



**SAN FRANCISCO ETHICS COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING  
April 11, 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. Legislation to require non-lobbyists who are paid to deliver public testimony to reveal that they are paid for such efforts and to reveal further the identity of their sponsor(s). (Discussion and possible action.)
- IV. Waiver decision follow-up. On March 17, 2005 the Executive Director granted a limited waiver from Campaign and Governmental Code section 3.234 (post-employment restrictions) to former Supervisor Matt Gonzalez that allows him to practice law that would necessitate interaction with the City Attorney's office or the District Attorney's office. The Commission wishes to discuss this waiver and may choose to overturn it at this meeting or the next monthly meeting. (Discussion and possible action.)
- V. Waiver request from Campaign and Governmental Code 3.224 (compensated advocacy ban). Erica Craven, a sitting member of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, has requested a waiver that would allow her to represent private parties before other City officers and employees as part of her duties as a media attorney while continuing to serve on the Task Force. (Discussion and possible action.)
- VI. Presentation of the Written Report on the Public Financing Program for the November 2, 2004 Election. The report must be presented to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors. Staff will present an oral summary to the Commission. A copy of the draft report is posted on the Commissioner web site as of Wednesday, April 6, 2005. (Discussion and possible action.)
- VII. Legislation to regulate electioneering communications. The Board of Supervisors has made a material amendment to legislation approved by the Ethics Commission at the March meeting and referred one version of the bill back to the Commission for possible further action. (Discussion and possible action.)
- VIII. Presentation of current Investigation/Enforcement Process. Staff presentation and preliminary discussion of enforcement process as requested by the Commission. (Discussion item.)

IX. Discussion and adoption of changes to the Ethics Commission By-laws to bring them in conformity with Proposition E adopted by the voters in November 2003. The changes clarify the conditions of appointment and post-employment restrictions that are applicable to Commission members and employees. (Discussion and possible action.)

X. Closed Session. Closed session held pursuant to Charter section C 3.699-13, Brown Act section 54956.9(c) and Sunshine Ordinance 67.10(d) to discuss anticipated litigation as plaintiff.

Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated litigation as plaintiff.  
Number of possible cases: 5

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

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 as plaintiff.

XII. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2005. (Discussion and possible action).

XIII. Executive Director's Report. An update of important Ethics Commission staff activities since the previous monthly meeting. (Discussion.)

XIV. 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.)

XV. Summary of Commission Action. Commissioners will develop and approve a short summary of Commission action taken at the meeting and Commission action anticipated for the next meeting to be distributed to members of the public within 24 hours of the conclusion of the meeting. (Discussion and possible action.)

XVI. Public comment on matters appearing or not appearing on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission.

XVII. Adjournment.

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