



August 14, 2020

Richard C. Miadich, Chair
Fair Political Practices Commission
1102 Q Street, Suite 3800
Sacramento, CA 95811

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the members of the California Business Roundtable we urge your approval of Agenda Item #13 – the settlement of *Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association v. Los Angeles County*. We have witnessed a dramatic increase in the use of taxpayer funds by local governments on “campaigns” to support measures (usually tax or bond measures) placed on the ballot by those same governments. This item is a good example of that type of activity – expensive television/radio/digital advertising – paid for by the county using taxpayer funds. The only way to combat this misuse of taxpayer funds and violation of the Political Reform Act is enforcement and the deterrent effect resulting therefrom. We firmly believe your approval of this case will serve those twin objectives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert C. Lapsley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert C. Lapsley
President
California Business Roundtable

cc: E. Dotson Wilson, Commissioner
Frank Cardenas, Commissioner
Brian Hatch, Commissioner
Allison Hayward, Commissioner