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CALIFORNIA FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF HEARING, Public Session
November 19, 2020
10:00 a.m.

Present: Chair Miadich, Commissioner Cardenas, Commissioner Hatch, and Commissioner Wilson

Staff Present: Galena West, Executive Director
Loressa Hon, Chief of Administration
Angela Brereton, Chief of Enforcement
Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel
Matthew Christy, Commission Counsel
Amanda Apostol, Regulations Coordinator
Brian Lau, Assistant General Counsel
Jay Wierenga, Communications Director
Lindsey Nakano, Legislative Counsel
Sasha Linker, Commission Assistant

A. Call to Order.

Chair Miadich called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chair Miadich announced that Angela Brereton has assumed the role of Chief of Enforcement, effective November 9, 2020.

B. Public Comment for Items not on Agenda.

Steve Petzold, Santa Clarita, stated that he wanted to know the status of the complaint against the College of the Canyons Foundation (2019-00475). Chair Miadich responded that at an appropriate time there will be a public discussion on this case and the Enforcement division will give an update on the case soon.

C. Approval of October 2020 Commission Hearing Minutes.

MOTION: To approve the October 2020 meeting minutes. Moved by Commissioner Hatch, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Motion approved 4-0.

D. Approval of Enforcement Consent Calendar.

Chair Miadich stated that the Enforcement Division has requested to pull Item number 7 from the agenda.

MOTION: To approve the Enforcement Consent Calendar Items 3-6, 8-9. Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Cardenas. Motion approved 4-0.

E. Regulations Governing the Filing of Statements of Economic Interests.

Commissioner Wilson asked how elected officials and individuals who run local governments would be informed of these changes. Mr. Christy explained that they are in the process of creating a fact sheet dedicated to the changes made in the update.

MOTION: To approve the proposed regulations subject to the amendment regarding the December 15th filing date. Moved by Commissioner Hatch, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Motion approved 4-0.

F. Biennial Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) to monetary limits in the Political Reform Act. Amend Regulations 18545, 18700, 18730, and 18940.2.

MOTION: To adopt the proposed amendments as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Cardenas. Motion approved 4-0.

G. Legislative Update.

Lindsey Nakano, Legislative Counsel, stated that staff is continuing to develop the proposals previously approved by the Commission and to engage with potential authors and other interested parties. The Law and Policy Committee also recommended to authorize staff to develop an additional legislative proposal on behested payment reporting. Commissioner Wilson recommended after finding an author to determine whether it is feasible to introduce that legislation based on feedback from chairs of the election committee.

MOTION: To authorize Ms. Nakano to explore the behested payment online reporting concept with the relevant stakeholders and report back to the Commission. Moved by Chair Miadich, seconded by Commissioner Cardenas. Motion approved 4-0.

H. FY 2020-2021 First Quarter Expenditure Report.

Loressa Hon, Chief of Administration, stated that the Commission is on target on the expenditures and submitted the report as is. Chair Miadich asked Ms. Hon if the request by the State to reduce operating costs were made to FPPC. Ms. Hon responded that the request was from the Governor's office and the Department of Finance to reduce the operating costs by 5% effective July 2021.

I. Committee Updates.

Chair Miadich stated that the Law and Policy Committee discussed the proposal for streamlining the filing of behested payment reports and the revising of the Commissioner compensation policy.

J. Executive Staff Reports.

Angela Brereton, Chief of Enforcement, commented that the Enforcement division received 445 complaints and opened 112 case for the pre-election. They also received 239 pre-election referrals from filing officers. From March after the primary election there was a total of 978 complaints and rejected 492 of them. Adwatch was separately calculated and the Enforcement division received 180 submissions and 14 were for public mailers.

Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel, stated that there was an increase in requests for email and telephone advice and both units saw a 30% increase in workload. The hearing for the CSAC vs FPPC case in Los Angeles Superior Court was rescheduled on the motion of the court for December 4th, 2020.

Loressa Hon, Chief of Administration, stated as of November 6, there are still 284 of the Form

700 non-filers out of the annual filing. There have been 140 referrals to the Enforcement division.

Galena West, Executive Director, stated that the Administration extended the current emergency telework program to June 30, 2021. A reimbursement policy was developed for Staff to receive up to \$74 a month to cover telephone and internet charges while working from home. Jay Wierenga, Communications Director, gave an update on PSA's and stated that they were trying to reach a broader audience by using both a northern and southern California media outlet.

K. Commissioner Comments and Proposed Future Agenda Items.

Commissioner Hatch requested an update to pending litigation in December. Commissioner Cardenas would like the PSA to be shown at the December meeting.

L. Adjourn.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Hatch. Motion approved 4-0.

Meeting was concluded at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sasha Linker
Commission Assistant
Approved December 7, 2020

Richard C. Miadich, Chair
Fair Political Practices Commission