



# California Fair Political Practices Commission

June 10, 1994

Doris A. Wells  
515 E. Thelborn Street  
Covina, CA 91723

Re: Your Request for Advice  
Our File No. A-94-172

Dear Ms. Wells:

I am writing as a follow-up to our telephone conversation on June 6, 1994. As I informed you, the policy of the Legal Division of the FPPC is that we do not render third party advice; that is, we only advise the public official or the official's authorized representative as to the official's duties and obligations under the Political Reform Act.

Questions regarding the legality of conduct that has already occurred are referred to our Enforcement Division. If you would like to pursue your question regarding the councilmember's use of campaign funds for legal fees, please contact our Enforcement Division at (916) 322-6441. They will advise you as to whether there are grounds to file a formal complaint in this matter.

I am enclosing a copy of Government Code Section 89514, which is the authority for the expenditure of campaign funds for attorney's fees. Your original letter, No. A-94-172, will be retained in our files.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Steven G. Churchwell  
General Counsel

By:   
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