



**SAN FRANCISCO ETHICS COMMISSION
NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 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). Patrick Buscovich, a structural engineer who seeks reappointment to the Unreinforced Masonry Building Appeals Board (“UMBAB”), has requested a waiver that would allow him to represent private parties before other City officers and employees as part of his duties as a structural engineer while serving on the UMBAB. A staff report is available at the office and on the Commission web site. (Discussion and possible action.)
- IV. Request for waiver from Campaign and Governmental Code section 3.224 (compensated advocacy ban). Arnie Lerner, who serves on the Access Appeals Board (“AAB”), has requested a waiver that would allow him to represent private parties before other City officers and employees as part of his duties as a licensed architect while continuing to serve on the AAB. A staff report is available at the 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: (1) contribution limits; (2) use of campaign funds; and (3) voluntary expenditure limits. At this meeting, the Commission will discuss and take public comment on various options and ideas. The Commission will not vote on particular changes at the September 12 meeting. Any specific proposals will be presented to the Commission at the September 19 special meeting for possible action. A staff memo will be available in the Commission office and on the Commission web site. (Discussion.)
- VI. Executive Director’s Report. An update of important Ethics Commission staff activities since the previous monthly meeting. (Discussion.)
- VII. Closed session. (Discussion and possible action.)

Closed session held pursuant to Charter section C3.699-13, Brown Act section 54956.9(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: 27

VIII. Discussion and votes regarding closed session action and deliberations. (Discussion and possible action.)

A. 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.

IX. Minutes of the regular Commission meeting of August 8, 2005. (Discussion and possible action.)

X. 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.)

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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