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**ETHICS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES SETTLEMENT
WITH CITY OFFICIALS CONCERNING
ECONOMIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS**

The San Diego Ethics Commission announced today that it has taken action to enforce the economic interest disclosure requirements set forth in the Ethics Ordinance. The Commission voted unanimously to approve settlement agreements with the following City Officials who have agreed to pay a nominal fine in connection with the late filing of their Statements of Economic Interests:

- Jeffrey Dunigan, member of the Arts & Culture Commission
- Susana Krieger, member of the Salary Setting Commission
- Anthony Lovio, member of the City Heights Project Area Committee
- Andrea Roberts, member of the North Park Project Area Committee
- Steve Sobel, consultant to the Centre City Development Corporation

With the exception of Mr. Dunigan, each of above-referenced officials paid a fine in the amount of \$200 for failing to timely file an annual Statement of Economic Interests for calendar year 2006. Mr. Dunigan paid a fine in the amount of \$100 for failing to timely file a leaving office Statement of Economic Interests. All of these settlement agreements were made by way of stipulations that can be viewed on the Commission's website at www.sandiego.gov/ethics.

The Ethics Ordinance requires all City Officials to file an annual Statement of Economic Interests disclosing their investments, interests in real property, loans, gifts, and sources of income that could potentially present a conflict of interest when participating in municipal decisions. According to

the Commission's Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, "The disclosure of economic interests is one of the fundamental provisions of the Ethics Ordinance because it provides the transparency necessary to assure the public that City Officials are not influencing municipal decisions that could affect their personal economic interests." Annual Statements of Economic Interests are due on April 1 of each year. The City Clerk's Office contacts each filer well in advance of the filing deadline, and sends a follow-up notice if the Statement is not timely received.

Commission Chairman Gil Cabrera commented that, although the Commission is mindful of the invaluable service provided by the members of the City's Boards and Commissions, the requirements regarding economic interest disclosure "cannot be ignored simply because these City Officials are volunteers." Chairman Cabrera added that, with these enforcement actions, the Commission hopes to remind all City Officials that the timely filing of Statements of Economic Interests will be strictly enforced by the Commission.

Ethics Commission fines are paid to the City of San Diego's General Fund. The stipulated settlements approved by the Commission resolve all factual and legal issues without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing.

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