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Hello,

Please see the attached public comments from California Common Cause for Item #6 on the March 18, 2022, SF Ethics Commission agenda.

Thanks,
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To: San Francisco Ethics Commission
From: California Common Cause
Date: March 17, 2022
Subject: Proposed Amendments to Strengthen the City's Gift and Ethics Laws

Dear Commissioners,

California Common Cause thanks the Commission and its Staff for considering the amendments to your proposed ballot measure that we identified for you when we last addressed you, specifically focusing liability solely on gift-receivers and removing liability from gift-givers.

We believe that this amendment will better focus the responsibility of compliance on those who are most familiar with the law while also preventing unintentional offenses by otherwise good actors who may not have the wherewithal to digest and retain a complicated law. We do not believe that placing sole liability upon the gift receiver, with the exceptions of lobbyists and permit consultants, will diminish the effectiveness of the law, but potentially improve upon it by making clear where responsibility lies and focusing City resources where they can have the greatest impact. For these reasons, we support the proposed amendments in Item #6 on the March 18, 2022, San Francisco Ethics Commission agenda. Furthermore, with the adoption of these amendments, and upon review of the final draft language, California Common Cause looks forward to fully supporting these much-needed reforms to San Francisco's ethics laws.

Thank you, Commissioners and Commission Staff, for your dedication and hard work on this very important legislation.

Sincerely,
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