



NOTICE AND AGENDA Commission Meeting¹

California Fair Political Practices Commission
1102 Q Street, Suite 3050
Sacramento, CA 95811

Thursday, April 16, 2026
10:00 A.M.

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Welcome

Adam E. Silver, Chair

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Public Comment

1. **Public Comment for Items not on Agenda.** During this comment period, any person is invited to speak on any topic that is not listed on this agenda. Action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on a future agenda. Those who wish to comment on an item that has been listed on this agenda may comment when that item has been opened for consideration by the Commission and before any action is taken.

Approval of Commission Minutes

2. **Approval of March 2026 Commission Meeting Minutes**

Consent Calendar 3-4

Items on the consent calendar will be taken up and voted on as a group. A Commissioner may request that an item be removed from consent, in which case it will be discussed separately in the meeting.

3. **Adoption of Updated Form 803, Behested Payment Report, Instructions.** Staff: Chloe Hackert, Manager, Education & External Affairs Unit, Legal Division. Staff presents updated Form 803 instructions as a result of recent legislation. The Commission will consider the updated form instructions for adoption.

Staff Memo

Form 803 – Behested Payment Report

Mass Mailings at Public Expense

4. **In the Matter of John Valdivia; FPPC No. 22/396.** Staff: Theresa Gilbertson, Attorney Supervisor and Paul Rasey, Special Investigator. In 2021, John Valdivia, in his capacity as Mayor for the City of San Bernardino, caused a mass mailing paid for at public expense and distributed to about 2,000 people that featured Valdivia's name and office, in violation of Government Code Sections 89001 and 89002 (1 count). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$3,500.**

Valdivia - Stipulation

Pre-Notice Defaults 5-6

5. **In the Matter of Robert Scharffenberg; FPPC No. 24/787.** Staff: Kristin E. Goulet, Commission Counsel. Robert Scharffenberg, a Physician and Surgeon for the California Correctional Health Care Services, failed to timely file a 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2025 Annual Statement of Economic Interests, in violation of Government Code Section 87300 (4 counts). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$18,000.**
6. **In the Matter of WeLead OC Fund and Karen Hinks; FPPC No. 19/1773.** Staff: Theresa Gilbertson, Attorney Supervisor and George Aradi, Special Investigator. WeLead OC Fund, a multipurpose organization, qualified as a recipient committee in 2019 when the organization accepted a payment of more than \$2,000 for the purpose of making an independent expenditure.

The Committee failed to timely file a statement of organization, a semiannual campaign statement, and a late independent expenditure report, in violation of Government Code Sections 84222, 84200, and 84204 (1 count). Additionally, the independent expenditure was a mailer that failed to comply with the Act's requirements for advertisement disclosure, in violation of Government Code Sections 84502 and 84504.2 (1 count). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$8,500.**

General Items 7-10

- 7. Prenotice Discussion of Proposed Adoption of Regulation 18450.12 and Amendments to Regulation 18401, AI use in Campaign Advertisement Disclosure and Related Recordkeeping.** Staff: Zachary Norton, Senior Commission Counsel. Staff proposes adoption of Regulation 18450.12 to add language clarifying the circumstances under which disclosure is required in campaign advisements that have been created or modified using AI, as well as amendments to Regulation 18401 to make explicit that recordkeeping requirements extend to all committee advertisements, and includes a requirement to maintain copies of any original versions of materials used to create advertisements that have been modified using AI. The proposed amendments are presented for pre-notice discussion and feedback, with potential adoption to occur at the June Commission meeting.

Staff Memo

Proposed Adoption of Regulation 18450.12 Proposed Amendment of Regulation 18401

- 8. Legislative Update.** Staff: Lindsey Nakano, Senior FPPC Legislative Counsel. The Commission will review and discuss potential sponsored and other legislation. The Commission may provide direction to staff regarding the same.

Legislative Update

- 9. Executive Staff Reports.**

Enforcement Division. Kendall L.D. Bonebrake, Chief.

Audits and Assistance Division. Shrdha Shah, Chief.

Legal Division. Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel.

Administration and Technology Division. Jue Wang, PhD, Chief.

Executive Director Update. Galena West, Executive Director.

Executive Staff Report

- 10. Commissioner Comments and Proposed Future Agenda Items.**

Note: Although any Commissioner may identify a topic of interest, the Commission may not substantially discuss or take action on any matter raised during the meeting that is not included on this agenda, except to decide to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Government Code Sections 11125 & 11125.7(a).)