



California Fair Political Practices Commission

September 27, 1989

Dale P. Borden
348 Chestnut Street
Vacaville, CA 95688

Re: Our File No. G-89-556

Dear Mr. Borden:

We have received your letter, dated September 21, 1989, concerning a possible violation of the conflict of interest provisions of the Political Reform Act¹ by public officials on the Vacaville School Board, Library Commission and City Council. Enclosed are a pamphlet explaining the conflict of interest laws and a complaint form.

The Commission does not provide advice concerning past conduct of public officials; furthermore, we only provide advice to public officials and their authorized representatives. Complaints about possible violations of the Political Reform Act are handled by our Enforcement Division. After you review the enclosed pamphlet, you may wish to file a complaint with the Enforcement Division concerning possible conflict of interest violations. If you have any questions about filing a complaint, please contact the Enforcement Division at (916) 322-6441.

Sincerely,

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

Kathryn E. Donovan
General Counsel

¹ Government Code Sections 81000-91015.

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Fair Political Practice Commission
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Sir:

The Vacaville School Board, also our Library Commission, and the City Council have held joint and special meetings during the past two years. These two elected bodies have made decisions concerning the present library and a proposed new one.

September 11, 1989, I learned that one of the insurers for the library was a council member. This individual had participated in the decisions made by the above identified elected bodies involving the library.

Does a conflict of interest arise in this situation? Should he be involved in helping to make decisions that may or may not benefit him financially?

September 18, 1989, at the regular school board meeting, I addressed the board asking if there might be a conflict of interest involved in this situation. The Chair indicated she did not know what my question meant.

I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible. Maybe I do not clearly understand what "conflict of interest" means.

Sincerely,



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