



California Fair Political Practices Commission

January 5, 1987

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Iowa Campaign Finance Disclosure Commission
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Re: Our File No. I-87-329

Dear Ms. Anderson:

We have received your letter requesting copies of record systems and other information concerning public access to campaign disclosure statements in the State of California.

Pursuant to the Political Reform Act (Cal. Government Code Sections 81000-91015), all campaign disclosure statements are public records. In this regard, California Government Code Section 81008 provides as follows:

81008. Public Records; Inspection; Reproduction. Every report and statement filed pursuant to this title is a public record open for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours, commencing as soon as practicable, but in any event not later than the second business day following the day on which it was received. No conditions whatsoever shall be imposed upon persons desiring to inspect or reproduce reports and statements filed under this title, nor shall any information or identification be required from such persons. Copies shall be provided at a charge not to exceed ten cents (\$0.10) per page. Campaign statements shall be open for public inspection and reproduction from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Saturday preceding an election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in June or November in even-numbered years in the offices of Secretary of State, Registrar-Recorder of Los Angeles County, Registrar of Voters of San Diego County and Registrar of Voters of the City and County of San Francisco.

Accordingly, the Commission's information manual on campaign disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act contains the enclosed statement concerning information collection and access.

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Recently, we have had to face questions about public access to the Commission's investigative files under California's Public Records Act. (Cal. Gov. Code Section 6250, et seq.) Enclosed is a copy of a court decision and a new Commission regulation on this subject.

Please contact me at (916) 322-5901 if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my understanding that your state has an act which relates to fair information practices. Iowa agencies are now in the process of adopting rules which will implement the Iowa Fair Information Practices Act, and as this is new to us, I am looking to other states for any guidance you may be able to provide. The area which causes us the most difficulty is as follows:

"A description of which of its records are public records, which are confidential records and which are partially public and partially confidential records . . . The description shall indicate whether the records contain personally identifiable information."

If your state has defined and described record systems which relate to campaign finance disclosure, would you please provide us with copies? Any other information which you feel might be helpful would also be appreciated.

We are working with a deadline, so I would be grateful for a prompt response. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Linda L. Andersen
Secretary to the Director

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