



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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May 29, 2024

Mr. Raymond Beaty
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No Action Closure Letter re: FPPC Case No. 2023-00147; Raymond Beaty

Dear Mr. Beaty:

The Enforcement Division of the Fair Political Practices Commission enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act.¹ This case arises from a sworn complaint, which included allegations against you regarding conflicts of interest in your capacity as a former member of the Vacaville City Council.

The Enforcement Division opened this case based on concern about a vote that you cast in March 2020 to repeal Municipal Code section 2.20.040, relating to city council vacancies. Also, the vote involved a resolution adopting a policy for filling city council vacancies by appointment. Complainant alleged that your vote was a conflict of interest given that you had been appointed to the city council and that a required special election never was held. However, it appears that the legal effect of your vote was prospective, only—and would not retroactively change the law that was in effect when you were appointed. Thus, the allegation has been disproven, and we are closing this matter without further action.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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¹ The Political Reform Act—sometimes simply referred to as the Act—is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in California Code of Regulations, title 2, sections 18104 through 18998. Unless otherwise noted, all statutory and regulatory references are to these sources.