

Open Forum BOS 12/12/2023

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12/12/23 – TPA Dictators Outside of the Law

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Please ensure the entirety of the below public comments made during today's BOS Open Forum are entered into the public record.

More importantly, the BOS should be aware of the requirements under AB1234 concerning mandatory ethics training for public officials which includes all BOS appointees to boards, committees, and commissions.

Although the Taxpayers Association is an NGO, several of its directors and members are comprised of BOS appointees who must adhere to and comply with all Federal, State and local laws. The **Institute for Local Government** warns, "*The law provides only **minimum standards** for ethical conduct. Because of the breadth of federal anticorruption law, **avoid any temptation to walk closely to the line that divides legal from illegal conduct under state law.** Even though a course of action may be lawful under state law, it may not be lawful under federal law. It is prohibited to retaliate against those who whistle-blow.*"

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Sincerely,

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