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**ETHICS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES SETTLEMENTS
WITH CITY OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE LATE
FILING OF ECONOMIC DISCLOSURE FORMS**

The San Diego Ethics Commission announced today that it has taken action to enforce the economic interest disclosure requirements set forth in the Ethics Ordinance. The Commission voted unanimously to approve settlement agreements with the following seven City Officials who have agreed to pay a fine in connection with the late filing of their Statements of Economic Interests:

- Stephen Carter, consultant to the Storm Water Department
- Kathy Haynes, consultant to the Engineering and Capital Projects Department
- Charles Davis, member of the Housing Development Partners Board of Directors
- Robert Henderson, member of the Housing Development Partners Board of Directors
- John Lovio, consultant to the Park and Recreation Department
- Barbara Ybarra, consultant to the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation
- Richard Ybarra, consultant to the Southeastern Economic Development Corporation

The above-referenced officials paid fines ranging from \$100 to \$200 depending upon the underlying circumstances. All of these settlement agreements were made by way of stipulations that can be viewed on the Commission's website at www.sandiego.gov/ethics.

The Ethics Ordinance requires all City Officials to file an annual Statement of Economic Interests disclosing their investments, interests in real property, loans, gifts, and sources of income that

could potentially present a conflict of interest when participating in municipal decisions. According to the Commission's Executive Director Stacey Fulhorst, "The timely disclosure of economic interests is one of the fundamental provisions of the Ethics Ordinance because it provides the transparency necessary to assure the public that City Officials are not influencing municipal decisions that could affect their personal economic interests." Annual Statements of Economic Interests are due on April 1 of each year. The City Clerk's Office contacts each filer well in advance of the filing deadline, and sends a follow-up notice if the form is not timely received.

Ethics Commission fines are paid to the City of San Diego's General Fund. The stipulated settlements approved by the Commission resolve all factual and legal issues without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing.

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