



AGENDA ITEM: __15__

**TRUCKEE TAHOE AIRPORT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS STAFF REPORT**

AGENDA TITLE: REVIEW, DISCUSS AND POTENTIALLY ADOPT POLICY INSTRUCTION 119 REGARDING TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY REGARDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND HARMONIOUS BOARD RELATIONS

MEETING DATE: MARCH 27, 2019

PREPARED BY: BRENT P. COLLINSON, DISTRICT COUNSEL

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Provide input on proposed Policy Instruction and consider adoption.

DISCUSSION: There has been significant discussion regarding the need for and substance of a Policy Instruction regarding disclosure of contributions to Board Members and candidates for the Board and methods to promote harmonious Board Relations. I have met separately with 2 Board Members, not disclosing to either the substance of my discussion with the other. The Board Members have expressed various ideas on the need and substance of a Board Policy regarding both contributions to Board Members and Candidates as well as the propriety of a sitting Board Member endorsing a candidate for the Board (other than themselves). The attached draft policy is provided to allow the Board to review and comment on the proposed Policy.

Initially, it requires that staff post a link on the District's website to the FPPC website regarding campaign contribution reports for this District.

It provides that any contribution (over a monetary amount to be determined) either before or after a contribution has been made (for a time period to be determined) must be disclosed. If that person or entity is advocating a position before the Board or there is any application, license or permit pending before the Board. An exception exists if the application, etc. is available to either the general or flying public.

It also provides that no sitting Board Member will endorse any candidate for the Board, other than themselves. Note that this could prevent two or more Board Members from running as a "slate". This language could be modified is desired.

Finally, it notes that this Policy does not limit any campaign contributions or expenditures and is not intended to supersede FPPC regulations or state law, so those requirements remain unchanged.

NEXT STEPS: Provide input on the proposed Policy so that a final Policy Instruction can be adopted.

FISCAL IMPACT: None known other than minimal staff time.

POSSIBLE MOTIONS: I move to adopt Policy Instruction 119 with the following modifications: (provide here the monetary amounts and time frames prompting disclosure).

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Policy Instruction 119