

## Sasha Linker

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**From:** Galena West  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 13, 2019 8:34 AM  
**To:** Sasha Linker  
**Cc:** Christopher Burton  
**Subject:** FW: FPPC Commission meeting - Default Cox FPPC 17/382

Sasha,

This is public comment for item #8, Terry Cox.

Thank you,  
Galena

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**From:** Christopher Burton <CBurton@fppc.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 13, 2019 8:24 AM  
**To:** Galena West <GWest@fppc.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: FPPC Commission meeting - Default Cox FPPC 17/382

**From:** tlcox722 [REDACTED]  
**Date:** June 13, 2019 at 6:55:16 AM PDT  
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**Subject:** FPPC Commission meeting - Default Cox FPPC 17/382

State of California  
Fair Political Practice Commission  
1102 Q Street, Sacramento CA

Attn: Christopher Burton, Sr Commission Counsel  
Galena West, Chief of Enforcement  
Richard C. Miadich, Chair

RE: Default Decision hearing June 13, 2019

In lieu of being able to appear at Commission in person on my behalf I am requesting the following be submitted into record and be considered for today's hearing.

It has never been my intent to neglect the requirements set for by the FPPC. For background, I have held this elected position since May 2000. I have successfully won my seat in 5 elections.

Of those elections, 2016 was the only election that I raised campaign funds. 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012 I did not raise funds. My campaign expenditures for those campaigns ranged from \$100 to \$400 total each campaign which I funded myself.

In 2016, I was asked by the community to raise campaigns to retain my seat against

an opponent who would be heavily funded by the local teachers union. Therefore, despite my many years of service the act and compliance related to raising funds was unfamiliar to me. Realizing this, I engaged the services of a campaign manager.

The campaign manager from the date I received my first contribution through my campaign filed timely reports. The campaign manager's contract expired November 2016.

I was not familiar with the forms nor deadlines after the election. I thought my campaign reporting concluded after the election and I was no longer soliciting nor received campaign funds.

Once I was contacted, I made several attempts to comply. I had difficulty obtaining some records from my bank and relied on assistance and the time of others to prepare and file the missing reports. Once I was in possession of all documents I filed the required reports and terminated my campaign.

I would like to submit for further consideration the following:

- It has never been my intent to not comply with the filing requirements
- I was naive and unaware of the additional reports needed after the campaign
- Once made aware of the requirements I was overwhelmed with the preparation and filing of the late documents.
- As demonstrated in the final filings, I retained the highest standards when dispersing the unused campaign funds between Nov 2016 until the close of the campaign in 2018. 100% of balance of funds were provided to the non profit organizations and foundations directly benefiting the students of the office I hold.
- I receive monthly a stipend check in the amount of \$108.27 after taxes for this position
- Julie Lim was replaced as the Secretary/Treasurer on November 15, 2016.

I also wish for consideration the following:

- My initial notification included notice that I had not filed 3 reports in compliance with the 24 hour contribution reporting rules. When in fact I knew I had personally done so and provided the fppc office with proof of those timely filings. This reporting error added to the confusion of my compliance.
- In December 2018, I was agreeable to and signed a stipulation agreement for \$2,400 with the FPPC. I was unable to pay the full fine upon signing the stipulation and requested 60 days in installments to do so. Per the FPPC agent in March 2019 I would only be allowed 30 days. Therefore not being able to meet the payment deadline the settled stipulation would go to default therefore I did not make any payments knowing the stipulation agreement would not be satisfied.
- To note, if I had been allowed to make the payments in 60 day installments, I would have made my last installment on May 1st and would not be in a default status.

I would request that the commission reconsider a settlement of \$2,400 and allow me to provide payment by July 19, 2019. I have served my community for over 19 years and as you can see by a compensation of \$108 per month I do it for the love of my community and not personal gain.

Thank you for your consideration.

Terry Cox

Julie Lim was replaced as Secretary/Treasurer in October 2016.