



San Francisco Ethics Commission

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July 10, 2026, Enforcement Update: Ethics Commission Fines Board of Supervisors Member Shamann Walton

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At its regular monthly meeting on Friday, July 10, 2026, the San Francisco Ethics Commission approved a stipulated agreement imposing a **\$4,500 penalty** against Shamann Walton, a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, for violations of gift and conflict of interest laws.

The Commission unanimously found that Supervisor Walton:

- accepted a painted portrait of himself, commissioned and paid for by Urban Ed Academy and valued at approximately \$5,500, which exceeded the applicable 2023 annual gift limit of \$590;
- failed to disclose the gift on his Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700); and
- voted on a September 3, 2024 amendment to an Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) grant agreement extending the grant term and increasing funding for Bay Area Community Resources (BACR), despite having received reportable travel gifts from BACR within the previous 12 months.

The matter was resolved through a stipulated agreement, which allows enforcement matters to be resolved without a formal hearing. Under the City Charter, the Commission may impose penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation, or three times the amount unlawfully received.

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The San Francisco Ethics Commission was created directly by the City's voters with the passage of Proposition K in November 1993 and is responsible for the independent and impartial administration and enforcement of laws related to campaign finance, public financing of candidates, governmental ethics, conflicts of interests, and registration and reporting by lobbyists, campaign consultants, permit consultants, and major developers.

Our mission is to practice and promote the highest standards of integrity in government. We achieve that by delivering impactful programs that promote fair, transparent, and accountable governmental decision making for the benefit of all San Franciscans. Public service is a public trust, and our aim is to ensure that San Franciscans can have confidence that the operations of the City and County and the decisions made by its officials and employees are fair, just, and made without any regard to private or personal gain.