



California Fair Political Practices Commission

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Re: Your Request for Confirmation of
Telephone Advice
Our File No. A-92-315

Dear Mr. Fox:

This letter confirms the advice I provided to you on May 15, 1992, and in a subsequent conversation concerning the campaign provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").¹

You asked what the verification requirements are of a committee which is controlled by more than one candidate. The committee about which you are inquiring is controlled by 22 candidates.

Section 81004 provides in pertinent part:

(b) A report or statement filed by a committee which qualifies under subdivision (a) of Section 82013 shall be signed and verified by the treasurer, and a report or statement filed by any other person shall be signed and verified by the filer. If the filer is an entity other than an individual, the report or statement shall be signed and verified by a responsible officer of the entity or by an attorney or a certified public accountant acting as agent for the entity. Every person who signs and verifies any report or statement required to be filed under this title which contains material matter which he knows to be false is guilty of perjury.

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.

In addition, Regulation 18430(b) provides that if a committee is controlled by more than three candidates, all campaign statements filed by the committee shall be signed and verified by one of the controlling candidates, on behalf of all the controlling candidates.

I advised you that based on the facts you provided, one of the controlling candidates may sign and verify the statements on behalf of all the controlling candidates. (Section 81004(b), Regulation 18430, and Lippert Advice Letter, No. A-86-236.)

Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (916) 322-5901.²

Sincerely,

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² Copies of Commission regulations and opinions are available in many law libraries. Alternatively, copies of these materials and Commission advice letters may be obtained from the Commission at a cost of 10¢ per page.