

POLITICAL PROCESSES

The Baldy View Regional Occupational Commission has a responsibility to actively advocate fiscal and public policy that supports the Baldy View Regional Occupational Program's (ROP) programs and students. To the extent possible, the Commission shall be proactive in defining the ROP's advocacy agenda based on the needs of the ROP and the direction set forth in the ROP's mission and goals.

(cf. 0000 – Mission/History)

(cf. 9000 - Role of the Commission)

Legislation

1. The Commission and the Superintendent or designee shall work to establish on-going relations with government officials and agencies and shall inform them of the potential effect of local, state, and federal issues on the ROP.
2. The Commission shall identify issues that will affect the ROP, establish goals and priorities for legislative advocacy, solicit community input, and adopt legislative positions. The Superintendent or designee shall establish a plan for carrying out the advocacy agenda.
3. The Commission shall provide fair and impartial information about legislative issues affecting the ROP and shall inform the community about its legislative advocacy activities; however, the Commission shall not urge the public using ROP resources to lobby the legislature on behalf of the ROP.

(cf. 1100 - Communication to the Public)

Legal Advocacy

When a legal issue is likely to set a state or national precedent, the ROP may join with other districts or parties in order to challenge the issue through litigation or other appropriate means.

(cf. 1400 - Relations between Other Government Agencies and the ROP)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

7054 Use of district property

7054.1 Requested appearance

7055 Local rules

7056 Soliciting or receiving political funds

7058 Use of forum

35160 Authority of governing boards

35172 Promotional activities

POLITICAL PROCESSES (continued)

Legal Reference: (continued)

GOVERNMENT CODE

50023 *Attending legislature to support or oppose legislation*

53060.5 *Attendance at legislative body; expenses*

54953.5 *Right to record proceedings*

54953.6 *Broadcasts of proceedings*

81000-91015 *Political Reform Act*

COURT DECISIONS

Stanson v. Mott, (1976) 17 Cal. 3d 206

Miller v. Miller, (1978) 87 Cal.App.3d 762

League of Women Voters v. Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee, (1988) 203

Cal.App.3d 529, 250 Cal. Rptr. 161, rev.den.

Choice-in-Education League et al v. Los Angeles Unified School District, (1993) 17 Cal.App.4th 415

Yes on Measure A v. City of Lake Forest, (1997) 60 Cal.App.4th 620

Scherer v. Buchanan, First Appellate District, Civil No. A076648

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

73 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 255 (1990)

Management Resources:

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

Advice letter #7837, March 18, 1996 (use of public funds to publicize board positions)

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

FPPC No. 93/345 (1996)

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

Political Activities of School Districts: Legal Issues, 1998

Maximizing School Board Leadership: Community Leadership, 1996