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To: Chair Ravel and Commissioners Eskovitz, Garrett, Montgomery and Rotunda

From: Lynda Cassady, Chief of Technical Assistance Division

Subject: Report of Division Activities

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Advice Service

The Division responded to over 5900 calls in July (2738) and August (3227). Email advice questions to the staff continue at about 175 per month.

New FPPC Web Postings

The FPPC's website now posts the campaign ordinances, if any, of local agencies. Government Code Section 81009.5 requires local agencies to submit campaign ordinances to the FPPC. The project of posting these ordinances in an easy, accessible manner was coordinated by Assistant Division Chief Dixie Howard.

Beginning in mid-August the Division began posting top donors to ballot measure committees that may sponsor a measure on the June 2012 ballot. The postings include committees formed for measures in petition circulation and identify specific donors of \$50,000. Sandy Johnson is the lead staff member on the project and is assisted by Barbara Smith. These reports are available on the "Voter Information" button.

The Division also posted two informational fact sheets. One provides a user friendly chart outlining where campaign committees file reports; the other provides helpful information addressing redistricting issues and campaign reporting.

Seminars, Outreaches, Webinars

Since the last report the Division has conducted four one-on-one outreaches with filing officers. Three outreaches addressed responsibilities and duties related to the Form 700: Alexandra Castillo and Dixie Howard met with staff at the Department of Business, Transportation and Housing; Trish Mayer and Ivy Sevilla met with staff at Santa Clara County; and Cynthia Fisher and Alexandra Castillo provided training for staff in the Richmond City Clerk's Office. Sandy Johnson provided training to the campaign filing officer for Rohnert Park.

Division Chief Lynda Cassady made a presentation to the California Political Treasurers Association on August 19th in San Francisco and will present a campaign seminar for Republican Central Committee treasurers on September 16th in Los Angeles.

Sarah Olson will present the second webinar related to the Form 700 to state agency officials on September 14. The first webinar was well received with over 75 individuals registered for the online training.

Conflict-of-Interest Code: Adoption, Amendments and Exemptions

Pursuant to Section 87300 of the Government Code and Commission Regulations 18750, 18750.1 and 18751, state and multi-county agencies seeking to request an exemption or to adopt or amend a conflict-of-interest code must submit the request to the Commission for review and approval. The Technical Assistance Division has reviewed and processed the following conflict-of-interest codes adoptions and amendments:

Adoptions:

Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor Agency (LOSSAN)

Bay Area Clean Air Foundation

California Blueberry Commission

Amendments:

Alameda Contra Costa Transit (AC Transit)

Aspire Public Schools

California Workforce Investment Board

Consumers Affairs

California Highway Patrol

California Water Agencies Joint Powers Ins. Authority

California Tristerza Eradication Agency

Department Motor Vehicles

Del Mar Race Track Authority

Dept of Alcoholic Beverage Control

Golden Sierra Job Training Agency

Integrated Academics & Technologies

Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District

Los Rios Community College District

Mojave Desert Air Quality Management district

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Milton Marks "Little Hoover" Commission

Mayers Memorial Hospital District

North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District

Northern California Medi-Cal Administrative Services - JPA (NMAS-JPA)

Shasta Tehama Trinity Community College District

San Luis Obispo Community College District

Solano County Water Agency

San Bernadino Community College District

State Consumer Affairs Agency

State Race Track Leasing Commission

SMUD

Truckee-Donner Recreation & Park District

Water Employees Services Authority (WESA)

Westlands

Yucaipa-Calimesa Jt Unified School District