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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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**2020 Federal Election Commission Policy Statement on
Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity**

The Federal Election Commission (FEC) employees and applicants for employment are protected by federal laws, Presidential Executive Orders, and state and local laws that bar discrimination on the bases of age (over 40), color, disability, sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation and gender identity), genetic information, national origin, race, religion and reprisal. These protections extend to all personnel/employment programs, management practices and decisions, including, but not limited to, recruitment and hiring practices, merit promotions, transfers, reassignments, training and career development, benefits and separations. Additional information may be found here: <https://www.eec.gov/federal/otherprotections.cfm>.

The Commission is firmly committed to ensuring compliance with our nation's EEO and civil rights laws and maintaining a work environment where discrimination, retaliation, and harassment are not tolerated. Further, the Commission will act to correct any harassing conduct before it becomes severe or pervasive. Managers and supervisors will be held accountable for identifying and correcting discriminatory policies, practices and behaviors and for taking prompt and appropriate action to ensure that the work environment remains free of unlawful discrimination, intimidation, reprisals and harassment.

In order to enforce these protections, as well as ensure that all employees will have the freedom to compete on a fair and level playing field, all FEC employees and applicants are expected – and encouraged – to promptly bring any concerns about discrimination, in any form, to the attention of management. Anyone who believes that she or he has been subjected to discrimination or retaliation should contact the FEC's Office of Equal Employment Opportunity at (202) 694-1228 (or at eeo@fec.gov) within 45 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory action (or in the case of a personnel action, within 45 calendar days of the effective date of the action). Employees may also wish to contact the Office of Special Counsel at (202) 254-3600 or the Merit Systems Protection Board at (202) 653-7200, as appropriate. Additionally, job applicants should visit the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity's page on the FEC's external website, under the "Career" link.

Further, anyone who files a complaint or participates in an investigation of an EEO complaint, or who opposes an employment practice made illegal under the statutes enforced by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), is protected from reprisal or retaliation. Such acts against an employee who engages in protected activity, whistleblowing, or the exercise of any appeal or grievance right provided by law, will not be tolerated in our workplace – and the agency supports the rights of all employees to exercise their rights under the civil rights statutes. If any staff member feels that communication of any concerns to his or her immediate supervisor could possibly bring retaliation or negative consequences, the concerned staff member should contact another manager in his or her supervisory chain, an EEO Counselor or the EEO Director, the Inspector General (IG), or make a report through the FEC OIG Hotline Portal.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "J.E. Trainor, III".

James E. "Trey" Trainor III, Chair

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