



# California Fair Political Practices Commission

July 7, 1988

Mr. James Sills  
Chief of Staff  
Councilman Bruce Henderson  
City of San Diego  
202 C Street  
San Diego, California 92101

Re: Your Request for Advice  
Our File No. I-88-230

Dear Mr. Sills:

We have received your letter concerning the new restrictions on publicly-funded mass mailings under Proposition 73. We appreciate your comments on this subject.

Enclosed are copies of our first advice letters interpreting the mass mailing restrictions. After examining the new statute and the analysis by the Legislative Analyst, we have concluded that the voters intended to restrict mailings by state and local elected officials, but did not intend to ban publicly-funded mailings entirely. In the future, we expect to address additional questions concerning the mass mailing restrictions in Proposition 73, and we will include your name on our mailing list for information on the subject.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths  
General Counsel

  
By: Robert E. Leidigh  
Counsel, Legal Division

Enclosure  
Advice Letter No. A-88-220



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**J. BRUCE HENDERSON**

COUNCILMEMBER  
SIXTH DISTRICT

June 17, 1988

California Fair Political Practices  
Commission  
428 J Street, Suite 800  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to request an interpretation on the recently enacted Proposition 73. The measure provides controls and prohibitions regarding mass mailings by elected officials.

One provision bans use of public funds "to send" mass mailings. Is my interpretation correct in thinking that use of the words "to send" applies to costs involved in postage, mailing services, or other delivery related expenses? This provision does not specifically call out costs involved in the printing or preparation of mass mailings. Would, therefore, costs involved in printing of mass mailings remain an appropriate and justifiable expenditure of public funds?

Please contact me at (619) 236-6616 if I may provide additional information.

Sincerely,

JAMES SILLS  
Chief of Staff  
Councilman Bruce Henderson

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# California Fair Political Practices Commission

June 21, 1988

James Sills  
Chief of Staff  
Councilman Bruce Henderson  
City Administration Building  
202 C Street  
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: 88-230

Dear Mr. Sills:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act was received on June 20, 1988 by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact Robert Leidigh, an attorney in the Legal Division, directly at (916) 322-5901.

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 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane M. Griffiths".

Diane M. Griffiths  
General Counsel

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