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City of Palos Verdes Estates  
340 Palos Verdes Drive West  
Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274  
Attn: Lauren Pettit, City Clerk  
Email: [lpettit@pvestates.org](mailto:lpettit@pvestates.org)

Re: Unlawful Materials/Campaign Signs on Southern California Edison Poles

Dear Ms. Pettit:

Since the election season is on the horizon, Southern California Edison (SCE) is once again giving a reminder that it is unlawful to post materials on Edison-owned utility poles. However, this practice applies throughout the year. Please let all candidates be aware of this policy.

This practice violates California Penal Code 556.1 and 591, which prohibits posting political placards and leaflets, or any other information or advertisement (e.g., community events, garage sales, lost animals, etc.). Listed as a misdemeanor, the Penal Code states that the offense is punishable by a fine of \$1,000 and a maximum of five-year imprisonment.

In addition, this law protects SCE linemen and their crews who use the poles in their work. Nails or other fasteners used to hold signs create a hazard for these employees.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Constance Turner", written in a cursive style.

Constance Turner  
Government Relations Manager  
Local Public Affairs

cc: Anton Dahlerbruch, City Manager, City of Palos Verdes Estates

Encl: California Penal Code 556.1 and 591

**CA Penal Code 556.1**

It is a misdemeanor for any person to place or maintain or cause to be placed or maintained upon any property in which he has no estate or right of possession any sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device which is used for the purpose of advertising, or which advertises or brings to notice any person, article of merchandise, business or profession, or anything that is to be or has been sold, bartered, or given away, without the consent of the owner, lessee, or person in lawful possession of such property before such sign, picture, transparency, advertisement, or mechanical device is placed upon the property.

**CA Penal Code 591**

A person who unlawfully and maliciously takes down, removes, injures, disconnects, cuts, or obstructs a line of telegraph, telephone, or cable television, or any line used to conduct electricity, or any part thereof, or appurtenances or apparatus connected therewith, including, but not limited to, a backup deep cycle battery or other power supply, or severs any wire thereof, or makes an unauthorized connection with any line, other than a telegraph, telephone, or cable television line, used to conduct electricity, or any part thereof, or appurtenances or apparatus connected therewith, is subject to punishment by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

*(Amended by Stats. 2014, Ch. 332, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2015.)*