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Chair Ann Ravel and Commissioners
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 800
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Agenda Item 20: Amendment of Regulation 18360 – Commission
Decisions to Investigate

Dear Chair Ravel and Commissioners:

On behalf of the League of California Cities City Attorneys FPPC Committee, I submit this letter for comment on the above-referenced agenda item. The proposed amendments are intended to insure fair treatment of those who are the subject of complaints being investigated by the FPPC. If adopted, the amendments would prevent disclosure of decisions relating to whether the FPPC will investigate complaints until after the complainant *and* the subject of the complaint have been informed of the decision.

The Committee supports the proposed amendments. The Commission should strive to conduct its investigative and enforcement functions in a fair and objective manner. The Commission's enforcement authority should be pursued for the the purpose of determining whether a violation has occurred, and if so, seeking the imposition of the remedies provided under the law. These amendments reinforce the appropriate mission of the enforcement division, and insure that all parties to an enforcement action are treated fairly.

Sincerely,

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