



# California Fair Political Practices Commission

November 9, 1988

Michael Samson  
Live Oak Family Institute  
39812 Mission Blvd., No. 207  
Fremont, CA 94538

RE: Your Request for Advice  
Our File No. A-88-423

Dear Mr. Samson:

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

## QUESTION

What disclosure obligations does a group have which spends less than \$1,000 on a mailing for political purposes?

## CONCLUSION

The Act's disclosure requirements do not apply to any group whose expenditures for political purposes do not reach \$1,000 in a calendar year.

## FACTS

Your group intends to spend less than \$1,000 on a mailing for political purposes. In a telephone conversation of October 27, 1988, you indicated that your group has not expended, nor does it intend to expend, \$1,000 or more for political purposes this calendar year.

## ANALYSIS

The Act's filing and reporting requirements apply only to candidates and groups which qualify as a committee. (Sections 84101 and 84200-84204.) Section 82013 defines a committee as any person or combination of persons who directly or indirectly receives contributions totaling \$1,000 or more in a calendar year; or makes independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more in a calendar year; or makes contributions totaling \$10,000 or more in a calendar year to or at the behest of candidates or committees. In addition, the Act's requirements pertaining to mass mailings apply only to candidates or committees.

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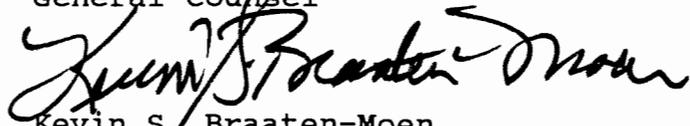
<sup>1/</sup>Government Code Sections 81000-91015. All statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise indicated. Commission regulations appear at 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18000, *et seq.* All references to regulations are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code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

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

Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths  
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin S. Braaten-Moen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

By:

Kevin S. Braaten-Moen  
Political Reform Consultant



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Michael Samson, L.C.S.W. Director

October 27, 1988

Mr. Kevin Braaten Moen  
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428 J Street Suite 700  
Sacramento, CA 95184

Dear Mr. Moen:

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