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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: DEPUTY COMMISSION SECRETARY *D.H.*

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SUBJECT: *Ex Parte* Communication Regarding
Draft Advisory Opinion 2009-29
Retiree Support Group of Contra Costa County

Transmitted herewith is an *ex parte* communication from Douglas Pipes,
Esq., regarding the above-captioned matter.



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To mjohnson@fec.gov
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Subject Re: Draft AO 2009-29 (Retiree Support Group of Contra
Costa County)

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Dear Sirs:

I have received the e-mail and have accessed and read the proposed advisory opinion.

I have only one factual correction.

On page 2 of the proposed opinion the following sentence occurs:

"The Board reviews and approves expenditures and selects officers." That sentence is only partially true. While the Board reviews and approves expenditures, the existing Bylaws provide that the membership selects the officers of the corporation. There are proposed Bylaws to change that process so that the Board would choose the officers, but those Bylaws have not yet been voted upon by the membership. So, factually today, under the existing Bylaws the membership selects the officers.

With that exception, I believe the proposed opinion's statement of facts concerning the Retiree Support Group is accurate.

Thank you for sending me this proposed opinion in advance of the meeting of the Commission.

Douglas Pipes, Esq.
House Counsel
Retiree Support Group of Contra Costa County

Quoting mjohnson@fec.gov:

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