

February 14, 1994

REPORT TO THE HONORABLE
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
RECENT FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
RULING, ON REPORTING REIMBURSEMENTS FROM
THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ON
STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") has recently ruled that certain League of California Cities' reimbursements made directly to public officials, including reimbursements for travel to National League of Cities' meetings, are reportable as either gifts or income on public officials' Statements of Economic Interest (721 and 730 Forms). See attached copy of Informal Advice Letter to Don Benninghoven, Executive Director, League of California Cities. See especially the last four substantive paragraphs at pages 4-5 of that letter.

It is unclear under this FPPC opinion whether reimbursements made by the League directly to the City, as opposed to City officials individually, would be treated as gifts or income to those individual public officials. The City Attorney plans to work with the City Manager and the League of California Cities to resolve this question. F
The FPPC is preparing to adopt a new set of regulations clarifying the procedure for local governments to accept gifts. The meeting to adopt the regulation is set for March 2, 1994.

If you have any questions meanwhile, please telephone Deputy City Attorney Cristie C. McGuire at 236-6223.

Respectfully submitted,
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Attachment

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