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EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear Fair Political Practice Commissioners,

My name is Suzanne Schroeder. I am a 25+ year resident of Placer County who is “represented” by county supervisor Kirk Uhler. Several months ago, he excused himself from a county meeting just in time for the remaining supervisors to vote on a pay raise for his wife.

I have been to many county supervisor meetings, and I have never seen a supervisor leave the meeting for any reason. Why this meeting? Why only a few minutes before the vote?

Assuming he understands policy and procedure, he knew he could not be in attendance for that vote without suffering consequences that are unfavorable and damaging to his position (and perhaps his ego). If he stayed but recused himself from the vote, it would be obvious to those in attendance and would show on the public record that not only does his wife also work for the county, but that any increase in her compensation is determined by the body from which he receives his own paycheck.

It is clear that he left the meeting in order to take advantage of a loophole in the Political Practices Act, a law that has been upheld respected for decades to prevent corruption and cronyism. I would imagine the Act was meant to prevent nepotism as well.

I am asking the FPP Commission to censure or fine Supervisor Uhler. Doing so will send a message to Uhler and the entire PC BOS body that your commission is committed to upholding the integrity and intention of the law.

Respectfully,

Suzanne Schroeder