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## *Minutes of the Meeting on August 15, 2017*

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### **OPENING ITEMS**

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

Commission President Jessica Levinson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

Absent: None

#### **2. Election of president and vice president for fiscal Year 2017-18, pursuant to Los Angeles City Charter sections 700(b) and 503(a).**

Oberstein nominated Levinson for president, and Ordin seconded. Levinson was elected 5-0. Murray nominated Oberstein for vice president, and Levinson seconded. Oberstein was elected 5-0.

No public comment was received.

#### **3. Approval of minutes for the meeting on April 18, 2017.**

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

No public comment was received.

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

No neighborhood council resolutions or community impact statements were submitted or discussed.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **5. Review of recusals by Lynn Alvarez, the vice president of the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners.**

Staff provided an analysis of the financial interests that led to a Charter § 707 recusal review for Vice President Alvarez. Staff recommended finding that the conflict is not significant and continuing at this time.

No public comment was received.

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

**6. Recommended improvements to the Municipal Lobbying Ordinance.**

The comprehensive review of the lobbying laws continued with staff presenting a complete set of proposals, including recommended amendments to definitions, exemptions, prohibitions, registration, disclosure, and enforcement.

Public comment was received from Shane Phillips, Matt Nichols, Aaron Green, Adam Englander, Arnie Berghoff, Eric Preven, Jim Sutton, Brad Hertz, Shyaam Subramanian, and Donna Heinz.

The meeting was in recess from 10:33 a.m. to 10:44 a.m.

Action: Levinson moved to table the item to the next meeting and to ask staff to report back on the proposals regarding frequency of filing, filing deadline, disclosing dates of direct communications and titles of employees lobbied, exempting 501(c)(3) organizations, and private attorney general; and Oberstein seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**7. Review of recusals by Veronica Padilla-Campos, a member of the City Planning Commission.**

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

**8. Overview of enforcement practices.**

The commissioners requested that the item be placed on the next agenda as an action item, so that a formal vote can be taken.

Public comment was received from Brad Hertz.

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

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

**10. Lobbying report (1st Quarter 2017).**

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

**11. Recusal report (1st and 2nd Quarters 2017).**

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 executive director presented highlights from the report.

No public comment was received.

**CLOSING ITEMS**

**15. General public comment.**

No general public comment was received.

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

The commissioners noted their requests that Items 6 and 8 be placed on the next agenda.

**17. Adjournment.**

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

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