

Sasha Linker

From: Galena West
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 11:27 AM
To: Sasha Linker; Ruth Yang
Cc: Loressa Hon
Subject: FW: Bay Area Regional Measure RR approved by the Voters in November 2016

Sasha,

This appears to be a comment on the BART agenda item.

Thanks,
Galena

From: Cautn1 [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 10:50 AM
To: Complaint <Complaint@fppc.ca.gov>
Subject: Bay Area Regional Measure RR approved by the Voters in November 2016

Bay Area Transportation Working Group (BATWG)

Dear Sir or Madam:

It has come to our attention that the FPPC has just fined BART \$7,500 for misusing its funds in 2016 to help get Measure RR passed by the voters.

Was a BART official called to Sacramento to explain this infraction? Removing a small amount of the tax payers' money from a BART account and depositing it in a State account neither affects anyone at BART nor deters anyone from again indulging in the same illegal practice in the future.

A related and potentially much more serious matter is BART's contention that it spent another \$365,100 providing "facts" about RR. \$365,100 expended to provide "facts" is highly suspect. . Was anyone called to Sacramento to explain in detail how this large amount of money was actually used?

Your early attention to these questions would be appreciated. Thank you.

Gerald Cauthen
President, **BATWG**

P.S. BART is by no means the only agency that misuses public funds to help promote the approval of funding measures. Examples:

Alameda County Measure BB, passed in November 2014: During late 2013 and most of 2014 the ACTC staff engaged directly in a frenetic one-sided selling campaign, featuring multitudinous presentations, virtually always without the knowledge and participation of those opposed to the measure, before virtually every group in the county that would have them.

San Francisco's Central Subway adopted by various political bodies between 2009 and 2012: During this entire period the SFMTA's Central Subway project team spent much of its time hyping the project, often based upon false and misleading information, at numerous small group meetings.