

## Fair Politics Job

# Waldie to Quit State Post

### Sacramento

Former Congressman Jerome R. Waldie announced yesterday that he will resign today from the state Fair Political Practices Commission and keep his \$35,000-a-year job as a Washington lobbyist.

Waldie said his resignation is not required by law but is in accord with the reform spirit of Proposition 9, which created the political watchdog commission.

A liberal, reformist candidate for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination last year, Waldie said he had learned only recently

that his job as a representative of the National Association of Letter Carriers would require him to register in Washington as a lobbyist.

Waldie announced his resignation abruptly yesterday at the start of a two-day commission meeting. He read aloud a letter written Tuesday to state Controller Ken Cory, the official who nominated him to the commission.

"I strongly believe in the intent of the Fair Political Practices Law," said Waldie. "Therefore, I am hesitant to in any degree impair the actual or perceived integrity of either that law or the commission entrusted with its enforcement."

The commission enforces Proposition 9, the sweeping political reform act of 1974 that limits campaign spending for various public offices, prohibits lobbyists from contributing to campaigns and limits the gifts by lobbyists to public officials to \$10 per person per month.

In addition to serving as lobbyist for the letter carriers' association, Waldie said he retains an interest in his Antioch law practice and also earns \$3000 a year as a newsletter writer for an association of U.S. Navy employees.

Waldie said he had recommended no successor to Cory, who reportedly had several persons under consideration.

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr., an advocate of political reform, had no immediate comment on the

resignation.

Cory issued a statement calling Waldie's resignation "a great loss for the State of California."

"I appointed him to the commission because I felt it needed his proven integrity and perceptiveness in political affairs," said Cory. "He has reinforced that proof by his willingness to resign rather than run even the slightest risk of endangering the mission of the Commission in which we all place such great hope and faith."

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