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Fair Political Practice Commission  
Enforcement Division  
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To whom it may concern:

Stand Up For California! is a statewide organization with a focus on gambling issues affecting California, including tribal gaming, card clubs, horse racing, satellite wagering, charitable gaming and the state lottery. We have been involved in the ongoing debate of issues raised by gaming and its impacts for over a decade. Since 1996, we have assisted individuals, community groups, elected officials, members of law enforcement, local public entities and the State of California with respect to gaming. Additionally, we are recognized and act as a resource of information to local, state and federal policy makers.

This is an official request to investigate potential violations of Statement of Economic Interest Form 700 reporting requirements and potential Conflict of Interest violations committed by elected office holder, City of Madera Councilmember Gary Svanda.

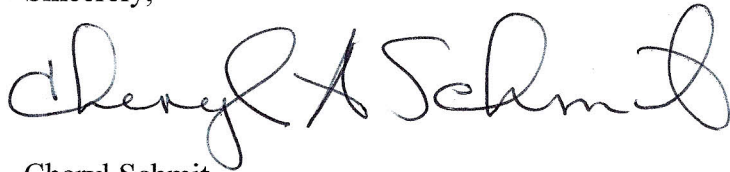
It has been revealed that Councilmember Svanda, as an elected representative in the City of Madera, accepted payments to travel outside of the State of California to testify in Washington DC on May 22, 2008 on behalf of a special interest, Station Casinos, with off reservation casino development plans in the area. Councilmember Svanda's FPPC Form 700 Schedule E filed for the period Jan 1, 2008 to Dec 31, 2008 does not report the gift of airfare, hotel or other incidentals while lobbying on Station Casinos behalf.

Attached is a copy of the Fresno Bee newspaper article dated September 1, 2009 where Councilmember Svanda had to admit receiving the gift and having not disclosed his financial relationship to the public. The amount of the gift is being withheld and should be immediately identified. Also attached is a copy of Mr. Svanda's Form 700 for 2008 which was obtained from the City of Madera.

Our understanding is that Mr. Svanda's gifts from this special interest must be reported because under the law any amount over \$500 must be revealed as a potential source of income to Councilmember Svanda and may present a conflict of interest on any voting matters before the Madera City Council on Station Casinos or the North Fork Rancheria of the Mono Indians either then, now or in the future.

If you need further information or have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl A. Schmit". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "C".

Cheryl Schmit

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