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To: Chair Miadich, and Commissioners Cardenas, Hatch, and Hayward

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Subject: Updates to Lobbying Forms 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 607, 615, 625, 630, 635, 635-c, 645, 690 and Slate Mailer Form 402

Date: September 9, 2019

Background

Attached for your approval are updates to the lobbying and slate mailer forms noted in the subject line above at the request of the Secretary of State's Office. The changes will be effective and available to filers as soon as practicable after Commission approval. The changes will also be incorporated into the new Cal-Access system to improve organization of reports.

Summary of Proposed Changes

First, the Form 690 (Amendment to Lobbying Disclosure Report) is being eliminated because it is no longer needed and should be removed from the lobbying reporting process. The information that Form 690 provides is easily captured by inserting an amendment checkbox and an amendment explanation text area on Forms 615, 625, 635, and 645. Addition of these checkboxes are also a part of the changes proposed in this package. These changes will facilitate reporting on the new Cal-Access system and will streamline the amendment process for lobbying entities.

In addition to eliminating the Form 690, changes to lobbying Forms 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 607, 615, 625, 630, 635, 635-c, and 645 include adding page numbers, continuation pages, amendment checkboxes, and text areas to write explanations for amendments. Minor changes to instructions on the forms have been made where needed.

On the Form 402 (Statement of Termination – Slater Mailer Organization), a “Date of Termination” field has been added. A clear field on the form is needed to indicate when the Slater Mailer Organization was terminated which will help provide more transparency.

Please note that changes are highlighted in yellow on the forms. Highlights, strikeouts, and other editing notes will be deleted in final versions.

The proposed forms were posted on the Commission's website in August for interested persons review and comment. We received a suggestion to help standardize formatting on the Continuation page of Form 605. The suggestions were incorporated and are highlighted in green.

Conclusion

Staff recommends the Commission approve the proposed updates to Lobbying Forms 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 607, 615, 625, 630, 635, 635-c, 645 and 690 and Slate Mailer Form 402.