



California Fair Political Practices Commission

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Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. A-93-395

Dear Ms. Fishburn:

I am writing regarding your letter of October 13, 1993, requesting confirmation of telephone advice I provided to you on behalf of your client, the Newport Conservancy. Your letter accurately reflects the facts of our conversation, wherein I advised you that the "Walk on the Wild Side" event, sponsored by the Newport Conservancy, appears to be a charitable fundraiser. Therefore, expenditures made and monies raised in connection with the walk are not reportable. Our conclusion is based on the premise that the walk has no relationship to a political purpose, namely Measure A, and is not a political fundraiser for Measure A.

Since one of the councilmembers who is involved with the Measure A committee is on the board of the Newport Conservancy, please be aware of Regulation 18217, which provides guidelines for determining when a nonprofit organization is considered a controlled committee.

I trust this answers your question.

Sincerely,

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