



**Agenda for Meeting of
Thursday, March 12, 2020
5:00 p.m.**

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

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REGULAR MEETING

Item 1: Call to Order

Item 2: Roll Call

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes

Approval of Commission Minutes of February 13, 2020.

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

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

Item 6: Executive Director Comment

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

Item 7: General Counsel Comment

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

Item 8: Campaign Voucher Program

Presentation concerning a proposed campaign voucher program similar to the program currently in place in Seattle, Washington.

▶ View back-up materials: [Voters' Voice Initiative Presentation](#)

Item 9: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the Cate for Council 2018 Committee.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Final Audit Report presented by staff concerning the audit of the Cate for Council 2018 Committee.

▶ View back-up materials: [Final Audit Report](#)

Item 10: Proposed Amendments to Ethics Commission Audit Manual

Discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to the Ethics Commission Audit Manual with emphasis on the dollar thresholds for qualifying pools of committees.

▶ View back-up materials: [Executive Director Memorandum with charts](#)

Item 11: Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report Regarding Executive Director Recruitment and Hiring

Discussion and possible action regarding Executive Director recruitment and hiring.

Item 12: 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Item 1: Conference with Legal Counsel

Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4) (4 potential matters: Case Nos. 2020-11, 2020-12, 2020-14, and 2020-15). 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

Existing Litigation. Pending litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) (Advantage Towing Company and Ayman Arekat v. San Diego Ethics Commission, San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2016-00025238-CU-WM-CTL). The Ethics Commission may meet in closed session to consider the settlement, status, or strategy associated with existing litigation.

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