



California Fair Political Practices Commission

February 20, 1992

Honorable Leon E. Panetta
Member of Congress
380 Alvarado Street
Monterey, CA 93940

Attention: Ken Christopher

Re: Our File No. G-92-51

Dear Congressman Panetta:

You have requested assistance on behalf of Mr. Clarence E. Elias, who wishes to run for Governor of California.

The Fair Political Practices Commission administers and enforces the provisions of California's Political Reform Act (the "Act").^{1/} The Act requires candidates for state and local elective offices to file periodic reports disclosing campaign receipts and expenditures, and requires disclosure of certain personal financial interests. (Sections 84100-84216.5; 87200-87210.)

The term "candidate" is defined in Section 82007 to include any person who receives a contribution or makes an expenditure (including expenditures made from personal funds) for the purpose of bringing about his or her nomination or election to any elective office. Prior to soliciting or receiving a contribution, Mr. Elias must file the enclosed Candidate Intention (Form 501) with this office. (Section 85200.) Mr. Elias also must open a campaign bank account in California for the purpose of depositing contributions and making campaign expenditures. Within 10 days of opening the account, he must file the enclosed Campaign Bank Account notice (Form 502) with this office. (Section 85201.) Thereafter, Mr. Elias will be required to file periodic campaign disclosure reports as described in the enclosed "Information

^{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.

Manual A--Campaign Provisions of the Political Reform Act for Elected State and Local Officers and Candidates for State and Local Elective Offices and Their Controlled Committees." The Manual also sets out the recordkeeping requirements, prohibitions, restrictions on use of campaign funds, and other rules and regulations contained in the Act which apply to candidates for elective office and to committee treasurers. Copies of the required disclosure forms can be obtained from the Secretary of State.

In addition, Mr. Elias will be required to complete the enclosed Statement of Economic Interests (Form 721) disclosing certain personal financial interests on or about the time he files the appropriate documents with his election official to be listed on the ballot. Information concerning election documents needed to be listed on the ballot can be obtained from the Secretary of State or county election officials in the county in which Mr. Elias resides.

If Mr. Elias is elected to office, there are additional provisions of the Act which will apply to him concerning conflicts of interest and prohibitions on gifts and honoraria.

Please feel free to have Mr. Elias contact this office at (916) 322-5662 if he has any questions concerning the requirements of the Political Reform Act.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures