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Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. A-94-109

Dear Mr. Hertzberg:

You are requesting confirmation of oral advice which you recently received from Ms. Dixie Howard in our Technical Assistance and Analysis Division. You formed a committee for the purpose of running for the California State Legislature, raised funds and then decided not to run for office. You discussed with Ms. Howard the legally permissible uses of the funds held by your committee.

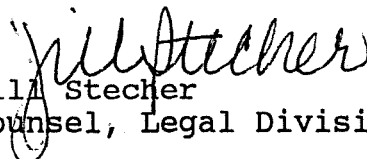
Specifically, you inquired about making a contribution to a candidate for the California State Assembly and to a candidate for the United States Congress. As Ms. Howard informed you, both of these are legal uses of your campaign funds pursuant to the personal use provisions of the Political Reform Act (Section 89510 et seq.). However, please be advised that you cannot transfer funds from your campaign account to a candidate who is in a jurisdiction which has valid contribution limits or to a candidate who is running in a special election.

In addition, we recommend that you consult with the Federal Elections Commission ("FEC") regarding the contribution from your state campaign account to a federal candidate. The toll-free advice number for the FEC is 1-800-424-9530.

I trust this answers your question.

Sincerely,

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