Ethics Commission

Agenda for the Meeting of
Thursday, September 11, 2025
5:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting

Second Floor Conference Room
451 A Street, San Diego, California 92101

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REGULAR MEETING

Item 1: Call to Order.

Item 2: Roll Call.

Item 3: Random Drawing of Campaign Committees to be Subject to Ethics Commission Audit for the 2024 Election Cycle

The City Clerk's Office will conduct the live, random drawing of the names of each campaign committee from the City of San Diego's 2024 election cycle that will be subject to an audit by the Ethics Commission. The drawing is held every two years, in compliance with the Commission's governing procedures. (See https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/audit_manual.pdf for Audit Procedures.)

A list of the committees potentially subject to an audit can be found here https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/2025-09/2025auditpools.pdf. Results of the random drawing will be posted on the Ethics Commission's website and committees will be notified.

► View back-up materials: Staff Memo

Item 4: Approval of Commission Minutes.

Approval of Commission Minutes of Meeting of August 14, 2025.

► View back-up materials: Minutes

Item 5: Non-Agenda Public Comment.

Item 6: Commissioner Comment.

This portion of the agenda allows Commissioners to make announcements or comments.

Item 7: Executive Director Comment.

This portion of the agenda allows the Executive Director to make announcements or comments.

Item 8: Discussion of Proposed Municipal Code Amendments and Possible Action (August Sections 26.0423 – 26.0432, 0402, and 0414).

Discussion and possible action regarding the Commission's recommendations for changes to the municipal code after the passage of Ballot Measure D and the resulting Charter amendment, section 41.3. The Commission will review a partial redline ordinance that incorporates the Commission's input from the August meeting regarding Sections 26.0423 – 26.0432, 0402, and 0414.

► View back-up materials: Proposed Amendments to Muni Code

Items 9: Discussion of Municipal Code Sections and Possible Action (September Sections 26.0435 – 26.0438).

Discussion and possible action regarding the Commission's recommendations for changes to the municipal code after the passage of Ballot Measure D and the resulting Charter amendment, section 41.3. The Commission will discuss policy issues related to sections 26.0435 - 26.0438 of the current municipal code.

► View back-up materials: Staff Memo

Item 10: Informational Item: Enforcement Program Update.

The Investigative Program Manager will present the monthly public report.

► View back-up materials: IPM Monthly Report for August 2025

Item 11: Announcement of Closed Session Items / Adjourn to Closed Session.

Items to be discussed in Closed Session are listed in the Closed Session portion of the Agenda. The Commission will hear any public comment on these items before it recesses the open session meeting to convene in Closed Session.

The Commission will reconvene into open session following the conclusion of Closed Session to report any action taken. A record of actions taken in Closed Session will also be posted on the Commission's website on Friday, September 12, 2025.

CLOSED SESSION

Item 1: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation.

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2).

Number of Cases: One

Item 2: Conference with Legal Counsel

Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) and Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4). **(Case No. 2024-09)**

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. 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. 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 Legal Counsel

Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) and Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4). **(Case No. 2024-17)**

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COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: When the Commission Chair has introduced the item you would like to comment on, you will be asked to introduce yourself and provide your comments. Each speaker will have three minutes to speak. The Commission will take public comment on Closed Session items, if any, before adjourning to that meeting.

If you wish to submit written materials, please do so by sending an email to ethicscommission@sandiego.gov no later than close of business on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. Materials submitted via email by this deadline will be distributed to the Ethics Commissioners before the meeting.