

Agenda for Meeting of Thursday, March 10, 2011 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 February 10, 2011.

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: Application of Pre-Election Fundraising Time Constraints to 2012 Primary Election.

Continued discussion and possible action regarding the application of the twelve month pre-election fundraising time period to the 2012 primary election which may be held earlier than June of 2012.

Item 9: Staff Report Concerning Lobbying Activity in 2009 and 2010

Discussion and possible action regarding staff report concerning lobbying activities disclosed by lobbying firms and organization lobbyists in 2009 and 2010.

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Item 10: 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(c) (8 potential matters: Case Nos. 2011-14, and 2011-18 through 2011-24). 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(c) (14 potential matters: Case Nos. 2010-88, 2010-93 through 2010-104, and 2011-01). The Ethics Commission may meet in closed session to consider the 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(c) (2 potential matters – Case Nos. 2011-16 and 2011-17). 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.

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