



California Fair Political Practices Commission

July 31, 1986

Mr. D. R. Powers
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Re: FPPC Advice No. A-86-221

Dear Mr. Powers:

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

FACTS

You are the treasurer for a recipient committee which is primarily formed to defeat a measure that qualified for the November 4, 1986, Davis city ballot. The measure will only be voted on by the citizens registered to vote within the Davis city limits.

You recently received a letter from the Yolo County Clerk's office instructing you to file the committee's campaign statements with the county.

QUESTIONS

You have asked for clarification as to where you should file the committee's campaign disclosure statements. In addition, you asked if the name of your committee, "A Committee Against Davis Measure _____" is acceptable under the requirements of the Political Reform Act.

ANSWERS

I contacted the Yolo County Clerk's office and spoke to Ms. Donna Blankenship. I explained to her that the committees which are primarily formed to support or oppose the Davis measure file campaign statements with the City Clerk's office in Davis and not with the county.

In regard to your second question, beginning January 1, 1986, committees primarily formed to support or oppose a ballot measure must include a statement "a committee for Measure _____"

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or "a committee against Measure _____" as a part of its committee name. The example you provided in your letter fulfills this requirement so long as the measure's letter or number is also provided. Enclosed for your information is FPPC Fact Sheet C-7 which gives various examples of this new reporting requirement.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance in the future.

Sincerely,


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Dear Ms. Pritchard:

I am treasurer for a receipt committee primarily organized to defeat a measure that qualified for the November 4, 1986, ballot via initiative petition circulated within the City of Davis. This measure will only be voted on by citizens registered to vote within the Davis city limits.

My understanding is that my committee is required to file campaign disclosure statements with the city filing officer on the timetable set forth in the Political Reform Act of 1974, as amended. I also understand that we do not have a filing duty to the County of Yolo, because the measure we oppose is strictly a Davis municipal matter being voted on at a special municipal election consolidated with the November General Election.

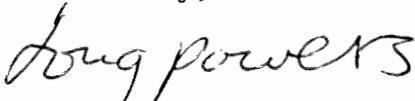
However, I recently received a letter from the Yolo County Clerk's office indicating the county filing officer expects a campaign disclosure statement from my committee by July 31, 1986, for the period January 1 to June 30, 1986.

I spoke with Alice Hughes in your office today to clarify this matter. She indicated someone in your office would contact the county to inform them they are not due a copy of our campaign disclosure statement. Ms. Hughes also said I may ask for a statement from your office to document the fact I checked and do not have to file a statement with the county. I would appreciate it if you would send such a letter indicating our compliance.

I would also like to request a written opinion on the validity of my committee using the phrase "A Committee Against Davis Measure ___" as part of our name, as opposed to the phrase "A Committee Against Measure ___."

Thank you very much for the time and attention of you and your staff.

Sincerely,



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P.S. Please call me at (916) 756-9433 if you have any questions.