



# California Fair Political Practices Commission

August 24, 1989

Brian W. Maas  
Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro  
P.O. Box 7880  
San Francisco, CA 94120

RE: Your Request for Informal  
Assistance  
Our File No. I-89-412

Dear Mr. Maas:

You have requested confirmation of telephone assistance I provided to you concerning the campaign disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act.<sup>1/</sup> Because you have not provided the name of your client, we consider your request to be for informal assistance pursuant to Regulation 18329(c).<sup>2/</sup>

Your letter, dated July 10, 1989, correctly summarizes my advice that the contribution which was designated for a California recipient committee, but inadvertently deposited into an affiliated federal committee's account, may be transferred to the California committee's campaign account without the federal committee becoming a recipient committee pursuant to Section 82013(a).

Please call me at 916/322-5662 if you have additional questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathryn E. Donovan  
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Ann Kvasager".

By: Mary Ann Kvasager  
Political Reform Consultant

<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 Code of Regulations Section 18000, et seq. All references to regulations are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations.

<sup>2/</sup> Informal assistance does not provide the requestor with the immunity provided by an opinion or formal written advice. (Section 83114; Regulation 18329(c)(3).)

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July 10, 1989

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Ms. Mary Ann Kvasager  
Analyst, Technical Assistance Unit  
Fair Political Practices Commission  
428 J Street, Suite 800  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Kvasager:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation this afternoon regarding the inadvertent deposit of funds designated for a California recipient committee, but deposited in an affiliated federal PAC.

My understanding is that a \$1,000 deposit may be transferred from the federal committee to the California political committee without the former becoming a recipient committee under the Political Reform act of 1974, as amended (the "Act"). The funds transmitted to the California committee must be properly disclosed as coming from the contributor. The California committee records should adequately note that the funds were transferred through the federal committee.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Brian W. Maas

# Walter Francis Ekard

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June 25, 1989

Fair Political Practices Commission  
P.O. Box 944001  
Sacramento, Ca. 94244-4001

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to my understanding of the current FPPC interpretation of Propositions 68&73, I am submitting as treasurer on behalf of Supervisor Brian P. Bilbray the enclosed Form 501 & 502 and Form 410 for purposes of identifying the specific election for which the Supervisor's current campaign account is to be used.

Based on my conversations with representatives of the FPPC and the San Diego County Registrar of Voters, it is my understanding that the funds Supervisor Bilbray has currently on account, are usable for his future campaign and officeholder expenses even though the funds were collected prior to January 1, 1989.

It is my further understanding that no separate "officeholder" account is necessary for expending funds currently in the campaign account for typical officeholder expenses. Moreover, as I understand the most recent Court and FPPC interpretation, campaign funds can be moved from one campaign account to another at the discretion of the candidate. For example, if Supervisor Bilbray decided to run for Congress in 1990, he could set up a separate, second campaign account and transfer in any or all funds existing at that time in his Supervisor's campaign account.

As the terms and interpretation of Propositions 68 & 73 remain in limbo, it is important that I be made cognizant of any misunderstandings or misconceptions about the rules that become clear to your office regarding Supervisor Bilbray's activity with the FPPC. It is our fervant desire to remain completely consistant with the rules and regulations as determined by the voters. To that end I would respectfully request that you notify me immediately if the material submitted now or in the future on behalf of Supervisor Bilbray is incorrect or inconsistant with the law. I can be reached at 756-1174 or 789-6373 (home).

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Very truly yours,  


Walt Ekard  
Treasurer

~~Attorney At Law~~

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# California Fair Political Practices Commission

July 14, 1989

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P.O. Box 7880  
San Francisco, CA 94120

Re: Letter No. 89-412

Dear Mr. Maas:

We received your letter requesting confirmation of advice under the Political Reform Act on July 12, 1989. Your letter has been assigned to our Technical Assistance and Analysis Division for response. If you have any questions, you may contact that division directly at (916) 322-5662.

If the letter is appropriate for confirmation without further analysis, we will attempt to expedite our response. A confirming response will be released after it has gone through our approval process. If the letter is not appropriate for this treatment, the staff person assigned to prepare the response will contact you shortly to advise you. In such cases, the normal analysis, review and approval process will be followed.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathryn E. Donovan".

Kathryn E. Donovan  
General Counsel

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