

Fair Campaign Practices Commission

INFORMATION CALENDAR July 9, 2019

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Fair campaign Practices Commission

Submitted by: Dean Metzger, Chairperson, Fair campaign Practices Commission

Subject: Fair Campaign Practices Commission 2019 - 2020 Work Plan

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Fair campaign Practices Commission (FCPC) has updated its work plan, which outlines Commission objectives for the upcoming fiscal year. This work plan includes researching and gathering information; reviewing BERA public financing amendments, streamlining and adjusting regulations for public financing, receive due process training for hearing complaints, review procedures for submitting proposals to the City Council, studying creation of an Ethics Commission that would combine the Open Government Commission and the Fair Campaign Practices Commission, Look into procedures that would reduce the number of pages printed in the commission packet, Review and revise procedures for reviewing and hearing complaints of BERA violations.

#### CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

At the regular meeting on April 18, 2019, the Fair campaign Practices Commission unanimously approved the work plan, which will be used to guide the Commission's work throughout the year.

M/S/C (Blome/Smith) to accept work plan as submitted and to prepare and submit an Information Report to City Council.

Ayes: O'Donnell, Saver, Napoli, Smith, Blome, Tsui, Harper, Metzger Noes: None Absent: Mclean

BACKGROUND See attached Work Plan.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

No environmental impacts or opportunities were identified as a result of this recommendation.

## POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Based on Commission research and public hearings, new initiatives and recommendations to City Council may be submitted to City Council at such time deemed necessary.

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FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION Rental of meeting rooms for subcommittee meetings - \$2000

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Attachment: 1: Fair Campaign Practices Commission Work Plan



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Attachment 1

# Work Plan Approved April 18, 2019

Research and gather information to report to City Council and support Commission's recommendations to City Council:

- a. Invite speakers to present relevant and current information regarding open government issues.
- b. Develop policies for recommendation to City Council to create additional ways to have a fair and open elections to encourage more candidates to run for city offices.
- c. Examine City's policies and practices regarding election issues.

#### Citizens participation in government:

Review and update the procedures that allow more participation.

## Education:

Reach out to the community to encourage more participation in city government.

## Subcommittees:

- a. Create subcommittees to examine ideas for streaming the FCPC procedures.
- b. Create a robust forum for public participation in determining how election policy should be.
- c. Submit recommendations to Council based on information gathered from the public.

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