



The Honorable Alice Germond
Chair, Fair Political Practices Commission
1102 Q Street, Suite 3000
Sacramento, CA 95811

Subject: Support for Agenda Item 18, Concerning the Use of Public Funds for Campaign Activities

Dear Chair Germond:

We support Agenda Item 18, which authorizes the Fair Political Practices Commission to send a letter to legislative leaders requesting legislation to give the commission more enforcement power to stop the use of public funds for campaign activities.

CalTax has received many complaints from taxpayers over the years regarding local agencies using tax dollars to promote ballot measures. We have challenged this illegal spending, and strive to increase public awareness, but in the absence of adequate enforcement mechanisms the practice has grown in popularity.

To protect public funds, the FPPC should have the authority to investigate and prosecute any instance of these valuable funds from being used for campaign purposes.

For these reasons, we support this agenda item.

Sincerely,

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