



# California Fair Political Practices Commission

May 13, 1986

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Re: Your Request for Advice  
Our File No. I-86-139

Dear Jim:

This is in response to your letter of April 21, 1986, confirming Alice Hughes' advice with regard to the reporting of bar receipts at a campaign fundraiser. Because your letter does not provide the identity of the person on whose behalf the assistance is being sought, this letter will constitute Informal Assistance pursuant to FPPC regulation 2 Cal. Adm. Code Section 18329(c).

Your letter correctly summarizes Ms. Hughes' advice that receipts from a "no host" bar set up at a fundraiser may be reported as a lump sum amount on Schedule A of the campaign disclosure statement and need not be cumulated with other amounts paid by persons attending the fundraiser. Please be advised, however, that this is true only if persons attending the fundraiser are paying the fair market value for drinks purchased at the bar, so that no contribution is being made by purchasing a drink.

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

Sincerely,

Carla J. Wardlow  
Political Reform Consultant

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California  
Fair Political  
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April 29, 1986

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& Mueller  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: 86-139

Dear Mr. Gross:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act has been received by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact the Technical Assistance and Analysis Division at (916) 322-5662.

We try to answer all advice requests promptly. Therefore, unless your request poses particularly complex legal questions, or unless more information is needed to answer your request, you should expect a response within 21 working days.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne Pritchard".

Jeanne Pritchard  
Chief  
Technical Assistance and Analysis  
Division

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April 21, 1986

Ms. Alice Hughes  
Fair Political Practices Commission  
P.O. Box 807  
428 J Street, Suite 800  
Sacramento, California 95804

Re: Reporting of Receipts from Liquor Sales  
at Fundraiser

Dear Alice:

This is to confirm the advice you gave me by telephone on March 13 concerning the reporting of receipts from the sale of liquor at a fundraising event.

I informed you that two of my clients plan fundraising events at which there will be a "no host" bar. The admission price to the events, along with other costs associated with the events, will be more than \$100.00 cumulatively. Records will be kept pursuant to the Political Reform Act in order to properly disclose those cumulative amounts.

However, the bars at the events will do a cash business. Because the liquor was donated, all proceeds will be considered contributions to the committees sponsoring the events.

My question was how those bar receipts should be reported. You advised that all bar receipts could be reported as a lump sum amount on Schedule A without any cumulation to the contributors attending the events.

If this is consistent with the advice you provided, please sign where indicated below and return the copy to our office.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

  
JAMES C. GROSS

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Accepted and Agreed

By: \_\_\_\_\_