



California Fair Political Practices Commission

June 12, 1990

Linda Joplin, PAC Chair
California NOW PAC
926 J Street, Suite 523
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. A-90-361

Dear Ms. Joplin:

You have requested confirmation of telephone advice provided under the campaign provisions of the Political Reform Act.¹

Our conversation regarded whether you could sign a letter to be included in a slate mailer paid for by candidates and other committees endorsed by California NOW PAC which will be accompanied by a membership application for California NOW, a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization. Your letter accurately reflects my advice that your signature on an enclosure in a slate mailer does not violate provisions of the Act. However, since your question involves a non-profit organization whose tax status has been designated by the Internal Revenue Service, please contact that agency for any possible prohibitions, restrictions, or reporting obligations that may apply.

Because California NOW PAC will not pay any of the costs associated with the mailing, it is not making a contribution to the candidates or committees involved. In addition, because membership dues for California NOW, the non-profit organization, are not transferred to California NOW PAC, the PAC is not receiving a contribution from the candidates and committees paying for the slate mailer. Therefore, California NOW PAC has no reporting obligations in connection with the mailing.

A copy of your letter is enclosed for your convenience.


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.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosure