

**WEST HOLLYWOOD
ETHICS REFORM TASK FORCE
MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019
6:30 P.M.**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Guardarrama led the 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

PRESENT: Clerk Crowder.

C. Approval of the Minutes of September 17, 2018. **Motion by Task Force Member Kanin, seconded by Task Force Member Ralston, and approved.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

JAKES STEVENS, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding recusals.

STEVE NOH, LOS ANGELES, spoke regarding Mayor Duran.

3. TASK FORCE comments, questions, deliberations

DISCUSSION TOPICS

- **Consideration of establishing a City Code of Ethics for City Consultants and City Contractors**

Assistant City Attorney Lauren Langer provided background information as outlined in the staff report dated February 25, 2019. The Ethics Reform Task Force (“Task Force”) Members discussed establishing a Code of Ethics for City consultants and contractors for the City of West Hollywood. They indicated that it is difficult to regulate something when they don’t know the context of any issues or perceived issues.

The Task Force supported including the Institute of Management Consultants USA Code of Ethics into City contracts. They requested that the City Council provide further information to them on any issues or perceived issues with City contractors so that they can better respond to the request. They also indicated that if Council desires, they can review and discuss a possible ban on contractors who submit contracts or are awarded a contract from providing campaign donations. **Motion by**

Task Force Member Guardarrama, seconded by Task Force Member Kanin, and approved.

- **Consideration of Amendments to City's Lobbyist Regulations, including providing input on direction from City Council to prepare an ordinance prohibiting campaign consultants from serving as lobbyists**

The Ethics Reform Task Force ("Task Force") asked staff to clarify what the City Council direction was on this issue. Assistant City Clerk Crowder provided clarification.

The Task Force discussed the constitutionality of restricting or banning campaign consultants from serving as lobbyists. Task Force Member Guardarrama referred to Government Code §86205 which places restrictions on the lobbyist rather than a complete ban. He further provided information from the City of San Francisco's and the City of Los Angeles' regulations for lobbyists that come before their respective cities. He indicated that the previous Task Force made recommendations to the City Council to regulate lobbyists. The Task Force discussed the issue further.

The Task Force expressed general support for the prior Task Force's lobbyist regulations and after hearing further information from the City Attorney's Office, may consider banning campaign consultants from lobbying. **Motion by Task Force Member Guardarrama, seconded by Task Force Member Kanin, and approved.**

Staff will return with prior Task Force's lobbyist regulations as well as return with more information regarding limiting campaign consultants from lobbying, specifically the San Francisco Ordinance and the definition of campaign consultant.

4. COMMENTS FROM STAFF

None.

- 5. ADJOURNMENT** – The Ethics Reform Task Force adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ETHICS REFORM TASK FORCE ON THIS 22nd DAY OF APRIL, 2019.



JOSEPH GUARDARRAMA, CHAIR



MELISSA CROWDER, SECRETARY