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Re: Request for Extension of Conflict of Interest Code Exemption – Commission on the State of Hate; Our File No. E-23-001

Dear Jamie Cook and Alec Watts:

This letter grants your request for an extension of the State of Hate Commission (Hate Commission) exemption from inclusion in a conflict of interest code under California Code of Regulations Section 18751.

Based on the information provided in your declaration, there have been no changes to the Hate Commission since the granting of the last extension (i.e., the Hate Commission does not possess decision making authority and is formed for the sole purpose of reporting and making recommendations to another government body).

Under Regulation 18751(g), an exemption expires after two years and agencies must adopt a conflict of interest code, request an extension of the exemption, or submit a new request for exemption. If the nature of the Hate Commission's authority changes and employees and/or members make or participate in the making of governmental decisions, the Hate Commission may need to adopt a conflict of interest code or be added to another agency's conflict of interest code at that time.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Rice

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