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**ETHICS COMMISSION ISSUES PENALTY OF \$15,900
FOR CAMPAIGN VIOLATIONS**

The Ethics Commission conducted an administrative enforcement hearing yesterday and unanimously assessed a \$15,900 penalty for violations of the City's campaign finance laws.

Kelly M. Lord (Lord) was a candidate for City office during the 2011 elections. He and his campaign committee, Lord for City Council District 12 2011 (Committee), were charged with accepting a campaign contribution in excess of the \$500 per-person limit, failing to maintain campaign records, and failing to file a pre-election campaign disclosure statement.

At the time, Lord was serving as treasurer of the Northridge East Neighborhood Council (NENC) and had a City purchase card issued in his name. Lord allowed a campaign consultant to charge \$4,700 to the NENC card as payment for creating Lord's campaign website. When those charges were questioned, the consultant refunded the total amount to the City. However, Lord and the Committee did not pay the consultant for his services and, therefore, caused an excess contribution of \$4,200 to be made to the Committee.

Lord and the Committee were also found guilty of failing to file a pre-election campaign disclosure statement that was due the Friday before the primary election and failing to maintain records regarding the Committee's financial transactions. A written order detailing the facts of this case and the laws applied will be prepared at a later date.

"This case involved a troubling failure to comply with the campaign finance laws," said Sergio Perez, Director of Enforcement. "Today's unanimous ruling is a clear message to all candidates that the Ethics Commission strongly upholds the City laws that foster transparency and public accountability."

All fines imposed by the Ethics Commission are paid to the City's general fund. Copies of enforcement actions and related decisions and orders are available at ethics.lacity.org.

The Ethics Commission was created by Los Angeles voters in 1990 to impartially administer and enforce the City's governmental ethics, campaign financing, and lobbying laws.