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**Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. A-08-054**

Dear Ms. Ringler:

This letter is in response to your request on behalf of the Benicia Unified School District for advice regarding campaign provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act").¹

QUESTION

May candidates involved in the Benicia Unified School District election to be held on July 22, 2008, combine the semi-annual statement with the second pre-election statement due on July 10, 2008?

CONCLUSION

In connection with a July 22, 2008 election, candidates may use a filing schedule that combines the semi-annual campaign statement with the second pre-election statement due on July 10, 2008.

¹ The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code Sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in Sections 18110 through 18997 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

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.)

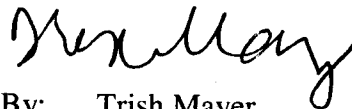
There is a mechanism in the Act that permits the combining of statements when an overlapping reporting period occurs, or the filing of the semi-annual statement would be an additional, unnecessary filing to the two pre-election statements. (Section 84205.) In this case, filing the two pre-election statements in connection with a July 22, 2008, election will satisfy the semi-annual filing requirement.

A campaign statement filing schedule which outlines the due dates for filing statements in connection with the election is enclosed for your convenience.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosure