



**Agenda for Meeting of
Thursday, November 5, 2015
5:00 p.m.**

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

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REGULAR MEETING

Item 1: Call to Order

Item 2: Roll Call

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes

Approval of Commission Minutes of September 10, 2015.

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: Request from City Attorney Candidate Rafael Castellanos

Discussion and possible action concerning request from Rafael Castellanos, candidate for City Attorney in the June 2016 primary election, that the Commissioners and staff recuse themselves from advisory, investigative, and enforcement activities associated with any of the City Attorney candidates in this election.

- ▶ View back-up materials: [letter from Rafael Castellanos](#)
[Memorandum from General Counsel](#)

Item 9: 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Item 1: Conference with Legal Counsel

Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4) (3 potential matters: Case Nos. 2015-14, 2015-15, and 2015-17). 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(d)(4) (1 potential matter: Case No. 2015-13). The Ethics Commission may meet in closed session to consider 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 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 3: Conference with Legal Counsel

Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4) (1 potential matter). 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.

Item 4: Conference with Legal Counsel

Existing Litigation. Existing litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1) (1 matter: Case No. 2013-15 – In Re: Advantage Towing Company and Ayman Arekat - Alleged Making of Contributions in the Name of Another). The Ethics Commission may meet in closed session to consider the settlement, dismissal, status, issuance of a subpoena, or other issue related to a pending enforcement action that has been noticed for an administrative hearing in connection with alleged violations of local governmental ethics laws. The nature and details of the allegations will be available on the Commission's website after a Final Administrative Complaint is issued.

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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. The Commission does not permit one speaker to cede time to another; however, the Commission Chair may exercise his/her discretion to grant additional time to a speaker. Requests to speak should be submitted prior to the start of the meeting. Pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, the Commission shall take no action, other than a referral, on any issue brought forth under "Non-Agenda Public Comment".