



## FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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Gregory S. Pettis  
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**Re: Your Request for Advice  
Our File No. G-00-049**

Dear Mr. Pettis:

This letter is in response to your request for assistance regarding the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").<sup>1</sup> The Act requires the Commission to provide formal written advice to any person whose duties under the Act are in question or to that person's authorized representative. (Section 83114(b).)

However, 2 Cal. Code Regulations Section 18329(b)(8)(A) provides that written advice will be declined where the "requestor is seeking advice relating to past conduct." Consequently, we are unable to provide assistance with respect to the issues you raise in your letter. However, we have enclosed a fact sheet entitled *Campaign Contributions May Cause Conflicts for Appointees and Commissioners* which discusses Section 84308. Also attached is a *Participant Disclosure Form*. I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

I have also attached a copy of a meeting notice at which Regulations 18438.1 and 18438.2 were discussed on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The Commission may be considering amendments to Regulations 18438.1 and 18438.2 in the near future. If you would like to be placed on our mailing list for updates and future meeting notices regarding these regulations, please contact Steve Russo who is the attorney working on these regulations. He can be reached at (916) 322-5660.

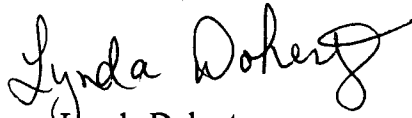
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<sup>1</sup> Government Code sections 81000 - 91015. Commission regulations appear at title 2, sections 18109 - 18996, of the California Code of Regulations.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures