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June 12, 1985

Gertrude Lotz
Councilmember, City of Suisun City
410 Avalon Way
Suisun City, CA 94585

Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. A-85-112

Dear Ms. Lotz:

Thank you for your letter requesting advice as to whether Suisun City may adopt an ordinance which would only require gifts valued at \$250 or more to be disclosed on statements of economic interests. The Political Reform Act requires gifts valued at \$50 or more to be disclosed on statements of economic interests.

Local agencies may impose additional disclosure requirements to those in the Political Reform Act so long as the additional requirements do not prevent compliance with the Act. (Government Code Section 81013.) However, a local government may not enact an ordinance which differs from and supersedes the Political Reform Act. See Edwin L. Miller Opinion, 2 FPPC Opinions 91 (No. 75-125, July 6, 1976 (enclosed).

Suisun City does not have the authority to enact an ordinance which will raise the gift disclosure threshold of the Political Reform Act. A copy of this letter and its enclosures are being sent to your city attorney.

We appreciate your bringing this to our attention. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Jeanette E. Turvill
Legal Assistant

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Enclosure
cc: John Coyle, City Attorney

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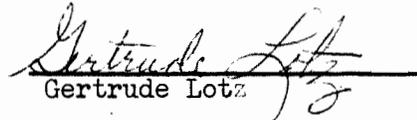
Gentlemen;

I am a City Councilwoman for the City of Suisun City. I have a question regarding gifts.

Our Mayor is attempting to pass an Ordinance stating gifts of \$250.00 or less are not reportable in our disclosure statements. I question the legality of this statement. I called the California League of Cities and they referred me to your group.

I will appreciate hearing from you with regards to this practice.

Sincerely,


Gertrude Lotz