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May 18, 2018

Chair Jodi Remke and Commissioners Audero, Cardenas, Hayward and Hatch
California Fair Political Practices Commission
1102 Q Street, Suite 3000
Sacramento, CA 95811

Re: June 4, 2018 Meeting on Statement of Governance Regulations

Dear Chair Remke and Honorable Commissioners:

The California School Employees Association (CSEA), AFL-CIO, strongly supports the recommendations proposed regarding governance.

The Fair Political Practices Commission is charged with monitoring, overseeing and enforcing the Political Reform Act in a manner that it befits the title of the Commission-fairly. The Commission currently operates in a manner that vests inordinate power and authority to the Chair, the only full-time board member. The Chair controls agendas, directs staff and has the power to control the issues that are addressed or not addressed on agendas.

The proposed governance regulations are sensible, fair and provide a balance of power on the Commission. The public will be well served by greater input and the opportunity for all Commissioners to have their opinions and positions considered.

Empowering the Executive Director and making the position accountable to the entire board is a sound change and aligns the organizational structure to the way most organizations function.

The proposals are good public policy because an engaged, participative and informed board can better carry out their duties and represent the broad constituencies with interests before the Commission.

CSEA strongly urges your support for the proposals on June 4, 2018.

Sincerely,

Dave Low
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