Proposal to Amend the Conflict of Interest Regulations

Staff of the Fair Political Practices Commission will be holding an interested persons meeting to solicit public input relating to improvements to the conflict of interest regulations (See Regulations 18700 – 18709).

In a continuing effort to clarify and simplify regulations pertaining to the implementation of the Political Reform Act (the “Act”), staff is soliciting input to improve the conflict of interest regulations. Staff has identified several areas that it will be examining including: the 500 foot rule for real property, developing a materiality standard for real property that is not directly involved in a decision but where there are sufficient factors to rebut the presumption of nonmateriality; clarifying what is “reasonably foreseeable” under Step 6; and simplification of the public generally analysis. Additionally, staff seeks input from interested persons and is soliciting suggestions for improvement to all aspects of the conflict of interest regulations under the Act.

For that purpose, staff is holding an interested persons meeting to solicit both specific and general input and suggestions for the improvement of the conflict of interest regulations. You may participate in this interested persons meeting in person or by teleconference by calling (888) 751-0624; access code 723284. 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 Senior Commission Counsel Bill Lenkeit at (916) 322-5660 with comments on these issues or questions about the meeting.