



## Labor Coalition

*Representing Over One  
Million Labor Union  
Members in California*

American Federation  
of State, County &  
Municipal Employees

CAL FIRE Local 2881

California Association  
of Professional Scientists

California Association of  
Psychiatric Technicians

California Community  
College Independents

California Correctional Peace  
Officers Association

California Faculty Association

California Federation of Teachers

California-Nevada Conference  
of Operating Engineers

California Professional Firefighters

California School  
Employees Association

California State  
Employees Association

California State Firefighters  
Association

California Teachers Association

Faculty Association of California  
Community Colleges

LIUNA Local 777

LIUNA Local 792

Los Angeles County Professional  
Peace Officers Association

Orange County Employees  
Association

Organization of SMUD Employees

Peace Officers Research  
Association of California

Professional Engineers  
in California Government

San Diego County Court  
Employees Association

San Luis Obispo County  
Employees Association

SEIU Local 1000

Service Employees International  
Union, California State Council

State Coalition of Probation  
Organizations

Union of American Physicians  
& Dentists

UAW Local 5810



May 22, 2018

Chair Jodi Remke, and Commissioners Audero, Cardenas, Hatch, and Hayward  
California Fair Political Practices Commission  
1102 Q Street, Suite 3000  
Sacramento, California 95811

### Re: June 4, 2018 Meeting on Statement of Governance Regulations

Dear Chair Remke and Honorable Commissioners:

The Labor Coalition, representing over one million public employee union members across California, strongly supports the recommendations proposed regarding governance.

The Fair Political Practices Commission (Commission) is charged with monitoring, overseeing and enforcing the Political Reform Act in a manner that it befits the title of the Commission-fairly. The Commission currently operates in a manner that vests inordinate power and authority to the Chair, the only full-time board member. The Chair controls agendas, directs staff and has the power to control the issues that are addressed or not addressed on agendas.

The proposed governance regulations are sensible, fair and provide a balance of power on the Commission. The public will be well served by greater input and the opportunity for all Commissioners to have their opinions and positions considered.

Empowering the Executive Director and making the position accountable to the entire board is a sound change and aligns the organizational structure to the way most organizations function.

The proposals are good public policy because an engaged, participative and informed board can better carry out their duties and represent the broad constituencies with interests before the Commission.

The Labor Coalition strongly urges your support for the proposals on June 4, 2018.

Sincerely,

Dave Low, Chair  
Labor Coalition

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