ETHICS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF RANDOM DRAWING FOR AUDIT OF CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES

Stacey Fulhorst, Executive Director of the City of San Diego Ethics Commission, announced today the results of the random drawing of committees selected for audit from the 2005-2006 election cycle. In accordance with the Ethics Commission’s Audit Manual, the following candidate committees were selected for audit from the eligible list compiled by the City Clerk’s Office:

(1) Jerry Sanders for Mayor
(2) Donna Frye for Mayor 2005
(3) Friends of Kevin Faulconer
(4) Tony Young for City Council 2006
(5) Friends of Ben Hueso
(6) Committee to Re-Elect Ben Hueso
(7) Lorena Gonzalez for City Council
(8) Acle for City Council
(9) Mike Shelby
(10) Richard Rider for Mayor
(11) Ian Trowbridge for City Council
(12) Rich Grosch for City Council
(13) Pat Zaharpoulos for City Council
(14) Friends of Michael Zucchet 2006
In addition, the following ballot measure committees were selected for audit:

1. San Diegans for City Hall Reform: Yes on B and C
2. Citizens Against Corruption: No on C
3. San Diegans for Mt. Soledad National War Memorial: Yes on A

Ms. Fulhorst explained that the candidate and ballot measure committees were drawn at random from separate pools based on the following guidelines:

- 75% of committees with financial activity of $100,000 or more were selected;
- 50% of committees with financial activity between $50,000 and $99,999 were selected;
- 50% of committees with financial activity between $10,000 and $49,999 were selected.

According to Ms. Fulhorst, the auditing of candidate and ballot measure committees is one of the most important functions of the Ethics Commission. “Without an audit, the public has no way of knowing whether information disclosed on a campaign statement is complete and accurate.”