



**Agenda for Meeting of  
Thursday, May 11, 2023  
5:00 p.m.**

**In-Person Meeting**

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

To access the meeting, enter the building from the main entrance in the courtyard behind 450 B Street, San Diego, California 92101. After passing the security station, take the elevator to the second floor. For additional information, contact the Ethics Commission at (619) 533-3476.

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**REGULAR MEETING**

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**Item 1: Call to Order.**

**Item 2: Roll Call.**

**Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes.**

Approval of Commission Minutes of March 9, 2023.

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**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: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the Joe LaCava for City Council 2020 Committee.**

Discussion and possible action regarding the Final Audit Report presented by staff concerning the audit of the Joe LaCava for City Council 2020 Committee.

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

**Item 9: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the Sean Elo for City Council 2020 Committee.**

Discussion and possible action regarding the Final Audit Report presented by staff concerning the audit of the Sean Elo for City Council 2020 Committee. (Note: The committee name reflects the candidate's name at that time.)

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**Item 10: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the Neighbors for Housing Solutions Supporting Todd Gloria for Mayor 2020 Committee.**

Discussion and possible action regarding the Final Audit Report presented by staff concerning the audit of the Neighbors for Housing Solutions Supporting Todd Gloria for Mayor 2020 Committee.

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**Item 11: Informational Item – Presentation of Annual Summary of Lobbying Activity in the City of San Diego for 2022.**

The Executive Director will present the Ethics Commission's Annual Summary of Lobbying Activity in the City of San Diego for 2022.

▶ View back-up materials: [Staff Report](#); [Lobbying Quarterly Reports](#)

**Item 12: Discussion of the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance.**

The Executive Director will present an overview of potential updates to the City's Lobbying Ordinance and seek direction for future agendas.

**Item 13: 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 to report any action taken during the closed session portion of the meeting. A record of actions taken in Closed Session will also be posted on the Commission's website on Friday, May 12, 2023.

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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(d)(4). **(Case No. 2022-29: Sub-items A and B)**.

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, and/or the approval of an Ethics Commission Final Audit Report, related to material findings of a violation of local ethics laws made in the Final Audit Report. 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 2: Conference with Legal Counsel**

Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4) **(1 potential matter: Case No. 2023-10)**.

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, and/or the approval of an Ethics Commission Final Audit Report, related to material findings of a violation of local ethics laws made in the Final Audit Report. 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 3: Conference with Legal Counsel**

Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4) **(1 potential matter: Case No. 2023-08)**.

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**Item 4: Conference with Legal Counsel**

Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4) **(1 potential matter: Case No. 2023-09)**.

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**Item 5: Conference with Legal Counsel**

Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4). **(Case No. 2022-08)**.

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**COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Comments are limited to no more than three minutes per speaker. Submit requests to speak to the Commission **prior** to the start of the meeting. Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission shall take no discussion or action, other than a referral, on any issue brought forth under “Non-Agenda Comment.”

**COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** When the Commission Chair has introduced the item on which you would like to comment, you will be asked to introduce yourself and provide your comments. Each speaker will have three minutes to speak.

If you wish to submit written materials, please do so by sending an email to [ethicscommission@sandiego.gov](mailto:ethicscommission@sandiego.gov) no later than close of business on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Materials submitted via e-mail by this deadline will be distributed to the Ethics Commissioners before the meeting.