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TO: Mayor
Council
Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors
City Boards and Commissions
City Consultants
City Employees

RE: *Conflict of Interest Materials*

Public officials are subject to a multitude of conflict of interest laws. These rules are intended to ensure that public officials exercise their powers for the benefit of the public and not for their personal benefit. The laws vary in their reach to specific officials, threshold amounts, disclosure requirements, abstention, participation prohibitions, and other limitations.

In an effort to assist you in understanding these laws, we have prepared and gathered the following materials which are attached for your review and consideration.

- Exhibit 1. Summary of Conflicts Laws, prepared by Deputy City Attorney Tei Yukimoto.
 - A. Common Law Doctrine Against Conflicts of Interest.
 - B. Political Reform Act.
 - C. Conflicts of Interest in Contracts-Government Code Section 1090.
- Exhibit 2. Overview of California's Conflict of Interest Law, prepared by the Fair Political Practices Commission.
- Exhibit 3. Providing Conflict of Interest Advice Under the Political Reform Act, Introduction, prepared by the League of California Cities.
- Exhibit 4. Consultants in a Conflict of Interest Code, prepared by the Fair Political Practices Commission ("FPPC").
- Exhibit 5. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest for Disqualification Purposes, prepared by Deputy City Attorney Tei Yukimoto.

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- Exhibit 6. Disclosure of Disqualifying Economic Interest Form, prepared by Deputy City Attorney Tei Yukimoto.
- Exhibit 7. Redevelopment Conflict and Disclosure Requirements for Proposed and Existing Project Areas, prepared by Deputy City Attorney Sheila M. Smith.

We trust the materials will be helpful. As noted in the materials regarding the Political Reform Act, the best source of advice on that subject can best be provided by the FPPC. For other matters, you may call our office and ask for the "conflicts attorney." That attorney or I will attempt to assist you. In most cases, we will ask that you submit your request for an opinion in writing and include the relevant facts.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments