

# State of California



# Fair Political Practices Commission

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March 14, 1977

Honorable Arlen Gregorio  
The State Senate  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

77-03-193

Re: Opinion Request  
No. 75-092

Dear Senator Gregorio:

On March 31, 1975, you asked the Fair Political Practices Commission for a formal opinion interpreting the mass mailing provisions of the Political Reform Act. Subsequently, your opinion request was consolidated with those received from several other California officials. On August 3, 1976, the Commission adopted an opinion, 2 FPPC Ops. 110, in which it answered all of the questions posed by the various requests, except those concerning the applicability of the mass mailing provisions of Government Code Section 84305 to certain mailings made on behalf of legislators at public expense.

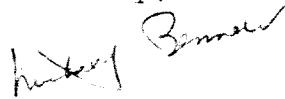
Although the Commission has indicated that certain types of government expenditures are reportable under the Political Reform Act as contributions and/or expenditures, precise guidelines outlining reporting obligations in the context of publicly financed mass mailings, and hence the applicability of Government Code Section 84305 to such mailings, have not yet been promulgated. However, the staff presently is researching and drafting regulations that will establish the necessary guidelines, and these regulations will be responsive to the question posed in your opinion request. Because the regulations will address the issue posed in your opinion request, the Commission decided, at its meeting on March 2, 1977, that a formal opinion would not be necessary and that your opinion request should be dismissed. Accordingly, no formal opinion will be issued in response to your request.

When drafts of the proposed regulations are available, copies will be provided to you for your comments and suggestions. Any comments should be directed to Ted Prim, an attorney on the Commission staff.

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I apologize for the long delay in answering your opinion request. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Bennett". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Michael Bennett  
Executive Director

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