



California Fair Political Practices Commission

July 2, 1986

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Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. A-86-202

Dear Mr. Bagatelos:

This is to confirm the advice I provided to you by telephone on May 22, 1986, with regard to the filing obligations of your client, Californians for an Open Primary (I.D. No. 840374), under the campaign disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act (Government Code Sections 81000-91015).

FACTS

Californians for an Open Primary is a recipient committee which was primarily formed in 1984 to qualify a measure for the statewide ballot. The measure failed to qualify in 1984, but the committee remained in existence and filed semi-annual campaign disclosure reports during 1985. During 1986, the committee began efforts to qualify the measure for the November 1986 general election ballot.

QUESTION

You have asked whether Californians for an Open Primary must file a semi-annual campaign disclosure statement for the period January 1, 1986 through June 30, 1986, pursuant to Government Code Section 84200(a), a post-qualification statement pursuant to Government Code Section 84200.5(f), or both.

ANSWER

I advised you that the committee should file the post-qualification statement and should not file the semi-annual statement due on July 31, 1986. The post-qualification statement must be filed 35 days after the date of notification that the measure has qualified or failed to qualify for the ballot, or 35 days after the deadline for filing petitions, whichever is earlier. The period covered by the statement will begin on January 1, 1986, and end seven days prior to the 35-day filing deadline.

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Enclosed is a 1986 Statement of Organization (Form 410) which should be used by the committee to report any changes which have occurred in the committee's status since filing its original Statement in 1984.

I hope the foregoing is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 322-5662 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



Carla J. Wardlow
Political Reform Consultant

Enclosure

cc: Secretary of State