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Dear Mr. Rose:

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Building on the budget blueprint it adopted in early 2016, the Ethics Commission over the past year has continued to assess its operations and identify the organizational resources it most needs at this time to meet key strategic priorities. These resources include securing needed capacity-building investments in both staffing and technology to improve compliance assistance and program oversight, develop new compliance tools and promote improved engagement, and ensure strong and effective public disclosure.

LEEANN PELHAM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Attachment 1 provides an overview of the key recommendations that we understand will be contained in the Mayor's proposed budget when it is released tomorrow.

While we do not anticipate that all line items the Commission proposed for funding will be funded, the authorization of one new education and compliance position, and support for our proposals to reclassify several vacant positions, are important steps to ensure staff resources are strongly aligned with new and growing demands for the delivery of the Commission's broad mandate. We anticipate making a brief presentation in support of the proposed budget when the Ethics Commission's departmental budget is heard by the Board of Supervisors Budget Committee on June 8.

We do note that while funding for existing priority technology projects at the Commission is continued, development and implementation of any new proposed public disclosure requirements will require further appropriation through the legislative process. The Ethics Commission will continue to bring these requests forward to the Board in connection with any legislation the Board considers that proposes to further expand Commission's electronic disclosure and data analysis work. Ensuring sufficient resources are appropriated for that work will be critical to ensure any new requirements can be implemented effectively in practice.

Sincerely,

LeeAnn Pelham
Executive Director