

Brown Urged to Oust Waldie

The chairman of the state Republican party called on Governor Edmund G. Brown yesterday to demand the resignation of former Congressman Jerome Waldie from the California Political Practices Commission.

"If Jerry Brown has any intention of honoring the public's cry for political reform," said Paul Haerle of San Francisco, he will call for the immediate resignation of . . . Waldie.

However, Brown's office said later that the governor believes Haerle's comments indicate that he "doesn't understand the independent nature of the commission and its makeup" as approved by the voters when they adopted Proposition 9.

"He (Brown) believes it would be improper for him or any of the other constitutional officers who make appointments to the commission to try to bring any pressure of that sort on an appointment made by one of the other officers," the governor's press secretary said.

Waldie, an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination last June, earlier this month was hired as a \$35,000-a-year lobbyist for federal workers in Washington. He had been appointed to the political practices commission by state Controller Ken Cory.

Haerle yesterday called Waldie's taking the job "a shameful violation of the spirit of the law, if not the letter of the law."

Waldie and commission chairman Daniel Lowenstein said at the time he was hired that Waldie's Washington job does not violate the provision in the law — which was Proposition on last November's ballot that prohibits commission mem-

bers from being "employed as lobbyists."

They said there is no violation because Waldie's lobbying is at the federal level.

Haerle said that contention is "patently hypocritical."

"If your local city charter prohibited law-enforcement officials from serving on the police commission, you wouldn't appoint an FBI agent with the excuse that his law enforcement duties concern only federal law.

"This issue is timely because its resolution will tell us if Jerry Brown has a high regard for the public's will and calls for Waldie's resignation, or if he holds the California voter in contempt by condoning such hypocrisy."