
Minutes of the Meeting on August 9, 2016

OPENING ITEMS

1. Call to Order.

Commission President Jessica Levinson called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

Present: President Jessica Levinson
Vice President Serena Oberstein
Commissioner Ana Dahan
Commissioner Melinda Murray

Absent: None

2. Election of president and vice president for Fiscal Year 2016-17, pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter sections 700(b) and 500(a).

Murray nominated Levinson for president, and Oberstein seconded. Levinson was elected 4-0. Levinson nominated Oberstein for vice president, and Dahan seconded. Oberstein was elected 4-0.

No public comment was received.

3. Approval of minutes for the meeting on June 21, 2016.

Levinson moved to approve the minutes, and Dahan seconded. The minutes were approved 4-0.

No public comment was received.

4. Possible discussion with authorized neighborhood council representatives.

No neighborhood council resolution or community impact statement was discussed.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Adoption of Form 62 for the Department Contract Filing System.

Staff recommended a new form, which required filers may use to obtain an identification number for accessing the electronic contract filing system.

No public comment was received.

Action: Dahan moved to adopt the resolution approving the proposed form, and Oberstein seconded. The resolution was adopted 4-0.

6. Updates to the font requirements for disclaimers in campaign communications.

Staff recommended updates to the disclaimer requirements to reflect changes in state law.

No public comment was received.

Action: Levinson moved to approve the recommended amendments, and Dahan seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

7. Updates to the audit policy.

Staff presented a revised audit policy, which incorporated amendments designed to improve the audit process and establish appropriate timelines.

No public comment was received.

Action: Levinson moved to adopt the resolution approving the revised audit policy, and Dahan seconded. The resolution was adopted 4-0.

8. Recommendations regarding the disclosure of dark money and gray money.

Staff presented a recommendation to amend the Campaign Finance Ordinance and require non-candidate City committees to disclose their top contributors and, if any of their top contributors are also committees, the largest contributors to those committees. Staff recommended discussing specific ordinance language and a disclosure form at the next meeting.

Public comment was received from Stacey Shin.

Action: Levinson moved to approve the recommended amendments, and Oberstein seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

9. Recommendations regarding key lobbying definitions.

Staff initiated a comprehensive review of the lobbying laws by recommending updated definitions for several fundamental terms in the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance.

Public comment was received from Regina Birdsell, Nancy Berlin, Shyaam Subramanian, Uyen Nune, Michele Prichard, Eric Preven, and Brad Hertz.

Action: Levinson moved to conceptually approve the recommended definitions, and Oberstein seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Election update (2017 regular elections).

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

11. Recusal report (2nd Quarter 2016).

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

12. Pre-confirmation statements of economic interests.

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

13. Policy and legislation report.

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

14. Executive Director's report.

The staff report was received and filed.

Public comment was received from Eric Preven.

CLOSING ITEMS

15. General public comment.

General public comment was received from Eric Preven.

16. Announcements and requests to schedule items on future agendas.

No announcements or requests for future items were made.

17. Adjournment.

Levinson adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

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