



California
Fair Political
Practices Commission

March 2, 1988

Joseph Olson
638 Canyon Drive
Solana Beach, CA 92075

RE: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. I-88-078

Dear Mr. Olson:

Betty R. Gallagher has requested advice concerning the activities of a Solana Beach citizens group and how those activities pertain to the campaign provisions of the Political Reform Act of 1974.^{1/} Because her letter did not specify whether she or you were associated with the particular committee in question, we cannot provide formal advice. (Regulation 18329(b)(d).) However, we can provide general guidance to assist you in analyzing the situation.^{2/}

QUESTION

What are the legal filing and reporting requirements for a group of citizens who have formed a committee in support of a measure scheduled to be on the June 1988 ballot?

CONCLUSION

If the citizens group receives or expends \$1,000 for political purposes during a calendar year, they must file a statement of organization (Form 410, enclosed) with the Secretary of State, and report their receipts and expenditures to the Solana Beach City Clerk's office by specified dates (see Information Manual on Campaign Disclosure Provisions of the Political Reform Act, enclosed).

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

^{2/}Informal assistance does not provide the requestor with the immunity provided by an opinion or formal written advice. (Section 83114; Regulation 18329(c)(3), copy enclosed.)

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FACTS

A group of citizens of the City of Solana Beach have formed a committee to support a measure that will be on the June ballot regarding a name change for a street within the City of Solana Beach.

ANALYSIS

Section 82013(a) defines a "committee" as any person or combination of persons who directly or indirectly receives contributions totaling \$1,000 or more in a calendar year. Section 82015 and Regulation 18215 (copy enclosed) define "contribution."

Sections 84200 and 84200.5 require that each committee that meets the definition in Section 82013(a) must file semi-annual and preelection statements in addition to any other special reports that might be required. The contents of the statements are specified in Section 84211 and further explained in the enclosed campaign information manual starting on page 61. Special reports are discussed in the manual beginning on page 32.

For your convenience, we have enclosed a copy of the Form 410, reporting Form 420, and terminating Form 415. For any other forms you may require, contact your city clerk.

Several cities have their own ordinances governing campaign contributions and activities with their own requirements and restrictions in addition to those requirements imposed by the Political Reform Act. Please contact the Solana Beach city clerk or city attorney's office for information concerning local ordinances.

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

Sincerely,

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General Counsel



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Political Reform Consultant

Enclosures

February 15, 1988

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Fair Political Practices Commission
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Dear Sir -

Some citizens of the City of Colona Beach have formed a committee in favor of a measure that will be on the June ballot in regard to a street change of name in the city of Colona Beach.

Would you please send instructions as to what is required of this Committee in order to be in compliance with legal requirements. The information should be sent to

Mr. Joseph Olson
638 Canyon Drive
Colona Beach, Calif 92075

Thank you -

Betty R. Gallagher