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(213) 978-1999  
(800) 824-4825**POLICY & LEGISLATION UPDATE***July 2009***CPI REVIEW & AMENDMENT TO LAMC § 49.7.1.2**

CF # 08-1056	<b>Status:</b> Pending with Rules Committee.
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In March and April 2008, the Ethics Commission conducted the first mandatory review of certain campaign finance limits, in light of changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Based on an analysis of actual contribution and expenditure patterns in City campaigns and by City officeholders, the Commission determined that no adjustments should be made to the limits at this time. However, the Commission did recommend that Los Angeles Municipal Code § 49.7.1.2 be amended to improve the process for conducting future CPI reviews. A letter was transmitted to the City Council on April 25. The matter has been referred to the Rules & Government Committee.

**RANKED CHOICE VOTING**

CF # 09-1100-S1 CF # 09-1100-S4	<b>Status:</b> Pending with Rules Committee.
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On September 23, 2008, a motion (Huizar-Rosendahl) was introduced to ask the City Attorney to prepare the documents necessary to place instant runoff voting (also referred to as ranked choice voting, or RCV) on the March 2009 ballot. The motion also asked the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) and the City Administrative Officer to report on the feasibility of dedicating any savings realized from RCV in a special fund to support full public financing.

On October 7, 2008, another motion (Rosendahl-Huizar-Reyes) was introduced to ask the City Attorney to prepare the documents necessary to place RCV on the March 2009 ballot, with the provision that RCV would only be implemented when certified equipment/software are available.

The CLA submitted a report that cautioned against placing RCV on the ballot before affected City agencies, the Los Angeles Unified School District, and the Los Angeles Community College District have an opportunity to fully evaluate the issues surrounding RCV. The report also recommended that a working group of different agencies, including the Ethics Commission, be established to identify and evaluate those issues.

The Rules & Government Committee considered the motions on October 22 and informally agreed that more information is needed before moving forward with RCV. The committee moved the matter to the full City Council without recommendation. The City Council considered the motions on October 29, adopted the CLA's recommendation to create a working group, and directed the working group to report to the Rules & Government Committee in July 2009.

On December 3, we met with representatives of the New American Foundation, a proponent of RCV. The foundation offered to provide data regarding the effect that RCV has had on San Francisco's partial public financing program.

The working group held its first meeting on January 22, 2009, and has been gathering information regarding RCV, including the effect it could have on the City's campaign financing system. The working group includes representatives from a number of City and county agencies and has been meeting bi-weekly. A report to the City Council is anticipated this month.

<b>CONFLICT OF INTERESTS CODE: ZOO</b>	
CF # 07-4181	<b>Status:</b> Adopted by Council.

A revised version of the Los Angeles Zoo's conflict of interests code was approved at a public meeting held on February 17, 2009. The revised code was transmitted to the City Council on May 6, heard by the Rules and Government Committee on June 10, and adopted by the City Council on June 19.

<b>CONFLICT OF INTERESTS CODE: WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD</b>	
CF # 09-1519	<b>Status:</b> Pending with Rules Committee.

A revised version of the conflict of interests code for the Community Development Department's Workforce Investment Board was approved at a public meeting held on April 29, 2009. The revised code was transmitted to the City Council on June 19, was referred to the Rules & Government Committee on June 22, and is expected to be heard in committee soon.

**HORIZON SNAPSHOT**

July 2009

**Ideal Timeline For Commission Consideration**

<b>July 2009</b>	<b>August 2009</b>	<b>September 2009</b>	<b>October 2009</b>	<b>November 2009</b>
• Ordinance language for lobbying proposal.	• Ordinance language for lobbying proposal.	• Ex parte communications.	• IEs/MCs in the wake of Measure R.	• Financial disclosure by City officials. • Opinion/advice regulations.

**Work Underway**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Subject Area</b>
Ordinance language for lobbying proposal.	Jul 2009	Lobbying
IRV report regarding effect on campaign financing (CF #s 09-1100-S1, 09-1100-S4).	Jul 2009	Campaign Finance
Conflict of interests code for the City Clerk's office.	Jul 2009	Governmental Ethics
Conflict of interests code for the Workforce Investment Board.	Jul 2009	Governmental Ethics
Ordinance language for lobbying proposal.	Aug 2009	Lobbying
Ex parte communications policy (CF # 07-3294).	Sep 2009	Lobbying
Transmittal regarding lobbying proposal.	Sep 2009	Lobbying
Pension fund reforms regarding placement agents (CF # 09-1123).	Sep 2009	Lobbying
Non-candidate spending laws, in the wake of Measure R (CF # 09-1221).	Oct 2009	Campaign Finance
Financial disclosure by City officials.	Nov 2009	Governmental Ethics
Regulations that govern Commission opinions and advice.	Nov 2009	Miscellaneous
GEO regulations regarding gifts (CF # 06-3216).	Dec 2009	Governmental Ethics
GEO regulations regarding current City officials (CF # 05-1425).	Dec 2009	Governmental Ethics
Regulations regarding gifts of travel (currently housed in CAO Rule 6).	Dec 2009	Governmental Ethics
GEO regulations regarding former City officials (CF # 07-3732).	Jan 2010	Governmental Ethics
GEO regulations regarding contracts/contractors.	Jan 2010	Governmental Ethics
Officeholder accounts.	Feb 2010	Campaign Finance
Disgorgement and infractions policies.	Mar 2010	Campaign Finance
Transparent processes for personal services contracts (CF #s 08-1110, 08-1398).	Mar 2010	Governmental Ethics
Financial disclosure for neighborhood councils other than Form 54 (CF # 08-0351-S1).	Pending w/council	Governmental Ethics
Ordinance that establishes a Citywide gift policy (CF # 07-3727).	Pending w/council	Governmental Ethics