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2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission

TO: Applicant Review Panel for the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission

FROM: David King, Counsel for the State Auditor's Office

DATE: February 14, 2020

SUBJECT: Applicant Background Report

Under title 2, section 60835 of the California Code of Regulations, the State Auditor's Office is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission). Section 60842, subdivision (i) of the regulations authorizes the State Auditor's Office to investigate and verify all information provided by or about an applicant.

Pursuant to this authority, the State Auditor's Office reviewed information from a number of sources to verify the applicant's eligibility and provide any other information that may assist the Applicant Review Panel with its evaluation of applicants. The applicant has reviewed the information provided below and, where appropriate, provided additional or clarifying information. The following reports the State Auditor's Office's findings.

Name of Applicant: Sara Sadhwani

Applicant ID: 7164

Eligibility: No issues currently identified.

Conflict of Interest: No issues currently identified.

Additional Information about Applicant: No issues currently identified.

Applicant Contributions

Contributions exceeding \$250 in any calendar year in the last two years to professional, social, political, volunteer, and/or community organizations or causes that were reported on the supplemental application and/or were identified in the Federal Election Commission (FEC) or the California Secretary of State (SoS) databases. See attached. Please confirm that any contribution that is identified in the FEC or SoS database that you did not provide in your application is, in fact, a contribution that you made.

Recommendation: The applicant's response to the report is attached. The State Auditor's Office makes no recommendation regarding the applicant.



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The information provided above is based on the review of information collected as of the date of this Report. The State Auditor's Office may continue to investigate and verify all information provided by or about an applicant, and stands ready to assist the Applicant Review Panel with any further applicant inquiries.



Source_of_Donation_Information	Routing_Organization	Donation_Recipient	Subtotal_by_Year_2018
Background Check FEC	N/A	JAY CHEN FOR CONGRESS	\$250

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Attention Requested - Shape California's Future Background Check
Date: Monday, February 10, 2020 7:02:53 PM
Attachments: [REDACTED]

To whom it may concern:

I received the email with background information from the FEC. I did make the contribution to Jay Chen's congressional campaign and completely forgot about it, as he left the race prior to the 2018 June primary. Should I update my application with this information?

Also, the donation was for \$250, my understanding of the rule is that contributions cannot be over \$250, so I don't believe it would disqualify my application, but would like to get confirmation about that.

Many thanks,

Sara Sadhwani, PhD

On Sun, Feb 9, 2020 at 3:13 PM Shape California's Future
<shapecaliforniasfuture@auditor.ca.gov> wrote:

Dear Professor Sadhwani,

Thank you for your continued interest in the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission). The members of the Applicant Review Panel (Panel) are reviewing relevant application materials for the remaining eligible applicants to determine who will move forward to the interview stage.

As required by section 60835 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, the California State Auditor's Office (Auditor's Office) is responsible for collecting applicant information that is needed by the Panel to perform its responsibilities. Pursuant to this duty, the Auditor's Office has produced a background check report that will be submitted to the Panel. Attached to this email is a tentative draft of that report. We ask that you review the draft report and inform us of any factual inaccuracies contained therein. You have until **Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.** to review and respond via email to shapecaliforniasfuture@auditor.ca.gov. Your response may prompt revisions to the draft report before it is finalized, submitted to the Panel, and posted to our website with your other applicant materials.

Please note you are only requested to correct inaccuracies of a factual nature. This may include noting that a name tentatively identified as an immediate family is not, in fact, a

family member, or noting that you did not in fact engage in certain political activities tentatively ascribed to you. If you are asked to provide affirmation of whether you have a bona fide, or special, relationship with a family member, refer to our guide at https://shapecaliforniasfuture.auditor.ca.gov/example-applications/info_graphic.html.

Please do not provide additional perspective or argument regarding any conclusion, opinion, or recommendation stated in the report. In addition, please do not submit additional information in an effort to bolster your qualifications. In the event you move forward in the application process, you will have the opportunity to present your qualifications to the Panel at your interview.

If your report contains no factual inaccuracies, you do not need to respond to this email.

If you have questions or comments, call us toll free at 1-833-421-7550 or send us an email at shapecaliforniasfuture@auditor.ca.gov. Thank you for applying for the 2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Best regards,

Shape California's Future Application Team



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