



**Minutes for Meeting of
Thursday, January 11, 2018**

Item 1: Call to Order

Commission Vice Chair Voorakkara called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Item 2: Roll Call

Present – Commission Vice Chair Sid Voorakkara, and Commissioners Fred Kosmo, Alex Kreit, Joe Leventhal, and Dave Potter

Absent – Commission Chair Deborah Cochran, and Commissioner Bill Baber

Staff – Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, General Counsel Christina Cameron, Education Program Manager Stephen Ross, Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné, and Program Coordinator Victoria Velasquez

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes of December 14, 2017

Motion:	Approve Minutes
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Kosmo
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran/Baber
Abstain:	Kreit

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Leventhal commended Executive Director Fulhorst and the staff for the 2017 Annual Report.

Commissioner Voorakkara asked if there will be additional legislative projects in the upcoming year. Ms. Fulhorst responded that she does not expect any projects during 2018 other than the proposed amendments to campaign advertising rules.

Commissioner Voorakkara thanked the staff for the excellent work preparing the minutes from the Commission's December meeting.

Item 6: Executive Director Comment

Ms. Fulhorst mentioned that she included a summary of enforcement activity over the past 15 years when she distributed the 2017 Annual Report to the Commissioners. These statistics reflect a gradual increase in complaints and enforcement activity from the Commission's inception in 2002 through 2010, and then a gradual decrease from 2010 to the present. She attributed these trends to the success of the Commission's educational and enforcement efforts. She also noted that although the number of complaints and enforcement actions has decreased over the past 7 years, the resulting fines have generally increased reflecting more serious violations.

Item 7: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 8: Proposed Amendments to Election Campaign Control Ordinance

Ms. Fulhorst provided an overview of the portion of the staff report concerning website disclosure of all \$10,000+ committee donors in lieu of requiring the disclosure of major donors between \$10,000 and \$50,000 on campaign advertisements. She explained that the remainder of the staff report, as well as the strike-out language and comparison chart, reflect the preliminary decisions made by the Commission at previous meetings. She also mentioned that, although Commissioner Baber could not attend the meeting, he discussed the website disclosure proposal with her and asked her to convey his support for it.

Commissioner Leventhal noted that committees are required to disclose contributions within 24-hours during the 90 days preceding an election, and asked whether the Commission notification of \$10,000+ donors for purposes of website disclosure could be incorporated into this electronic filing requirement. Ms. Fulhorst explained that the 24-hour contribution disclosures are made on a California Form 497, and that this state form cannot be modified; however, she indicated that she will confer with the City Clerk to see if the electronic filing software vendor can add an Ethics Commission notification option when a Form 497 is filed.

Commissioner Kreit asked if the state law requirement to disclose the top three \$50,000+ donors will still apply if the Commission recommends website disclosure of all donors over \$10,000+. Ms. Fulhorst confirmed that it would still apply because local jurisdictions may not be less restrictive than state law.

Ms. Fulhorst reported that the FPPC is still working out various details concerning the implementation of AB 249, and she hopes to provide a report regarding these efforts at the next meeting in February.

Item 9: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Vice Chair Voorakkara adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:25 p.m. He stated the Commission would reconvene into open session following the conclusion of closed session in order to report any action taken during the closed session portion of the meeting.

Reconvene to Open Session

Commission Vice Chair Voorakkara called the meeting back into open session at approximately 5:40 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of January 11, 2018

Ms. Cameron reported the results of the closed session meeting of January 11, 2018:

Item-1: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 potential matter)

Case No. 2018-01 – Registration as an Organization Lobbyist

Motion:	Dismiss
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Leventhal
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran/Baber

Item-2: Conference with Legal Counsel (4 potential matters)

Case Nos. 2017-32 and 2017-36 – Reporting Campaign Contributions: Organization Lobbyists

Motion:	Dismiss
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Kreit
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran/Baber

**Case Nos. 2017-33 and 2017-35 – Reporting Campaign Contributions:
Organization Lobbyist and Lobbying Firm**

Motion: Approve Stipulations
Moved/Seconded: Potter/Kreit
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Cochran/Baber

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.

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Sid Voorakkara, Vice Chair
Ethics Commission

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Victoria Velasquez, Program Coordinator
Ethics Commission

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