



**Minutes for Meeting of
Thursday, December 13, 2018**

Item 1: Call to Order

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

Item 2: Roll Call

Present –Commission Vice Chair Sid Voorakkara, and Commissioners Bill Baber, Fred Kosmo, and Dave Potter

Absent – Commission Chair Deborah Cochran, and Commissioner Alex Kreit

Staff – Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, General Counsel Christina Cameron, Education Program Manager Stephen Ross, Audit Program Manager Rosalba Gomez, and Program Coordinator Victoria Velasquez

Item 3: Approval of Commission Minutes of October 11, 2018

Motion:	Approve Minutes
Moved/Seconded:	Baber/Potter
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran/Kreit

Item 4: Non-Agenda Public Comment

None

Item 5: Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Kosmo mentioned that he attended the recent City Council meeting at which Commissioner Voorakkara and Ms. Fulhorst presented proposed amendments to the City’s campaign laws concerning electioneering communications, and that he enjoyed learning about the process. Commission Vice Chair Voorakkara thanked Commissioner Kosmo for

attending and encouraged other Commissioners to attend similar meetings in the future.

Item 6: Executive Director Comment

Ms. Fulhorst reported that Commissioner Voorakkara's suggested procedure for sending letters to the principal officers of political committees advising them of their obligations is proving to be very effective.

She also discussed the Commission's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020. In particular, she explained why the Commission cannot comply with the requested 3% reductions without compromising its investigation and enforcement programs. She also explained the need to add a new position in approximately January of 2010 to train under Steve Ross before his retirement in January of 2021. The Commissioners expressed their support for both aspects of the budget formulation.

Item 7: General Counsel Comment

None

Item 8: Presentation of Final Audit Report Regarding the Anthony Bernal for City Council 2016 Committee

Motion:	Accept Audit Report
Moved/Seconded:	Baber/Kosmo
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran/Kreit

Item 9: Proposed Amendments to Ethics Ordinance Necessitated by Recent Changes to City Charter and State Law

Ms. Fulhorst explained that the post-employment lobbying restrictions in the City's Ethics Ordinance must be updated in light of the voters' recent approval of Measure L, which increased the post-employment time period for elected officials from one year to two, and a recent change in state law which prohibits former elected officials from working as independent contractors for public agencies during the cooling off period.

Motion:	Approve Proposed Amendments
Moved/Seconded:	Potter/Kosmo
Vote:	Carried Unanimously
Absent:	Cochran/Kreit

Item 10: Release of Investigative Files - Ad Hoc Committee

Commission Vice Chair Voorakkara reported that the Commission has received a request from a law enforcement agency for copies of investigative materials in a closed file. He explained that, in accordance with the Commission's Operating Policies, he and the Chair will form an ad hoc committee to review the request with General Counsel Christina Cameron.

Item 11: Adjourn to Closed Session

Commission Vice Chair Voorakkara adjourned the meeting to closed session at approximately 5:15 p.m. He 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 Vice Chair Voorakkara called the meeting back into open session at approximately 5:40 p.m.

Reporting Results of Closed Session Meeting of December 13, 2018

Ms. Cameron reported the results of the closed session meeting of December 13, 2018:

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

Case No. 2018-42 – Paid for by – Mass Campaign Literature

Motion: Authorize Investigation
Moved/Seconded: Potter/Kosmo
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Cochran/Kreit

Case No. 2018-44 – Failure to Identify Interests of \$50k Donors

Motion: Authorize Investigation
Moved/Seconded: Potter/Kosmo
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Cochran/Kreit

Case No. 2018-45 – Paid for by – Mass Campaign Literature

Motion: Authorize Investigation
Moved/Seconded: Baber/Kosmo
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Cochran/Kreit

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

Case No. 2018-39 – Disclosure of Behested Payment

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Potter/Kosmo
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Cochran/Kreit

Case No. 2018-41 – Misuse of City Position or Resources

Motion: Dismiss
Moved/Seconded: Kosmo/Potter
Vote: Carried Unanimously
Absent: Cochran/Kreit

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

No reportable action.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:45 p.m.

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Sid Voorakkara, Vice Chair
Ethics Commission

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Victoria Velasquez, Program Coordinator
Ethics Commission

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