

**WEST HOLLYWOOD  
ETHICS REFORM TASK FORCE  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2015  
6:30 P.M.**

**WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL  
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD  
COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (Elizabeth Ralston)
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance
  - B. Reminder to Speak Clearly into Microphone and to Silence All Mobile Devices
  - C. Roll Call
  - D. Approval of Minutes (July 11, 2015 and July 14, 2015)
  
2. **REGULATION OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE\***
  - A. Public Comment
  - B. Deliberations and recommendations, if any, regarding local regulation of municipal election campaigns (candidate and ballot measures)
  
3. **REGULATION OF LOBBYISTS\***
  - A. Public Comment
  - B. Deliberations and recommendations, if any, regarding local regulation of lobbyists representing clients before City officials, commissions and City Council
  
4. **REGULATION OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS\***
  - A. Public Comment
  - B. Deliberations and recommendations, if any, regarding local regulation of government ethics (conflicts of interests, behest payments, and similar regulations)
  
5. **COMMENTS FROM STAFF**

This time is set aside for staff to provide any announcements or updates relevant to the Task Force's business and to confirm the next meeting agenda.
  
6. **ADJOURNMENT** – The Ethics Reform Task Force will adjourn to its next meeting which is scheduled for Monday, August 31, 2015 at 6:30 at City Hall.

**\*For a compilation of the City's current regulations and laws in this area visit**

<http://www.weho.org/city-hall/boards-commissions/committees-and-task-forces/ethics-reform-task-force>

**ETHICS REFORM TASK FORCE MEMBERS:** Joseph Guardarrama, Elizabeth Ralston, Robert Stern  
**STAFF:** Melissa Crowder, Assistant City Clerk; Christi Hogin, Assistant City Attorney

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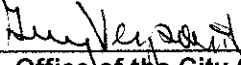
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**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
ETHICS REFORM TASK FORCE  
MINUTES  
SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2015  
1:00 P.M.**

**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.

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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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STAFF LIAISON

**WEST HOLLYWOOD  
ETHICS REFORM TASK FORCE  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015  
6:30 P.M.**

**PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, ROOMS 5 & 6  
7377 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 90046**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Task Force Chair Robert Stern called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance – Task Force Chair Robert Stern led the Pledge of Allegiance
  - B. Task Force Chair Stern reminded the audience to speak clearly into microphone and to silence all mobile devices.
  - C. Roll Call Task Force Members  
Task Force Members Present: Joseph Guardarrama, Elizabeth Ralston, and Robert Stern were present. Staff Members Present: Assistant City Clerk Crowder and Assistant City Attorney Trevor Rusin. Assistant City Attorney Christi Hogin was absent.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

DAN MORIN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding campaign contributions limits and the City's gift policy. He also spoke regarding the City's "revolving door" ordinance and suggested that the City adopt a more aggressive policy.

Task Force Member Stern commented that Citizens United has no impact on the City of West Hollywood and briefly discussed Buckley v. Valeo, a 1976 landmark case in American campaign finance law.

STEPHANIE HARKER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding AB 1234 training and the public's perception of what is ethical versus what is legal. She mentioned campaign literature and the amount of money spent on election campaigns. She commented that the City should lobby the state of California in support of the California Clean Money. She briefly discussed alleged election and voter fraud. Finally, she suggested that the City conduct one (1) candidate forum per week during an election cycle.

CATHY BLAIVAS, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding lobbyists becoming campaign managers and contractors lobbying for candidates. She suggested that the City get rid of Independent Expenditures in municipal elections. She mentioned the lobbyist ordinance that the City of San Francisco adopted. She strongly encouraged campaign finance reform.

Task Force Member Guardarrama inquired about which portions of the City of San Francisco's lobbyist ordinance Ms. Blaivas suggests the City adopt.

ALICIA DE SOTO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding Independent Expenditures and suggested that the Task Force implement rules that the donors must be residents of the City of West Hollywood.

Task Force Member Stern suggested that the Independent Expenditure be required to list the top three (3) donors and suggested a threshold of \$10,000. He further suggested that vendors who bid on City contracts cannot donate within a certain time frame. He also suggested that the City Clerk's office post campaign contributions on the City's website. He agrees with conducting more candidate forums and disallowing lobbyists to become campaign managers.

3. **COMMENTS FROM STAFF** -- None.

4. **ADJOURNMENT** -- The Ethics Reform Task Force adjourned at 7:18 p.m. to its next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 6:30 at City Hall.

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