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The Honorable James Gallagher  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 3147  
Sacramento, CA 95811

**RE: Assembly Bill 322 – Local Campaign Statements, Electronic Filing -SUPPORT IF AMENDED**

Dear Assembly Member Gallagher,

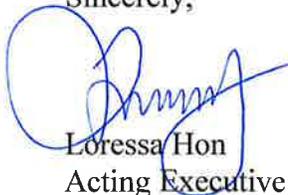
On March 21, 2019, the bi-partisan Fair Political Practices Commission adopted a “support if amended” position on Assembly Bill 322. Assembly Bill 322 will local government agencies to post on their internet websites a copy of any campaign statement, report, or other documents required by the Political Reform Act. AB 322 requires the local agency to keep the documents and statement online for four years from the date of the election associated with the filing.

The Political Reform Act contains various retention requirements for campaign statements and reports, including statements filed electronically. Under paragraph (i) of Section 84615 of the Government Code, local government agencies that accept electronic filings of campaign statements are required to maintain and keep those statements posted for at least ten years and can archive the statements thereafter.

The Commission believes the retention period proposed in AB 322 should align with the existing retention period in Section 84615 for other electronic statements filed with local government agencies. We recommend AB 322 be amended to require a local agency to keep the document or statement online for at least ten years.

We look forward to working with you on Assembly Bill 322. If you have any questions, please contact Phillip Ung at (916) 322-7635 or [pung@fppc.ca.gov](mailto:pung@fppc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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