



## FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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Lance H. Olson  
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o/b/o Save the Bay

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**Re: FPPC File No. 08/647; Save the Bay**

Dear Mr. Olson:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("Commission") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act")<sup>1</sup>. As you may be aware, the Commission received a complaint against Save the Bay alleging that they violated certain provisions of the Act. Specifically, the complaint alleges that Save the Bay did not file any campaign statements, and has concealed the true identity of donors, in connection with political expenditures made to the Open Space Vote Coalition ("Coalition"). The Commission has decided to close this case without further action.

Under Regulation 18419(c), the sponsor of a committee is not itself a committee within the meaning of Government Code section 82013 if the sponsor only makes contributions or expenditures in support of its sponsored committee, the sponsored committee reports all contributions and expenditures made in support of the committee by the sponsor, and a responsible officer verifies the sponsored committee's campaign statement pursuant to Government Code section 81404.

The Open Space Vote Coalition has filed the appropriate sponsored committee campaign statements, including preelection, semi-annual, and late contribution reports, as required by the Act. Review of the facts of this case show that the Open Space Vote Coalition properly reported contribution and expenditures.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 916-322-5660.

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<sup>1</sup> The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in sections 18410 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

Sincerely,

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