



**SAN FRANCISCO ETHICS COMMISSION
NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
November 14, 2005, 5:30 P.M.
and AGENDA
Room 408 City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco**

- I. Call to order and roll call.
- II. Public comment on matters appearing or not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission.
- III. Request for waiver from Campaign and Governmental Code section 3.224 (compensated advocacy ban). Lucia Bogatay, a sole-practitioner licensed architect who serves on the Unreinforced Masonry Building Appeals Board ("UMBAB"), has requested a waiver that would allow her to represent private parties before other City officers and employees as part of her duties as an architect while serving on the UMBAB. A staff report is available at the office and on the Commission web site. (Discussion and possible action.)
- IV. Possible adoption of amendments to the Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance. In accordance with a proposed timetable for consideration of amendments to the CFRO, the Commission will consider possible amendments to address issues regarding: (1) committees formed to support or oppose measures placed on the ballot by the San Francisco Unified School District or the Community College District; (2) standards for presuming coordination between a candidate and a person making an expenditure; (3) moving the False Endorsements Ordinance into the CFRO; (4) training for candidates and treasurers; (5) timelines for filing mass mailing statements in the last 16 days of an election; and (6) increasing the late fine for paper filings from \$10 to \$25 per day. A staff memo including anticipated amendments will be available at the Commission office and on the Commission web site. (Discussion and possible action.)
- V. Possible Amendments to the Campaign Finance Reform Ordinance. In accordance with a proposed timetable for consideration of amendments to the CFRO, the Commission will consider possible amendments to the provisions of CFRO governing issues related to public financing of candidates, including extending the public finance program to other City offices beyond the Board of Supervisors; funding options for the Election Campaign Fund; administrative adjustments to disbursement of funds; issues related to spending caps, use of unexpended funds, sources of matching contributions, and audits. At this meeting, the Commission will discuss and take public comment on various options related to these topics. The Commission will not vote on these particular changes at the November 14 meeting. Any specific proposals will be presented to the Commission at the December 19 regular meeting for possible action. A staff memo will be available in the Commission office and on the Commission web site. (Discussion.)

- VI. Consideration of Formal Advice Letter. Randall Knox, a member of the Board of Appeals, is an attorney and would like to represent a client in criminal proceedings. He has requested the Ethics Commission’s advice regarding whether his representation of a criminal defendant would present any conflicts of interest under local law. A copy of the draft staff letter will be available in the Commission office and on the Commission web site. (Discussion and possible action.)**
- VII. Proposition C and budgetary issues. Discussion the outcome of Proposition C, which the voters rejected on Tuesday, November 8 and the merits of requesting an audit of the Commission to determine needs for appropriate staff levels. (Discussion and possible action.)**
- VIII. Amendment to the Compensated Advocacy Ban. There are exemptions in the Compensated Advocacy Ban for licensed attorneys to contact city lawyers in the course of representing their clients. This amendment to the Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code section 3.224 would clarify that the exemption applies to the City Attorney’s Office, the District Attorney’s Office, the Public Defender’s Office, attorneys in the Tax Collector’s Office and the Sherriff’s Office and others. A memo discussing the issue is available at the Commission Office and on the Commission web site. (Discussion and possible action.)**
- IX. Amendment to the Conflict of Interest Code. Candidates for most citywide offices must file a Statement of Economic Interests with the Department of Elections. These offices include candidates for Mayor, Board of Supervisors, District Attorney, City Attorney and Treasurer. This amendment to the Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code section 3.1-100 et seq. would extend that requirement to candidates for Sheriff, Assessor, Public Defender, the Board of Education and the Community College Board. A memo discussing the issue is available at the Commission Office and on the Commission web site. (Discussion and possible action.)**
- X. Executive Director’s Report. An update of important Ethics Commission staff activities since the previous monthly meeting. (Discussion.)**
- XI. Minutes of the monthly Commission meeting of October 17, 2005 and the special Commission meeting (retreat) of October 15, 2005. (Discussion and possible action.)**
- XII. Commissioner questions and proposed future agenda items.**

 - a) Inquiries to the Executive Director. Commissioners may make inquiries to the Executive Director about matters of interest to the Commission and the Commission may request that the Director report back to the Commission on a particular item.**
 - b) Items for future meetings. Commissioners may propose items for future agendas and the Commission may determine the priority of these items. (Discussion.)**
- XIII. Public comment on matters appearing or not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission.**
- XIV. Adjournment.**

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