



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
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TO: Members of the California Legislature
FROM: Galena West, Executive Director of the Fair Political Practices Commission
RE: Summary of Report Regarding Enforcement of Local Government Campaign and Ethics Ordinance (Required by Government Code § 83123.6)
DATE: December 31, 2024

This summary report is submitted by the Fair Political Practices Commission (“FPPC”) in compliance with state law, specifically pursuant to Government Code Section 83123.6, subdivision (h). The FPPC has completed work under contracts with local government agencies under this section and wishes to extend or delete the sunset provision so that the FPPC can continue to contract services to local government agencies. The FPPC has an ongoing contract with the City of San Bernardino and had a previous contract with the City of Sacramento.

City of San Bernardino: The City retained the services of the FPPC to provide for the enforcement and interpretation of the laws under the provisions of the City’s campaign finance regulations governing the City’s offices. In accordance with that, the FPPC conducts a review of data included in campaign disclosure forms and statements and detects potential violations by analyzing all contracts, licenses, permits, or other entitlements. 6 enforcement cases were opened, resulting in 2 Warning Letters, 2 No Action Closure Letters, and 2 cases are active with the Enforcement Division.

The FPPC maintains a dedicated webpage for the City of San Bernardino with 10 campaign audits in progress, 1 completed audit and has twice provided informal advice. The City has reported they are satisfied with the contract and feel that it meets the City’s needs.

City of Sacramento: The FPPC completed 10 audits per the contract and closed 8 enforcement cases, resulting in 4 Warning Letters, 3 No Action Closure Letters, and 1 stipulated settlement. The FPPC twice provided informal advice, maintained a dedicated webpage for the City of Sacramento, and provided two overviews to the City of Sacramento Ethics Commission. The City reports that it was unsatisfied with the contract. The FPPC attributes this to a misunderstanding of expectations on both sides, and the FPPC has since improved its procedures and practices.

Although the FPPC and the City of Sacramento did not find success in contracting together, the FPPC learned from that initial contract to communicate clear expectations, which has resulted in a successful relationship with the City of San Bernardino, which both parties wish to continue. This is shown through the contract’s renewal and the high level of satisfaction the City reports. The FPPC staff recommends that the Legislature consider deleting or extending the sunset provision in Government Code Section 83123.6, subd. (j). This amendment would enable the FPPC to contract with other local government agencies in the future for the purposes of this section and to also continue its work with the City of San Bernardino. The FPPC staff believes this program has been a success and supports its continuation or expansion. The full report can be found at www.fppc.ca.gov or requested at (916) 322-5660.