



California Fair Political Practices Commission

May 12, 1992

Marguerite L. Wagner, Judge
North County Municipal Court
325 South Melrose Drive
Vista, CA 92083-6693

Re: Your Request for Confirmation
of Telephone Advice
Our File No. I-92-253

Dear Judge Wagner:

This letter confirms telephone advice provided, in your behalf, to Sharon Lear on April 9, 1992, regarding the conflict of interest provisions of the Political Reform Act.¹ Because your question is general in nature and does not involve a specific matter we are treating your request as one for informal assistance.²

Your letter accurately summarizes my advice that personal gifts to a public official do not have to be disclosed when they are provided within the context of a "bona fide dating relationship." I am enclosing a copy of the advice letter you requested (Roff, No. A-89-106), and another (Shea, No. A-84-085) which is referenced in the Roff letter.

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. (Government Code Section 83114; 2 Cal. Code of Regs. Sections 18329(c)(3).)

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosure