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Re: Mass Mailings

Dear FPPC:

It is time to update regulation 18901.1 to expressly include emails.

Why is it OK to send mass emails that would be illegal if they were tangible printed material?

https://docs.google.com/viewer?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fppc.ca.gov%2Fcontent%2Fdam%2Ffppc%2FNS-Documents%2FLegalDiv%2FRegulations%2FIndex%2FChapter 9%2F18901.1.pdf

It should be illegal to send out mass emails at public expense which state a politician's name multiple times and include their picture. This gives incumbents too much of an advantage over newcomers.

The regulations must be updated to modern times where emails are more common than tangible physical documents or VHS video tapes!

PS It would be great if you accepted comments by email instead of just by mail & fax!

Best regards,

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