FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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Ms. Susan Lovenburg
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Mr. Winfred Roberson, Jr.
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RE: **Advisory Letter**
FPPC File No. 11/349; Davis Joint Unified School District; Richard Harris, Gina Daleiden; Sheila Allen; Susan Lovenburg; Tim Taylor and Winfred Roberson, Jr.

Dear Messrs. Harris, Taylor and Roberson and Ms. Daleiden, Ms. Allen and Ms. Lovenburg:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("Commission") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act") found in Government Code Section 81000, and following. The Act requires any person or persons who make expenditures for a political purpose to file campaign disclosure statements at specified times disclosing their contributions and expenditures. (Section 82013.)

The Enforcement Division of the Commission received a complaint alleging that the Davis School Board sent a mailer to senior citizens that expressly advocated the passage of Measure A, which would be an expenditure for a political purpose.

After review of the evidence of this matter, we are closing our file, but remind you that the District may qualify as a campaign committee under Section 82013 of the Act, subject to campaign reporting provisions, if the District sends a mass mailing that

unambiguously urges a particular result in an election. Remember to ensure that your mass mailings contain only factual information and do not contain inflammatory or argumentative language. (Section 89001; Regulation 18901.1.)

In the future, please contact the Commission's Legal Division prior to sending a mass mailing to ensure compliance with the Act. Additionally, if you ever need guidance regarding your obligations, please call the FPPC's Technical Assistance Division at (916) 322-5660, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please also visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (916) 322-8194.

Sincerely

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cc: Mr. Randall Coleman, Jr.