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Fair Political Practices Commission 1102 Q Street, Ste. 3000 Sacramento, CA 95811

Attn: Richard C. Miadich, Chairman Frank Cardenas, Commissioner E. Dotson Wilson, Commissioner Brian Hatch, Commissioner Allison Hayward, Commissioner

Re: Approval of Los Angeles County Matter, FPPC Case 2017-00150

Dear Chairman Miadich and Commissioners,

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association urges your approval of the proposed settlement of our lawsuit *Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, et. al. v. Los Angeles County.* First, we want to thank the Commission's Enforcement Division for its recent efforts enforcing the Act against cities and counties who have misused taxpayer funds on unlawful campaign activities. We believe that your approval of this *record* settlement will serve as an important deterrent to other cities and counties considering such illegal activity in connection with the upcoming election.

You have our commitment that we will continue to monitor and report to the Commission illegal taxpayer funded campaign activities by cities, counties, school districts and other special districts. If necessary, we will institute litigation to enforce the Act, with the assistance and approval of the Commission, as we did in this matter.

Sincerely

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