Staff of the Fair Political Practices Commission will hold an interested persons’ meeting on **Wednesday September 22 at 10 a.m.** to solicit public comment on regulatory proposals related to internet political activity that will be considered for adoption at the October 14, 2010, Commission meeting. An FPPC Subcommittee recommended these regulatory changes, among others, in its report on “Internet Political Activity and the Political Reform Act,” available at [http://www.fppc.ca.gov/agendas/08-10/SubCommReport.pdf](http://www.fppc.ca.gov/agendas/08-10/SubCommReport.pdf). The following regulations are being amended or proposed:

- **Contribution and Expenditure Definitions in Regulations 18215 and 18225**
  The exceptions to the definitions of contribution and expenditure for print and broadcast media are being updated to cover online media. A new exception from the definition of contribution will clarify that nonpartisan online candidate information sites do not count as a “contribution” to a candidate.

- **Uncompensated Internet Activity by Individuals – new 18215.2**
  This exemption provides that certain uncompensated internet political activity by individuals is not a contribution or expenditure. An individual’s sending or forwarding emails, linking to a website or establishing and maintaining a website does not result in a contribution or expenditure under the Act. The activity of bloggers writing about a candidate or measure would be deemed to fit either under this exemption or under the media exemption.

- **Advertisement Disclosure Regulations 18450.1, 18450.4, and 18450.5**
  Amendments to Regulation 18450.1 update the definition of advertisement to include electronic media ads. Amendments to Regulation 18450.4 apply the requirements of advertising disclosure statements to electronic communications and set up specific requirements for online advertising disclosure statements, which includes the World Wide Web address of the person or political committee that paid for the communication. The proposed language also sets standards for what is considered “clear and conspicuous” disclosure and includes minimum disclosure size, display time, and color contrast requirements. Regulation 18450.5 about amended advertising disclosure is also updated to cover electronic communications.

The proposed regulatory language is available on the FPPC’s website under “FPPC Regulations” at [http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=247#2](http://www.fppc.ca.gov/index.php?id=247#2). You may participate in this interested persons meeting in person or by teleconference by calling (877) 771-7176; access code 348709. For questions about participating by phone, you may contact Virginia Latteri-Lopez at (916) 322-5660. The Commission also invites written comments addressing these topics. You may also contact Commission counsels Emelyn Rodriguez or Hyla Wagner at (916) 322-5660 with comments on these regulations or questions about the meeting.