



# California Fair Political Practices Commission

April 7, 1988

Mark Neveau  
Committee for Paramedics  
in the Fire Service  
2830 Barrington Terrace  
Fremont, CA 94536

RE: Your Request for Advice  
Our File No. A-88-124

Dear Mr. Neveau:

You have requested advice regarding the campaign provisions of the Political Reform Act of 1974.<sup>1/</sup>

## QUESTION

Should the Committee for Paramedics in the Fire Service file its recipient committee reports with the County of Alameda?

## ANSWER

The Committee should file its recipient committee campaign statements (Form 420) with the County of Alameda.

## FACTS

The committee's statement of organization (Form 410) indicates that its purpose is to promote the integration of paramedics into local fire services within Alameda County. Until recently, the committee has restricted the majority of its activity to the City of Fremont. The committee now intends to contribute to county candidates and officeholders, and other candidates within the county.

Since its formation, the committee has filed its recipient committee campaign statements (Form 420) with the city clerk of the City of Fremont.

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<sup>1/</sup>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.

ANALYSIS

Section 82027.5(c) defines a county general purpose recipient committee as one which supports or opposes candidates or measures voted on in only one county, or in more than one jurisdiction within one county. Since the committee now intends to contribute to county supervisorial races and other candidates within Alameda County, the committee must begin to file as a county general purpose recipient committee.

Section 84215(d) specifies that a county general purpose recipient committee must file the original and one copy of its campaign statements with the clerk of the county.

If you have additional questions, please call me at (916) 322-5662.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths  
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kevin S. Braaten-Moen".

By: Kevin S. Braaten-Moen  
Political Reform Consultant

MR. KEVIN BRAATEN-MOEN  
C/O FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814

3-21-88

DEAR MR. BRAATEN-MOEN:

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AS PER OUR PHONE CONVERSATION ON 3/16/88 I AM REQUESTING THE F.P.P.C. TO ISSUE A LETTER TO OUR POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE ENTITLED "COMMITTEE FOR PARAMEDICS IN THE FIRE SERVICE" ID #851569 INSTRUCTING US TO CHANGE OUR PRESENT FILING AGENCY FROM THE CITY OF FREMONT TO THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA.

THE PURPOSE OF THE ABOVE STATED COMMITTEE IS TO PROMOTE THE ACQUISITION OF PARAMEDICS IN THE FIRE SERVICE. TO DATE THE MAJORITY OF OUR ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CONFINED TO THE CITY OF FREMONT. WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY MET OUR GOAL FOR THE CITY OF FREMONT, (THE FIRE DEPARTMENT NOW EMPLOYS PARAMEDICS). DUE TO THIS WE FIND THAT THE MAJORITY OF OUR WORK IS CONDUCTED WITH THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA BECAUSE THE "COUNTY" IS THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY FOR THE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM AND NOT THE CITY OF FREMONT. WE HAVE ENDORSED ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISOR ED CAMPBELL INCUMBENT CANDIDACY FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION AND WE CONTEMPLATING ENDORSING IN THE OTHER 2 ELECTIONS FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERVISORS' SEATS.

BASED UPON OUR ACTIVITIES WE FEEL TO FULLY COMPLY WITH THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES LAW WE SHOULD BE FILING WITH THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA AND IN AN EFFORT

TO AVOID POSSIBLE FINES OR CONTROVERSY WE ARE REQUESTING A LETTER REITERATING YOUR DECISION DURING OUR PHONE CONVERSATION.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL AT (415) 792-5509. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.

CORDIALLY,

*Mark Neveau*

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# California Fair Political Practices Commission

March 25, 1988

Mark Neveau  
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Fremont, CA 94536

Re: 88-124

Dear Mr. Neveau:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act was received on March 24, 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*  
Jeanne Pritchard  
Chief  
Technical Assistance and Analysis  
Division

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