



October 18, 2021

Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel
California Fair Political Practices Commission
1102 Q Street, Suite 3000
Sacramento, CA 95811

Re: Proposed Regulations Permitting Use of Secure Electronic Signatures

Dear Dave:

The Department of General Services (DGS) supports the California Fair Political Practices Commission's (FPPC) proposed regulations allowing for the use of electronic signatures, raised at the FPPC's September 16, 2021 meeting (Agenda Item No. 11). With advances in technology, the increasing paperless transactions, and the rise in teleworking, e-signatures reflect the current work environment. Pursuant to Government Code section 14770 et seq., DGS is also moving towards secure e-signatures for its statewide forms management program to increase efficiency and ease in doing business with the State of California. We are encouraged that FPPC's consideration of the proposed regulations allows for the use of electronic signatures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Osborn', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jennifer Osborn
Chief Deputy Director