

## Memorandum

TO: SAN FRANCISCO

**ETHICS COMMISSION** 

FROM: LISA HERRICK

Sr. Deputy City Attorney

SUBJECT: Referral from Sunshine

Ordinance Task Force re

Ethics Complaint No. 09-110816

**DATE:** October 24, 2012

## SUPPLEMENTAL MEMO

At the hearing on Ethics Complaint No. 09-110816 on October 22, 2012, the Ethics Commission directed me to review the written correspondence between the Ethics Commission and the City Controller's Office.

I reviewed twenty-four (24) pages of email correspondence, some of which include email strings with duplicate emails. Most of the email is confidential pursuant to San Francisco City Charter Section F1.110(b), which provides:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, or any ordinance or regulation of the City and County of San Francisco, and except to the extent required by state or federal law, <u>all drafts</u>, <u>notes</u>, <u>preliminary reports of Controller's benchmark studies</u>, <u>audits</u>, <u>investigations and other reports shall be confidential</u>.

However, I am enclosing three (3) pages of email that may be disclosed; the emails are internal communications within the Ethics Commission which relate to communications between the Commission and the Controller's Office. These emails are not records of any investigation by the Ethics Commission which are protected under Appendix C3.699-13(a) of the San Francisco City Charter:

The investigation shall be conducted in a confidential manner. Records of any investigation shall be considered confidential information to the extent permitted by state law. ...

I have redacted all confidential information.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> I am leaving the San Jose City Attorney's Office on October 26, 2012. As of October 30, 2012, my title will be General Counsel, Santa Clara County Superior Court. Staff to the Ethics Commission will be able to contact me if the Commission wishes to discuss this matter further.