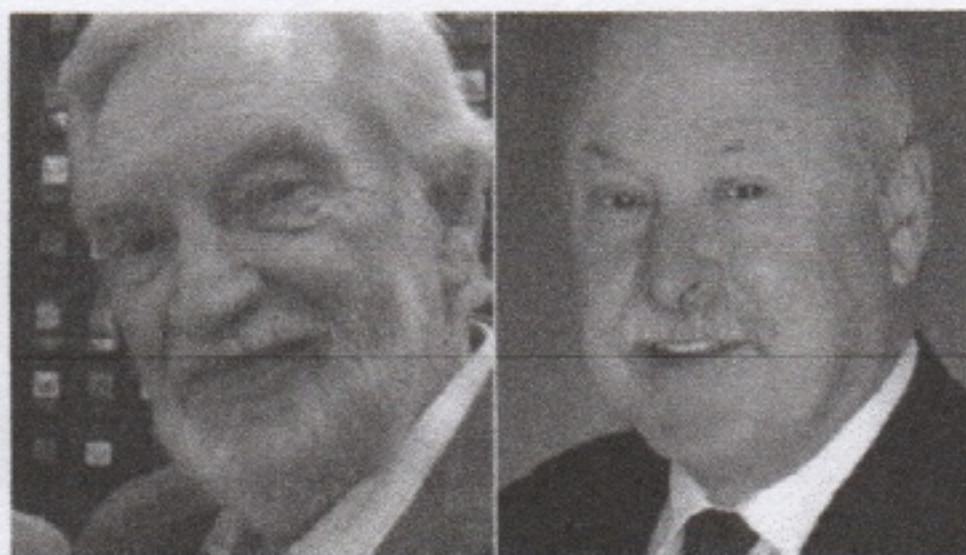
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CO Chairs That
Qualify as
Principal Officers
At least three should
have declared name, address,
phone # on Form 410

Writer's Email: bkoegle@pooleshaffery.com

September 19, 2019

VIA FIRST-CLASS MAIL AND
E-MAIL – chackert@fppc.ca.gov

Chloe Hackert
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
1102 Q Street, Suite 3000
Sacramento, CA 95811

RE: Complaint No. COM-09092019-01756; Brian Koegle

Dear Ms. Hackert:

I write to respond to the FPPC Enforcement Division's Notice of Complaint dated September 10, 2019, referenced above. I understand the allegations made by Mr. Petzold include an obligation to disclose, through a Major Donor Form, an alleged lease "guaranty" arising from the use of space in the Westfield Valencia Town Center between March and June 2016. Mr. Petzold included a copy of an unsigned Event Agreement dated March 23, 2016 in support of his position.

In March 2018, I accepted a role as a co-chair for the Committee for COC – Yes on Measure E campaign (the "Campaign"). As part of that role, my co-chairs and I were responsible for assisting in fundraising, raising public awareness, and overseeing volunteer activities associated with the Campaign. My co-chairs and I also approved communications, budgeting, expenditures and strategy on behalf of the Campaign.

During the course of the Campaign, Westfield Valencia Town Center offered to donate certain unoccupied space within the local mall, for use by the Campaign. As part of Westfield's standard operating procedure, an Event Agreement was required setting forth the terms and conditions of use for the donated space. I was authorized by the Committee to enter into the Event Agreement with Westfield for the donated space, on behalf of the Campaign. I recall executing the Event Agreement on or about March 23, 2016, as "Brian Koegle, on behalf of the Committee for COC – Yes on Measure E." I did not sign in my individual capacity. I have conducted a diligent search of my records, including all electronic communications, but have been unable to locate an executed copy of the Event Agreement.

California Civil Code Section 2793 provides in relevant part: "a suretyship obligation must be in writing and signed by the surety; but the writing need not express a consideration." There is no term of guaranty or surety included in the Event Agreement whatsoever. Notwithstanding the same, Mr. Petzold alleges a guaranty "[i]n effect" based upon my signature. However, California Civil Code Section 1638 strictly provides: "The language of a contract is to govern its interpretation, if the language is clear and explicit, and does not involve an absurdity." Consequently, there is no implied guaranty or surety relationship, as a matter of law.



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September 30, 2019

Committee for College of the Canyons -Yes on Measure E
818-705-4300
21300 Victory Blvd., Suite 420
Woodland Hills, California 91367
Via email: robert@lsmcpa.com

Re: Complaint No. COM-09302019-02125; Committee for College of the Canyons -Yes on Measure E

Dear Committee:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission has received a sworn complaint against you. It appears the complainant is alleging you have violated the Political Reform Act's¹ campaign disclosure provisions². The information filed in the complaint is below and any attachments filed are enclosed. The complaint was filed against all those listed above.

The person filing the Complaint is:
Stephen Petzold

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Via email: [REDACTED]

The violations alleged are:

Campaign Reporting Inaccurate/Incomplete
Campaign Form Incomplete or Inaccurate (84211)

#1 The Principal Officer Robert McCarty misrepresented and failed to disclose the physical street address for the Committee. Based on an Event Agreement obtained

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² Please note that under the Act, you are required to retain accounts, records, bills, receipts and other original source documentation. These records should be readily available for any audit or investigation conducted by the Fair Political Practices Commission. (GC §§ 84104, 86110 and 90003; Regulations 18401, 18401.1.)

through a CPRA request the address should have been declared, or an amendment filed for an address of

24021 Valencia Blvd.#2312
Valencia, CA 91355

From the Event Agreement it appears that the mailing address was misrepresented. The address for the Committee of the Event Agreement which indicates on the front page and Exhibit A that the business contact is

PO Box 78951
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

Form 410 signed by a Robert McCarty on March 26, 2016 indicates a mailing address of

PO Box 800194
Santa Clarita, CA 91380-0194

The original 410 should have reflected the physical address for the Committee or an amendment filed.

The mailing address for the Committee should have reflected that stated on the Event Agreement, they should have conformed with each other.

#2 There were a # of "co chairs" for the Committee, all presumably taking on the responsibilities and duties a Principal Officer. Form 410 (August/2018) in the instructions states that if there are multiple Principal Officers for a Committee they must all declare their name, street address, and telephone number. "If more than three individuals qualify as principal officers of the committee, identify no fewer than three". The Committee failed to do this.

One individual, Brian Koegle Esq. widely regarded as the foremost attorney in the Santa Clarita Valley stipulates in a letter obtained through a CPRA request that he acted as Principal officer as defined in Government Code 82047.6.

Mr Koegle also alludes to the fact that other individuals identified as "co chairs" functioned in a role as principal officer as defined in Government Code 82047.6.

The Committee only identifies a Robert McCarty as Principal Officer (Form 410) and does not disclose any other Principal officers,

As a self identified Principal Officer Brian Koegle and / or Robert McCarty should have filed a truthful Form 410 or an amendment reflecting all the Principal Officers with a minimum of three.

The public and the press deserve to know what individuals actively support and manage a Committee. Compliance with the regulations is meant for that exact purpose.

Those individuals who identified themselves in the media as Co Chairs of the Committee include Richard Sandnes, Cameron Smyth, Jill Mellady, Brian Koegle, Don Fleming , Cheri Fleming, Richard Patterson, and Anna Frutos-Sanchez.

Interesting that Richard McCarty the Principal Organizer declared on Form 410 is not listed as a Co Chair in the media. One has to question whether he met the definition of a Principal Officer under Govt Code 82047.6 when he filed the form with the Secretary of State.

At the minimum, the Committee failed to disclose that Brian Koegle Esq. served the Committee as a Principal Officer denying the public this vital and important information.

All statements are made to the Complainant's information and belief.

At this time, we have not made any determination about the allegation(s) made in the complaint. Within 14 days, the complainant will be notified of our intent to:

- investigate the allegations of the complaint;
- refer the complaint to another governmental agency;
- take no action on the complaint because, on the basis of the information provided, the Commission does not appear to have jurisdiction to investigate; or
- take no action on the complaint because the allegations of the complaint do not warrant the Commission's further action.

A copy of that letter will be forwarded to you. If you have any comments on the allegation(s), your comments must be submitted in writing directed to Chloe Hackert at the address shown above or by email to chackert@fppc.ca.gov. Please include the complaint number referenced above in your response.

Sincerely,



Galena West
Chief, Enforcement Division

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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September 26, 2019

Committee for College of the Canyons -Yes on Measure E
Robert McCarty
21300 Victory Blvd., Suite 420
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
Via email: robert@lsmcpa.com

Re: Complaint No. COM-09252019-02031; Committee for College of the Canyons -Yes on Measure E; and Robert McCarty, Treasurer

Dear Committee and Mr. McCarty:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission has received a sworn complaint against you. It appears the complainant is alleging you have violated the Political Reform Act's¹ advertisement disclaimer provisions. The information filed in the complaint is below and any attachments filed are enclosed. The complaint was filed against all those listed above.

The person filing the Complaint is:

Stephen Petzold
Complainant

[REDACTED]
Via email: [REDACTED]

The violations alleged are:

Advertisement Disclaimers prior to 2018

Ad Disclaimer; Legible and Audible (84507)

This complaint is based upon 84504.5. I found a number of cardboard signs dimensions are 12.5" X 17" that were printed by the Committee for College of the Canyons. The "Paid For" Disclosure area does not have a solid white background. The top Contributor (Major Donor) is not on a separate line. The spacing seems to run together on the disclosure line. Disclosure information is not in a separate box, The Major Donor information is not centered horizontally.

This complaint is filed separate because it was not a newspaper ad.

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Sincerely,



Galena West
Chief, Enforcement Division

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Sasha Linker

From: Stephen Petzold [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 5:10 AM
To: CommAsst
Subject: Include with Agenda Item #1 Public Comment not on Agenda

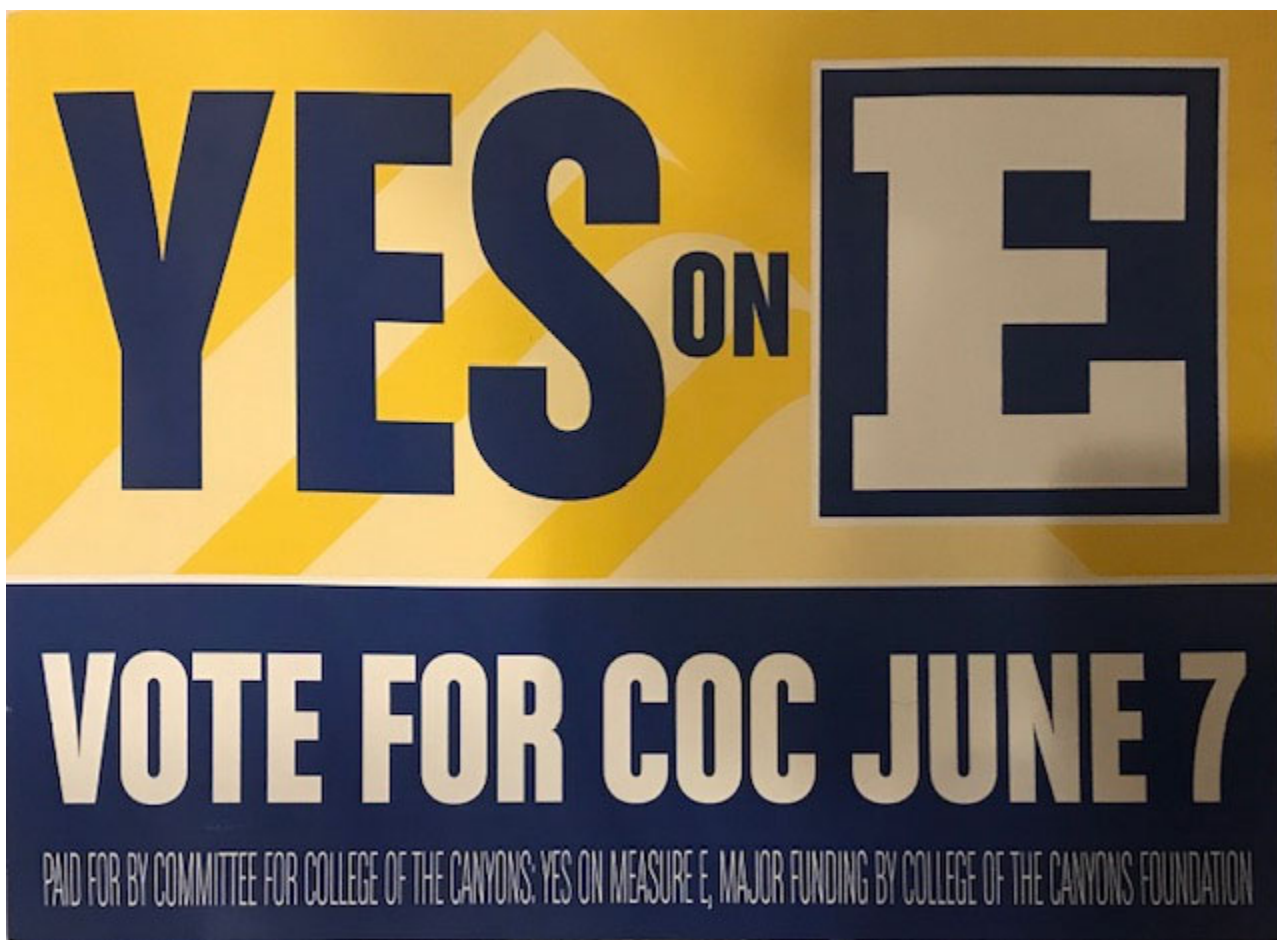
EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear FPPC,

Hundreds of these 17" X 12.5" signs were plastered over the District during the campaign.

The "Paid For By" regulations were not followed. Text should be in a separate box on a white background. There is no reference to this violation in the stipulation STIP-17-287.

Steve Petzold
[REDACTED]



Sent from my iPad

Sasha Linker

From: Stephen Petzold [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 5:22 AM
To: CommAsst
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 1 Please include

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Why weren't these complaints addressed in STIP 17-287 ?

Evidence that the FPPC received complaints.

Steve Petzold
[REDACTED]

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COM-09092019-01756	Sworn Complaint	Closed - Complaint Rejected	Local Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County	Respondents: Brian Koegle Complainants: Stephen Petzold	✓
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Sasha Linker

From: Stephen Petzold [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 5:27 AM
To: CommAsst
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 1

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Please include in packet. this should be the last one.

Steve Petzold
[REDACTED]

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County				
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COM-03312019-00703	Sworn Complaint	Case Opened	Local Los Angeles, Los Angeles County	<u>Respondents:</u> Robert McCorty <u>Complainants:</u> Stephen Petzold

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