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EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good morning,

I am writing to you today, on behalf of the City of Perris, to offer comments regarding the new FPPC ruling mandating that all 87200 filers e-file directly with the FPPC electronic filing system. We currently contract with Netfile for our SEI filings as well as our campaign finance filings. Our filers are familiar with this system and have utilized it successfully for many years. Netfile is a one stop, user friendly system for the public to access all filings of our officials. The Netfile system has been authorized by the FPPC as a certified method of filings for 87200 filers. By mandating that our 87200 filers use the FPPC e-filing system exclusively, we envision confusion and additional work on the part of our filers and more importantly limited access to the public, as the FPPC currently only displays filings of elected officials. Many of our elected officials file expanded statements for one or more additional agencies. Many of those agencies also contract with Netfile and our officials are able to file their Form 700's at the same time, saving time and increasing public transparency. In most cases they will now need to file in two different systems. In order to maintain access to the public we will be required to check two different systems for filings and then download documents from the FPPC system, redact those documents and then upload them to the Netfile system, creating unnecessary additional work for our staff. Additionally, in the City of Perris we do have several 87200 filers that are not comfortable using an e-file system and it has always been acceptable for them to file an original paper copy with the City Clerk's office, and we then forward the original and a copy to the FPPC for filing. This will no longer be acceptable, and they will be forced to use the e-file system.

My hope is that the FPPC will reconsider and allow those agencies that are currently contracted with an authorized and certified FPPC system to continue utilizing that system for our 87200 filers.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance.

Best Regards,

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Please Note: Moving forward the City of Perris will be utilizing Next Request Web Portal for their Public Records Request, effective, February 6th. For more information, you may visit https://www.cityofperris.org/departments/city-clerk.

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

