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Greetings,

Please see my public comment below:

I implore that the Commission does not approve the stipulation, decision and order for Sonoma County Supervisor Lynda Hopkins. Supervisor Hopkins claimed she did not have knowledge of the conflict regarding LandPaths. However, this was not her first time violating the act.

Hopkins contends that the violation occurred due to an oversight on her part as she did not identify that LandPaths was included in the December 17, 2019 Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Tourism Impact Fund Awards. According to Hopkins, another Supervisor added LandPaths to the agenda item after Hopkins' review and Hopkins failed to review the agenda item again prior to voting on the item. On 12/19/19, Hopkins spoke in support of all organizations recommended for award approval prior to voting. The agenda was never redlined or modified after being publicly posted by County Staff. Therefore, it appears that Supervisor Hopkins is blatantly lying to avoid prosecution.


On December 11, 2018, Supervisor Hopkins voted in favor of approving: Second Amendment to Agreement with LandPaths extending the term of the agreement to June 30, 2019, and adding funds in an amount not-to-exceed \$133,191, resulting in a total contract amount of \$1,233,704.

This inappropriate use of taxpayer monies presents a horrid conflict of interest. I request that the Commission prosecute Ms. Hopkins due to her intentional violations of Government Code Section 87100. If she does not understand how to read and vote on agenda items without violating the law, why are taxpayers funding her salary & benefits of \$246,364.11 per year? I find it hard to believe that she is a Stanford University graduate who cannot comprehend conflict of interest laws.

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Kindest Regards,

Adina Flores


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