
Minutes of the Meeting on February 18, 2020

OPENING ITEMS

1. Call to Order.

Murray called the Ethics Commission meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Present: President Melinda Murray
Vice President Andrea Sheridan Ordin
Commissioner Araceli Campos
Commissioner Laura Genao

Absent: Commissioner Shedrick Davis

2. Approval of minutes for the meeting on December 10, 2019.

Campos moved to approve the minutes, and Ordin seconded. Genao abstained. The minutes were approved 3-0.

No public comment was received.

3. Possible discussion with authorized neighborhood council representatives.

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

No public comment was received.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Review of recusals by Caroline Choe, a member of the City Planning Commission.

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

No public comment was received.

Action: Ordin moved to adopt a resolution finding that a significant conflict does not exist at this time, and Genao seconded. The resolution was adopted 4-0.

5. CPI adjustments to contribution limits in LAUSD elections.

Staff presented a review of the LAUSD contribution limits, which must be conducted every four years under Charter § 803(b). To reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index since the last review, staff recommended adjusting the per-person limit on contributions and loans and the cumulative limit on anonymous contributions.

No public comment was received.

Action: Ordin moved to approve the recommended adjustments, and Campos seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. Review of recusals by Paul M. Weber, a member of the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners.

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

7. Election update (regular 2020 City and LAUSD elections).

Staff provided an update on the contributions, expenditures, and communications that have been reported to date by candidates and independent spenders in City and LAUSD elections, as well as an update on the distribution of public matching funds in the City elections.

No public comment was received.

8. Lobbying summary (4th quarter 2019).

Staff reported on the activity reported by lobbying entities in the fourth quarter of 2019.

No public comment was received.

9. Recusal summary (4th quarter 2019).

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

10. Pre-confirmation statements of economic interests.

The staff report was received and filed.

No public comment was received.

11. Policy and legislation update.

The staff report was received and filed.

Public comment was received from Rob Quan.

12. Executive director's report.

The executive director highlighted work accomplished by the staff during 2019.

No public comment was received.

CLOSING ITEMS

13. General public comment.

General public comment was received from Sean McMorris and Rob Quan.

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

No announcements or requests for future items were made.

15. Adjournment.

Murray adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

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