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Statement of Chair Daniel J. Horwitz

Executive Director Ellen Biben has notified the Commission that she intends to step down soon after the next Commission meeting at the end of May in order to consider opportunities in the private sector. We are grateful to Ellen for the excellent work she has done helping to build this agency and for leading it to great accomplishments in its first year including historic disclosure requirements for lobbyists and their clients and the first independent ethics investigation involving the legislative branch resulting in the report that was issued to the Legislative Ethics Commission in February. We also recognize and appreciate her extraordinary commitment to integrity through her career in public service.