
Minutes of the Meeting on October 18, 2016

OPENING ITEMS

1. Call to Order.

Commission President Jessica Levinson called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

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

Absent: None

2. Approval of minutes for the meeting on August 9, 2016.

Levinson moved to approve the minutes, and Murray seconded. The minutes were approved 5-0.

No public comment was received.

3. Possible discussion with authorized neighborhood council representatives.

No neighborhood council resolution or community impact statement was submitted or discussed.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Review of recusals by Vilma Martinez, the president of the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Staff provided an analysis of the financial interests that led to a recusal review for President Martinez under Charter § 707. Staff recommended against a finding that the conflict is significant and continuing at this time.

No public comment was received.

Action: Dahan moved to adopt a resolution finding that a significant and continuing conflict does not exist at this time, and Levinson seconded. The resolution was adopted 5-0.

5. Lobbying recommendations regarding definitions, exemptions, and prohibitions.

The comprehensive review of the lobbying laws continued with additional staff recommendations regarding fundamental definitions, categorical exemptions, and prohibited activity for lobbying entities.

Oberstein left the meeting at 11:52 a.m. Dahan left the room at 11:58 a.m.

Public comment was received from Jim Sutton, Eric Preven, Nona Randois, Shyaam Subramanian, Michele Pritchard, and Wayne from Encino.

Action: Levinson moved to conceptually approve the recommendations, with the registration threshold for lobbyists raised to \$5,000 per year and with a request for further discussion regarding the proposed exemption for nonprofit organizations; and Ordin seconded. The motion passed 3-0.

Dahan returned to the room at 12:04 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Review of recusals by Anthony Pirozzi, Jr., a member of the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

The staff report was received and filed.

Public comment was received from Wayne from Encino.

7. Election update (2017 regular elections).

The staff report was received and filed.

Public comment was received from Eric Preven and Wayne from Encino.

8. Lobbying report (2nd Quarter 2016).

The staff report was received and filed.

Public comment was received from Wayne from Encino.

9. Pre-confirmation statements of economic interests.

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

10. Policy and legislation report.

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

11. Executive Director's report.

The staff report was received and filed.

Public comment was received from Eric Preven.

CLOSING ITEMS

12. General public comment.

No general public comment was received.

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

Dahan requested that regular meeting start times be reassessed.

14. Adjournment.

Levinson adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

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