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Chair Jodi Remke  
Commissioner Maria Audero  
Commissioner Frank Cardenas  
Commissioner Brian Hatch  
Commissioner Allison Hayward  
Fair Political Practices Commission  
1102 Q Street, Suite 3000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **Item 19 – March 22, 2018 Commission Meeting – Enforcement Priorities and Procedures**

Dear Commissioners Remke, Audero, Cardenas, Hatch, and Hayward:

The Executive Committee of the California Political Attorneys Association (“CPAA”) writes in support of Item 19 on the Commission’s March 22nd meeting agenda. We view it as a positive next step in fully reexamining the FPPC’s enforcement process.

Of the three options presented in staff’s memorandum, CPAA recommends review by a task force. CPAA believes that this approach would provide the most diverse and experienced group of experts, who will provide input on how the enforcement process is working and how it may be improved. Due to the bipartisan nature of CPAA and the differing viewpoints of our members, we suggest that the task force should contain two CPAA members, representing the two major parties. This will ensure that no partisan viewpoint is favored by CPAA’s choice of task force representative.

Finally, CPAA shares staff’s concern that increased work volume during an election year will make this process challenging. Due to the importance of the subject, however, we believe it necessary to proceed without delay – our members are up to the task. Any changes that come out of this process are likely to be beneficial to the public at large and therefore should not be held up simply because we are busier this year than usual.

Please contact me at the above telephone number, should you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joseph A. Guardarrama', is written over the closing text.

Joseph A. Guardarrama  
CPAA President