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**CITY ETHICS COMMISSION DIRECTOR ISSUES PUBLIC ACCUSATION  
AGAINST REGENCY OUTDOOR ADVERTISING, INC.  
FOR INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE REPORTING VIOLATIONS**

Los Angeles City Ethics Commission Executive Director LeeAnn Pelham today issued a public accusation announcing that she found probable cause to believe that Regency Outdoor Advertising, Inc., and Brian Kennedy, one of Regency's owners, violated the City's independent expenditure and disclosure laws in 194 instances in connection with the company's support of 2001 City candidates Tony Cardenas Rocky Delgadillo, James Hahn and Jan Perry. According to the accusation, in six instances Regency and Kennedy failed to timely report \$49,896 in independent expenditures, while in another 188 instances Regency and Kennedy failed to include required disclaimers on their displays to indicate that the expenditures were independent from the candidates' campaigns.

Los Angeles Municipal Code section 49.7.26 requires any person who makes independent expenditures of more than \$1,000 in support or in opposition to any City candidate to notify the Ethics Commission within 24 hours each time one or more expenditures meeting that threshold is made. City Charter section 470(1) also requires any person who makes independent expenditures to support or oppose a city candidate to clearly indicate on any material published, displayed or broadcast that it was not authorized by a candidate or candidate's committee.

According to City law, following a finding of probable cause the Executive Director must make a public announcement of an accusation. The Ethics Commission must then determine if a violation has occurred, and may levy fines of up to \$5,000 for each violation, or three times the amount that was failed to be reported, or that was unlawfully contributed or expended, whichever is greater. As in all cases referred to the Commission for a public administrative hearing, all Respondents are presumed innocent of any violation of City law, unless and until such time that the violation is determined by the Commission.

The Commission and its staff may not comment on this matter until after a final determination has been made. For copies of the Accusations, please contact the Commission at (213) 978-1960.

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