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March 20, 1985

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Re: Our File No. A-85-041

Dear Mr. Buri:

This is in response to your letter of February 11, 1985, regarding the campaign disclosure and conflict of interest provisions of the Political Reform Act (Government Code Sections 81000-91014).

First, you requested information with respect to three registered campaign committees--Citizens for Better Housing, the Pro Tem 25 Committee, and the Affordable Housing Association. Any committee which receives or spends \$500 in a calendar year for political purposes must file a Statement of Organization (Form 410) with the Office of the Secretary of State. The Form 410 contains information regarding the committee's purpose, affiliations, etc., and you may obtain copies of Statements of Organization by contacting the Office of the Secretary of State, Political Reform Division, 1230 J Street, Sacramento (phone 322-4880). In addition, if a committee is active on a statewide basis, campaign statements disclosing its receipts and expenditures will be on file and available for inspection with the Secretary of State.

With respect to your second question, I am enclosing a copy of the Commission's Guide to California's Conflict of Interest Law, which I hope will be helpful in explaining when a public official must disqualify himself or herself from participating in a decision affecting a personal financial interest. Generally speaking, however, an official would not be required to abstain from voting on a matter affecting the source of gifts with an aggregate value of less than \$250 per calendar year.

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I hope this information is helpful. Please let me know if you need further assistance.

Sincerely,



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Attn: Director

Dear Sir:

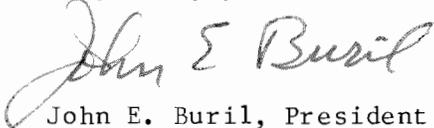
In examining some of the disbursement records available to us under the Campaign Disclosure Provisions of the Political Reform Act, I find the following listed anonymous recipients of fairly substantial amounts of money from the Mobilehome Parks Political Action Committee, a controlled subsidiary of Western Mobilehome Association. The ones of interest are:

1. Citizens for Better Housing, ID#830672
2. The Pro Tem 25 Committee, ID#830602
3. The Affordable Housing Association, ID#82292

I wonder if you would advise us please, of the rest of the registration information for these identification numbers. The names of the recipients are inadequate to understand who they really represent or what their political objectives might be. I would appreciate any information you can furnish us.

I also have a question: What is your position as the Fair Political Practices Commission with respect to an elected official receiving cash money as birthday presents. In this case the amount was \$100. or more and the individual recipient that I have reference to has no hesitation in voting on matters of interest to the giver of the birthday gift. I would be interested in knowing if this individual should not have disqualified themselves in these circumstances. Your comments with respect to this elected official receiving birthday presents will be of interest.

Very truly yours,



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