

Attorney General Kamala D. Harris Announces Appointment of Eric Casher to the Fair Political Practices Commission

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SAN FRANCISCO -- Attorney General Kamala D. Harris today announced her appointment of Eric Casher to a four-year term on the Fair Political Practices Commission.

“Eric’s commitment to justice, fairness and the rule of law will make him a strong asset on the Fair Political Practices Commission,” said Attorney General Harris. “The people of California will be well-served by his diligence and his judgment.”

Casher, 34, practices law at Meyers Nave in Oakland. He serves on the Board of Directors for both the California Bar Association and the Charles Houston Bar Association, where he also acts as general counsel. In 2011, Casher was recognized by the National Bar Association as one of the “Nation’s Best Advocates, 40 Under 40.”

He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley and received his law degree from the University of California Hastings.

“It’s truly an honor to be nominated by Attorney General Harris, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of California on the FPPC,” said Casher. “I am committed to helping ensure that the political process in California is as fair and transparent as possible.”

The Fair Political Practices Commission is an independent body of five members, each of whom serves a single four-year term. The Governor appoints two commissioners, and the remaining three appointments are made by the Attorney General, the Secretary of State and the State Controller.

The Fair Political Practices Commission was created by a ballot initiative passed by California voters in 1974. The Commission adopts and amends regulations. It also develops required forms, prepares manuals and instructions, aids agencies and public officials with record keeping and reporting, and maintains a central file of statements of economic interests for certain state and local officials. The Commission also investigates alleged violations of the Political Reform Act, imposes penalties when appropriate, and assists state and local agencies in the development and enforcement of conflict-of-interest codes.

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