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EXTERNAL EMAIL

Dear Commission Members,

The public comment I submitted to the commission for the May 2020 meeting alleged intimidation, the denial of appointment or promotion, a threat of adverse action and involuntary transfer by the current FPPC administration. I requested that an item be added to this month's agenda for the commission to publicly announce its intentions on whether to investigate or dismiss the matters I brought to its attention. Until the commission publicly assures the protection of any possible victims that come forward, it may never learn the extent of improper actions by its staff.

Take for example, the matter of the Board of Equalization in 2017 where witnesses were subjected to threat for exposing abuses by executive staff. Witnesses and victims were reluctant to come forward for fear of retaliation. The matters were concealed until being exposed by the Bureau of State Audits and the media. A Sac Bee article can be found through the following links.

[Criminal investigation targets California tax board leaders](#)

<https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article157058439.html>

Last month, my public comment addressed violations of Govt. Code Sections 19171 and 19172 by FPPC executive staff. While we were not part of the employee sampling for the State Personnel Board audit, two Enforcement Division supervisors, including me, were removed from our positions just days before completing our probation period without receiving any probation evaluations, prior notification or a fair opportunity to succeed as required under sections 19171 and 19172. Further, I was removed by false pretenses written by the Chief of Enforcement against me alleging, in part, that I improperly treated the investigators who reported to me. I have repeatedly requested, and been denied, for those investigators to be interviewed to determine the truthfulness of the allegations written by the Chief of Enforcement. Wouldn't the commission want to know if FPPC employees were subjected to threat of having erroneous documents stuffed into their Official Personnel File for the purpose of taking adverse action?

I again request that the commission place an item on the next agenda to announce whether it will look into alleged unethical and unlawful conduct by FPPC staff, or dismiss the matters I have presented.

Sincerely,

Jay Martin