



# California Fair Political Practices Commission

December 23, 1987

Donald Donaldson  
460 Hazelwood Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94127

RE: Your Request for Information  
Our File No. I-87-302

Dear Mr. Donaldson:

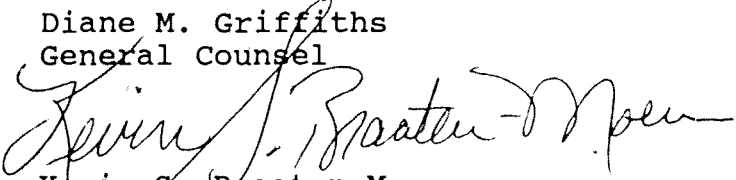
You have requested information regarding the campaign provisions of the Political Reform Act of 1974.<sup>1/</sup> All your questions pertain to the use of campaign funds by Mayor Dianne Feinstein.

The Political Reform Act of 1974, administered and interpreted by the Fair Political Practices Commission, requires that all contributions received and expenditures made by candidates, officeholders, and campaign committees be disclosed. The Act does not place any restrictions on the use or expenditure of such funds. However, the California Elections Code, Section 12400, et seq. does address the use of campaign funds.

The Elections Code is interpreted by the State Attorney General's office. You may obtain information by writing to the Department of Justice, 1515 K Street, Suite 511, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths  
General Counsel

By:   
Kevin S. Braaten-Moen  
Political Reform Consultant

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<sup>1/</sup>Government Code Sections 81000-91015. All statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise indicated. Commission regulations appear at 2 California Administrative Code Section 18000, et seq. All references to regulations are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Administrative Code.

Friday, November 27th, 1987  
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California Fair Political Practices Commission,  
428 "J" Street,  
Sacramento (958-140), California

subject: non-candidate Dianne Feinstein

Greetings:

On file in the Registrar of Voters office in San Francisco County is a "Statement of Organization (Recipient Committee" under the name of "Friends of Mayor Dianne Feinstein (1988)". On schedule "E" of this document are, in my estimation, some questionable items; consider the fact Dianne Feinstein is not a candidate, at this time, for any political office, nor has been since being elected Mayor of San Francisco.

Why are "official gifts" part in a non-campaign? It is claimed payment to A & T Jewlers (\$119.19), Arrow Paper (\$152.10), Bloomers Florists (\$231.65), Christophers Enterprises (\$186.38), Gump's (\$2,700.47), Hanley Roff Dinner Committee (\$150.00), Heirloom Engravers (\$462.00), Michael St. Michael (\$776.12), Outside In A Flower Service (\$682.73), T.W.P. (Street Fashions) (\$355.28), Thomas John Gibbons-Photography (\$482.40), Tie Rack Store (\$1,104.20), Tiffany & Company (\$5,584.59), Winsor Vineyards, Inc. (1,536.00), are official gifts. It will be appreciated if you will send me the Commission's legal description of "Official gifts", as used as a part of a political campaign.

Why is "official entertaining" a part of a non-campaign? It is claimed a "reimbursement" Dianna Feinstein (\$1,755.29), Richard C. Blum (Mrs Dianne Feinstein?) "reimbursement" (692.53), Robert Fredmore Catering (\$1,575.16), San Francisco Chamber of Commerce (\$806.78), San Francisco Hilton & Towers (\$1,398.10), Say Cheese Caterers (\$126.00), St Francisco Yacht Club (\$102.78), and World Trade Club \$1,112.47) are legal expenditures.

for What is the Commission's legal foundation for allowing the expenses for the Mayor's Far East Trip (Tokyo) to be paid for from (non) Campaign expenses? Such as: Charlotte Mailliard (\$1,290.59), Hotel Okura Toyko, (\$3,051.05) (\$1,892.93), Richard C. Blum (reimbursement) (\$4,585.91), Hotels Okura (\$1,076.49), Royal (Osaka) (\$1,056.75), Mandarin (Hong Kong) (\$1,852.67), Inter Group Corp. (Osaka) (\$600.00), Thomas Eastham (reimbursement) (\$2,103.56), and Travel Arts (\$2,732.00).

If the Commission has a list of items legally deductible from campaign expenditures, for both candidates and non-candidates, it will be appreciated if you will send me a copy.

If the items listed in the above paragraphs are non-deductable what legal action(s) does the Commission intend to take for recovery?

c.c. Dianne Blum, AKA Mrs. Richard Blum, Yours,  
AKA Dianne Feinstein, Mayor, S.F.  
AKA Queen of Corruption

  
Donald Donaldson, non-candidate



# California Fair Political Practices Commission

December 4, 1987

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Re: 87-302

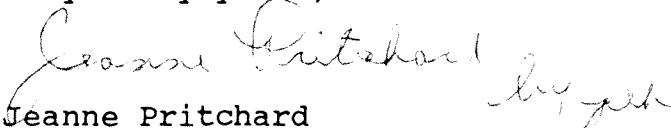
Dear Mr. Donaldson:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act was received on November 30, 1987 by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact me directly at (916) 322-5662.

We try to answer all advice requests promptly. Therefore, unless your request poses particularly complex legal questions, or more information is needed, you should expect a response within 21 working days if your request seeks formal written advice. If more information is needed, the person assigned to prepare a response to your request will contact you shortly to advise you as to the information needed. If your request is for informal assistance, we will answer it as quickly as we can. (See Commission Regulation 18329 (2 Cal. Adm. Code Sec. 18329).)

You also should be aware that your letter and our response are public records which may be disclosed to the public upon receipt of a proper request for disclosure.

Very truly yours,

  
Jeanne Pritchard  
Chief  
Technical Assistance and Analysis  
Division

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