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NOTICE

**Fair Political Practices Commission Interested Persons Meeting
December 14, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
1102 Q Street, Suite 3050 Hearing Room
Sacramento, CA 95811**

Fair Political Practices Commission (“Commission”) staff will hold an Interested Persons meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. to solicit public input concerning potential changes to the regulations of the Political Reform Act.

Staff presents for discussion amendments to the Commission’s Streamline and Warning Letter Regulations. As proposed, Regulations 18360.1, 18360.2, and 18360.3 will expand and adjust the Commission’s Streamline Settlement and Warning Letter Programs (“Streamline Program”) and include criteria for the Political Reform Education Program (“PREP”). The Commission requested that staff review the current rules and determine if improvement is needed to reach the stated goal of including what the Commission has deemed low-level offenders of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”) in the faster Streamline Program in lieu of spending large amounts of resources writing, negotiating, and presenting mainline stipulations for those cases. In addition, staff has taken the opportunity to make the Streamline Program less ambiguous for easier and faster application and to add the criteria for qualification into PREP, which has been in existence for over a year and recently was codified by the passage of SB 29 (Glazer).

Respondents would be diverted to PREP if they have little or no experience with the section of this title violated, underlying violations resulted in minimal or no public harm, and there was no evidence of an intent to violate this title or to conceal a violation of this title. Staff is presenting three new categories of violations to be included in the Streamline Program. These are minor contribution limit violations (capped at \$1,000 over the applicable limit), Section 84308 violations, and recurring contributions violations.

Staff recommends the following changes:

1. Reformat all three regulations. The reformatting allows the criteria for each violation type to be fully contained within one regulation – Warning Letter, PREP, Tier One, and Tier Two.
2. Modify the population thresholds to include more smaller committees with campaign reporting and filing violations.
3. Delete the exclusion criteria “Pattern of campaign statements or reports not timely filed.”
4. Expand minimal public harm criteria with examples in campaign context to help staff understand this critical criterion.
5. Add when a respondent qualifies for PREP.
6. Remove rigid settlement amounts corresponding to a certain time in the process.

7. Remove an exclusion for when a 24hour Report that is filed late and might have changed the advertising disclosures for top contributor(s).
8. Include additional violations in Tier Two that would be excluded currently and to compensate for this change increased some of the Tier Two penalties.
9. Include three new categories of violations. These three categories are minor contribution limit violations (capped at \$1,000 over the applicable limit), Section 84308 violations, and recurring contributions violations.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

You may participate in this meeting in person at the Commission's offices.

You may also listen to and participate in this meeting by teleconference by calling: (877) 411-9748; access code 723284.

The Commission staff invites written comments addressing these topics. Address comments regarding the topic of this notice to the Commission Assistant at commasst@fppc.ca.gov or to the address above.

For questions about the scope of this meeting, you may contact at (916) 322-5660.