2017 Schedule A to the NCPERS Code of Conduct for Public Pension Service Providers

The National Conference of Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS) has developed an objective process to determine whether foundations, think tanks, and other nonprofit entities engage in ideologically, politically, or donor driven activities to diminish public pension sustainability. The objective process includes evaluating these entities on the following criteria:

➢ Advocates or advances the claim that public defined benefit plans are unsustainable.
➢ Advocates for a defined contribution plan to replace the public defined benefit plan.
➢ Advocates for a poorly designed cash balance plan to replace the public defined benefit plan.
➢ Advocates for a poorly designed combination plan to replace the public defined benefit plan.
➢ Links school performance evaluation to whether it sponsors a defined benefit plan to its teachers/employees.
➢ Miscellaneous activities to diminish public pension sustainability and retirement security.

Based on the criteria above, NCPERS has determined the following foundations, think tanks, and other nonprofit entities engage in ideologically, politically, or donor driven activities to undermine public pensions:

- American Enterprise Institute
- American Legislative Exchange Council
- Brookings Institution
- California Common Sense
- California Policy Center
- Heritage Foundation
- Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association
- Independent Institute*
- Jessie Ball DuPont Fund
- Laura and John Arnold Foundation
- Mackinac Center for Public Policy*
- Manhattan Institute for Policy Research
- Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation
- Mercatus Center at George Mason University*
- National Council on Teacher Quality
- Nelson Rockefeller Institute of Government*
- Pioneer Institute
- R Street Institute
- Reason Foundation
- Show Me Institute
- StudentsFirst
- Taxpayers for Sustainable Pensions
- Teacherspensions.org
- Texas Public Policy Foundation
- The Pew Charitable Trust
- UnionWatch
- Urban Institute
- Wyoming Liberty Group

*NEW in 2017

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