



## FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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Marcia H. Armstrong  
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**Re: Your Request for Informal Assistance  
Our File No. I-02-165**

Dear Ms. Armstrong:

This is in response to your request for assistance under the Political Reform Act (the "Act").<sup>1</sup> Because your letter does not seek advice regarding any provision of the Act, we are treating your request as one for informal assistance.<sup>2</sup>

### QUESTION AND CONCLUSION

You were elected to the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors in March 2002. Your term of office does not begin until January 2003. Are there any restrictions on your attendance as "supervisor-elect" at social, community and civic events before your term of office begins in January of 2003?

The Fair Political Practices Commission interprets and enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act, which regulates such things as disclosure of campaign contributions and expenditures during elections, conflict-of-interest issues facing public officials and financing of lobbying activities before the state Legislature and state administrative agencies. The question you pose is not under the jurisdiction of the Fair Political Practices Commission. It is suggested you contact your county counsel for assistance with this issue.

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

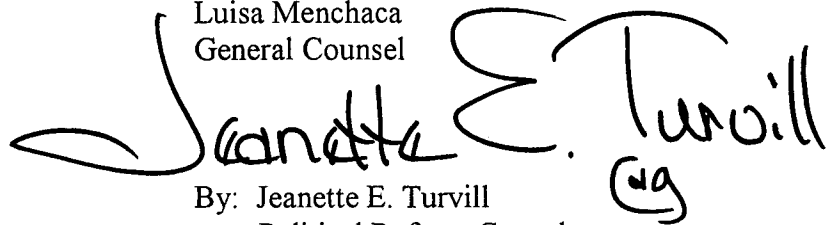
<sup>2</sup>Informal assistance does not provide the requestor with the immunity provided by an opinion or formal written advice (Government Code § 83114; 2 Cal. Code of Regs. § 18329(c)(3), copy enclosed.)

You do need to be aware, however, that as an elected officer of a local governmental agency, you may not receive gifts aggregating more than \$320 in value in a calendar year from a single source. Additionally, when you do assume office in January, you will disclose on your statement of economic interests any gifts valued at \$50 or more received in the prior 12 months from a single source. Gifts include such things as meals or tickets to social or sports venues. I have enclosed a fact sheet on the receipt of gifts, travel and honoraria to assist you further.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (866) 275-3772.

Sincerely,

Luisa Menchaca  
General Counsel

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeanette E. Turvill" with a stylized flourish at the end. Below the signature is a small handwritten mark that looks like "eg".

By: Jeanette E. Turvill  
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Enclosures