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Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 12:09 PM
To: CommAsst
Subject: District Attorney Peterson - Contra Costa County

Good Day FPPC Commissioners:

This email is sent in keeping with the adage "If you see something say something"

Tomorrow you will decide what you are going to do regarding the violations in reporting, by Mark Peterson, of his filings for four years or so, 2011-2015.

I served as a Treasurer for a District Attorney in Contra Costa County for, I recall, more than 16 years (1986-200?). So I have filled out the reports. And, I recall signing them under some duty to be accurate. I did that, to the best of my ability. I was an unpaid volunteer Treasurer. Not a CPA or Accountant.

And, we were audited by the FTB, twice. I recall the audits as being in 1986 and immediately thereafter in 1990. The findings of those 2 audits should be public records. I recall the 1st being a "no findings" result, with the FTB telling one Mary Neshiem that her work came within \$200 of balancing. The 2nd audit found a few findings which were corrected, in later reports, as I recall. So, there is a history in our County of the District Attorney being audited, at least since 1986.

Recent Press reports indicate that Mark Peterson violated your rules about 600 times over 4 years. He seems to be calling this a mistake or perhaps 600 mistakes. I do not see a list of those, agreed, violations attached to the proposed settlement.

I cannot comprehend how the reports Mark Peterson filed from 2011-2015, signed by him, as accurate, could have been accurate. How could anyone have made such a representation? Didn't he, knowingly violate, both the letter and spirit of the Law?

Does your proposed fine cover a District Attorney filing 3-8 false reports? Or, does the FPPC intend to refer this matter to other agencies?

Please note that some of the time frames above may be inaccurate, as my recollection is a bit fuzzy going back 25-30 years.

I will read, in the Press, your decision.

Sincerely,

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