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**Mr. Jeff S. Jordan
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Re: MUR 6224

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Thank you for your letter dated November 3, 2009 which was received by my client, Carly Fiorina (referred to in this letter as Cara Carleton Sneed Fiorina) on November 10, 2009. This is a response to the complaint attached to your letter by Mr. Alberto J. Ramirez of Santa Monica, California. We believe this may be an individual who also has filed to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for U. S. Senate in 2010.

Please find attached the designation of counsel form signed by Ms. Fiorina.

Ms. Fiorina announced her "testing the waters" activity to determine whether or not to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for United States Senate on August 17, 2009. At that time, she made very clear that she would explore the viability of possible candidacy for the office. Prior to that time, she had disclosed that she was undergoing treatment for breast cancer. On August 17, 2009, she announced that she would complete radiation treatment for her breast cancer at or about October 1, 2009, and would not reach any conclusions about candidacy until the treatments and follow-up examinations were completed.

On November 4, 2009, Ms. Fiorina announced that she would become a candidate for the Republican nomination for the United States Senate. On November 5, 2009, she caused to be filed with the Secretary of the United States Senate a FEC Form 2 Statement of Candidacy and an FEC Form 1 Statement of Organization was filed on her behalf.

Between August 17 and November 4, 2009, a period of about seventy five days, Ms. Fiorina made numerous public and private appearances, at which she indicated very clearly that she had not made a decision to become a candidate for U.S. Senate, conditioned her statements

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about possible candidacy, and engaged in what the FEC allows for "testing the waters," namely meeting people, sharing her views on public policy issues, and getting their feedback about a possible candidacy. This relatively brief "testing the waters" period, combined with very deliberate efforts to engage in actual "testing the waters" activities, followed FEC guidelines.

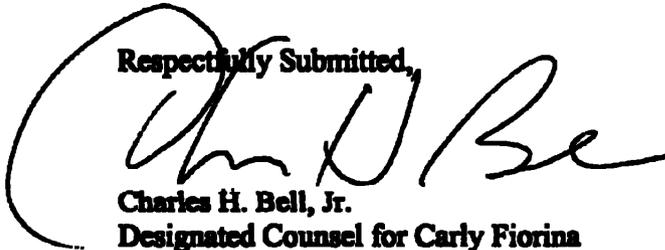
Mr. Ramirez has provided no evidence that Ms. Fiorina "crossed the Rubicon," either by declaring her candidacy, by soliciting campaign contributions in support of candidacy, or making expenditures that promoted candidacy. To the contrary, Ms. Fiorina's meetings, comments and the feedback she obtained enabled her fully to assess both possible public support for a candidacy and the potential to attract supporters for such a candidacy.

Mr. Ramirez' statement refers erroneously to 'hosting a political gathering in Fresno on or about September 28, 2009,' but provides no other detail about the gathering. Mr. Ramirez' complaint contains only conclusory allegations and no facts whatsoever to support his claims.

The complaint is factually inaccurate and incomplete. Mr. Ramirez submits no evidence in support of his claim that Ms. Fiorina failed to timely declare candidacy or to register a political committee with the Commission.

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission should take no further action on Mr. Ramirez' complaint.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Designated Counsel for Carly Fiorina

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The above-named individual and/or firm is hereby designated as my
 counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications
 from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

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