

March 29, 1979

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I. E. Bonde  
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Re: 7903-06  
Bonding Requirements under  
the Political Reform Act  
of 1974

Dear Mr. Bonde:

In response to your letter of March 24th, enclosed is a copy of the Political Reform Act of 1974. The provision you were concerned with appears at Section 91012 (page 62). You will note that the bonding requirement applies where a private complainant has filed a civil action pursuant to Section 91007 (page 61).

Please feel free to contact us if you need any further information.

Very truly yours,

Robert D. Blasier, Jr.  
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Enforcement Division

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Enclosure

# Investigation of Rhodes widened

By Jim Wilson  
Staff Writer

FREMONT — The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service have opened investigations of Fremont Mayor Gene Rhodes, the Mercury learned Thursday.

Sources close to both investigations said the agencies were looking into Rhodes' complicated financial dealings to see if any federal laws had been violated.

The Mercury has also learned that the U.S. Attorney's Office is reviewing the Rhodes case. It has been assigned assistant U.S. Attorney Richard [redacted], sources said.

Spokesmen at the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Francisco, as well as FBI and IRS offices there, refused comment.

All three agencies said they are barred by law from commenting on investigations. All said that they could neither confirm nor deny that a probe was under way or even contemplated.

Other sources have confirmed, however, that both IRS and FBI investigators have been seeking information on Rhodes from local officials and private citizens.

Rhodes currently is involved in lawsuits filed by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office and private at-

torneys and is the subject of a recall movement by a group of Fremont residents.

The two lawsuits were filed after the Mercury reported a year ago that Rhodes failed to disclose all his financial interests required by state law and voted on matters before the council involving economic holdings.

Rhodes, while refusing to comment on any of the charges against him, has consistently denied any guilt.

Meanwhile, the private lawsuit against Rhodes has run into what could be a major setback.

The state Court of Appeal has ruled that two Fremont residents represented by San Jose attorney Lee Sanders must post a cash bond to continue the case.

The Alameda County Superior Court now must decide what amount the plaintiffs, Juanita Anderson and Emmett Nannery, must post, basing the decision on its assessment of the merits of the case.

The bond requirement, included in the state Political Reform Act of 1974, is designed to discourage frivolous lawsuits aimed at harassing public offi-

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GENTLEMEN.

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I NOTICE ON THE ENCLOSED ARTICLE  
ON MARYA RHODES THAT SOME KIND OF  
BOND REQUIREMENT IS PART OF THE 1974  
POLITICAL REFORM ACT.

I WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THIS  
REQUIREMENT AND DATE IT WENT INTO  
EFFECT. IN 1974 I WAS HARASSED  
THROUGH THE COURT SYSTEM BY A  
RETIREE ATTORNEY. HIS COURT WORK NEXT  
TO NOTHING, BUT HE WAS EXPENDING THE  
THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

SO NOW I AM JUST WONDERING IF  
I DID MISS A GOOD POINT.

Sincerely

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