

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
ETHICS REFORM TASK FORCE  
MINUTES  
SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2015  
1:00 P.M.**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD PARK PUBLIC MEETING ROOM - COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
625 N. SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Task Force Chair Joseph Guardarrama called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was removed from the agenda.
  - B. Reminder to Speak Clearly into Microphone and to Turn Off All Mobile Devices
  - C. Roll Call – Task Force Members Present: Joseph Guardarrama, Elizabeth Ralston, and Robert Stern. Staff Members Present: Assistant City Attorney Christ Hogin and Assistant City Clerk Melissa Crowder. No members were absent.

2. **REGULATION OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE, LOBBYISTS & GOVERNMENT ETHICS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

JAMES FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding misleading campaign literature and campaign finance laws.

A. LEE WALKUP, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the new Council Support system.

LARRY BLOCK, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding campaign donations from City consultants and developers. He suggested that the City Clerk include this information in the City Council agenda packets. He briefly mentioned the Commission appointment process. Lastly, he spoke about Vote by Mail and electioneering.

Task Force Member Stern inquired about developers donating funds to candidates and its prevalence.

Task Force Member Ralston inquired about the Commission and Advisory Board Direct appointments and political implications.

ELYSE EISENBERG, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding negative campaigning. She spoke about the Commission and Advisory Board appointments. She briefly discussed Vote by Mail voting and alleged voter corruption. Finally, she also spoke regarding campaign contributions from developers and City vendors.

MICHAEL DOLAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the March and June elections. He spoke about voter turnout. He briefly mentioned term limits. He also discussed the Council Deputy system. Finally, he spoke about campaign contributions.

MICHAEL WOJKIELEWICZ, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding election candidates and lobbying. He mentioned the Council Deputy system. Finally, he also spoke about the lack of oversight of contractors and developers by the City.

ESTEVAN MONTEMAYOR, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding listing campaign contributions received by Councilmembers in the City Council agenda packet. He spoke about local contribution limits. He mentioned consolidating our election with the County of Los Angeles during the general elections in the even years. He mentioned matching campaign funds similar to the City of Los Angeles and online reporting of FPPC forms.

Mr. Stern inquired about campaign contributions from contractors who bid on City contracts and how that currently works in the City and possible changes.

JIM CHUD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding elections.

YOLA DORE, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Council Deputy system and the article in the *Beverly Press* about the issue. She spoke about elections. She discussed transparency in local government.

Assistant City Attorney Christi Hogin gave a brief overview of the Task Force's purview. She enumerated all of the issues that the Task Force is addressing. She mentioned the two (2) "listening meetings" the Task Force is conducting prior to the "deliberation meetings" that will be held in August.

Task Force Member Ralston mentioned the Ethics Reform Task Force website and the information available on the site.

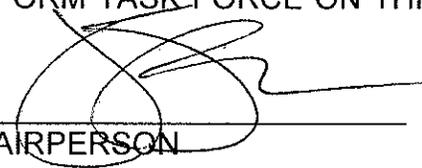
JAMES FRANCIS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the Council Deputy system.

**3. COMMENTS FROM STAFF**

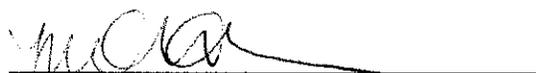
Assistant City Clerk Melissa Crowder provided information regarding the upcoming Task Force meetings. She also provided ways that the public can engage the Task Force via email and telephone. Finally, she mentioned the web page that was created on the City's website that provides information on past meetings, future meetings, and other information pertinent to the Task Force.

**4. ADJOURNMENT** – The Ethics Reform Task Force adjourned at 2:09 p.m. to its next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 6:30 at Plummer Park.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ETHICS REFORM TASK FORCE ON THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2015.

  
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

  
STAFF LIAISON