

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: Alicia Fernandez

Applicant ID: 12652

Eligibility: No issues currently identified.

Conflict of Interest:

Applicant Or Immediate, Bona Fide Family Member May Have Served As Paid Congressional, Legislative, Or State Board Of Equalization Staff

- Background check indicates an individual named Maria Fernandez worked as a District Director for California Assembly District 23 in 2012.

[The applicant is requested to confirm whether the above-named individual is an immediate family member with whom the applicant has a bona fide, or special, family relationship.]

Additional Information about Applicant: No issues currently identified.

Recommendation: The applicant's response to the report is attached. Because the applicant responds that the individual identified above is not the applicant or a member of the applicant's immediate family with whom the applicant shares a bona fide, or special, family



relationship, the State Auditor's Office makes no recommendation regarding the applicant's eligibility.

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.



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Shape California's Future](#)
Subject: Re: Attention Requested – Shape California's Future Background Check
Date: Monday, February 10, 2020 9:26:51 PM

[REDACTED]

I just noticed I entered the incorrect year for the time my sister worked at Health Net. She worked there from March 5, 1996, to March 23, 2018.

Also, I just found out her legal name is Maria Elena Fernandez-Favila. I had erroneously thought she had changed her name back to Maria Elena Fernandez when she divorced about ten years ago. She legally changed her name to Maria Elena Fernandez-Favila when she married in March 1985.

Thank you,

Alicia Fernandez

From: Alicia and Carl Fernandez Lamera [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 3:39 PM
To: Shape California's Future <shapecaliforniasfuture@auditor.ca.gov>
Subject: RE: Attention Requested – Shape California's Future Background Check

Hello [REDACTED],

I reached out to my sister, Maria Elena Fernandez, to confirm her employment in 2012. She stated she was an IT Manager at Health Net here in the Sacramento/Rancho Cordova area in 2012. She worked at Health Net full-time continuously from March 5, 1996, to March 23, 2018.

Again the Maria Fernandez noted in my draft background report is not a family member.

If I reach out to you next week, will you let me know if the potential conflict of interest was removed from my background report? I want to ensure my background report is clear.

Please let me know if you require anything else from me.

Thank you for your prompt response.

Alicia Fernandez

On Feb 10, 2020 2:12 PM, Shape California's Future
<shapecaliforniasfuture@auditor.ca.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Fernandez,

Thank you for your response. We will review this material for incorporation into the report

to the Applicant Review Panel. We will reach out to you again if there are any further questions. We do not plan to distribute another copy of the background reports but you may contact us again next week before the Applicant Review Panel meeting to confirm. Thank you very much.



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From: Alicia and Carl Fernandez Lamera [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 9, 2020 10:50 PM
To: Shape California's Future <shapecaliforniasfuture@auditor.ca.gov>
Subject: Fw: Attention Requested – Shape California's Future Background Check

Shape California's Future Application Team,

Per the attached draft background check report, it notes a potential conflict of interest regarding a Maria Fernandez who worked as a District Director for California Assembly District 23 in 2012.

I do not know who the Maria Fernandez is that worked as a District Director for California Assembly District 23 in 2012. I believe the California Assembly District 23 represents the Fresno/Tulare area. My family, including all siblings, has resided in the Sacramento area my entire life.

I have a sister named Maria Elena Fernandez who has always resided in the Sacramento area but goes by the name of Elena Fernandez, rarely using Maria unless required to for legal purposes. Please know that Fernandez is a common hispanic last name and Maria is a very common first name.

The Maria Fernandez identified in the attached report is not an immediate family member, thus, I do not have a bona fide, or special, family relationship with the individual noted in the draft background check report.

If the draft report is revised, will another background report be sent to me in order to confirm there are no other conflict of interest items identified in the final report?

Please let me know if there is anything else you need from me.

Alicia Fernandez
[REDACTED]

From: Shape California's Future <shapecaliforniasfuture@auditor.ca.gov>

Sent: Sunday, February 9, 2020 3:14 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Attention Requested – Shape California’s Future Background Check

Dear Ms. Fernandez,

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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