



**Agenda for Meeting of  
Thursday, July 12, 2012  
5:00 p.m.**

Council Committee Meeting Room (12<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
202 C Street, San Diego, CA

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**REGULAR MEETING**

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**Item 1: Call to Order**

**Item 2: Roll Call**

**Item 3: Administrative Hearing: In re the Matter of B.D. Howard (Case No. 2010-42);  
Deliberation of the Commission**

Consideration of the Presiding Authority's Recommendation and oral arguments by Petitioner and Respondent concerning the allegations in the Final Administrative Complaint and the evidence presented by the parties at the administrative hearing on May 11, 2012, followed by the deliberation of the Commission.

▶ View back-up materials: [Presiding Authority Recommendation](#)

**Item 4: Approval of Commission Minutes**

Approval of Commission Minutes of June 14, 2012.

**Item 5: Non-Agenda Public Comment**

**Item 6: Commissioner Comment**

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for Commissioners to make announcements or comments.

**Item 7: Executive Director Comment**

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for the Executive Director to make announcements or comments.

**Item 8: General Counsel Comment**

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for the Commission's General Counsel to make announcements or comments.

**Item 9: Proposed Amendments to Campaign Laws and Lobbying Laws**

Discussion and possible action concerning proposed amendments to the Election Campaign Control Ordinance and provisions in the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance concerning the disclosure of campaign activities.

- ▶ View back-up materials: [draft amendments; clean version \(June 29, 2012\)](#)  
[draft amendments; strikeout version \(June 29, 2012\)](#)

**Item 10: Staff Report Concerning Lobbying Activity in 2011**

Discussion and possible action regarding staff report concerning lobbying and related activities disclosed by lobbying firms and organization lobbyists in 2011.

- ▶ View back-up materials: [Lobbying Activity Report](#)

**Item 11: Adjourn to Closed Session**

Adjournment to Closed Session to discuss the items listed in the Closed Session portion of the Agenda. The Commission will reconvene into Open Session following the conclusion of Closed Session in order to report any action taken during the closed session portion of the meeting.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

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**Item 1: Conference with Legal Counsel**

Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(c) (20 potential matters: Case Nos. 2012-27 through 2012-47). The Ethics Commission may meet in closed session to consider initiating a formal investigation against a person or persons who are alleged to have violated local ethics laws. Should an investigation be authorized, the identity of the person or persons being investigated will be available upon request only if and after a Draft Administrative Complaint is issued. The nature and details of the allegations will be available upon request only if and after a Final Administrative Complaint is issued.

## **Item 2: Conference with Legal Counsel**

Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(c) (1 potential matter: Case No. 2012-02). The Ethics Commission may meet in closed session to consider the settlement, dismissal, status of an investigation, or the issuance of a subpoena or Draft Administrative Complaint, with regard to an enforcement action against a person or persons alleged to have violated local governmental ethics laws. Should the issuance of a Draft Administrative Complaint be authorized, the identity of the Respondent or Respondents will be available after a Draft Administrative Complaint is issued and the matter is noticed for discussion as pending litigation. The nature and details of the allegations will be available upon request only if and after a Final Administrative Complaint is issued.

## **Item 3: Conference with Labor Negotiator**

Government Code section 54957.6  
Agency representative: Clyde Fuller  
Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director

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