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**ETHICS COMMISSION LEVIES \$7,500 FINE
IN CONNECTION WITH COMMITTEE'S FAILURE
TO DISCLOSE ITS PRINCIPAL OFFICERS**

Stacey Fulhorst, Executive Director of the City of San Diego Ethics Commission, announced today the Commission's approval of a stipulated settlement agreement with Juan Boyce, Jesus Cardenas, and Cynara Velazquez, the principal officers of Conservatives for Gay Rights Supporting Carl DeMaio for Mayor 2012 with Major Funding Provided by the Charles McHaffie Trust. According to the terms of the agreement, the Respondents will pay a fine of \$7,500 for failing to disclose all of the committee's principal officers, failing to provide a street address for the committee, and failing to properly maintain records supporting the committee's expenditures.

"The failure to provide accurate and complete information about the individuals responsible for operating the committee and determining its campaign strategy deprived the voters of important information before the November 2012 general election," said Ms. Fulhorst. "The situation was exacerbated by the fact that the committee disclosed an address for a 'virtual office' instead of an actual street address as required by law, effectively preventing anyone from locating the individuals in charge."

Commission Chair, William Howatt, Jr., noted that the imposition of the maximum fine of \$5,000 for the first count involving the committee's failure to disclose all of its principal officers was appropriate in light of the factors in aggravation. In particular, he pointed to the fact that the

individuals involved had “no credible explanation for omitting this important information from the committee’s disclosures.”

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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