



California Fair Political Practices Commission

April 27, 1988

Honorable Wallace W. Edgerton
Councilmember, City of Long Beach
Civic Center Plaza
333 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90802

Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. G-88-153

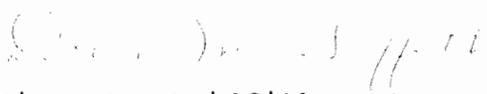
Dear Mr. Edgerton:

Your recent letter to Commission Chairman John Larson has been referred to me for response. You have written for advice concerning use of campaign funds to pay for your wife's travel expenses.

The Fair Political Practices Commission is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the provisions of the Political Reform Act.^{1/} The statutes governing the uses to which campaign funds may be put (Elections Code Section 12400, et seq.) are not part of the Act. Therefore, we are unable to provide advice on this subject. However, we have been told that the Attorney General's office is available to provide advice to local officials on this issue. You may contact Ted Prim of that office at (916) 324-5481.

We appreciate your interest in the Commission. If we may be of assistance in the future, please let us know.

Sincerely,


Diane M. Griffiths
General Counsel

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cc: Chairman Larson

^{1/} Government Code Sections 81000-91015. All statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise indicated.



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April 20, 1988

John H. Larson
Chairman
California Fair Political
Practices Commission
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Larson:

I would appreciate your confirmation in writing of my interpretation of the Elections Code regarding campaign expenditures incurred for travel by the immediate family of an officeholder.

My intention, based on my interpretation of the law (with your confirmation in writing) is to pay for my wife's travel expenses out of campaign funds when on City business (i.e., when my travel expenditures are paid for by the City as a valid City expenditure).

I refer to Chapter 5 of the Elections Code Limitations on uses of Campaign Funds and in particular to Section 12402 - Subsection B, which states "Reimbursements for Travel by the immediate family of a --- office holder when traveling in conjunction with the --- officeholder shall be considered to be for the same purpose as the --- officeholder's travel.

Again, I appreciate your written response on this matter. Our City Attorney appears to concur in the interpretation, and I do believe it prudent to secure your interpretation also.

Sincerely,

WALLACE W. EDGERTON
Councilman 2nd District

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