



**SAN FRANCISCO ETHICS COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING  
December 10, 2007 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. Consideration of whether, under S.F. Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code section 3.234(a)(1)(E), the Commission should grant a waiver(s) from the one-year post employment ban under C&GC Code section 3.234(a)(1)(D). Two individuals have submitted requests for waivers: Steve Kawa, former Chief of Staff for Mayor Newsom, and Peter Fatooh, former member of the Assessment Appeals Board. (Discussion and possible action.)**
- IV. Consideration of draft informal advice letter regarding filing deadlines for initiatives under section 1.113 of the San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code. Two members of the Commission have requested that a draft letter regarding questions raised by Melissa Mikesell related to disclosure requirements under section 1.113 be calendared for discussion. In August 2007, the Commission considered and provided direction to staff regarding an earlier version of the draft advice letter, which at that time was deemed a formal advice letter. Because the signature-gathering period has ended for the committee submitting the advice request, the draft letter is now deemed an informal opinion on the filing requirements under section 1.113. The draft advice letter is available at the Commission office and on the on the Commission website. (Discussion and possible action.)**
- V. Closed session. (Discussion and possible action.)**  
  
**Closed session held pursuant to Charter section C3.699-13, Brown Act section 54956.9 and (c) and Sunshine Ordinance section 67.10(d) to discuss anticipated litigation as plaintiff.**  
  
**Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated litigation as plaintiff**  
  
**Number of possible cases: 4**
- VI. Discussion and vote regarding closed session action and deliberations. (Discussion and possible action.)**

**Discussion and vote pursuant to Brown Act section 54957.1 and Sunshine Ordinance section 67.12 on whether to disclose any action taken or discussions held in closed session regarding anticipated litigation.**

**Motion: The Charter provides that deliberations regarding complaints are confidential. Pursuant to section C3.699-13, the Ethics Commission finds that it is in the best interests of the public (not) to disclose its closed session deliberations re: anticipated litigation.**

- VII. Preliminary discussions of FY 08-09 budget. A proposed Ethics Commission budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 is due in February 2008. At this meeting, the Commission will discuss a possible budget submission for FY 2008-2009. (Discussion and possible action.)**
- VIII. Minutes of the special Commission meetings of October 19, 2007 and November 5, 2007. (Discussion and possible action.)**
- IX. Executive Director’s Report. An update of important Ethics Commission staff activities since the previous monthly meeting. (Discussion.)**
- X. Items for future meetings. Commissioners may propose items for future agendas and the Commission may determine the priority of these items. (Discussion.)**
- XI. Public comment on matters appearing or not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission.**
- XII. Adjournment.**

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