Agenda for Meeting of Thursday, August 9, 2007

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

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Note: The public portion of the meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. The Ethics Commission will meet in Closed Session following the public portion of the meeting

REGULAR MEETING

Item 1: Call to Order.

Item 2: Roll Call.

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes.

Approval of Commission Minutes of July 12, 2007.

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: **Potential Expansion of Ethics Commission’s Jurisdiction.**

Discussion and possible action, including presentations from the City’s Labor Relations Manager and representatives of the Municipal Employees Association, regarding a request from Councilmember Madaffer that the Ethics Commission consider expanding its jurisdiction to include City employees who are members of the classified service and who file Statements of Economic Interests.

Item 9: **Proposed Amendments to the Ethics Commission Audit Manual.**

Discussion and possible action regarding proposed housekeeping amendments to the Ethics Commission Audit Manual.

Item 10: **Adoption of Commission Calendar for 2008.**

Adoption of the 2008 Ethics Commission Meeting Calendar.

Item 11: **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.

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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(c) (14 potential matters). 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

Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(c) (5 potential matters). 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, with regard to an enforcement action against a person or persons alleged to have violated local governmental ethics laws. Should the filing 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 3: Conference with Legal Counsel

Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(c) (2 potential matters). The Ethics Commission may meet in closed session to consider initiating a formal investigation or issuing a Draft Administrative Complaint against a person or persons for whom material findings of a violation of local ethics laws have been made in an Ethics Commission 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. Should the filing 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.

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