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MEMORANDUM

To: Interested Persons

From: Deborah Hanephin, Manager, Education Program, Legal Division

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

Commission staff is proposing technical 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 proposed changes will be incorporated into the new Cal-Access system for improved organization of reports that disclose large amounts of information.

First, staff is proposing the elimination of the Form 690 (Amendment to Lobbying Disclosure Report) because it is no longer needed and should be removed from the lobbying reporting process. The information that Form 690 provides can be captured by inserting an amendment checkbox and an amendment explanation text area on forms 615, 625, 635, and 645. These amendment checkboxes are also proposed changes in this notice. These changes will also work well with the new Cal-Access system, which will streamline amended changes into the lobbying entities' filing records.

In addition to eliminating the Form 690, the other proposed changes to the lobbying forms include adding page numbers, continuation pages, amendment checkboxes, and text areas to write amendment explanations. Minor changes to instructions on the forms are also proposed where needed.

On the Form 402 (Statement of Termination – Slater Mailer Organization), a proposed "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. The form does not currently ask for a date of termination.

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

Staff plans to present the form updates for approval at the September 19th Commission meeting. An Interested Persons meeting will not be held, but staff welcomes and strongly encourages written comments and suggestions to ghanepin@fppc.ca.gov by September 19th.