



California Fair Political Practices Commission

December 18, 1987

Carl A. Gosline
27280 Bear Terrace
Willits, CA 95490

Re: Your Request for Informal
Assistance, Our File No.
I-87-306

Dear Mr. Gosline:

You have requested general information regarding three topics: (1) organization of political campaigns, (2) regulation of the political activities of local agency public employees, and (3) freedom of information provisions in California laws.

The Commission's authority is limited to interpretation of the Political Reform Act. (Government Code Sections 81000-91015.) The last two topics are not covered by the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the Commission does not have jurisdiction to interpret these laws. A city attorney, county counsel or district attorney would be the most appropriate person to contact for interpretation of laws and regulations governing local public employees and freedom of information requirements.

The organization of political campaigns is regulated by the Political Reform Act only to the extent that campaign disclosure statements may be required for persons who spend money for political purposes. Enclosed is a manual on campaign disclosure requirements. It should answer your questions regarding the specific requirements.

If you have further questions, you may write to me or call (916) 322-5662.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths
General Counsel

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By: Bruce W. Robeck
Political Reform Consultant

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Enclosure

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December 1, 1987

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ATTN: Katheryne Donovan, Counsel
Legal Division

Re: **MARYANOV, et al. adv. JONES**
Your File: I-87-252

Dear Ms. Donovan:

This office represents Susan Marx, Minna Maryanov, and Michael McCabe as individuals and as members of the Board of Education in the above-captioned matter.

You are in receipt of a letter dated September 28, 1987 from Neil G. McNiece of the law firm of Haight, Dickson, Brown & Bonesteel which enclosed a copy of plaintiff's Second Amended and Supplemental Complaint, a brief outline of the facts surrounding the dispute, and a copy of the unpublished Appellate decision regarding Ms. Jones' Petition for Writ of Mandate.

By letter dated October 14, 1987, you responded to Mr. McNiece indicating that you were unable to grant his request contained in the above-referenced letter since he did not appear to be authorized by the officials whose duties under the Act are in question. Our firm represents the three individual Board members and has authority to request on their behalf that the Fair Political Practices Commission issue an opinion pursuant to Government Code Section 83114 stating how the Board should proceed in setting the duties and obligations of Marx, Maryanov, and McCabe.

This case is currently set for trial on March 14, 1988 in the Indio Branch of the Riverside Superior Court. If any further information or documentation regarding any aspect of this litigation will aid you in advising the individual Board members, please immediately notify the undersigned.

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December 1, 1987
Katheryne Donovan, Counsel
Legal Division
Fair Political Practices Commission
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It is requested that the Commission provide copies of its opinion to our firm, Mr. McNiece, and Darryl A. De Cuir of Chase, Rotchford, Drukker & Bogust at 600 N. Arrowhead Avenue, Suite 201, San Bernardino, CA 92401.

Very truly yours,

L. BARRY MACK,
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BY: 

DONALD E. SMITH

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cc: Susan Marx
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Lt. Michael McCabe
Darryl A. De Cuir, Esq.
Neil G. McNiece, Esq.



California Fair Political Practices Commission

December 8, 1987

Carl A. Gosline
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Re: 87-306

Dear Mr. Gosline:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act was received on December 4, 1987 by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact me directly at (916) 322-5662.

We try to answer all advice requests promptly. Therefore, unless your request poses particularly complex legal questions, or more information is needed, you should expect a response within 21 working days if your request seeks formal written advice. If more information is needed, the person assigned to prepare a response to your request will contact you shortly to advise you as to the information needed. If your request is for informal assistance, we will answer it as quickly as we can. (See Commission Regulation 18329 (2 Cal. Adm. Code Sec. 18329).)

You also should be aware that your letter and our response are public records which may be disclosed to the public upon receipt of a proper request for disclosure.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeanne Pritchard".

Jeanne Pritchard
Chief
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Nov. 30, 1987

MR John H. Larson
Chairman, Fair Political
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Dear Mr Larson

I am interested in certain information relating to the organization of political campaigns and the statutes-rules regarding the conduct of public employees (non federal), specifically locally elected officials of community service districts and general cities as well as the employees of counties, cities, and community service districts.

From past information sessions by FPFC staff members, I'm aware that there are detail, reporting procedures to be observed. However, I need an update by way of anticipating support of candidates in 1988.

Regrettably, I have no information about the conduct of public employees, and am reminded of the Hatch Act at the federal level. Please send whatever guidelines - rules - procedures - do's/don'ts that are available.

In this same context, is there the equivalent of the Federal Freedom of Information Act? If so send the pertinent facts.

In advance, thanks for your help.

Sincerely,
C. A. Gosline