



NOTICE AND AGENDA Commission Meeting¹

California Fair Political Practices Commission
1102 Q Street, Suite 3800
Sacramento, CA 95811

Thursday, June 13, 2024
10:00 A.M.

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The Commission may take action on any item listed on this agenda.

Welcome

Adam E. Silver, Chair

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.

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Approval of Commission Minutes

2. Approval of May 2024 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.

Default Proceedings

Default Proceedings Requesting Commission Action

3. **In the Matter of Ramos for City Council 2018, Committee to Elect Daniel Ramos Adelanto City Council 2020, Daniel Ramos, Ricardo Ramos, Arley Arsineda; FPPC No. 19/464.** Staff: Alex Rose, Senior Commission Counsel and Ann Flaherty, Special Investigator. Daniel Ramos was an unsuccessful candidate for Victorville City Council, in the November 6, 2018 General Election and the successful candidate for the Adelanto City Council, in the November 3, 2020 General Election. Ramos for City Council 2018 (the “Victorville Committee”) and Committee to Elect Daniel Ramos Adelanto City Council 2020 (the “Adelanto Committee”) are Daniel Ramos’ candidate-controlled committees. Arsineda served as the Adelanto Committee’s treasurer. The Committees, Daniel Ramos, and Arsineda failed to timely file a statement of organization, sixteen semi-annual campaign statements, and four pre-election campaign statements, in violation of Government Code Sections 84103, 84200, 84200.5. (13 counts). Additionally, the Adelanto Committee, Daniel Ramos, and Arsineda failed to establish, maintain, and utilize a campaign bank account, in violation of Government Code Section 85201 (1 count). **Total Proposed Penalty: \$57,500.**
4. **Updated Campaign Disclosure Manuals 3 - 7.** Staff: Chloe Hackert, Education & External Affairs Unit Manager, Legal Division. Campaign disclosure manuals have been revised to reflect recent changes in legislation and Commission regulations with updates to campaign contribution limits, limited liability companies (LLC) disclosure requirements, cryptocurrency contributions, excessive contributions, advertising disclosure requirements, and other non-substantive technical changes.

Staff Memo

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General Items 5-11

5. **Prenotice Discussion of Proposed Amendments to Regulations 18991, 18993 and 18994, Audits and Investigations.** Staff: Jack Woodside, Senior Commission Counsel, Legal Division. The proposed amendments to Regulation 18991 will exclude certain jurisdictions from the audit draw process under Regulation 18993 to avoid duplicative audits, while the proposed amendments to Regulations 18993 and 18994 will clarify their application to audits performed by the Commission. The proposed amendments are presented for discussion and direction by the Commission and will be presented for adoption at a subsequent meeting.

Staff Memo

Proposed Amendments of Regulation 18991

Proposed Amendments to Regulation 18993

Proposed Amendments to Regulation 18994

- 6. Adoption of Proposed Repeal and Adoption of Regulation 18392.3, Honorarium Ban Exception, Definition of "Predominant Activity."** Staff: Karen Harrison, Senior Commission Counsel. Staff presents proposed amendments to the definition of "predominant activity" to expand the exception to the honorarium prohibition permitting an official to receive payment for a speech when the activity of the official's bona fide business, trade, or profession is not predominantly making speeches. Additional nonsubstantive changes are proposed to reorganize the regulation's existing language for clarity. The proposed regulatory changes are presented for adoption by the Commission.

Staff Memo

Proposed Adoption of Regulation 18932.3

Proposed Repeal of Regulation 18932.3

- 7. Adoption of New Regulation 18450.10 and Amendment of Regulation 18450.9, Website Advertisements Disclosure Requirements.** Staff: Katelyn L. Baeta-Orick, Commission Counsel, Legal Division. In response to Senate Bill 678, staff proposes adopting Regulation 18450.10 to clarify the application of the new disclosure requirements for advertisements posted on a website or social media application by a paid third-party "influencer." Staff also proposes amending Regulation 18450.9 to remove language that is no longer necessary due to SB 678. The proposed regulatory changes are presented for adoption by the Commission.

Staff Memo

Proposed Adoption of Regulation 18450.10

Proposed Amendments to Regulation 18450.9

- 8. 2023/2024 Fiscal Year Third Quarter Expenditure Report.** Staff: Jue Wang, PhD, Acting Chief of Administration.

Third Quarter Expenditure Report

- 9. 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

- 10. Executive Staff Reports.**

Enforcement Division. James M. Lindsay, Chief.

Audits and Assistance Division. Shrdha Shah, Chief.

Legal Division. Dave Bainbridge, General Counsel.

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

Executive Director Update. Galena West, Executive Director.

Executive Staff Report

- 11. 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).)