

NOTICE AND AGENDA Digital Transparency Task Force¹

California Fair Political Practices Commission 1102 Q Street, Suite 3800 Sacramento, CA 95811

> Thursday, April 23, 2020 1:30 P.M.

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Welcome

Richard C. Miadich, Chair of FPPC and Allison Hayward, FPPC Commissioner

1. Public Comment for Items not on Agenda. 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 Task Force and before any action is taken.

2. Introductions.

- a. Discussion of the need for the Task Force, and its mission and goals.
- b. Introduction of Task Force members.
- c. Introduction of key FPPC staff members assisting the Task Force, and other individuals presenting to the Task Force.
- d. Proposed timeline and tentative schedule.
- e. Brief overview of Bagley-Keene rules. Staff: David Bainbridge, General Counsel

3. Introduction to Campaign Advertising in the Digital Realm. Staff: Jay Wierenga, Communications Director. Overview of the growing significance and presence of digital political advertisement; differences from traditional political advertising; and, the challenges presented.

4. **Current Legal Landscape for Regulating Digital Political Ads.** Staff: Sukhi Brar, Supervising Attorney and Katelyn Greene, Commission Counsel. FPPC Legal Division attorneys discuss California law, as well as the status of regulatory laws at the federal level and in other states. Representatives from the California Secretary of State's Office discuss efforts by the Secretary of State's Office to address challenges associated with digital political ads. Representatives from Washington State Public Disclosure Commission discuss how Washington State is approaching regulation of digital campaign ads.

5. Enforcement Challenges Presented by Digital Political Advertising. Staff: Megan Van Arsdale, Commission Counsel and Paul Rasey, Special Investigator. FPPC Enforcement staff discusses the differences in digital political ads compared with those in traditional media, and the challenges presented in enforcing regulations relating to digital ads.

6. Digital Ad Archives. Presentation by: Brendan Fischer, Campaign Legal Center. Discussion of digital archives for political advertisements, including (1) examples of current archives; (2) information and data collected in archives; (3) source of information and data to be collected; (4) public v. private housing of archives; and, (5) policy and legal considerations

7. Public Access to Archive Data. Representatives from the City of Los Angeles present the City's public portal to access digital ads and supporting information.

8. Discussion of Presentations and Next Steps.