



# California Fair Political Practices Commission

January 30, 1989

Julie Meier Wright  
4778M La Villa Marina  
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

Re: Your Request for Advice  
Our File No. I-88-439

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The second issue involved a slate mailer. The Commission shares your concern over potential abuses which may occur with slate mailers. In 1987, the Commission successfully sponsored legislation regulating slate mailers. (See enclosed manual.) That legislation became effective on January 1, 1988. We are continuing to monitor slate mailing activities in order to determine whether further legislation will be needed in the future. We appreciate the information you have provided to us in that regard.

If you have any questions, or if you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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By: John G. McLean  
Counsel, Legal Division

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November 12, 1988

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Fair Political Practices Commission  
428 J Street, Suite 800  
Post Office Box 807  
Sacramento, CA 95804

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cc: John Greenwood, Legislative Coordinator



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Re: 88-439

Dear Ms. Wright:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act was received on November 17, 1988 by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact John McLean, 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,

*Kathryn E. Donovan*  
Diane M. Griffiths  
General Counsel

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# Vote for our Santa Monica Republican Team



Pete Wilson  
SENATOR



George Bush  
PRESIDENT



918 19TH ST

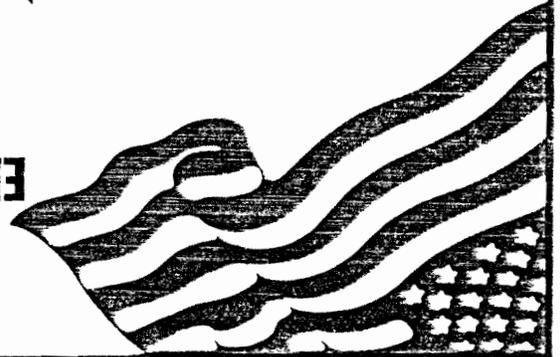
RESIDENCE

JACQUELINE BANKS  
952 18TH ST 3  
SANTA MONICA CA

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90403

## ATTENTION SANTA MONICA REPUBLICANS ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 POLLS OPEN 7AM-8PM



BULK RATE  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Permit # 3664  
Los Angeles, CA

### YES ON 97



Join Senator Pete Wilson and other Republican leaders in voting YES on 97, for a safer workplace and lower Worker's Compensation Insurance rates.

### YES ON 80

Governor Deukmejian says that Proposition 80 is necessary "to build additional prison facilities or the courts may begin to let felons out."



PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

It is important that all Republicans vote on Nov. 8th for the Bush-Quayle ticket, to continue to build on the achievements of the Reagan-Bush Administration!

# YES ON 101

Proposition 101—the Prop. 13 of the auto insurance initiatives!

Proposition 101 is the only auto insurance initiative which dramatically reduces your premiums and provides for legal reforms which end trial lawyer promoted lawsuits and fraudulent insurance claims.

Proposition 101 mandates a roll back of your auto insurance rates to October, 1987 and then cuts them an average of 1/3.

Proposition 101 puts an average of \$750 per year back in the pockets of average California families.

Proposition 101 is endorsed by leading California conservatives including State Senators Marian Bergeson and John Seymour, and Assemblyman Ross Johnson.

## VOTE YES ON PROPOSITION 101

### YES ON 98 — Better Schools Without Tax Increases.

Ensures that your tax dollars are spent efficiently. Makes schools accountable by requiring progress reports on classroom discipline, test scores, drop-out rates, and quality of instruction.

### YES ON 99 — Don't Be Fooled By Tobacco Industry Propaganda.

Join our Republican Sheriff Sherman Block, the L.A. Times, the L.A. Board of Supervisors, and the L.A. Chamber of Commerce in supporting YES ON 99—TO SAVE LIVES.

### NO ON 95 — Feeds The Bureaucrats, Not The Homeless.

Clogs courts with predicted 1,000 new cases daily, requiring 18 new judges. California Taxpayers Association and California Chamber of Commerce oppose Prop. 95's costly new government bureaucracy.

#### NOTICE TO VOTERS:

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## TAKE THIS VICTORY '88 VOTING

President/Vice President

**GEORGE BUSH**

**DAN QUAYLE**

U.S. Senator

**PETE WILSON**

Congress

**DENNIS GALBRAITH**

Assembly

**GLORIA STOUT**

Santa Monica School Board

**MARY KAY KAMATH**

**CONNIE JENKINS**

**PEGGY LYONS**

Santa Monica College Board

**PAT NICHELSON**

**BLYDEN BOYLE**

Santa Monica City Council

**WILLIAM SPIEGEL\***

**JUDY ABDO\***

**KEN GENSER\***

**PAUL ROSENSTEIN\***

Santa Monica Rent Board

**JULIE LOPEZ DAD**

**DELORES M. PRESS**

### STATE BALLOT MEASURES

78 —————> YES

79 —————> NO

80 —————> YES

81 —————> YES

82 —————> YES

83 —————> YES

**84 —————> YES**

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*Mark Borzuta  
Tom Karp  
Carol Fyfe  
Herb Katz  
Donna Albany  
Bull Spurgel  
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