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## *Minutes of the Meeting on February 21, 2017*

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### **OPENING ITEMS**

#### **1. Call to Order.**

Commission President Jessica Levinson called the meeting to order at 1:38 a.m.

Present: President Jessica Levinson  
Vice President Serena Oberstein  
Commissioner Araceli Campos  
Commissioner Melinda Murray  
Commissioner Andrea Sheridan Ordin

Absent: None

#### **2. Approval of minutes for the meeting on December 6, 2016.**

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

Public comment was received from Peppita Pig and Eric Preven.

#### **3. Possible discussion with authorized neighborhood council representatives.**

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

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **4. Proposed stipulation in Case No. 2015-08, *In the Matter of Emanuel Pleitez for L.A. Mayor 2013* (alleged failure to maintain campaign records and failure to submit copy of campaign literature).**

Staff recommended approving a stipulated order imposing administrative penalties of \$36,250 for failing to maintain campaign records and failing to file copies of campaign literature.

Public comment was received from Peppita Pig, Herman, Yuval Kremer, and Eric Preven.

Action: Levinson moved to approve the order, and Murray seconded. The order was approved 5-0.

**5. Proposed stipulation in Case No. 2015-13, *In the Matter of John Ek* (alleged gifts offered by lobbyist to City officials).**

Staff recommended approving a stipulated order imposing administrative penalties of \$11,380.83 for improperly offering gifts to City officials.

Public comment was received from Herman, Antonia Ramirez, Peppita Pig, and Yuval Kremer.

Action: Levinson moved to approve the order, and Oberstein seconded. The order was approved 5-0.

**6. Proposed stipulation in Case No. 2017-04, *In the Matter of Cisco Systems Inc.* (alleged inaccurate quarterly reports).**

Staff recommended approving a stipulated order imposing administrative penalties of \$12,500 for failing to fully and accurately disclose City lobbying activities.

Public comment was received from Eric Preven.

Action: Murray moved to approve the order, and Levinson seconded. The order was approved 5-0.

**7. Proposed stipulation in Case No. 2017-04, *In the Matter of Crest Real Estate*, Case No. 2017-05, *In the Matter of Jason Somers*, and Case No. 2017-06, *In the Matter of Anthony Russo* (alleged failure to register and failure to file disclosure reports).**

Staff recommended approving three stipulated orders imposing administrative penalties of \$15,000 each for failing to register as lobbying entities or disclose City lobbying activities.

Public comment was received from Thomas DuMary.

Action: Levinson moved to approve the order, and Ordin seconded. The order was approved 5-0.

**8. Updates to the enforcement regulations.**

Public comment was received from Antonia Ramirez.

Action: The item was tabled to a future meeting.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**9. Election update (2017 regular elections).**

The staff report was received and filed.

Public comment was received from Antonia Ramirez.

**10. Recusal report (4th Quarter 2016).**

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

**11. Pre-confirmation statements of economic interests.**

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

**12. Policy and legislation report.**

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

**13. Executive Director's report.**

The staff report was received and filed.

Public comment was received from Antonia Ramirez.

**CLOSING ITEMS**

**14. General public comment.**

No general public comment was received.

**15. Announcements and requests to schedule items on future agendas.**

No announcements or requests were made.

**16. Adjournment.**

Levinson adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

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