

1. Public Comment

During this comment period, any person is invited to speak on any topic that is not listed on this agenda. Action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on a future agenda. Those who wish to comment on an item that has been listed on this agenda may comment when that item has been opened for consideration by the Commission and before any action is taken.

Comment Letter – Jacob Larsen

1. **Dale Helvig** says:

January 26, 2023 at 9:16 am

In October and November of 2018, Form 497 showed the 19th Green OC, LLC contributing \$320,000 to the campaigns of mayoral and city council candidates in the City of Santa Ana. A complaint was subsequently filed questioning the legality of these “dark money” contributions.

As of yesterday, your website lists FPPC Case No. 2018-01194 as “Case Opened and Pending”. As I understand it, you have 5 years to decide whether or not to proceed with prosecution. Five years is almost up.

The central purpose of the Political Reform Act is to promote transparency by ensuring that receipts and expenditures in election campaigns are fully and truthfully disclosed so that voters are fully informed and improper practices are inhibited. Another purpose of the Political Reform Act is to provide adequate enforcement mechanisms so that the Act will be “vigorously enforced.”