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PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

January 9, 2018

Executive Director Jeffrey Brindle, Deputy Director Joseph Donohue, Legal Director Demery Roberts, Compliance Director Stephanie Olivo, and Deputy Legal Director Amanda Haines were present. Chairman Eric Jaso, Commissioner Stephen Holden, Commissioner Marguerite Simon, and Legal Counsel Edwin Matthews participated by telephone.

A court reporter was available to record the proceedings.

The Public Session Minutes will be available online on the Commission's website at: <http://www.elec.state.nj.us>.

The meeting convened at 2:00 p.m. in Trenton.

1. Open Public Meetings Statement

Chairman Jaso called the meeting to order. Executive Director Brindle announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 *et seq.*, notice of this telephonic meeting of the Election Law Enforcement Commission was announced for January 9, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at the Commission's office, and was distributed at approximately 10:45 a.m., on January 5, 2018, to the entire State House press corps and was filed with the Secretary of State's Office. It was also posted on the Commission's website.

On a motion by Commissioner Simon, seconded by Commissioner Holden, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission resolved to hold the telephone meeting.

2. Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session

Whereas, there exists a need to hold an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following matter/matters, which fall within the exceptions to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 *et seq.* to wit.

Matter/Matters (OPMA Exception)

- **Advisory Opinion Request No. 01-2018** – The Commission has received a request for an Advisory Opinion from Rajiv D. Parikh, Esq. on behalf of Celebrate New Jersey Now, Inc. (CNJN). The request concerns whether N.J.S.A. 19:44A-18.1 applies to CNJN.

Whereas, it is unknown at this time when such discussion to take place in Executive Session may be disclosed to the public.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Election Law Enforcement Commission as follows:

1. This Executive Session Meeting of the Election Law Enforcement Commission shall be closed to the public for discussion of the aforesaid referenced matters.
2. The matters discussed during this Executive Session Meeting shall be disclosed to the public at such time when reason for discussing and acting on same in Executive Session shall no longer exist.

On a motion by Commissioner Holden, seconded by Commissioner Simon, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission resolved to enter Executive Session.

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3. **Advisory Opinion Request No. 01-2018**

On a motion by Commissioner Holden, seconded by Commissioner Simon, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission resolved to approve Advisory Opinion No. 01 2018.

4. **Public Comments**

No public comments.

5. **Adjournment**

On a motion by Commissioner Simon, seconded by Commissioner Holden, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission resolved to adjourn at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted as true
and correct,

Jeffrey M. Brindle
Executive Director