

---

---

**LOS ANGELES CITY ETHICS COMMISSION**  
**N E W S**  
*...preserving the public trust*

---

---

For Immediate Release: June 21, 2016

Contact: Lisa Ishimaru (213) 978-1960

**ETHICS COMMISSION IMPOSES \$11,250 FINE  
IN LAUSD INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE ENFORCEMENT CASE**

At its meeting today, the Ethics Commission unanimously approved a stipulated settlement and imposed a fine of \$11,250. The case involved failure to comply with disclaimer requirements for independent expenditure communications made during the 2013 Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education (LAUSD) elections. Under the City Charter, an LAUSD independent expenditure communication must include language clearly indicating that the communication “was not authorized by a candidate or a committee controlled by a candidate.”

During the 2013 LAUSD elections, former Los Angeles City Mayor Richard Riordan (Riordan) distributed three independent expenditure communications that supported three candidates. The communications failed to contain any of the required disclaimer language. The penalty imposed by the Ethics Commission reflects the serious nature of the violation and Riordan’s previous enforcement history, which includes substantially identical violations during the 2005 City election cycle.

“Disclaimers on independent expenditure communications are extremely important and help LAUSD voters make informed decisions,” said Director of Enforcement Sergio Perez. “Today’s decision reflects the Ethics Commission’s commitment to addressing situations in which disclaimers are not provided.”

The fines imposed by the Ethics Commission have been paid to the City’s general fund. Copies of enforcement actions and related decisions and orders are available at [ethics.lacity.org](http://ethics.lacity.org).

---

*The Ethics Commission was created by Los Angeles voters in 1990 to impartially administer and enforce the City’s governmental ethics, campaign financing, and lobbying laws.*