



# San Francisco Ethics Commission

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To: Members of the Ethics Commission  
From: LeeAnn Pelham, Executive Director  
Subject: Agenda Item 8 - Presentation by Controller's Office on September 16, 2021, report, "Preliminary Assessment: Department of Building Inspection's Permitting and Inspections Processes"

## Summary and Action Requested

This item provides an opportunity for the Commission to hear a presentation by the Controller's Office on the seventh in a series of Public Integrity Reports issued by that office. This item has been placed on the Commission's meeting agenda for informational purposes. No action is required.

## Background

On September 16, 2021, the Controller's Office issued the latest in its series of Public Integrity Reports to assess City policies and processes in the wake of the City Attorney's investigation stemming from alleged wrongdoing by former Public Works Director Mohammed Nuru. These reports have been conducted in consultation with the City Attorney's Office to assess selected city policies and procedures to evaluate their adequacy in preventing abuse and fraud. Prior reports issued include preliminary assessments on San Francisco Public Works contracting; gifts to City departments through Non-City Organizations; the City's debarment process; and ethical standards for contract award processes at the Airport Commission and other City boards and commissions.

Recommendations identified in the [Controller's Public Integrity reports](#) that relate to areas of the Ethics Commission's jurisdiction are being incorporated into the Commission's ongoing policy work and are informing development and content of the Commission's *Ethics@Work* new outreach and training program. In addition, staff continue to remain in communication with the Controller's office to invite further presentations on future assessment reports that office releases. As has been the case with prior assessment reports, to provide the Commission with an opportunity to discuss the Controller's latest report, Mark de la Rosa will present findings and recommendations at the Commission's October 8 meeting.

A pdf copy of the [Department of Building Inspection's Permitting and Inspections Processes report](#) follows this page.