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DISTRICT ATTORNEY DETERMINES SUPERVISOR PARKER DID NOT VIOLATE THE ELECTIONS CODE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that his office received a public integrity inquiry regarding whether Supervisor Jane Parker had violated Election Code §18351 by submitting misleading information regarding her educational background, to wit, that she had a college degree but in fact did not. The information appeared on her website but not in her official candidate statements that are filed with the Registrar of Voters.

Election Code §18351 provides that any candidate in an election who knowingly makes a false statement of a material fact in a candidate's statement with intent to mislead the voters in connection with his or her campaign for nomination or election to a nonpartisan office is punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars.

A review of Supervisor Parker's candidate statements from 2008 and 2012 does not reveal any identifiable false information which meets the criteria in the code section. The publication of inaccurate information on websites or in other pamphlets is not a violation of the Election Code.