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5 Petitioner

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7 **BEFORE THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**
8 **ETHICS COMMISSION**

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10 In re the Matter of:) Case No.: 2007-46
11 CHRISTOPHER CLIFFORD,) **STIPULATION, DECISION, AND**
12 Respondent.) **ORDER**
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_____)

14 **STIPULATION**

15 **THE PARTIES STIPULATE AS FOLLOWS:**

16 1. Petitioner Stacey Fulhorst is the Executive Director of the City of San Diego Ethics
17 Commission [Ethics Commission]. The Ethics Commission is charged with a duty to administer,
18 implement, and enforce local governmental ethics laws contained in the San Diego Municipal
19 Code [SDMC] relating to, among other things, the filing of Statements of Economic Interests
20 [SEIs] as required by the City’s Ethics Ordinance.

21 2. At all times mentioned herein, Christopher Clifford was a member of the North Bay
22 Project Area Committee. Clifford is referred to herein as “Respondent.”

23 3. This Stipulation will be submitted for consideration by the Ethics Commission at its
24 next scheduled meeting, and the agreements contained herein are contingent upon the approval
25 of the Stipulation and the accompanying Decision and Order by the Ethics Commission.

26 4. This Stipulation resolves all factual and legal issues raised in this matter by the
27 Ethics Commission without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing to determine
28 Respondent’s liability.

1 Counts

2 **Count 1 – Violation of SDMC section 27.3510**

3 11. Respondent failed to file an SEI disclosing his economic interests for the 2006
4 calendar year as required by SDMC section 27.3510(c). Respondent has not yet filed this SEI,
5 although more than seven months have elapsed since the April 1, 2007, due date codified in the
6 Ethics Ordinance.

7 Factors in Aggravation

8 12. The City Clerk sent Respondent a letter on February 15, 2007, reminding him to
9 file an annual SEI for the 2006 calendar year on or before April 2, 2007 (because April 1, 2007
10 fell on a Sunday, the SEI was due the following Monday). The City Clerk sent Respondent
11 another letter on April 25, 2007, informing Respondent that his 2006 annual SEI had not been
12 received, and asking him to file it on or before May 25, 2007. Despite these efforts by the City
13 Clerk, Respondent has not yet filed his 2006 annual SEI.

14 Conclusion

15 13. Respondent agrees to file an annual SEI for calendar year 2006 no later than
16 November 21, 2007.

17 14. Respondent agrees to pay a fine in the amount of \$400 for violating SDMC
18 section 27.3510(c). This amount must be paid no later than November 21, 2007, by check or
19 money order made payable to the City Treasurer. The submitted payment will be held pending
20 Commission approval of this Stipulation and execution of the Decision and Order set forth below.

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22 DATED: _____

23 STACEY FULHORST, Executive Director
24 ETHICS COMMISSION, Petitioner

25 DATED: _____

26 CHRISTOPHER CLIFFORD, Respondent

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DECISION AND ORDER

The Ethics Commission considered the above Stipulation at its meeting on _____,
2007. The Ethics Commission hereby approves the Stipulation and orders that, in accordance
with the Stipulation, Respondent pay a fine in the amount of \$400.

DATED: _____
Guillermo Cabrera, Chair
SAN DIEGO ETHICS COMMISSION