

# OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

# REPORT

#### REPORT TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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SUBJECT<sup>1</sup>

BIENNIAL REPORT ON AMENDMENTS TO CITY'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST

CODES IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW

### INFORMATIONAL REPORT (FOR COUNCIL ACTION LATER THIS YEAR)

The California Government Code designates the City Council as the City's "code reviewing body" for conflict of interest codes for City departments, agencies, boards and commissions. California Government Code section 87306.5 states that, no later than July 1 of each even numbered year, code reviewing bodies are required to direct each local agency under their jurisdiction that has a previously adopted conflict of interest code ("Code") to review that agency's code. "Local agencies" includes not only City departments, but also City-owned corporations, certain City boards and commissions, and certain other local agencies (for example, the Housing Commission).

California Government Code section 87306.5 requires local agencies to submit a biennial report identifying proposed changes to their Code, or a statement that the Code does not need to be amended at this time. These biennial reports have been submitted to the City Clerk, who collects them under state law no later than October 1 of each even-numbered year for the Council.

This Report details the status of the City's biennial conflict of interest code amendment process. This Report includes two lists:

- First, the Report lists those City departments, corporations, agencies, boards and commissions that will be submitting proposed amendments to their conflict of interest codes for Council review and approval this year.
- Second, the Report lists those departments, agencies, boards and commissions that
  have filed forms with the City Clerk's Office declaring that changes are not
  necessary to their codes this year. This list also includes several dormant boards
  that are not meeting this year, but whose codes will remain in place for future panels
  (such as the Redistricting Commission and Charter Review Committee).

Government Code section 87303 requires those entities that seek to amend their code to submit proposed amendments to the Council to ensure that the codes are considered and approved before the end of the year. Each of the 32 entities intending to amend a code this year submitted their proposed amendments to the City Clerk for review. The City Attorney's Office is now conducting a legal review of all proposed amendments. The City Attorney's Office is working with

each of the City departments, agencies, boards and commissions that intend to amend their codes and assisting those entities to bring their proposed codes before the Council between October and December 2014. The 33 codes will be brought to Council on the consent agenda. The newly amended codes will take effect on the date of their adoption by the Council, and are not subject to mayoral veto.

# I. <u>Entities Amending Conflict Of Interest Codes</u>

**City Departments:** The Council will receive 27 proposed amended codes from City departments, as follows:

- ADA Compliance and Accessibility (fka Disability Services)
- Chief Financial Officer (fka Department of Finance)
- City Clerk
- Communications
- Debt Management
- Development Services
- Economic Development
- Environmental Services
- Financial Management
- Fire-Rescue
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Library
- Neighborhood Services Human Relations Commission Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices – Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention
- Office of the Chief Operating Officer and Administration (fka Administration)
- Office of the Mayor
- Park & Recreation
- Performance & Analytics (fka Business Office)
- Planning Department
- Police
- Public Utilities
- Public Works Engineering & Capital Projects
- Purchasing and Contracting
- Real Estate Assets
- Risk Management
- Transportation & Storm Water
- Treasurer

**Corporations, Agencies, Boards and Commissions:** The Council will receive 6 proposed amended codes from these entities, as follows:

- Community Parking District Advisory Boards
- Defined Contribution Board
- Horton Plaza Theatres Foundation
- San Diego City Employees' Retirement System (SDCERS)
- San Diego Convention Center Corporation
- San Diego Housing Commission

#### II. Entities That Will Not Be Amending Codes

The following departments, corporations, agencies, boards and commissions will not be amending their conflict of interest codes in 2014:

## **City Departments**

- City Attorney
- City Auditor
- City Comptroller
- City Council, Council Administration & Office of the Independent Budget Analyst
- Homeland Security
- Personnel
- Public Works General Services
- Purchasing and Contracting
- Special Events

#### Corporations, Agencies, Boards and Commissions

- Audit Committee
- Board of Building Appeals and Advisors
- Civic Şan Diego
- Civil Service Commission
- Commission for Arts and Culture
- Consolidated Plan Advisory Board
- Convention Center Expansion Financing Authority
- Ethics Commission
- Facilities and Equipment Leasing Corporation
- Funds Commission
- Housing Advisory and Appeals Board
- Independent Rates Oversight Committee
- Local Enforcement Agency Hearing Panel
- Managed Competition Independent Review Board
- Mission Bay Park Committee
- Oversight Board of the Successor Agency
- Park and Recreation Board
- Public Facilities Financing Authority

- Qualcomm Stadium Advisory Board
- Salary Setting Commission
- San Diego Planning Commission
- San Diego Revolving Loan Fund Loan Board

There are 12 additional boards governed by San Diego Municipal Code section 26.0106, the Land Use Code, which requires conflict of interest disclosures from those serving on the listed boards. This Municipal Code section is not being amended at this time. The section is being reviewed for later revision after determinations are made regarding which boards may be inactive and steps are taken to deem any such boards inactive.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (619) 533-4080 or my Deputy Director, Bonnie Stone at (619) 533-4060.

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