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The Honorable Kevin Mullin
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3160
Sacramento, CA 95811

RE: Assembly Bill 571 (Mullin) – Contribution Limits – SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Mullin,

On July 18, 2019, the Fair Political Practices Commission adopted a “support” position on Assembly Bill 571, a bill to establish state-mandated contribution limits on city and county jurisdictions.

The Political Reform Act currently contains contribution limits and other restrictions related to contribution limits for state office and statewide offices. The Act specifies nothing in the law prevents the Legislature or local agency from adopting additional requirements, and nothing nullifies contribution limitations or prohibitions in local jurisdictions. All ordinances or other provisions adopted by local governments must be filed with the Commission.

AB 571 will establish a state-mandated contribution limit on city and county jurisdictions, which the Commission would then be required to regulate and enforce. The state-mandated contribution limit is equal to the limits of state legislative candidates and would be adjusted for cost-of-living. Jurisdictions that adopt their own limit (or have already established a limit) would not be subject to the state limit established by this bill. This bill will become operative January 1, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Jay Wierenga at jwierenga@fppc.ca.gov or 916-322-5723.

Sincerely,

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