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Secretary of State Padilla Appoints Brian L. Hatch to FPPC

SACRAMENTO, CA - California Secretary of State Alex Padilla today announced the appointment of Brian L. Hatch to the [Fair Political Practices Commission \(FPPC\)](#).

Mr. Hatch, who is now retired, successfully represented the California Professional Firefighters (CPF) for nearly 40 years. He began his career as a firefighter with the Ontario Fire Department in San Bernardino County, and would later become a fire captain. He was a union leader, two years as treasurer and 8 years as president of Ontario Firefighters Local 1430. He later became the lead advocate for CPF where he had a hand in nearly every significant advance affecting firefighters' lives and livelihoods including the creation of Cal-JAC apprenticeship program, workers compensation protection for firefighters with job-related cancer, fallen firefighter survivor benefits and secure retirement for all first responders.

Mr. Hatch also played a key role in the founding and ongoing management of several finance companies as well as the development of a statewide Internet service provider. An effective public speaker, he has shared his expertise through lectures with government, trade groups and public and private universities including UC Berkeley, UC Davis, and Pepperdine University. He has also provided technical consulting services on municipal bankruptcy, governmental reorganization and tax policy.

"I am confident that Mr. Hatch's extensive experience with California government will serve him well as a member of the FPPC," said Secretary of State Alex Padilla.

The FPPC is a five-member independent, nonpartisan commission responsible for the administration of the state's Political Reform Act, which regulates campaign financing, conflicts of interest, lobbying, and governmental ethics. The FPPC works to ensure public officials act in a fair and unbiased manner in governmental decision-making, promote transparency in government, and foster public trust in the political system.

The Governor appoints the FPPC chair and one other commissioner of a different political party. The State Controller, Attorney General, and Secretary of State each appoint one commissioner for a four-year term beginning February 1 after each presidential election.

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