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Estella Simoneau
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**Re: Request for Exemption from Conflict of Interest Code Requirement
Our File Nos. E-18-03, E-18-04**

Dear Ms. Simoneau:

This is in response to your November 9, 2018 request on behalf of the Department of Finance, as administrator for the Office of Governor-elect and the Office of the Outgoing Governor Transition Teams, for an exemption from the requirement to file a conflict of interest code for each entity. (Gov. Code, § 87300.)

The two exemption requests are approved because the above entities will be inoperative and nonfunctioning within one year and thus satisfy the criteria in the Commission's regulation. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 18751, subd. (d)(2).) The entities need not develop a conflict of interest code, and the staff members of each team are not required to file a Statement of Economic Interest related to their position.

Please note that interested parties may submit a request that this approval be reconsidered by the Commission within 30 days after the exemption is granted. The Commission Chair will consider the request and if, in her discretion, good cause exists for reconsideration, she will schedule the matter for a hearing before the Commission. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 18751, subd. (f).)

Upon being issued, an exemption remains in effect until the basis for the grant of exemption no longer exists or the expiration of two years, whichever occurs earlier. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 18751, subd. (g).)

If you have questions on this matter, please contact me at (916) 322-5660.

Sincerely,

Loretta Hon
Acting Executive Director

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