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BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of

DAMIAN MORGAN

Respondent.

) FPPC No.: 22/075

)  
) DEFAULT DECISION AND  
) ORDER

) (Government Code Sections 11506  
) and 11520)

Complainant, the Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission, hereby submits this Default Decision and Order for consideration by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Pursuant to the California Administrative Procedure Act,<sup>1</sup> Damian Morgan ("Morgan") has been served with all of the documents necessary to conduct an administrative hearing regarding the above-captioned matter, including the following:

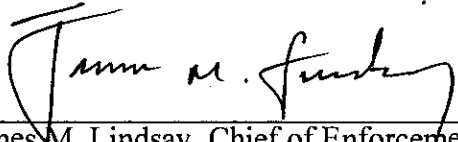
1. An Order Finding Probable Cause;
2. An Accusation;
3. A Notice of Defense (Two Copies per Respondent);
4. A Statement to Respondent; and
5. Copies of Sections 11506, 11507.5, 11507.6 and 11507.7 of the Government Code.

<sup>1</sup> The California Administrative Procedure Act, which governs administrative adjudications, is contained in Sections 11370 through 11529 of the Government Code.

1 Government Code Section 11506 provides that failure of a respondent to file a Notice of Defense  
2 within fifteen days after being served with an Accusation shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right  
3 to a hearing on the merits of the Accusation. The Statement to Respondent, served on Morgan, stated that  
4 a Notice of Defense must be filed in order to request a hearing. Morgan failed to file a Notice of Defense  
5 within fifteen days of being served with an Accusation. Government Code Section 11520 provides that,  
6 if the respondent fails to file a Notice of Defense, the Commission may take action, by way of a default,  
7 based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence, and that affidavits may be used  
8 as evidence without any notice to the respondent.

9 Morgan violated the Political Reform Act as described in Exhibit 1, which is attached hereto and  
10 incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. Exhibit 1 is a true and accurate summary of  
11 the law and evidence in this matter. This Default Decision and Order is submitted to the Commission to  
12 obtain a final disposition of this matter.

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14 Dated: 2/13/2025

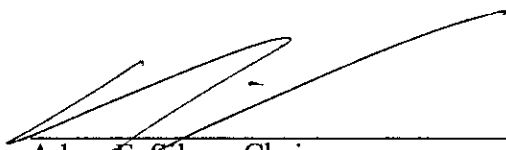
  
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17 **ORDER**

18 The Commission issues this Default Decision and Order and imposes a total administrative  
19 penalty of \$16,000 upon Damian Morgan, payable to the "General Fund of the State of California."

20 IT IS SO ORDERED, effective upon execution below by the Chair of the Fair Political Practices  
21 Commission at Sacramento, California.

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23 Dated: 2/13/25

  
Adam E. Silver, Chair  
Fair Political Practices Commission