

April 12, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Commissioners Russell Yee, Sara Sadhwani, and Pedro Toledo  
Legal Affairs Committee  
California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Response to Inquiry re Firm Political Contributions

Dear Commissioners:

I write in response to your April 11, 2021 letter requesting additional information about Gibson Dunn's political contributions. Your letter identified four contributions of at least \$2,000 made by Gibson Dunn to candidates for congressional, state, or local public office in California during the last ten years that were not included in our original response to the Commission's RFI—namely, contributions to Becerra for Attorney General 2018, Eleni Kounalakis for Lieutenant Governor 2018, Jesse Gabriel for Assembly 2020,<sup>1</sup> and Marshall Tuck for State Superintendent of Public Instruction 2014.

When responding to the Commission's RFI, I was aware of the fact that many *individual attorneys* at our firm had made donations to political candidates in California and elsewhere, but I did not understand those contributions to be subject to disclosure, as I explained in our March 27, 2021 letter response to the Commission's first set of follow-up questions. I was not aware, however, that Gibson Dunn itself had made any qualifying political contributions *as a firm* in California in the last ten years. I now see that the four specific contributions you have identified should have been included in the initial RFI response, per the Commission's instructions. I assure you that these omissions were inadvertent.

In light of the Commission bringing its concerns to our attention, we have gone back and double-checked our internal records, as well as the California Secretary of State's website, to determine whether there have been any additional firm-level contributions that would be subject to disclosure. We can confirm that the four donations the Commission identified are the only political contributions of \$2,000 or more that Gibson Dunn has made in the last ten

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<sup>1</sup> Between approximately November 2010 and June 2018, Assembly Member Gabriel was an associate in Gibson Dunn's Los Angeles office.

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years to any congressional, state, or local candidates in California. For the sake of transparency, note that the firm has made other political contributions to candidates in other states who were not running to represent California in the U.S. Congress or running for California state or local offices.

Please let us know if we can answer any further questions, and thank you again for your serious consideration of these issues. We remain enthusiastic about the opportunity to represent the Commission as litigation co-counsel and to provide objective, nonpartisan advice in doing so.

Sincerely,

GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER LLP

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