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California Fair Political Practices Commission  
428 J Street, Suite 800  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: San Bernardino County District Attorney Michael Ramos  
File - 10/269  
Item 8 - 12/09/2010

Dear Honorable Commissioners,

I am the original complainant to the above referenced action.

I would like to thank you on behalf of the residents of San Bernardino County for investigating this matter.

It is my sincerest hope that you, the commissioners, will reject the tendered settlement in the amount of \$2,500 from Messrs. Ramos and Reiter, and order further investigation into this matter involving a sitting District Attorney.

In the Spring and Summer of 2009, The Sun newspaper was investigating Mr. Ramos for misuse of public and campaign funds, relating to alleged extramarital affairs.

The reporter working on the story was Joe Nelson. Mr. Nelson is still employed by the publication as the county government reporter.

He can be reached at (909) 386-3874 or (951) 533-9103.

In researching his story, Mr. Nelson made several attempts to obtain Mr. Ramos' public credit card statements and supporting receipts to no avail. Mr. Ramos and county lawyers repeatedly obstructed disclosure.

Simultaneously to this media attention, San Bernardino County Supervisor Neil Derry commenced public dialogue on the formation of an ethics commission, and the enactment of a "sunshine ordinance" governing public disclosure of documents.

While an ethics commission remains under discussion in our county, the enactment of the "sunshine ordinance" occurred in October.

I have since requested and currently expect the arrival of Ramos' government credit card statements with receipts any day now. I have requested all documents for the prior three years and the county has confirmed the information is being prepared for release.

It is strongly believed that at the point Mr. Ramos' government credit card use fell under scrutiny is when he began his shenanigans with his campaign account spending.

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Shenanigans which you are addressing now.

I have covered Mr. Ramos' ethical lapses on my political website at [www.iePolitics.com](http://www.iePolitics.com) for some time now. And I believe it is becoming increasingly clear Ramos feels he is above the law.

Mr. Ramos, in his capacity as District Attorney, has embarked on political prosecutions of his political adversaries for felony perjury over the same identical conduct for which you are proposing to only fine him.

I have some questions I believe the commission should seek answers to.

- 1.) Was there a political or governmental purpose for the expenses in question?
- 2.) Was there a political or governmental purpose for other expenses not reaching the \$100 threshold?
- 3.) Was it the intent of Messrs. Ramos and Reiter to intentionally and willfully omit the information in question?
- 4.) If so, shouldn't the matter be referred by the commission to the Attorney General for criminal prosecution?

Once again, I appreciate all you have done in this matter. However, if there was a case warranting additional action I believe this is it.

Respectfully,



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