



## FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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**Re: Your Request for Informal Assistance  
Our File No. I-01-239**

Dear Ms. Weinheimer:

This letter is in response to your request for informal assistance regarding the conflict-of-interest provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").<sup>1</sup> You are requesting advice regarding a possible conflict of interest involving Gail Marshall, a member of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, and the Santa Barbara Flower Growers Association. While the Act requires that the Commission provide formal written advice or informal assistance to any person whose duties under the Act are in question or to that person's authorized representative, the Commission does not provide advice to a third party about a public official's duties under the Act. (Section 83114; Regulation 18329, copy enclosed.) Furthermore, your questions involve issues of past conduct, and the Commission does not provide formal advice or informal assistance regarding past conduct. (Regulation 18329.) Therefore, we decline to provide the advice you have requested.

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<sup>1</sup> Government Code sections 81000 – 91014. Commission regulations appear at Title 2, sections 18109-18997, of the California Code of Regulations.

If you believe that a violation of the Act has occurred, you may file a complaint with the Commission's Enforcement Division. I have enclosed brochures explaining the complaint procedure and a complaint form. Please contact the Enforcement Division at (800) 561-1861 if you have any questions about the complaint procedure.

Sincerely,

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General Counsel

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Enclosures: Regulation 18329  
Complaint Procedure and Form  
"What happens after I file a complaint with the FPPC?"

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