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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 Agenda on Governance

Dear Chair Remke and Honorable Commissioners:

The State Coalition of Probation Organizations (SCOPO) strongly supports the three recommendations proposed regarding governance. SCOPO is a statewide organization representing rank-and-file probation officers.

The Fair Political Practices Commission is charged with monitoring, overseeing and enforcing the Political Reform Act in a manner that is 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.

While the meeting agenda has not yet been posted, it is our understanding that proposals to be considered on June 4 will provide greater input and involvement of all FPPC board members in the decision making of the Commission.

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.

SCOPO urges your support for the proposals, whatever date they are raised.

Sincerely,


Alberto Torrico
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