



California Fair Political Practices Commission

July 19, 1993

Leza Davis
Office of Senator Newton R. Russell
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5061
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. A-93-278

Dear Ms. Davis:

I am writing to confirm our telephone conversation on July 7, 1993 wherein we discussed your request for advice regarding the gift provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").¹

Your letter of July 14, 1993 accurately reflects our conversation wherein I informed you that Senator Russell's receipt of complimentary registration in the amount of \$350 to a mediation training by the Los Angeles County Bar Association would not be considered a gift. Free admission to an informational conference or seminar would be deemed "informational material" if it is provided to the official for the purpose of assisting him in the performance of his official duties. (Regulation 18942.1(a), copy enclosed.)

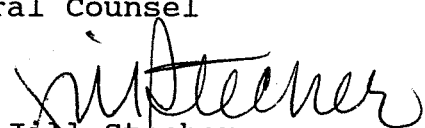
Under Section 82028(b)(1), "informational material" is excepted from the definition of a "gift."

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.

I trust this answers your question.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure