



California Fair Political Practices Commission

August 28, 1989

Ginger Bremberg
Glendale City Council
613 E. Broadway, Room 300
Glendale, CA 91206-4391

Re: Your request for Advice
Our File No. A-89-445

Dear Councilwoman Bremberg:

This is in reply to your letter requesting advice concerning your reporting obligations under the conflict of interest disclosure provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").¹

QUESTION

Are you required to disclose as a gift, a charitable donation made in your name? If so, is the gift subject to the gift and honorarium limitation in Government Code Section 85400?

CONCLUSION

The donation, in your name, to the National Lupus Erythematosus Foundation is not considered a gift to you.

FACTS

You received notification from the National Lupus Erythematosus Foundation that Assemblyman Tom Bane made a donation to the foundation in your name to congratulate you on your reappointment to the California Waste Management Board. The amount of the donation has not been disclosed to you.

¹Government Code Section 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.

ANALYSIS

Government Code Section 82028 defines a gift as "... any payment to the extent that consideration of equal or greater value is not received..." Elected officials must disclose gifts received from a single source aggregating \$50 or more in a calendar year. (Section 87207.)

Regulation 18726.1 (copy enclosed) states that:

... a gift is "provided to, received by, or promised to" an official at the time the offer is extended if the gift is offered to the official in such a manner that it is within the official's discretion whether or not to accept it and the official ultimately decides to accept the gift. A gift is deemed accepted if it is tendered and comes under the control of the recipient official...

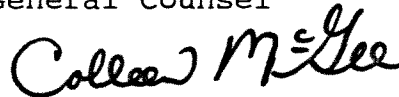
Because you had no discretion in whether to accept the donation to the National Lupus Erythematosus Foundation, and the donation did not come under your control, you have not received a reportable gift.

In addition, please note that the \$1,000 gift and honorarium limitation in Government Code Section 85400 relates only to gifts and honoraria received in connection with a speech, article or published work on a subject relating to the governmental process. Commission Regulation 18540(d) (copy enclosed) defines governmental process as "activities related to the official duties of the elected officer, or the functions, programs and policies of government."

If you have any other questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (916) 322-5662.

Sincerely,

Kathryn E. Donovan
General Counsel



By: Colleen McGee
Political Reform Consultant

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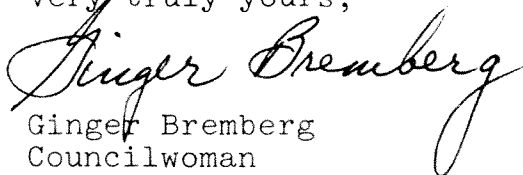
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Your formal written advise is requested under the provisions of Government Code S. 84114(d).

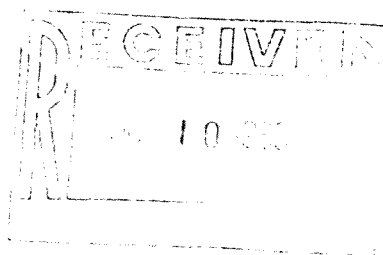
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cc: Office of Auditor General
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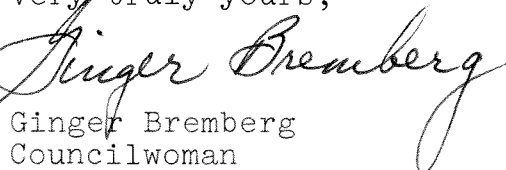
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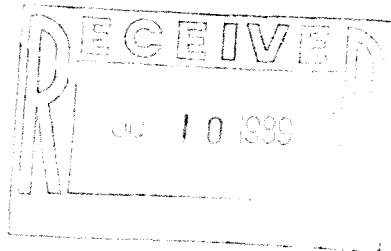
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Councilmember
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Re: Letter No. 89-445

Dear Ms. Bremberg:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act was received on July 26, 1989 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. Code of Regs. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne Pritchard".

Jeanne Pritchard
Chief Technical Assistance
and Analysis Division

Handwritten initials in cursive script, possibly "JP".

JP:plh