



**Minutes for Meeting of
Thursday, October 12, 2017**

Item 1: Call to Order

Commission Chair Cochran called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Item 2: Roll Call

Present – Commission Chair Deborah Cochran, and Commissioners Bill Baber, Fred Kosmo, Alex Kreit, Joe Leventhal, Dave Potter, and Sid Voorakkara (arrived at 5:10 p.m.)

Staff – Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, General Counsel Christina Cameron, Education Program Manager Stephen Ross, Investigative Program Manager Kristina Gagné, and Program Coordinator Victoria Velasquez

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes of September 14, 2017

Motion:	Approve Minutes
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Kreit
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Voorakkara
Abstain:	Kosmo/Leventhal

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

Commissioners Kosmo and Leventhal both expressed that they are looking forward to serving on the commission.

Item 6: Executive Director Comment

None

Item 7: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 8: Proposed Amendments to Election Campaign Control Ordinance

Executive Director Fulhorst provided an overview of the staff report and proposed the following schedule regarding the City’s need to update its campaign advertising disclosure laws to reflect recent changes in state law:

- November 9, 2017 – discussion of potential ECCO changes by Commissioners, staff, and public.
- December 14, 2017 - discussion of potential ECCO changes by Commissioners, staff, and public.
- January 11, 2018 – staff will report on any guidance from the state, including resolution of legal issues and status of “cleanup” legislation.
- February 8, 2018 – Commission will review and discuss staff’s first draft of proposed amendments to the City’s campaign advertising laws.
- March 8, 2018 – Commission’s final review of proposed amendments to the City’s campaign advertising laws.
- March & April 2018 – the Commission will submit its proposed amendments to the City Council Rules Committee, which in turn will forward the proposed amendments to the full City Council, all concurrent with review by the City Attorney’s Office.
- April & May 2018 – the City Council will consider the proposed amendments at least two weeks apart (“first reading” and “second reading”). After the second reading and approval by the Mayor, there will be a 30 day waiting period before the new laws take effect.
- June 2018 – the new laws will take effect.

Item 9: Election of Vice Chair

Motion:	Elect Commissioner Voorakkara to serve as Vice Chair
Moved/Seconded:	Baber/Kosmo
Vote:	Carried Unanimously

Item 10: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Chair Cochran adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:40 p.m. She stated the Commission would 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.

Reconvene to Open Session

Commission Chair Cochran called the meeting back into open session at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of October 12, 2017

Ms. Cameron reported the results of the closed session meeting of October 12, 2017:

Item-1: Conference with Legal Counsel (2 potential matters)

Case No. 2017-30 – Content of Quarterly Report: Organization Lobbyist

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Kosmo/Leventhal
Vote: Carried Unanimously

Case No. 2017-31 – Misuse of City Position or Resources

Motion: Authorize Investigation
Moved/Seconded: Cochran/Kosmo
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Recused: Leventhal

Item-2: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 potential matter)

Case No. 2017-18 – Failure to Timely File Campaign Statements

Motion: Approve Stipulation
Moved/Seconded: Baber/Kreit
Vote: Carried Unanimously

Item-3: Conference with Legal Counsel (1 potential matter)

Advantage Towing Company and Ayman Arekat v. San Diego Ethics Commission, San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2016-00025238-CU-WM-CTL

No Reportable Action

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

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Deborah Cochran, Chair
Ethics Commission

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Victoria Velasquez, Program Coordinator
Ethics Commission

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