

## BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

In the Matter of:	)	
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Opinion requested by	)	No. 75-041
Peter F. Schabarum	)	August 7, 1975
Supervisor, First District	)	
County of Los Angeles	)	

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BY THE COMMISSION: We have been asked the following question by Peter F. Schabarum, Supervisor of the First District, County of Los Angeles:

In accordance with the provisions of the Political Reform Act, Supervisor Schabarum has filed with the clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County his Statement of Economic Interests. He has listed his principal place of residence by setting forth the recording information of the deed by which he acquired title. He has done this rather than listing the street address or precise location of the property for the reason that recently there was a threat upon his life. Therefore, upon recommendation of the Sheriff's office of the County of Los Angeles, he does not wish to make his address public.

Under Government Code Section 87206(c),<sup>1/</sup> may his Statement of Economic Interests list the recording information of the deed rather than the street address?

## CONCLUSION

The disclosure of the book and page number of a deed is not an acceptable method of designating the location of a principal place of residence within the meaning of Section 87206(c). In order to comply with the Act, the street address or lot number or location of the principal place of residence must be disclosed.

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<sup>1/</sup> All statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise noted.

### ANALYSIS

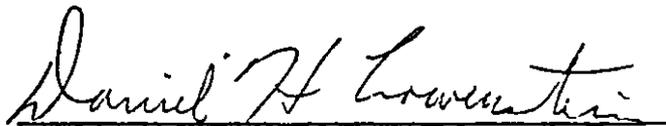
Section 87206(c) requires that a Statement of Economic Interests (Interim Form 720-B) contain for each reportable interest in real property the address or other precise location of the real property.

The question before the Commission is whether or not it is sufficient to list information identifying the place in the Recorder's office where a deed can be found containing a precise location of the property.

The purpose of Section 87206(c) is to allow interested persons to determine the exact location of properties held by elected officers for the examination of possible conflicts of interest. The reference on the face of Form 720-B to book and page number in the Recorder's office does not provide precise information regarding the location of a parcel of real property since the precise location can clearly be determined only by reference to a second document, the deed.

In order to determine the location of a parcel of real estate from a book number, one would be required to go to the County Recorder to get its deed number and then to the County Assessor to examine the deed to learn the street address of the property. Such information is not generally available by telephone. The need to go to one office, let alone two, to get information required by the Act would obviate the whole purpose of the filing requirement. However, an indication other than street address is permissible if it reveals the precise location of the property by such methods as "Lot No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Rosemont subdivision \_\_\_\_\_."

Approved by the Commission on August 7, 1975. Concurring:  
Brosnahan, Carpenter, Lowenstein, Miller and Waters.

  
Daniel H. Lowenstein  
Chairman