



PRESS STATEMENT

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STATEMENT OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE BOARD

January 18, 2008—The Friday, January 18th *New York Times* article about the Campaign Finance Board’s determination regarding Miguel Martinez’ 2001 campaign included a quote from a Board spokesman that created an erroneous impression that the Board found that certain expenditures reported by the Martinez campaign did not actually occur. The Board did not make any such finding and believes the article was unfair to the candidate.

What the Board’s determination says is that “the Campaign submitted self-created, non-contemporaneous documentation made to look like originals coming from the vendor to represent authentic, contemporaneous records in an attempt to avoid a significant public funds repayment obligation.” The Board requires all campaigns to provide contemporaneous documentation from the vendors to support expenditures equal to or more than the amount of public funds that they received.

While the Board determined that the actions of the Campaign did not rise to the level of fraud, it did find that the Campaign committed many serious violations of the Campaign Finance Act and Board Rules rising to level of breach of certification requiring the return of all public funds received by the Campaign and assessed penalties of \$44,780.