

**Memorandum
Fair Political Practices Commission**

To: FPPC Chair Ravel, and Commissioners Garrett, Eskovitz, Montgomery and Rotunda

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Subject: Pending Litigation

Date: August 30, 2011

ProtectMarriage.Com et al. v. Bowen et al.

This action was filed on January 9, 2009 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California by plaintiffs ProtectMarriage.com - Yes on 8, a Project of California Renewal and National Organization for Marriage California - Yes on 8, Sponsored by National Organization for Marriage. It is a “defendants class action” lawsuit against defendants responsible either for enforcement of the Act, or maintenance and publication of the campaign reports at issue in this case (including the Commission, Attorney General, Secretary of State and various district and city attorneys). The Commission defendants were formally served on January 14, 2009.

Plaintiffs challenge the Act’s campaign disclosure requirements on contributions to ballot measure committees as unconstitutional. They cite a variety of adverse actions against persons who supported Proposition 8, which was on the November 2008 ballot, alleging that some of these persons were identified through campaign contribution information made public as required by the Act’s campaign reporting and disclosure provisions. The Complaint seeks to permanently enjoin the future disclosure of all of plaintiffs’ contributors, expunge the records of all of plaintiffs’ past contributors, and to invalidate as unconstitutional the Act’s \$100 disclosure threshold for contributors to ballot measure committees, the Act’s requirement for post-election disclosure of contributors to ballot measure committees, and the Act’s failure to purge the records of contributors to ballot measure committees after the election. In all counts, plaintiffs seek declaratory and injunctive relief, and an award of attorney’s fees.

Plaintiffs moved for a preliminary injunction on shortened time, which was heard on January 29, 2009 before District Judge Morrison C. England, Jr. The court denied plaintiffs’ motion from the bench, concluding that plaintiffs had failed to demonstrate the probability of success on the merits or the likelihood of irreparable injury necessary to support a preliminary injunction. The court issued a written order to this effect on January 30. On February 3, 2009 the Commission defendants timely filed their Answer to Plaintiffs’ Second Amended Complaint. On May 15, 2009 the court issued the Scheduling Order to set the timing of further proceedings and on May 27, 2009 the court issued another order granting Plaintiffs’ motion, not opposed by

Defendants, to file a Third Amended Complaint adding the National Organization for Marriage California PAC to the list of Plaintiffs. The Answer to this Complaint was filed on June 5, 2009.

On June 3, 2009 Plaintiffs filed a Motion for Class Certification and a Motion for Summary Judgment, together with supporting documents. Defendants filed Notices of Non-Opposition to the Class Certification Motion, and on June 10, 2009 filed a Motion seeking denial of Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment or, in the alternative, continuance of the hearing date under Rule 56. On June 24, 2009 the Court issued an Order denying Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment, and on August 6, 2009 advised that it would decide class certification without oral argument. The parties reached agreement on class certification and, on November 9, 2009 filed a Stipulation and Proposed Order, entered by the Court on November 25, 2009.

On August 25, 2011 Plaintiffs filed and served their Motion for Summary Judgment. Defendants' Response and Cross-Motion must be filed by September 15, 2011. District Judge Morrison C. England, Jr. will hear argument on these motions at 2 p.m. on October 20, 2011.

Michelle Berman and Adrienne Lauby v. Fair Political Practices Commission

On December 15, 2010, Michelle Berman and Adrienne Lauby filed a Verified Petition for Writs of Mandate in the Superior Court of Sacramento, California. Petitioners seek relief from the Default Decisions and Orders in the cases of Michelle Berman, FPPC Case 10/115, and Adrienne Lauby, FPPC Case 10/116. They ask the Court to set aside the Default Decisions and Orders and to require the Commission to accept the Notices of Defense and to grant a hearing in these matters. Plaintiffs also seek an award of attorney fees.

On January 6, 2011, the Commission filed a Demurrer to the Petition on the grounds that Petitioners had not exhausted their administrative remedies as required. A hearing on the Demurrer was scheduled for March 18, 2011. On March 14, the Commission withdrew its Demurrer based on the fact that Petitioners had now exhausted their administrative remedies.

On February 28, 2011, Berman and Lauby filed second Verified Petitions, seeking relief from the Default Decisions and Orders in their cases. The Commission has agreed to stipulate to consolidate the two cases.

These cases have now been related and assigned Superior Court Judge Allen Sumner under Superior Court Case Number 34-2011-80000800.

Petitioners have requested the administrative record in their enforcement matters. The Enforcement Division served Petitioners with the Administrative Record and filed Answers to both Superior Court Cases.

Tim Foley v. Fair Political Practices Commission

On May 11, 2011, Tim Foley filed a Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate in the Superior

Court of Sacramento, California. Petitioner seeks relief from the Default Decision and Order in the case of Tim Foley, FPPC Case 10/117, asking the Court to set aside the Default Decision and Order and to require the Commission to accept the Notice of Defense and grant a hearing in this matter. Additionally, Plaintiff seeks an award of attorney fees. The Commission was served with the Petition on May 13, 2011.

On June 9, 2011, the Enforcement Division filed an Answer to Superior Court Case Number 34-2011-80000852.