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Good morning

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express concern regarding the recent decision by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) to require cities to transition to their designated filing system by January 1, 2025.

Many filers in our city have been successfully using e-filing platforms, such as NetFile, which were previously certified by the FPPC as compliant. These systems have been integral in providing efficiency and ease of use for both filers and administrators. Transitioning to the FPPC's system poses several concerns, particularly the potential for disruption and increased difficulty for those accustomed to their current platforms.

Additionally, a significant issue is the potential loss of historical data for filers, which is maintained within our current e-filing system. This historical information is vital for record-keeping, compliance checks, and ease of reference for filers and administrators. Requiring a transition without accommodating this need would create considerable challenges, including the inability to access important historical filings and records.

Given these challenges, I respectfully request that the FPPC consider making exceptions for cities that are already utilizing systems compliant with FPPC standards. Alternatively, a phased implementation period or additional support to ensure a smooth transition would help mitigate the potential difficulties, especially with maintaining the integrity of historical filing records.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope the Commission will take these concerns into account to support a more seamless and efficient process for our city.

Best regards,

Rebekah Barr, MMC

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