



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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REPORT OF THE AUDIT DIVISION
ON THE
CALIFORNIANS FOR BETTER LEADERSHIP

I. Background

A. Overview

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This report is based on an audit of the Californians For Better Leadership ("the Committee"), undertaken by the Audit Division of the Federal Election Commission in accordance with the Commission's audit policy to determine whether there has been compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). The audit was conducted pursuant to Section 438(b) of Title 2 of the United States Code which states, in part, that the Commission may conduct audits and field investigations of any political committee required to file a report under Section 434 of this title. Prior to conducting any audit under this section, the Commission shall perform an internal review of reports filed by selected committees to determine if the reports filed by a particular committee meet the threshold requirements for substantial compliance with the Act.

The Committee registered with the Secretary of Senate on October 27, 1981 as Brown Out Committee, an unauthorized independent expenditure committee opposing the nomination and election of the Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr. to the U.S. Senate. On April 26, 1982, the Committee changed its name to Californians For Better Leadership. The Committee maintains its headquarters in Sacramento, California.

The audit covered the period October 27, 1981 through December 31, 1982. The Committee reported an opening cash on hand balance on October 27, 1981 of \$-0-; total receipts for the period of \$89,623.25; total disbursements for the period of \$87,722.31; and a closing cash balance on December 31, 1982 of \$1,900.94.

This report is based on documents and working papers supporting each of its factual statements. They form part of the record upon which the Commission based its decisions on the matters in this report and were available to Commissioners and appropriate staff for review.

B. Key Personnel

The Treasurers of the Committee during the period of the audit were Ms. Teri Smith from October 27, 1981 through October 5, 1982; and Ms. Nixie Hughes from October 6, 1982 to the present.

C. Scope

The audit included such tests as verification of total reported receipts and disbursements and individual transactions; review of required supporting documentation; analysis of Committee debts and obligations; and such other audit procedures as deemed necessary under the circumstances.

D. Other Matters

A certain matter noted during the audit was referred to the Office of General Counsel.

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