



California Fair Political Practices Commission

April 5, 1988

Mr. Leonard L. Ross
Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 207
Quincy, CA 95971

Your Request for Advice
Our File No. A-88-098

Dear Mr. Ross:

You have requested advice under the campaign disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act"). ^{1/}

FACTS

You are currently a member of the Plumas County Board of Supervisors. Your term will end December of 1988 and you will not be seeking re-election.

QUESTION

What campaign disclosure statements must you file to terminate your status as an officeholder?

CONCLUSION

In order to terminate your status as an officeholder, you must file a Form 415, Statement of Termination and a Form 490, Candidate and Officeholder Campaign Statement-Long Form, reporting all activity through the date of termination.

ANALYSIS

The Act provides that officeholders whose salaries are \$100 or more per month must file semi-annual campaign statements whether or not they have had any campaign activity. The period covered by semi-annual statements is January 1 through June 30 and July 1 through December 31, with due dates of July 31 and December 31 respectively. (Section 84200.)

^{1/}Government Code Sections 81000-91015. All statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise indicated. Commission regulations appear at 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18000, et seq. All references to regulations are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations.

Officeholder status does not automatically terminate. The Act provides that all of the following criteria must be met before an officeholder may terminate his or her obligation to file campaign disclosure statements:

- (1) The officeholder has ceased to receive contributions and make expenditures; and
- (2) does not anticipate receiving contributions, repayments of outstanding loans made to others, or any other receipts in the future and does not anticipate making expenditures in the future; and
- (3) has eliminated or has declared that he or she has no intention or ability to discharge all debts, loans received and other obligations; and
- (4) has no surplus funds; and
- (5) has filed all required campaign statements disclosing all reportable transactions.

(Section 84214 and Regulation
18404.)

If your termination statement is executed on December 31, 1988 and attached to your second semi-annual campaign disclosure statement, Form 490, you will not incur any additional filing requirements unless you begin again to raise or spend money for political purposes.

Please refer to the enclosed 1988 "Information Manual on Campaign Disclosure Provisions of the Political Reform Act," Page 30 to determine where you file the Statement of Termination. Also enclosed for your use are copies of Forms 415 and 490.

Please contact me at 916/322-5662 if you have additional questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths
General Counsel

Mary Ann Kvasager

By: Mary Ann Kvasager
Political Reform Consultant

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March, 4, 1988

Fair Political Practices Commission
Attn: Diane Griffith, Gen. Counsel
428 J. St. Suite 800
Sacramento, Ca. 95814

Ms. Griffith:

I am not seeking another term as supervisor of Plumas County.
My term will end December of 1988.

I have checked elections code section 12400 ET SEQ and understand
I can donate my surplus moneys to another candidate.

Plumas County does not have an ordinance regulating the amounts
donated to another candidate and in talking with Camille and Marion
at your offices in Sacramento the F.P.P.C does not regulate the
amounts either. Marion advised we must file a form 415(statement of
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effort and as we have been harassed for the last fourteen years I
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California Fair Political Practices Commission

March 8, 1988

Leonard L. Ross
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P.O. Box 207
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Re: 88-098

Dear Mr. Ross:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act was received on March 8, 1988 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. Code of Regs. 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,

Jeanne Pritchard
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Chief
Technical Assistance and Analysis
Division

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