



## REPORT TO COUNCIL City of Sacramento

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Staff Report  
April 13, 2010

Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

Title: AB 1234 Ethics Training

Location/Council District: City Wide

Recommendation: Receive and file

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Division: City Attorney

Organization No: 0500

### Description/Analysis:

**Issue:** Effective January 1, 2006, State Law AB 1234 requires that all elected and appointed officials take a minimum of two hours of state approved ethics training every two years. For the City of Sacramento, this law applies to Sacramento City Councilmembers and all board and commission members appointed by the city council. This is the third round of ethics training to be provided to the council and board and commission members, with the first and second rounds having been provided in August, 2006 and April, 2008.

As required by AB 1234, this training will cover laws relating to: 1) personal financial gain by officials (conflict of interest laws); 2) office-holder perquisites ("perks"), including gifts and travel; 3) governmental transparency laws, including the Brown Act and the Public Records Act; and 4) fair processes, including common law bias requirements, due process, and the doctrine of incompatible offices.

**Policy Considerations:** This training will ensure compliance with AB 1234.

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**Environmental Considerations:** None.

**Commission/Committee Action:** N/A.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** This training is mandatory under state law.

**Financial Considerations:** None.

**Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD):** N/A.

Respectfully Submitted by

  
Eileen M. Teichert, City Attorney

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