

# State of California



## Fair Political Practices Commission

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July 9, 1980

Mr. Robert J. Latham, Treasurer  
THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION  
OF CHAFFEY COLLEGE  
7575 Alta Cuesta  
Cucamonga, California 91730

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Dear Mr. Latham:

Pursuant to your request, this letter is to confirm my advice to you during our telephone conversation of July 7, 1980.

During our conversation, you stated that you are the treasurer for "The Committee For The Preservation Of Chaffey College," (hereinafter referred to as "the committee") which has a surplus of approximately, twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00). The committee has ceased all activity and wishes to dissolve. The funds were raised originally, for the sole purpose of paying for ads which protested actions taken by the local Board of Trustees.

You specifically asked, does the committee incur any filing obligations should they decide to contribute the balance of their surplus funds to a local recall committee which is in the process of organizing?

Since the committee did not raise the funds for "political purposes," which by adopted regulation is defined as being for the "purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the action of voters for or against the nomination or election of a candidate or candidates, or the qualification or passage of any measure" (2 Cal.Admin. Code Section 18215), they were not obligated to file as a recipient committee under the Political Reform Act.

I advised you that the committee may contribute the balance of its surplus funds to the local recall committee without incurring a filing obligation under the Political Reform Act, unless the expenditures were five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or more. Government Code Section 82013(c) defines a major donor as a committee which makes contributions directly to or at the behest of candidates and committees which total five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or more in a calendar year. Since the

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twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) balance of surplus funds falls far below the five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) reporting threshold of a major donor committee, the Committee For the Preservation of Chaffey College will not meet the filing requirements and, therefore, not incur any filing obligations under the Political Reform Act as a major donor committee.

In addition, since the contribution made to the local recall committee will be over one hundred dollars (\$100.00), the recall committee which receives the contribution is obligated under Government Code Section 84210(g) to identify the Committee For the Preservation of Chaffey College as a contributor to their committee.

I have enclosed a copy of the Political Reform Act for your use and information. I hope that this information has been helpful to you. Please feel free to contact me again should you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



Helen P. Arriola  
Political Reform  
Consultant

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Enclosure