

Memorandum

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To : File

Date : October 31, 1978

From : Barbara Campbell
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Subject: Government Code Section 84214

At our October 30, 1978, opinion request meeting, the staff concluded late contribution reports should be filed with the offices that received pre-election campaign statements and, if known at the time of the making of the late contributions, the offices that will receive the post-election campaign statement. If the office that will receive the post-election campaign statement is not known at the time of the making of the late contribution, the maker should exercise his or her best judgment in sending the late contribution report.

In imposing fines for late contribution reports, the staff urged that filing officers should exercise reasonable judgment in fining for late contribution reports.

A mailgram is a telegram for notification purposes of Government Code Section 84214. In the joint venture arrangement with the U.S. Postal Service for mailgrams, Western Union sends a telegram to the post office for the addressee (by using the name of the city and zip code) and then the post office in turn delivers the mailgram to the addressee in the next day's mail delivery.