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ETHICS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES SETTLEMENT WITH TWO CITY CANDIDATES CONCERNING FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE CAMPAIGN STATEMENTS

Stacey Fulhorst, Executive Director of the City of San Diego Ethics Commission, announced today the Commission's approval of stipulated settlement agreements with two former City candidates who ran for office in the June 2010 primary election. The first, Brian "Barry" Pollard, was a candidate for City Council District 4. He agreed to pay a \$1,500 fine for filing his second pre-election campaign statement on April 19, 2010 (28 days late), and for failing to include a "paid for by" disclosure on 5,000 door hangers. The second, Adrian Vasquez, was a candidate for City Council District 8. He agreed to pay a \$600 fine for filing his third pre-election campaign statement on August 23, 2010, 80 days late and well after the June 8 primary election.

According to the Commission Chair, Larry Westfall, "Compliance with filing deadlines, particularly in the period just before an election, is an important requirement of the City's campaign laws because it ensures the public's access to relevant and timely information such as the identity of contributors who are financially supporting City candidates." He added, however, that a substantial factor in mitigation considered by the Ethics Commission was the fact that both were inexperienced, grassroots candidates who did not have significant financial activity during the periods covered by the late disclosure statements.

Ethics Commission fines are paid to the City of San Diego's General Fund. The stipulated settlements approved by the Commission resolve all factual and legal issues without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing.

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