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**Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. G-00-043**

Dear Mr. Fleming:

This letter is in response to your e-mail request for general assistance regarding the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").¹ Because your questions are general in nature and do not pertain to a specific governmental decision, we are treating your request as one for general assistance.²

You are inquiring regarding the laws pertaining to contributions made by corporations and unions in California. You also ask what guidelines local county and city campaigns fall under.

Corporations and unions are not currently prohibited from making contributions in California under the Act. However, local jurisdictions may have restrictions on corporate or union contributions. You would need to check with the particular county or city to determine if there are restrictions.

In addition, you may want to check with the Federal Election Commission regarding federal law and its rules regarding corporate and union contributions in California.

We may not advise you about other laws outside of the Act.

¹ Government Code sections 81000 - 91015. Commission regulations appear at title 2, sections 18109 - 18996, of the California Code of Regulations.

² General assistance does not provide the requestor with the immunity provided in an opinion or formal written advice. (Section 83114; Regulation 18329(c).)


City and county jurisdictions may adopt their own ordinances or rules concerning contribution limits and other matters unless the rules conflict with the Act. (Section 81013). Again, you would have to check with the city or county regarding this particular question.

I have attached our Campaign Manuals A and E, along with the 2000 Addendum. Please note that page 38 of Manual E states that corporations may make political contributions in California. In addition, page 89 of Manual A contains information about local limits.

If you have any other questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (916) 322-5660.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynda Doherty".

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