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To: Chair Ravel and Commissioners Eskovitz, Garrett, Montgomery and Rotunda

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Subject: Report of Division Activities

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Advice Service

The telephone advice line hours were reduced in mid-November. Staff is preparing a fact sheet so that disclosure is consistent and clear for committees affected by the "Durkee" fraud case. Committees that will continue to be active while the court reviews the issue, must file a report no later than January 31, 2012.

Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests

Two companies have offered to establish on the FPPC website a no cost trial for electronic filing of the Form 700. Staff is working with both the legal division and the IT staff to ensure that such a program can be implemented for the 2012 filing season.

Informational Resources.

Staff continues to develop several types of informational material. Recently staff developed customized filing schedules for the following upcoming local elections: Temecula Valley Unified School District and Hemet Unified School District Joint School Facilities Authority Ballot Measure Election on January 10, 2012; City of San Bernardino Candidate Runoff Election on February 7, 2012; City of Lone Recall Election on February 28, 2012; and the Newcastle Fire Protection District, Measure B Parcel Tax Measure Election on March 6, 2012.

Seminars, Outreaches, Webinars

Since the last report, the Division has conducted a new webinar, workshops for local filing officers and several one-on-one outreaches. Barbara Smith conducted two training sessions in Southern California for local filing officers relating to Form 700 and campaign duties, and an outreach for local officials who handle duties for campaign filings. Sarah Olson made a webinar presentation to over 180 state agency Form 700 filers. Alex Castillo met with the City Clerk in the Town of Moraga, and staff from San Joaquin County, and Cynthia Fisher met with staff from the Corrections Standards Authority and Department of Industrial Relations on their filing officer duties.

I made a presentation to approximately 80 Democratic Central Committee treasurers on November 19, 2011. This presentation was similar to my presentation to the treasurers of the Republican Central Committee earlier this year.

Trish Mayer made a presentation at the City Clerks' Annual New Law and Elections seminar in Long Beach. Several hundred city clerks attend this session to obtain an update on FPPC activities. Dixie Howard will also be making a presentation to the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials at their New Law Workshop in Sacramento on December 8, 2011. Both of these programs provide the FPPC with a valuable opportunity to communicate and educate individuals that have a significant role in ensuring that FPPC disclosure forms and information is relayed to the public and local officials.

Conflict-of-Interest Codes

Approved amendments to conflict-of-interest codes include:

Redwood Empire Schools Insurance Group
College of the Sequoias
Alan Hancock School
Independent Cities Risk Management