

**WEST HOLLYWOOD  
ETHICS REFORM TASK FORCE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018  
6:30 P.M.**

**CITY HALL COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM  
8300 SANTA MONICA BOULEVARD  
WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA 90069**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Kanin called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

PRESENT: Task Force Member Guardarrama, Task Force Member Kanin, and Task Force Member Ralston.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO Assistant City Attorney Langer and Assistant City Clerk

PRESENT: Crowder.

- C. Approval of the Minutes of July 12, 2018. **Motion by Task Force Member Guardarrama, seconded by Task Force Member Ralston and approved.**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**3. TASK FORCE comments, questions, deliberations**

**DISCUSSION TOPICS**

- **New Direction from City Council related to a code of ethics for City consultants and contractors and researching policies related to elected officials serving on the boards of directors for nonprofit organizations.**

Chair Kanin requested further clarification of the City Council's request. Assistant City Clerk Crowder provided the direction from the City Council to the Ethics Reform Task Force from the July 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Assistant City Attorney Langer commented that the City previously implemented a policy to address this issue and subsequently reversed it. She also indicated that it is essentially direction to conduct research on other jurisdiction's policies, if any, and based on the research recommend whether or not the City adopts a policy. The Task Force briefly discussed Government Code § 1090.

Staff will conduct research on policies related to elected officials serving on the boards of directors for nonprofit organizations and a code of ethics for contractors and report back to the Task Force.

The Ethics Reform Task deferred further discussion on this Item to the next meeting.

- **AB 2880- FPPC enforcement services.**

This item was Tabled to the next meeting.

- **Update on Public Financing Systems.**

Task Force Member Guardarrama commented that this Item is related to Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association v. Brown challenging S.B. 1107, legislation which amended California's Political Reform Act to empower the state and local governments to establish citizen-funded elections. He provided an update from the Fair Political Practices Commission's website on the case. It is currently under appeal.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (taken out of order):**

- MARNE CARMEAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding issues of ageism and sexism that she experienced with the West Hollywood Sheriff's Department.

- **Follow-up discussion on AB 249-- California Disclose Act.**

Task Force Member Kanin spoke regarding the California Disclose Act ("Act") and the constitutionality of the law as it is currently written. He further discussed issues with the Act.

*(Task Force Member Guardarrama left the meeting at 7:29 p.m.)*

MARNE CARMEAN, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke regarding campaign disclaimers.

This item was Tabled to the next meeting.

- **Recap of Task Force discussion topics and proposed recommendations to date.**

The Task Force postponed discussion on Public Financing, AB 249, and AB 2880. Staff will conduct research on policies related to elected officials serving on the boards of directors for nonprofit organizations and a code of ethics for contractors and report back to the Task Force.

**4. COMMENTS FROM STAFF**

None.

**5. ADJOURNMENT** – The Ethics Reform Task Force adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ETHICS REFORM TASK FORCE ON THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
MAX KANIN, CHAIR

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
MELISSA CROWDER, SECRETARY