NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REVIEW PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Office of the Attorney General (the "Office"), pursuant to Government Code sections 82011, 87303, and 87304 of the Political Reform Act (Gov. Code, § 81000 et seq.) will review proposed amendments to the conflict of interest code of the Fair Political Practices Commission (the "Commission"). The purpose of the amendments is to implement Government Code sections 87300 through 87302, and 87306.

Government Code sections 87300 and 87302 require each government agency to adopt a conflict of interest code designating the agency personnel who must file annual Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests, disclosing certain economic interests. Designated personnel are those who make or participate in making governmental decisions that may foreseeably have a material financial effect on an economic interest. (Gov. Code, § 87302, subd. (a).)

Pursuant to Government Code section 87306 and California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 18750, the Commission proposes to amend its conflict of interest code due to changes to its organizational structure. The Office is the code reviewing body for the Commission. (Gov. Code, §§ 82011, 87303, and 87304.)

Any interested person may submit written statements, arguments, or comments related to the proposed amendments by submitting them no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 22, 2023, or at the conclusion of the public hearing, if one is requested, whichever comes later, to the agency contact set forth below. The Office has not scheduled a public hearing on the proposed amendments. However, it will hold a hearing if it receives a written request for a hearing from any interested person, or his or her representative, 15 days before the close of the written comment period.

The Office has prepared a written explanation (Statement of Reasons) for the proposed amendments and has available information on which the proposed amendments are based. Copies of the proposed amendments and the information on which the amendments are based may be obtained by contacting the persons set forth below.

The Office has determined that the proposed amendments will not impose a cost or savings on any state agency, or school district that is required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of the Government Code; will not result in any nondiscretionary cost or savings to local agencies; will not result in any cost or savings in federal funding to the state; will not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts; and will not have any potential cost impact on private persons or businesses including small businesses.

The Office has determined that no alternative considered by the Office would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the amendments are proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed amendments.

All inquiries concerning this proposal should be directed to: Marlon Martinez, at 300 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90013, or (213) 269-6437, or Marlon.Martinez@doj.ca.gov. Requests for copies of the proposed conflict of interest code amendments may also be obtained from Maria Almaraz, Fair Political Practices Commission, 1102 Q Street, Suite 3050, Sacramento, California 95811, or (916) 322-5660, or http://www.fppc.ca.gov/the-law/fppc-regulations-and-notices.html.