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Fair Political Practices Commission Appoints Executive Director

Sacramento – After a deliberation in closed session, the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) today named Erin V. Peth as Executive Director. The FPPC made this decision after conducting a nationwide search, interviewing numerous applicants, and upon the recommendation of the Commission’s Executive Director Search subcommittee and the Chair.

“The Commission has appointed an outstanding person to the position of Executive Director” said FPPC Chair Ann Ravel. “Her years of experience with the Political Reform Act and with state government will serve the FPPC well.” “Erin’s commitment to the Commission’s goals and ability to build coalitions among interested parties will be extremely beneficial as the Commission continues to increase transparency in the political process and clarify our ethics laws.”

Peth has been serving the people of California for several years. She served as Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary in the California Governor’s Office since 2011 where she counseled public officials on governmental ethics, conflicts of interest, and governmental transparency.

From 2007 to 2011, she served as a Deputy Attorney General in the California Department of Justice where she advised constitutional officers and high-level state officials on compliance with the Act’s provisions and other conflict-of-interest laws. Peth was an editor of the 2010 Attorney General’s Conflicts of Interest Guide and was on the team that prosecuted the first enforcement action involving electronic voting machines, which resulted in a multi-million dollar settlement for the State. Prior to her state service, Peth was an attorney in private practice from 2003 to 2007 where she counseled clients and litigated cases with an emphasis on election, political, campaign finance, and governmental matters.

A native of Sacramento, Peth received her Bachelor’s degree in English and public relations from Marquette University and her Juris Doctorate from King Hall at the University of California, Davis. She is a member of the California State Bar.

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