



## FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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October 13, 2009

Gary Svanda  
173 North Park Drive  
Madera, CA 93637

Re: FPPC No. 090706; Gary Svanda

Dear Mr. Svanda:

As you may know, the Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission (Commission) received a sworn complaint alleging that you might have violated the gift provisions imposed by the Political Reform Act (the Act) found at Government Code Section 81000 and following. More specifically, that you accepted gifts of travel in excess of the limits imposed by the Act in Section 89503 and that you failed to disclose the receipt of the gifts of travel on your Statement of Economic Interests, Form 700, in violation of Section 87207. For calendar year 2008, the gift limit was \$390.

According to the information submitted with the complaint, the North Fork tribe paid for your airfare and hotel accommodations for your testimony in Washington, DC, regarding the off reservation casino development plans in Madera County. If you do not believe you violated the Act, then so notify us in writing postmarked by November 5, 2009. Include any documentation that supports your claim. We will review any information you submit and provide you with a written response.

Please be advised, however, that the fact that you might not have been aware of the gift limitation does not relieve you of your legal obligations. If we determine that you violated the gift limit, we will notify you of the determination and we may seek a penalty of up to \$5,000 for each violation.

Sincerely,

Gary S. Winuk, Chief  
Enforcement Division

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cc: Cheryl Schmit, Stand Up for California