



Fair Campaign Practices Commission  
Open Government Commission

## MINUTES

March 16, 2023

### CONCURRENT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES COMMISSION AND THE OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

Civic Center  
2180 Milvia Street  
Cypress Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

Secretary: Samuel Harvey

Members Present: Patrick O'Donnell, Janis Ching, Kitt Saginor, Jessica Blome, Pedro Hernandez, James Hynes

Also Present: Samuel Harvey, Staff Secretary

1. **Call to Order**

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Roll call taken.

3. **Public Comment**

No speakers.

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

- a. February 16, 2023 FCPC-OGC Concurrent Regular Meeting
- a. Public comment: none.
- b. Commission discussion and action.

*Motion to approve minutes* (M/S/C: O'Donnell/Blome; Ayes: O'Donnell, Ching, Blome, Hernandez, Hynes; Noes: none; Abstain: Saginor; Absent: Tsang.)

### **FCPC Agenda**

5. **Reports**

- a. Report from Chair
- b. Report from Staff

6. **Biennial adjustment of Berkeley Election Reform Act campaign contribution limit dollar amount for cost of living pursuant to BMC section 2.12.415**

- a. Public comment: No speakers.
- b. Commission discussion and action.

*Motion to approve cost of living adjustment increasing \$250 candidate contribution limit to \$270 (M/S/C: Ching/O'Donnell; Ayes: O'Donnell, Ching, Saginor, Blome, Hernandez, Hynes; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Tsang.)*

7. **Report from subcommittee on contribution limits under Berkeley Municipal Code § 2.12.415; presentation and discussion regarding contribution limits with Dan Newman, President of MapLight**

- a. Public comment: One speaker.
- b. Commission discussion.

### **OGC Agenda**

8. **Reports**

- a. Report from Chair.
- b. Report from Staff.

9. **Letter to Council regarding commission meeting minutes posting requirements**

- a. Public comment: No speakers.
- b. Commission discussion.

10. **Possible changes to public commenting practices for City Council meetings**

- a. Public comment: No speakers.
- b. Commission discussion.

11. **Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn* (M/S/C: Blome/Ching; Ayes: O'Donnell, Ching, Saginor, Blome, Hernandez, Hynes; Noes: none; Abstain: none; Absent: Tsang.)

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.