

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
ETHICS REFORM TASK FORCE
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015
6:30 P.M.**

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Stern called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
 - A. Chair Stern led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - B. Chair Stern reminded everyone to speak clearly into the microphone and to their phones.
 - C. Task Force Members Present: Joseph Guardarrama, Elizabeth Ralston, and Robert Stern.
Staff Members Present: Assistant City Attorney Shahiedah Coates and Assistant City Clerk Melissa Crowder. Assistant City Attorney Christi Hogin was absent.
 - D. The Minutes of August 31, 2015 were approved. **Motion by Task Force Member Guardarrama, seconded by Task Force Member Ralston, and approved.**

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the minutes of the August 31, 2015 Ethics Reform Task Force and indicated that the items that Mr. Morin opposed and supported from the Task Force's recommendations should have been outlined.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL REGARDING CHANGES TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE, LOBBYISTS & GOVERNMENT ETHICS**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

VICTOR OMELCZENKO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding the various recommendations from the Task Force. He supports electronic filing of campaign statements, regulation of expenditure committees, and identifying the top three (3) donors on political mailers. He inquired about the issue of campaign managers becoming lobbyists and why the Task Force no longer supports that recommendation. Finally, he supports the recommendations for increased voter participation, additional candidate forums, and the posting of campaign literature on the City's website.

The Task Force commented on Mr. Omelzcenko's inquiries and suggestions.

They reviewed, discussed, and provided changes to the Staff Report drafted by the City Attorney's office outlining their recommendations for the final report.

Mr. Guardarrama inquired about the date that this item will be presented to Council. Assistant City Clerk Crowder responded that it will be placed on the November 16th City Council meeting agenda. The Task Force members indicated that they will attend the meeting. They asked staff to provide them with a copy of the revised staff report prior to the Council meeting.

Ms. Coates asked to review Section 3, "Regulation of Lobbyists" of the staff report and further discussion took place. Ultimately, the section was updated to broaden the scope of who is required to file quarterly reports.

The Task Force thanked staff and the City Attorney's office for their hard work.


3. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

None.

4. ADJOURNMENT – The Ethics Reform Task Force adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 16th day of November, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Duran, Heilman, Mayor Pro Tempore Meister and Mayor Horvath.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.


LINDSEY HORVATH, MAYOR

ATTEST:


YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK