



California Fair Political Practices Commission

January 28, 1986

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P.O. Box 69
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Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. A-86-031

Dear Mr. Westman:

You have written requesting our advice regarding your filing obligations under the recently revised provisions of Government code Section 87200, et seq., amended by Chapter 611, Stats. 1985. Your understanding of your requirements is correct. For calendar year 1985, you will continue to file a Form 730 pursuant to your agency's Conflict of Interest Code. For calendar year, 1986, you will file pursuant to the requirements of Section 87200, et seq. This means that your Statement of Economic Interests for 1986 will be filed with our office by the County Clerk after you have filed the Form 721 with that office. That statement will be due in the Spring of 1987.

I trust that this letter adequately responds to your request for advice. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, I may be reached at (916) 322-5901.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Leidigh".

Robert E. Leidigh
Counsel
Legal Division

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California Fair Political Practices Commission

December 19, 1985

TO: CITY ATTORNEYS, COUNTY COUNSELS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
FROM: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ANALYSIS DIVISION
RE: STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Enclosed for your information are the 1985-86 Statements of Economic Interests (Form 721 and Form 730), Instruction Manuals and newsletter to filing officials and filing officers. City Clerks, County Clerks and Registrars of Voters were recently mailed these forms and manuals for distribution to the public officials specified in Government Code Section 87200 and to the designated employees specified in the city's or county's conflict of interest code.

As you may know, the Political Reform Act was amended (1985 Stats. Chapter 611, A.B. 670), effective January 1, 1986, to include city attorneys and county counsels as officials covered by Government Code Section 87200 who are required to file the 721 Form. (Currently, city attorneys and county counsels are required to file Statements of Economic Interests, Form 730, only if they are designated in the city's or county's conflict of interest code).

Therefore, if you leave office during 1986 you must file a Form 721 for your leaving office Statement of Economic Interests within 30 days of leaving office. In addition, city attorneys and county counsels who assume office during 1986 must file a Form 721 as an assuming office Statement of Economic Interests within 30 days of assuming office. Your first annual 721 Form will be due April 1, 1987. This Statement will cover the period from January 1, 1986 through December 31, 1986.

If you are currently covered by a local conflict of interest code, you must file your annual Statement covering 1985 on the 730 Form pursuant to the conflict of interest code.

If you have any questions, please call us at (916) 322-5662.

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Re: County Counsel filing, Chap. 611 (AB 670)

Dear Commission Staff:

In 1984 I assumed a four-year term of office as Contra Costa County's County Counsel. I do not anticipate leaving office during 1986.

Under the provisions of Chapter 611 of the Statutes of 1985, I believe that I am not required to file an "Assuming Office Statement of Economic Interest" or "Annual Statement" during 1986. If I correctly understand the note on page 2 of your "1985-86 Manuel...For Form 721," the first filing required of me with your Commission will be a "First Annual Statement" due April 1, 1987 covering calendar year 1986. Of course, I will file in Martinez (for calendar year 1985) a disclosure statement pursuant to Contra Costa County's adopted conflict of interest regulations.

I would appreciate hearing whether you agree or disagree with my understanding of Chapter 611. Your assistance in this regard, will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,


Victor J. Westman
County Counsel

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cc: County Elections Dept.

Attn: Robert J. Delevati