

July 31, 2003

REPORT TO THE HONORABLE
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION ADVICE LETTER REGARDING
VALUATION OF EVENTS WITH NO ADMISSION PRICE

Attached for your information is Fair Political Practices Commission [FPPC] Advice Letter I-03-128, dated July 31, 2003, which was received by our Office today by facsimile. The subject of this advice letter is the valuation by public officials of complimentary admission to events with no ticket price for purposes of the Political Reform Act. In this advice letter, the FPPC has ruled that the valuation of attendance at an event with no admission price is based on the public official's pro rata share of the total cost of the event, including rental of the facility, decorations, entertainment, and other "tangible benefits", in addition to food and beverage. It should be noted that this advice letter applies only to valuation of unique events with no admission price which are not fundraising events. The Political Reform Act contains specific regulations which govern the valuation of other types of events, including events with an admission price and fundraising events.

Please feel free to contact this office if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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