

2007-08 Grand Jury Report
“Orange County Campaign Reform Ordinance-Fair Campaign Practices Commission”
Response to Findings and Recommendations

Response to Findings

F-1 Campaign Finance Law: The current Orange County Campaign Reform Finance Ordinance Number 3862 is not compatible with current campaign finance law.

Response: *Agree with finding.*

Certain portions of the existing ordinance are not consistent with current law.

F-2 Oversight Committee: There is no oversight commission to enforce the regulations of the Orange County Campaign Reform Finance Ordinance 3862.

Response: *Agree with finding.*

Response to Recommendations

R-1 Campaign Finance Law: The Board of Supervisors should allow the voters to resolve the incompatibility issue by ordering that the amended Orange County Campaign Reform Finance Ordinance be placed on the November 4, 2008 ballot.

Response: *The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.*

As noted in the Grand Jury report, the Board of Supervisors determined by a 3-2 vote not to put the amended Ordinance on the ballot. While various members of the Board favored various provisions of the amended Ordinance, there was not consensus on all of the provisions of the amended Ordinance.

R-2 Oversight Committee: The Board of Supervisors should allow the voters to decide whether an official, apolitical oversight commission should be established by ordering the proposed Fair Campaign Practices Commission charter amendment be placed on the November 4, 2008 ballot.

Response: *The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable.*

As noted in the Grand Jury report, the Board of Supervisors determined by a 3-2 vote not to put the establishment of a commission on the ballot. Creation of a new commission was considered to be unnecessary for effective enforcement of the current Ordinance.