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Memorandum

To: Members, Ethics Commission

From: John St. Croix, Executive Director

Re: Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Budget Request

Date: January 23, 2012

As is usual, the Mayor's office has provided a budget target to all City departments, which have been asked to submit a savings equal to five percent of the department's base General Fund support for the upcoming fiscal year, another five percent for the following year and an additional 2.5 percent contingency. This would mean a cut of \$112,999 for FY 2012/2013, an additional cut of \$107,349, and a contingency of \$50,991. As a reminder, the City is moving to a two-year budget cycle beginning in FY 2012/2013.

Our budget in the current fiscal year breaks down as follows:

Operating budget	\$2,259,979
<u>Election Campaign Fund</u>	<u>2,009,451</u>
	\$4,269,430
<u>Repayment: funds borrowed from</u>	
<u>Election Campaign Fund</u>	<u>\$4,079,107</u>
	\$8,348,537

It has been the Commission's common practice to produce a budget submission that respects both the reality of the City's fiscal difficulties and the independence of the Ethics Commission. I again suggest the Commission follow that custom; we should submit a budget request that does not include the requested cuts but also does not request any increase in funding.

Please note that should the Commission decide to accept the cuts, or should the City require the Ethics Commission to accept the cuts, 100 percent of the funds will have to come from salaries and benefits. There are insufficient funds remaining in other accounts to meet the requested targets. A loss of \$271,339 would mean the termination of at least three staff positions, possibly more.

The current balance in the Election Campaign Fund is \$4,603,034.

The historical funding of the Ethics Commission is as follows:

FY 94 – 95	157,000
FY 95 - 96	261,000
FY 96 - 97	313,274
FY 97 - 98	394,184
FY 98 - 99	475,646
FY 99 - 00	610,931
FY 00 - 01	727,787
FY 01 - 02	877,740
FY 02 – 03	1,156,295
FY 03 - 04	909,518
FY 04 - 05	1,052,389
FY 05 – 06	1,382,441
FY 06 – 07	8,416,109 (1,711,835 non-grant funding)*
FY 07 – 08	3,592,078 (2,261,877 non-grant funding)**
FY 08 - 09	5,453,874 (2,241,818 non-grant funding)
FY 09 - 10	6,011,566 (2,283,368 non-grant funding)***
FY 10 – 11	4,188,720 (2,212,226 non-grant funding)****
FY 11 – 12	4,269,979 (2,259,979 non-grant funding)*****

*Includes \$6,704,274 front-loaded funding for Mayoral Election Campaign Fund

**Includes \$1,358,747 annual set-aside for the Election Campaign Fund

***Does not include \$85,205 mid-year budget reduction; includes \$1,783,858 restoration of funds previously taken from Election Campaign Fund

****Does not include \$53,256 mid-year reduction

*****Does not include \$4,079,107 in repayments to Election Campaign Fund from prior-year loans to the General Fund