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Via E-Mail: cpra@fppc.ca.gov

California Fair Political Practices Commission
1102 Q Street, Suite 3050
Sacramento, CA 95811

California Public Records Request: Investigation into Political Contributions to Kamala Harris

Dear Sir/Madam:

America First Legal Foundation is a national, nonprofit organization working to promote the rule of law in the United States, prevent executive overreach, and ensure due process and equal protection for all Americans, all to promote public knowledge and understanding of the law and individual rights guaranteed under the Constitution and laws of the United States. To that end, we file Freedom of Information Act requests on issues of pressing public concern, then disseminate the information we obtain, making documents broadly available to the public, scholars, and the media. Using our editorial skills to turn raw materials into distinct work, we distribute that work to a national audience through traditional and social media platforms. AFL's X page has over 250,000 followers and the X page of our Founder and President has over 674,000 followers.

In 2015, the California Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC") determined that former California Attorney General Kamala Harris did not violate state laws when she received gifts from a company owned by San Francisco interior designer Ken Fulk.¹ After the FPPC launched its inquiry, reports revealed that Harris paid Fulk \$10,245 for work done to her apartment in San Francisco.² Harris made three "substantial payments" to Fulk for his services even though she had not yet received an invoice. After being contacted by the FPPC, Harris requested an accounting of the

¹ Phil Willon, *Kamala Harris Cleared in State Ethics Inquiry*, L.A. TIMES (Nov. 20, 2015), <https://bit.ly/4dfQIZS> (last visited July 24, 2024).

² See *id.*; Phil Matier & Andy Ross, *Kamala Harris Put on Spot by Designer Pal's Work on Her Loft*, S.F. CHRON. (Nov. 24, 2015), <https://bit.ly/3zUINtv> (last visited July 24, 2024).

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amount still owed and made the \$10,245 payment. State elections records show that Fulk contributed \$5,000 to Harris' campaigns for attorney general.

I. Records Request

Pursuant to the CPRA, Cal. Gov't Code §§ 7920.000, et seq., and the California Constitution, CAL. CONST. art. I, § 3(b), AFL requests disclosure of the following records:

- A. All records of investigative memoranda, including factual findings and legal analysis, possessed by Galena West, former Chief of the FPPC's enforcement division concerning the Kamala Harris investigation. The time period for this request is June 2015 until January 2017.
- B. All records referring or relating to Fulk's political contributions to Harris. The time period for this request is January 2011 to January 2017.
- C. All records, unrelated to the Fulk matter, regarding inquiries related to Kamala Harris. The time period for this request is January 2011 to January 2017.

II. Processing and Production

If you have any questions about our request or believe further discussions regarding search and processing would facilitate more efficient production, then please contact me at FOIA@aflegal.org. Further, please advise if the records are available for inspection pursuant to Cal Gov't Code § 7922.525 (a), (b).

To accelerate your release of responsive records, AFL welcomes production on an agreed-upon rolling basis. Please email responsive records in electronic format. Alternatively, please send responsive records in native format or PDF format on a USB drive to America First Legal Foundation, 611 Pennsylvania Ave SE #231, Washington, DC 20003.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rachel L. Jag
America First Legal Foundation