

Ethics Commission Report Supplemental Material

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Introduction of Ethics Commission Members

Recommendation

Receive Ethics Commission Member introductions.

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Deanna Adams

Dear Compliance Officer Bullwinkel, Personnel and Public Employees Committee, Mayor Steinberg, and Sacramento City Council, I would like to submit my statement of interest to serve on the City of Sacramento Ethics Commission. As a resident, I am interested in strengthening community confidence through government accountability by helping to ensure city officials comply with the laws and policies of the City and conform their conduct so to maintain public trust. I believe the formal review and investigation of complaints against City officials need to be handled ethically - with integrity, openness, and fairness - in order to preserve a high public esteem while also preserving the rights and reputations of public officials.

As a resident of the City of Sacramento, and as an attorney, I meet the minimum qualifications for this commission. I additionally want to provide some background information about my professional and civic involvement to help illustrate my ability to handle sensitive matters with integrity and impartiality. I am currently a Senior Policy Analyst with the Council of State Governments Justice Center, a national nonprofit, non-partisan organization that provides practical, research-based strategies to local and state governments looking to improve criminal justice systems. Through my work, I work with California state agencies and counties (I do not work with the City of Sacramento and, as such, will not have a conflict of interest by serving on this commission), as well as with other states' governments looking to improve criminal justice and health outcomes for people with behavioral health needs. Prior to this role, I served as Director of Friends Outside, a program of the Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz County, which held contracts with the Santa Cruz County Probation, Sheriff's and Health Services Departments, along with the City of Santa Cruz and private funders, to provide reentry based services to people in jail, under probation supervision, or returning from prison to the community. I have also served as an AmeriCorps Fellow and have engaged in private practice and pro-bono legal work. I hold a Juris Doctor from Hofstra University School of Law and a Bachelor's degree from Whittier College and am admitted to the State Bar of California and the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. Aside from my work, I enjoy engaging in professional and civic activities. I am a member of the American Bar Association (ABA), and have held leadership positions within the organization since 2009, including having served as committee chair within the Section of Science and Technology (SciTech) Law, as a SciTech Membership and Diversity Committee member, a Young Lawyers Division Liaison, and I will serve as an ABA Membership Advocate in the upcoming bar year. I also enjoy volunteering within the community, through either shortterm event/project volunteering or ongoing volunteer activities. In so doing, I have received awards for volunteering, including the U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award in 2012 and, in 2013, a Volunteer of the Year award from the City of Santa Cruz. I hope this brief description of my professional and civic engagements, along with

my statement of interest, provides you with insight into the values I hold as a professional and as a resident, and I hope to be considered to serve on the City's Ethics Commission.

Mary-Beth Sloan

I would like to be a member of the Ethics Commission because I believe in its mission and have relevant experience that I think would help it further the mission. I am currently the Associate Dean of Experiential Learning at Ceres College. I teach a lecture in the California Initiative Seminar on the Procedure and Trial Advocacy Skills at Ceres College as a member of the faculty as well. My experience in practice is in election law and civil practice. I have a firm grounding in the various Political Practices Commission and have taught about campaign ethics in my lecture class. I have been a resident of the City of Sacramento since 2008 and would like to give back to the community by serving on this Commission.

Linda Ng

I am interested in being on the Ethics Commission primarily because of my interest in Sacramento's city government and assuring its high ethical standards. I am a retired State of California Administrative Law Judge and attorney. I spent my legal career working on both employment law and ethics issues. I was General Counsel to Phil Angelides when he served as State Treasurer and was primarily responsible for assuring compliance with California's ethics laws, including the Political Reform Act.

Emelyn Rodriquez

I've spent my entire legal career in the ethics arena, and I have devoted my professional and volunteer hours towards public interest law. So service on my city's ethics commission would be both an honor and a privilege. I believe I have the ideal background and experience to serve on the Sacramento Ethics Commission. As a Senior Commission Counsel with the Fair Political Practices Commission, I serve as a lead attorney in regulatory, policy, and legislative areas. As a senior legal division counsel, I help plan, organize and direct the work of legal division attorneys, analysts, and support staff. I authored the state's electronic campaign advertising regulations, among the first of its kind in the country. I headed the agency's first major revamping of lobbying rules in 25 years, and worked on regulations involving political legal defense funds. I interpret, analyze and draft regulations and legislation in campaign finance, conflicts of interest, lobbying and ethics laws. I help develop agency policies and guidelines, and conduct complex legal research and analysis. I believe my expertise and experience would be an asset to the city's ethics commission.

Susan Underwood

I have been a resident of Sacramento since 1978, and have always followed city government with interest.

I have had training in Ethics, and have advised state government officials on ethics when they were my clients. I am also a trained mediator, which has an ethical component. I think it is critically important that government be conducted ethically. I was a Deputy Attorney General for almost 30 years, and am now retired, so I have ample time to devote to this Commission. In the community, I have been a Girl Scout leader for 5 years, and an active PTA member at all the schools my children attended. I am a member of the B'nai Israel choir and the Asian Community Center Showstoppers choir. For the past 10 years I have arranged the mandatory college interviews for Northern California high school seniors applying to my alma mater, about 250 students per year.