



California Fair Political Practices Commission

July 11, 1989

Kevin Riley O'Keefe
155 Hollis Avenue
No. 7
Campbell, CA 95008

Re: Our File No. G-89-317

Dear Mr. O'Keefe:

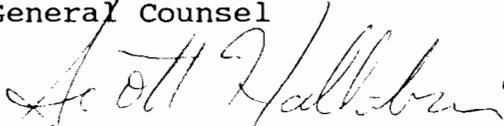
This is in response to the letter you directed to John H. Larson, Chairman of the Fair Political Practices Commission.

In the letter, you ask if something can be done to permit 18-year-olds whose birthdays fall between the June primary election and the November general election to vote in both elections.

The Commission has no jurisdiction over the laws which govern voting in California or Federal elections. We suggest that you contact your representatives in both the California Legislature and the United States Congress and, hopefully, they can satisfactorily address your question.

Sincerely,

Kathryn E. Donovan
General Counsel


By: Scott Hallabrin
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Mr. John H. Larson

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Mr. Larson:

There is an inequity in the way Californians vote that I would like to express to you, an inequity that has been done away with in nearly a dozen other states. This inequity is embodied by the fact that people whose 18th birthday fall between the June primary election and the November general election are only allowed to vote in the general election, which is unfair and totally illogical as the primary election is merely a part of the same process with is completed in November. To allow someone to vote only in the general election but not in the primary election, even if the primary involves candidates for the nomination of the party to which the individual belongs, is the same as telling the person that he/she will have to wait for the next election to participate fully in the democratic process. If a person's 18th birthday falls just before an election, we should be congratulating them for being able to begin inputting their ideas into the political world, as opposed to penalizing them for being youthful and denying them the right to participate in the selection of candidates which occurs in June.

Sincerely,



Kevin Riley O'Keefe



California Fair Political Practices Commission

May 24, 1989

Kevin Riley O'Keefe
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Re: Letter No. 89-317

Dear Mr. O'Keefe:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act was received on MAY 17, 1989 by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact Scott Hallabrin 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 "Scott Hallabrin".

Kathryn E. Donovan
General Counsel

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