



Fair Campaign Practices Commission

INFORMATION CALENDAR
November 29, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Fair Campaign Practices Commission

Submitted by: Sam Harvey, Secretary, Fair Campaign Practices Commission

Subject: Fair Campaign Practices Commission FY2022-2023 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 ongoing compliance review of campaign statements; ongoing review of alleged violations of the Berkeley Election Reform Act (BERA); receiving trainings on various topics including due process, complaint hearings processes, the Brown Act, conflicts of interest, BERA and campaign reporting obligations, and legislative vs. quasi-judicial roles of the Commission; developing recommendations for removing barriers to access for candidates by streamlining and simplifying City's campaign rules, regulations and procedures; reviewing BERA enforcement procedures; and working collaboratively with the City Council to develop policy related to Officeholder Accounts.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

At the regular meeting on June 16, 2022, the Fair Campaign Practices Commission unanimously approved the FY2022-2023 Work Plan, which will be used to guide the Commission's work throughout the year.

Action: M/S/C (Tsang/Hernandez) to approve work plan with changes.

Vote: Ayes: Blome, Ching, Hernandez, Newman, O'Donnell, Tsang, Hynes; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Humbert, Sheahan.

BACKGROUND

See attached Work Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

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



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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.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Unknown, but none expected.

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Attachment: 1: Fair Campaign Practices Commission Work Plan



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Attachment 1

**Work Plan for FY2022-2023 (July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023)
Approved June 16, 2022**

- Ongoing compliance review of campaign statements.
- Ongoing review of alleged violations of BERA.
- Receive trainings on various topics including:
 - Due process and complaint hearings processes
 - Brown Act
 - Conflicts of interest
 - Berkeley Election Reform Act and campaign reporting obligations
 - Legislative vs. quasi-judicial roles of the Commission
- Develop recommendations for removing barriers to access for candidates by streamlining and simplifying City's campaign rules, regulations and procedures.
- Review BERA enforcement procedures.
- Work collaboratively with the City Council to develop policy related to Officeholder Accounts.