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## Ethics Commission Imposes Fine of Nearly \$43,000

At its meeting today, the Ethics Commission approved a stipulated order fining Navraj Singh, his 2011 campaign committee, and the committee treasurer, Timothy Davis, \$42,928 for violations of various campaign finance laws during the 2011 City elections.

Mr. Singh was a candidate for City Council District 12 and raised \$96,281 during his 2011 campaign, including \$47,300 in public matching funds. Mr. Singh, his committee, and Mr. Davis failed to submit copies of campaign communications, failed to include proper disclaimer language on campaign communications, and failed to properly maintain campaign records. Additionally, during the audit process, Mr. Singh's campaign committee furnished inauthentic documentation in an attempt to validate campaign expenditures and meet the recordkeeping requirement.

Candidates and their committees are required to include specific disclaimer language on all campaign communications and to file copies of their campaign communications with the Ethics Commission when certain distribution thresholds are met. Campaigns are also required to maintain detailed financial records for four years following the date the campaign statement relating to those records is filed.

"The Commission's action today underscores its expectation that candidates will abide by the City's campaign finance, disclosure, and recordkeeping requirements," said Sergio Perez, the Ethics Commission's Director of Enforcement. "Such laws are important for informing voters of campaign activity, especially when candidates are using public funds."

All fines imposed by the Ethics Commission are paid to the City's general fund. Copies of enforcement actions and related decisions and orders can be obtained through the Ethics Commission's website or by calling the Ethics Commission offices.

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