

1 Amend 2 Cal. Code Regs. Section 18601 to read:

2 **§ 18601. Withdrawal of Lobbyist Certification or Lobbying Firm Registration.**

3 (a) Any person who has filed a lobbyist certification or lobbying firm registration
4 statement pursuant to Government Code Section 86100 but who is not and has not been, since
5 filing the certification or lobbyist registration statement, a lobbying firm, as defined in
6 ~~Government Code~~ Section 82038.5 and ~~2-Cal. Adm. Code Section~~ Regulation 18238.5, or a
7 lobbyist, as defined in ~~Government Code~~ Section 82039 and ~~2-Cal. Adm. Code Section~~
8 Regulation 18239, may withdraw the certification as a lobbyist or the registration as a lobbying
9 firm lobbyist by filing a Notice of Withdrawal as provided in this regulation.

10 (b) The Notice of Withdrawal shall contain an explanation of the reasons for submitting
11 the Notice, shall be signed by the filer under penalty of perjury and shall be filed online or
12 electronically with the Secretary of State. After a valid Notice of Withdrawal has been filed, the
13 filer is not subject to the prohibitions of ~~Government Code~~ Section 86203.

14 (c) The Franchise Tax Board shall not conduct an audit pursuant to ~~Government Code~~
15 Section 90001(a) of any person who has filed a Notice of Withdrawal, unless a determination has
16 been made that the Notice of Withdrawal is invalid.

17 Note: Authority cited: Section 83112, Government Code. Reference: Sections 82039, 86100,
18 86102, 86103, and 90001, Government Code.