

To: Olin Woods, Chair, and Members of the
Yolo County Local Agency Formation Commission

From: Elizabeth Castro Kemper, Executive Officer

Date: March 31, 2008

Subject: Support AB 1998 (**Silva**): **Filing of Campaign Statements for LAFCO Proposals**

Recommended Action

Approve for the Chairs signature a letter of support for AB 1998 that would have the FPPC file and review campaign statements as required by SB 745 to Assemblywoman Lois Wolk, with a courtesy copy to Senator Mike Machado.

Budget Impact

None.

Reason for Recommended Action

The FPPC is a better home for this filing requirement since the FPPC is far more experienced in the filing and review of campaign statements than Commission staff. If passed, this law will help insure a consistent review of statements and enforcement of the disclosure requirements, and will follow the same requirements as most other petition and initiative processes in California.

Background

Last year the Governor signed AB 745 (Silva), which increased the transparency in local government by expanding the existing law requiring reporting of contributions and expenditures by committees formed to support or oppose proposals that may come before a LAFCO. However, current law places the responsibility for administering the disclosure requirements on each of the 58 local agency formation commissions.

AB 1998 changes the responsibility to the Fair Political Practices Commission. The FPPC is a better home for this requirement since the FPPC is far more experienced in the filing and

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The Yolo LAFCO adopted a policy to meet the requirements of AB 745 on February 25, 2008. If AB 1998 passes the Yolo LAFCO policy will require amendment.

Attachment:

Letter of Support for AB 1998

March 31, 2008

Honorable Lois Wolk
California State Assembly
State Capitol Office Room 2002
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT of AB 1998 (Silva): Filing of Campaign Statements for LAFCO Proposals

Dear Assembly Member Wolk,

The Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission respectfully requests your support for Assembly Bill 1998 (Silva), which moves the financial disclosure requirements for a proposal before a commission to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

As you are aware, last year the Governor signed AB 745 (Silva), which increased the transparency in local government by expanding the existing law requiring reporting of contributions and expenditures by committees formed to support or oppose proposals that may come before a LAFCO. However, current law places the responsibility for administering the disclosure requirements on each of the 58 local agency formation commissions.

AB 1998 changes the responsibility to the Fair Political Practices Commission. This Commission believes the FPPC is a better home for this requirement since the FPPC is far more experienced in the filing and review of campaign statements than Commission staff. This law will help insure a consistent review of statements and enforcement of the disclosure requirements, and will follow the same requirements as most other petition and initiative processes in California.

We appreciate your support of this bill. Please feel free to contact me or our LAFCO staff at 530-666-8048 if I can provide additional information.

Regards,

Olin Woods, Chair

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