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**BREAKING NEWS: FPPC FORMALLY OPENS
INVESTIGATION ON ALL THREE RECALL ENTITIES**

*State Ethics Enforcement Agency will Investigate Campaign Finance
Violations, Campaign Money Laundering, and
Other Flagrant Abuses of State Law*

Redding, CA -- The California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) today announced a formal investigation into three entities driving the recall effort against Shasta County Supervisors Rickert, Chimenti and Moty. This follows formal complaints filed by Shasta Forward earlier this month, alleging an array of illegal activities, finance violations and numerous abuses of state election law.

“Our complaints documented extensive and flagrant violations of state campaign laws, and we are grateful to the FPPC for opening a needed investigation into the shadowy groups dividing our community,” said Shasta Forward.

At the center of the Recall effort is the so-called ‘Red, White and Blueprint’ project, which has publicly announced raising large sums of campaign finances through illegal campaign events and other solicitation channels. Styled as a documentary and a “media company”, its explicit purpose has plainly been to advocate the recall of three specific local elected officials, qualifying this project as a primarily formed campaign committee under state election law. As such, all of its donations and sponsorships by local businesses would be subject to the transparency and disclosure requirements of a political campaign.

“Shining a light on who is really funding this misguided recall -- as well as who may be benefiting financially -- will allow Shasta County voters to make an informed choice about its motives and character,” added Shasta Forward. “We will continue to stand for integrity and transparency, and ensure everyone engaged in the future of our county is held to the high standards our residents deserve.”

“We supplied the FPPC with documentation of up to 10 violations of state election law, by all three separate entities,” said attorneys for Shasta Forward. “The public is not being provided with any information regarding the dark money behind campaign communications and true funders of this recall effort. The investigations announced today will hopefully bring needed transparency to this situation.”

Specific Statutes and Regulations Violated by Each Recall Entity:

“Red White and Blueprint”:

- Government Code Section 82013 – Qualification as a Campaign Ballot Measure Committee
- Government Code Section 84211 – Requirement to Disclose Campaign Contributions Received
- Government Code Section 84504 and FPPC Regulation 18450.4 – Required Advertisement Disclosure

“Shasta County General Purpose Committee”

- Government Code Section 82047.5 18531.5 (c)(3) – Required Naming of Primarily Formed Committee
- Government Code Section 84211, subdivision (f) – Disclosure of Occupation and Employer Information
- Government Code Section 84504 and FPPC Regulation 18450.4 – Required Advertisement Disclosure

“Recall Shasta”

- Government Code Section 82013 – Qualification as a Campaign Ballot Measure Committee
- Government Code Section 84211 – Requirement to Disclose Campaign Contributions Received
- Government Code Section 84302 – Failure to Report Contribution Intermediary
- Government Code Section 84504 and FPPC Regulation 18450.4 – Required Advertisement Disclosure

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