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**Re: Your Request for Informal Assistance
Our File No. I-03-093**

Dear Ms. Guyon:

This letter is in response to your request for advice regarding the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").¹ Since you are not requesting advice on the duties of a specific public official, we are treating your request as one for informal assistance pursuant to regulation 18329(c).²

QUESTION

The County of El Dorado is holding a special election on July 29, 2003, for the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, District III. May candidates and committees involved in the special election combine the semi-annual statement with the pre-election statement?

CONCLUSION

In connection with a July 29 special election, candidates and committees involved in the election are required to file a first pre-election campaign statement no later than June 19, 2003, covering the period through June 14, 2003, and a second pre-election campaign statement no later than July 17, 2003, covering the period June 15 through July 12, 2003. Candidates and committees that file the pre-election statements will satisfy the

¹ Government Code Section 81000-91014. Commission regulations appear at title 2, sections 18109-18997, of the California Code of Regulations.

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

requirement to file the semi-annual statement due on July 31, 2003, for the period through June 30, 2003.

ANALYSIS

During an election, candidates and committees involved in the election are required to file two campaign statements disclosing contributions received and expenditures made in connection with that election. These pre-election campaign statements are generally filed 40 days before the election and again 12 days before the election. (Section 84200.8.) Semi-annual statements are filed January 31 and July 31, respectively. (Section 84200.)

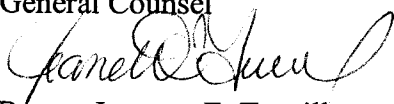
There is a mechanism in the Act that permits the combining of statements when an overlapping reporting period occurs, or the filing of the semi-annual statement would be an additional, unnecessary filing to the two pre-election statements. (Section 84205.) In this case, filing the two pre-election statements in connection with the July 29 special election will satisfy the semi-annual filing requirement.

A campaign statement filing schedule that outlines the due dates for filing statements is enclosed for your convenience.

If I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (866) 275-3772.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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