

California Fair Political Practices Commission
MEMORANDUM

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

From: John W. Wallace, Acting Executive Director

Re: Executive Director's Report

Date: May 1, 2012

FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

None this period.

PROJECTS

Since the last Commission meeting, I have been working closely with the Administration Division and the Chair in developing additional education features for the website. We are experimenting with the creation of a new educational page that is intended to teach the public how to use the tools available on the internet to fully participate in their local and state government. Resources that we take for granted are not as well known by concerned citizens. Learning to use Cal-Access to obtain campaign information or understanding how to obtain conflict of interest codes and Form 700, Statements of Economic Interests, will make it easier for the public to actively participate in their government. The project is in the very earliest of stages, but we will keep you updated as we progress.

I am also working with the Administration Division, Executive Staff, and the Legal Division to start updating the various internal agency policies that have not been updated in some years. The initial project concerns the agency's "Statement of Activities Incompatible with the Duties as an Officer or Employee of the Fair Political Practices Commission." I have already contacted the representatives of the affected bargaining units and have gotten initial staff feedback on the Statement.

Finally, with the approaching end of the fiscal year, I am working with Chair Ravel and the Chief of the Administration Division on developing a spending plan for next fiscal year. The long-term goal will be to put a spending process together, in cooperation with the Chair and the Executive Staff, which will ensure sufficient resources for each of the divisions throughout the entire new fiscal year.