



**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

Council President Sherri Lightner, Chair
Councilmember Lorie Zapf
Councilmember Todd Gloria
Councilmember Myrtle Cole
Councilmember Mark Kersey
Councilmember Chris Cate
Councilmember Scott Sherman
Councilmember David Alvarez
Council President Pro Tem Marti Emerald, Vice Chair

**ACTIONS FOR THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015 AT 2:00 P.M.
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COMMITTEE ROOM – 12TH FLOOR
202 “C” STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

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Committee members present: Lightner, Gloria, Kersey, Cate and Emerald
Committee members absent: Zapf, Cole, Sherman and Alvarez

DISCUSSION AGENDA:

ITEM-1: Referendum process discussion:

- a) Discussion of revisions to the City’s Election Campaign Control Ordinance regarding disclosure of campaign funder;
- b) Discussion of revisions to the City’s referendum procedures, including Municipal Code Article 7, Division 11

Motion by Councilmember Gloria to Request the Ethics Commission work with the District Three Office, City Clerk, and City Attorney’s Office as needed and return to Council with revisions to the City’s Election Campaign Control Ordinance to ensure more timely and heightened disclosure of campaign funders, with consideration given to the following revisions:

- Expand the current law requiring “paid for by” disclosures on local campaign advertisements to include petitions circulated for voter signatures. With respect to committees primarily formed to support a measure, the “paid for

by” disclosure should also include the identity of the top two major donors of \$10,000 or more;

- Require California Form 496, also known as independent expenditure report, to be filed during the signature gathering period, as is required in the 90 days before an election;
- Require California Form 497, also known as the 24-hour contribution report, to be filed during the signature gathering period, as is required in the 90 days before an election; and
- Require California Form 460, also known as the campaign comprehensive statement, to be filed with City Clerk ten (10) calendar days after the referendum petition begins circulating.

Direct the City Attorney’s Office to work with the City Clerk and the District Three Office to draft and return to Council with an ordinance updating Municipal Code Article 7, Division 11 to ensure consistency, clarity and correctness to reflect the current state of the law, including:

- General updates to the language;
- Moving the petition formatting section to the City Clerk Administrative Guidelines to be consistent with recent updates to Municipal Code recall section and to allow for easier and more timely updates of material;
- Updates and clarification of language in Section 27.1116: Withdrawal of Signature from Referendary Petition;
- Clarification of language in Section 27.1117: Time for Submitting Referendary Petition to Clerk;
- Clarification of timeline related to Council action on sufficient petitions; and
- Remove any reference to percentages in the Municipal Code and refer to the applicable Charter Section.

Second by Council President Pro Tem Emerald.

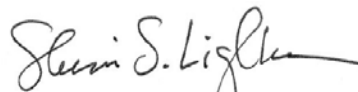
Passed by the following vote:

Yea: Lightner, Gloria, Kersey, Cate and Emerald

Nay: None

Recused: None

Not Present: Zapf, Cole, Sherman and Alvarez



Sherri S. Lightner
Chair