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**To:** Chair Miadich, Commissioners Cardenas, Hatch, and Hayward

**From:** Phillip Ung, Director, Legislative and External Affairs on behalf of Commissioner Hatch, Chair, Law & Policy Committee

**Subject:** Law & Policy Committee – April Meeting Report

**Date:** May 6, 2019

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The Law & Policy Committee convened on April 23, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

Participants on the call: Commission Brian Hatch, Loressa Hon, Dave Bainbridge, Brian Lau, Phillip Ung, Karen Harrison, Galena West, and Sasha Linker.

1. The Committee recommends adoption of Regulation 18329 relating to formal written advice and informal assistance.
2. The Committee recommends “support if amended” on **Assembly Bill 201 (Cervantes)**. Recommends staff work with the author to address concerns that text messaging services like “Relay” are not included in the bill and would fall out of the Political Reform Act.
3. The Committee recommends “support” on **Assembly Bill 864 (Mullin)**.
4. The Committee recommends either “sponsor” or “support” on **Assembly Bill 1306 (Garcia)**. The Committee requested staff to ask the author if she would be willing to have FPPC as a sponsor or as support. Based on the author’s answer, staff would note the appropriate recommendation in the May 2019 Meeting Agenda.
5. The Committee recommends “support” on **Senate Bill 300 (Umberg)**.
6. The Committee recommends the Commission accept substantive amendments to Commission-sponsored **Senate Bill 423 (Umberg)** to address concerns related to political party and general purpose committee practices related to “restricted use” and “all purpose” accounts.
7. The Committee recommends a “support” or no change in the current FPPC position on **Assembly Bill 220 (Bonta)**, contingent upon the discussions between the author’s office and Commission staff. If an agreement on amendments is accomplished, then recommend a “support” position. If no agreement by the time of the May 2019 Meeting notice, then no recommendation to change the Commission’s current position.
8. The Committee recommends a “support if amended” position on **Assembly Bill 1217 (Mullin)** to address the staff’s concerns with the legislation.

9. The Committee recommends a “support if amended” position on **Assembly Bill 1245 (Low)** to address staff’s concerns with the bill lacking clarity and direction related to scope and intent.
  
10. The Committee recommends a “support if amended” position on **Assembly Bill 1752 (Kalra)**, offering two options for amendments: 1) transfer enforcement and collection of the penalty to the Franchise Tax Board or 2) administratively terminate the committee if it goes more than 90 days without paying \$50 fee and \$150 penalty.