



California Fair Political Practices Commission

April 24, 1989

Honorable Ross Johnson
Assembly Member, Sixty-Fourth District
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0001

Re: Our File No. G-89-237

Dear Assemblyman Johnson:

This letter is in response to your letter of March 14, 1989, concerning the Orange County Register article concerning Assembly Speaker Willie Brown's contributions to support a lawsuit against Assemblyman Curt Pringle. We have checked our advice records and we have no record of advising Mr. Brown on this subject. As you are aware, we cannot advise you concerning Mr. Brown's obligations under the Political Reform Act unless he has authorized you to request that advice. (Regulation 18329(b)(8), copy enclosed.)

If you wish us to treat your letter as a complaint, to be referred to the Commission's Enforcement Division, please notify me as soon as possible.

Please contact me at (916) 322-5901 if you have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn E. Donovan".

Kathryn E. Donovan
General Counsel

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ROSS JOHNSON

ASSEMBLYMAN, SIXTY-FOURTH DISTRICT

ASSEMBLY REPUBLICAN LEADER



March 14, 1989

Mr. John Larson
Chairman
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street
Suite 800
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear John:

A recent news article in the Orange County Register indicated that Assembly Speaker Willie Brown has contributed \$50,000 from his campaign funds to support a lawsuit against Assemblyman Curt Pringle.

Since your staff advises me that restricted funds can be used only for paying off a particular candidate's campaign debts or officeholder expenses, as defined in Regulation 18536.2, and since clearly 1990 funds cannot be used, I am confused as to how Mr. Brown was able to make the contribution.

If there is any rationale consistent with the advice being given by your staff which would allow such an expenditure by Speaker Brown, I would like to be informed of that rationale.

I would appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ross".

ROSS JOHNSON
Assembly Republican Leader

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Democratic campaign consultant considers switch to GOP

OC POLITICAL NOTES

By Larry Peterson
The Register

Harvey Englander, a veteran Orange County Democratic campaign consultant, said he is thinking seriously about becoming a Republican.

Englander has been running campaigns for more than a decade, including those of four Orange County supervisors, Los Angeles City Councilman Michael Woo and Proposition 101, the unsuccessful 1988 auto insurance ballot measure.

The Newport Beach-based strategist's misgivings are not recent. He has been increasingly critical over the past three years of state and local Democratic officials and what he sees as their leftward bent.

"I'm concerned about the future ability of the Democratic Party to reflect the views of moderates," said Englander, who describes himself as one. "I'm concerned that the party of Willie Brown, Ron Brown and Jerry Brown is no longer my party."

He was referring, respectively, to the speaker of the state Assembly, the chairman of the Democratic National Committee and the for-

Reagan Democrats abound

Former state Democratic Chairman Richard O'Neill of San Juan Capistrano defends Willie Brown's advice that the party should write off the Reagan Democrats.

"Most of them already have considered themselves Republicans for years," he said. "They just never got around to re-registering. We have a lot of them in Orange County in places like Garden Grove and Westminster."

O'Neill said that might be one reason that partisan breakdowns reflected in statewide voter registration statistics differ sharply from the results when pollsters ask voters which party they prefer. The former reflect a substantial Democratic advantage; the latter show the GOP about even with the Democrats.

But aren't "Reagan Democrats" prompted to re-register Republican when they are handed primary election ballots that offer them choices only among Democrats in partisan races?

"Most of them don't vote in primaries," O'Neill said.

Brown opposes recall vote

Although Willie Brown has not supported the effort by local Democrats to mount a recall election against freshman Assemblyman



Harvey Englander
Decision is philosophical, economic



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June 20, 1988

Legal Division
Fair Political Practices Commission
P.O. Box 807
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a member of the Yolo County Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB), and also a member of the Board of the Yolo Community Care Continuum (YCCC), a non-profit (Short-Doyle) contract agency. I am also a consumer of YCCC. I am not an employee of YCCC, nor do I have any business interest in YCCC.

I would like to know if there are specific current conflict of interest regulations governing my participation on the Yolo County MHAB.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Sincerely,

Marcia C. Livingstone

Marcia Livingstone
160 Third Street
Woodland, CA 95695



California Fair Political Practices Commission

June 27, 1988

Marcia Livingstone
160 Third Street
Woodland, CA 95695

Re: 88-237

Dear Ms. Livingstone:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act was received on June 24, 1988 by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact Margarita Altamirano, 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, appearing to read "Diane M. Griffiths".

Diane M. Griffiths
General Counsel

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