



# California Fair Political Practices Commission

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David Tucker  
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Re: Our File No. G-87-251

Dear Mr. Tucker:

In response to your questions concerning the Political Reform Act of 1974, I have enclosed the following materials:

1. Three reports summarizing the activities and accomplishments of the Fair Political Practices Commission from 1974 to 1984.
2. A pamphlet entitled "A Guide to the Political Reform Act of 1974--California's Conflict of Interest Law for Public Officials."
3. A pamphlet entitled "A Guide to Government Code Section 84308 of the Political Reform Act of 1974--Conflicts of Interest and Campaign Contributions."

These materials should assist you in developing the answers to your questions. Also enclosed is a list of other publications prepared by the Commission which you may order from this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathryn E. Donovan".

Kathryn E. Donovan  
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Enclosures

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Fair Political Practice Commission  
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Dear Ms. Brown

My name is David Tucker and I am currently doing a research paper on the Political Reform Act of 1974 and how has it fared thirteen years later. This paper is apart of my senior project at Calif. State Polytechnic University San Luis Obispo.

Below is a list of five questions that I feel are critical to this paper and I am asking for your assistance in helping to locate the proper sources or for your input to help make this a quality paper.

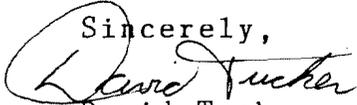
The issue that I am covering is the conflict-of-interest part of the Political reform Act of 1974. I would like to know the following;

- 1) Was the original intent of the act achieved and to what degree?
- 2) Has the act helped or hindered the political stability on the local and state level? Are people interested in politics feeling intimidated by the harsh rules and regulations that go with entering the political arena?
- 3) Is the act still a viable solution for politics in the 80's?
- 4) Are the enforcement procedures adequately administered on the state and local level?
- 5) Is there a possibility of new legislation to clarify the intent of the Political Reform Act of 1974?

As a political science major I am concerned about the impact of many laws and regulations that were implemented in the 60's and 70's, and if the reasons then are still valid today.

Your help in this research will be greatly appreciated. I hope to hear from you soon.

Please send any replies to  
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Sincerely,  
  
David Tucker