



# California Fair Political Practices Commission

July 15, 1986

Judith E. Swan  
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Steve Schuck for Governor Committee  
65 South Colorado Blvd.  
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Re: Your Request for Advice  
Our File No. A-86-194

Dear Ms. Swan:

Thank you for your letter of June 9, 1986, requesting advice concerning contribution limitations and reporting requirements contained in the campaign reporting provisions of the Political Reform Act (Government Code Sections 81000-91015).

## Questions

You have asked the following questions:

1. What are the corporate contribution limitations for California corporations contributing to political campaigns in other states?
2. What are the individual contribution limitations for individuals contributing to political campaigns in other states?
3. Are there California reporting requirements that must be complied with regarding out-of-state political campaign fundraising activities?
4. Are there contribution forms required to be filed with the California committee by either the contributor or the Colorado campaign?
5. Are there any local ordinances requiring specific compliance that would differ from state requirements?

Answers

Questions 1 and 2:

The campaign disclosure provisions of California's Political Reform Act apply only to money raised and spent by or on behalf of California state and local elected officeholders, candidates and committees. The Act's prohibitions and reporting requirements do not apply to California individuals or corporations contributing to political campaigns in other states. The Act contains no limitations on contributions or expenditures.

Questions 3 and 4:

Because the campaign disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act do not apply to funds raised by or on behalf of a candidate for elected office in another state, neither the candidate receiving the contributions nor the contributors are required to report the contributions in California. (Committees would be required to file campaign statements under the Political Reform Act only if the committee makes contributions to or expenditures on behalf of California candidates or committees.)

Question 5:

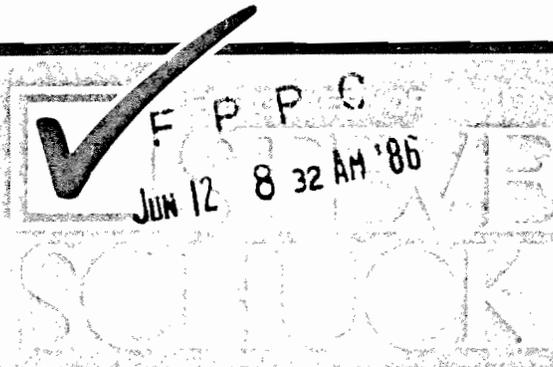
The local campaign ordinances of California counties and cities apply only to contributions made to or on behalf of the candidates being voted upon in the city or county. Some of the ordinances do place limits on contributions in local elections.

In summary, the Steve Schuck for Governor Committee in Colorado is not required to file campaign disclosure statements under California's Political Reform Act by virtue of receiving campaign money from California residents. In addition, California residents who make contributions to the Steve Schuck for Governor Committee are not required to report those contributions under California's Political Reform Act.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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June 9, 1986

Ms. Alice Hughes  
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Dear Ms. Hughes:

Thank you for taking time to speak with me today regarding California campaign election laws. As discussed in our conversation, we are considering a fundraising activity in the state of California. We would like your written response to these specific questions:

1. What are the corporate contribution limitations for California corporations contributing to political campaigns in other states?
2. What are the individual contribution limitations for individuals contributing to political campaigns in other states.
3. Are there California reporting requirements that must be complied with regarding out-of-state political campaign fundraising activities?
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5. Are there any local ordinances requiring specific compliance that would differ from state requirements?

Also, please let us know if there are other areas of California election laws that we must comply with that I have not mentioned above.

I would appreciate your response as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Judith E. Swan  
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