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Mr. George Vertelney, Director
Legislation and Information Services
County of Los Angeles
808 North Spring
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear George:

This letter is in response to your correspondence of July 3, 1978 concerning advice given by Nan Emerson on June 12, 1978 to the Proposition 13 Citizens Defense Committee.

The matter was discussed at a Commission staff meeting which resulted in a confirmation of the advice given based on the fact that the Committee did not begin soliciting funds until after the election and therefore are not receiving contributions or making expenditures for the purpose of influencing the action of voters for or against the passage or defeat of a measure.

You may, of course, appeal this advice to the Commission. Please let me know if you wish to take further action.

Very truly yours,

Regina Siciliano-Rutchins
Technical Assistance Program
Coordinator

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July 3, 1978

Fair Political Practices Commission
P. O. Box 807
Sacramento, California 95804

Attention: Regina Kutchins

Dear Gina:

Enclosed is a solicitation letter from a committee known as Proposition 13 Citizens Defense Committee. A letter from Nan Emerson stating that this is not a political committee is also attached.

I am not completely satisfied that this is, in fact, not a political committee. We have had several questions from the public about the letter. Would you please clarify the matter for us.

Yours very truly,

George Vertelney, Director
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On Election Night, HOWARD JARVIS in his VICTORY SPEECH warned that though we achieved a stunning victory at the Polls, smashing the opponents and drawing the attention of the entire Country, Proposition 13 was in danger of being shot down by those people of SPECIAL INTERESTS within the Government who openly display their disdain for the Constitutional guarantees of the very people who successfully amended the Constitution through the Initiative process. HOWARD JARVIS warned of lawsuits and/or other devices that would be used to impede and then halt the benefits of PROPOSITION 13.

He was right!!

The opponents to the will of the People, are crawling from under their rocks with unbelievable audacity even while on the payroll of the Citizens they want to defeat, using in most cases, Lawyers that are paid for by the Taxpayer!

We need your assistance to defeat THEM instead!!! Insure your past EFFORTS and past CONTRIBUTIONS and the VOTE you gave to PROPOSITION 13!!! DON'T LET YOUR EFFORTS AND MONEY GO DOWN THE DRAIN!!

Evelle J. Younger has pledged to defend PROPOSITION 13. In November he will no longer be the Atty-General. He might be the Governor and he might be out of office. Rep. Yvonne S. Burke states she will defend PROPOSITION 13 --- if elected to Atty-General --- yet she was opposed to PROPOSITION 13 through the primary election.

Now in the words of HOWARD JARVIS, "Who the hell are you going to believe? The Politicians??" Then try to believe the words of the People who put it on the ballot and then made it law!! Who's going to defend it? YOU ARE!!!

November is closer than it seems, with further elections that could ruin our cause. NOW THAT PROPOSITION 13 IS LAW, DON'T LET THE LAU-MAKERS OR ANYONE ELSE TAKE IT AWAY FROM YOU!!!

YOU put PROPOSITION 13 on the ballot. WE nursed it into being as LAW, getting the funds for Television and mailing. Help us to keep it as LAW!

Will you send us \$25.00, \$50.00, \$100.00, \$500.00, \$1000.00? We need your active support. RONALD REAGEN says the only way to do it is to do it ourselves!!!!!!

Make your checks payable to:

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Enclosed is my contribution to help defend PROPOSITION 13.
Please make check payable to:
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June 12, 1978

Proposition 13 Citizens
Defense Committee
Attn: Maggie Salamon
4055 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 418
Los Angeles, California 90010

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is to confirm my response by telephone to Mr. Chris Huntington's question on June 9, 1978 regarding the campaign disclosure requirements of the Political Reform Act.

You stated that a group known as "Proposition 13 Citizens Defense Committee" has formed to collect funds to defray expenses resulting from court challenges to Proposition 13, a successful measure on the June 6, 1978 ballot. You asked whether the group will qualify as a committee under Government Code §82013 required to report its receipts and expenditures on campaign statements. Regarding ballot measures, I advised that only persons or combination of persons who receive contributions or make expenditures for the purpose of influencing the action of voters for or against the passage or defeat of a measure are committees. Government Code §82013. Therefore, if the Defense Committee did not begin soliciting funds until after the election on June 6, 1978, it will not qualify as a committee and, therefore, will not be subject to the reporting requirements of the Act.

I hope this information is helpful. If our staff may provide further assistance, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Nan Emmerson
Nan Emmerson
Special Compliance
Representative

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