

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
SUBJECT: ADOPTING AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE  
STAFF PRESENTER: TERRI A. GRIFFIN, CITY CLERK  
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

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ISSUE

Should the City Council adopt an amended Conflict of Interest Code (Code) for the City of Santa Rosa?

BACKGROUND

1. The Political Reform Act of 1974 (PRA) requires public officials to periodically disclose any economic interests that could be materially affected by their official actions. The PRA further requires all public agencies to adopt a conflict-of-interest code, which designates positions required to file Statements of Economic Interests (Form 700), and assigns disclosure categories specifying the types of interests to be reported.
2. The City's Code of Interest Code (Code) requires disclosure of financial interests of designated employees, consultants and members of boards and commissions if these individuals are likely to be involved in decision-making that could affect their own financial interests.
3. Government Code section 87306.5 requires the City to review and, as needed, amend its Code biennially in even-numbered years. In that positions are created and deleted since the Code was last amended, the list of designated positions is reviewed to determine whether there is a need to modify which employees and officials should be required to file a Form 700. In addition, each department reviews the functions and duties performed by certain positions to determine whether those positions should be included in the City's Conflict of Interest Code.

ANALYSIS

1. Staff has reviewed the list of designated positions and officials (Appendix A) and recommends the following changes:

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## Positions/Departments Added/Deleted/Changed

Administrator – City Attorney’s Office	Added
Gang Prevention/Intervention Services Manager	Added
Permit Intake Manager	Added
Code Enforcement Officer	Added
Deputy Director of Economic Development and Housing	Deleted
Parking Program Coordinator	Added
Investment Analyst	Deleted
Financial Analyst	Added
Revenue Manager	Added
Risk Manager	Added
Employee Relations Manager	Added
Risk Management Analyst	Added
Liability Claims Analyst	Added
Deputy Director – Transit	Added
Associate Civil Engineer	Added
Transit Planner	Added
Quality Assurance Coordinator	Category changed
Materials Engineer	Added
Development Review Coordinator	Added
Department of Transportation and Public Works	Name changed
Redevelopment Agency	Deleted
Luther Burbank Home and Gardens Board	Deleted

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2. Since the last update to the City's Code in 2010, the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Rosa has been eliminated and the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency and the Oversight Board to the Successor Agency have been created through legislation. Pursuant to Government Code section 87301, the City Council as the code reviewing body could (1) require one or both of those bodies to adopt a new conflict-of-interest code; or (2) amend its own conflict-of-interest code to cover designated positions in the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency and/or the Oversight Board to the Successor Agency. Since these bodies have citywide jurisdiction, staff recommends they be included in the City's Conflict of Interest Code.
3. In addition, the FPPC adopted Regulation 18730.1 effective November 2, 2012, which clarifies that designated employees are only required to disclose those economic interests, including sources of gifts that have some bearing or connection to their existing job duties or functions. As a result of this regulation, Disclosure Category A has been modified to require the disclosure of gifts only from sources that are likely to influence the designated employee in his or her official capacity. Disclosure Category B is already tailored for such limited gift reporting. Disclosure Category does not require the reporting of gifts or other sources of income.

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Attorney and City Clerk that the Council, by resolution, adopt an amended Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Santa Rosa.

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Attachments:

- Draft Appendix A and Appendix B
- Regulations 18730 and 18731

**CITY OF SANTA ROSA CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**  
**ATTACHMENT APPENDIX A**  
**DESIGNATED POSITIONS AND THEIR DISCLOSURE CATEGORY**

**City Departments**

**Disclosure Category**

**City Attorney's Office**

Assistant City Attorney	A
Deputy City Attorney	A
<del>Consultants (Attorneys)</del>	<del>A</del>
<del>Administrator – City Attorney's Office</del>	<del>B</del>

**City Manager's Office**

Assistant City Manager	A
City Clerk	B
<del>Gang Prevention/Intervention Services Manager</del>	<del>B</del>

**Community Development Department**

Director	A
Assistant Director - Chief Building Official	A
<del>Permit Intake Manager</del>	<del>B</del>
Plan Check Engineer	C
City Planner	C
Senior Planner	C
Supervising Planner	C
Senior Building Inspector	C
Supervising Engineer	C
<del>Code Enforcement Officer</del>	<del>C</del>

**Economic Development and Housing Department**

Director	A
<del>Deputy Director</del>	<del>A</del>
Economic Development and Housing Manager	A
Administrative Services Officer	A
<del>Parking Program Coordinator</del>	<del>B</del>

**Finance Department**

Budget and Financial Analysis Manager	A
Financial Reporting Manager	A
Supervising Accountant	A
Administrative Services Officer	A
Purchasing Agent	A

<del>Investment</del> <u>Financial</u> Analyst	A
Revenue Operations Supervisor ( <del>Rev. &amp; Collections</del> )	<u>A</u>
<u>Revenue Manager</u>	A
Senior Buyer	B
Buyer	B

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief	A
Deputy Fire Chief	A
Deputy Chief Fire Marshal	A
Fire Protection Engineer	B
Battalion Chief	B
Division Chief	B
Senior Fire Inspector	B
Administrative Service Officer	A

**Human Resources Department**

Director	A
Risk Manager	A
<u>Employee Relations Manager</u>	<u>B</u>
<u>Risk Management Analyst</u>	<u>B</u>
<u>Liability Claims Analyst</u>	<u>B</u>

**Information Technology**

Chief Technology Officer	A
IT Section Manager	B

**Police Department**

Police Chief	A
Police Captain	A
Administrative Services Officer	A
Technical Services Manager	A
Police Lieutenant	B

**Transportation & Public Works Department**

Director/City Engineer	A
Deputy Director - Engineering	A
Deputy Director - Field Services	A
Deputy Director – Development Services	A
<u>Deputy Director – Transit</u>	<u>A</u>
Administrative Services Officer	A
Equipment Maintenance Superintendent	A
Street Maintenance Superintendent	A
Right-of-Way Agent	B
Supervising Engineer	B
<u>Associate Civil Engineer</u>	<u>B</u>

~~Transit Planner~~ B

**Recreation, Parks & Community Services Department**

Director A  
Deputy Director - Parks A  
Deputy Director – Recreation A  
Park Planning & Development Manager A  
Recreation Superintendent B  
Park Superintendent B  
Administrative Services Officer B  
General Services Administrator B  
Facilities Maintenance Coordinator B

**Transit & Parking Department**

~~Director~~ A  
~~Deputy Director~~ B  
~~Administrative Services Officer~~ B

**Utilities**

Director/City Engineer A  
Deputy Director - Engineering Services A  
Deputy Director – Local Operations A  
Deputy Director – Water/Wastewater Policy A  
Deputy Director – Environmental Services A  
Deputy Director – Utility Operations A  
Utilities Project Development Manager A  
Supervising Civil Engineer A  
Utility Mechanical Superintendent A  
Reclamation Superintendent A  
Wastewater Treatment Superintendent A  
Biosolids Coordinator A  
Environmental Compliance Supervisor A  
Administrative Services Officer A  
Associate Civil Engineer B  
Stores Specialist B  
Utility System Supervisor B  
Senior Water Resources Planner B  
Geysers Operations and Maintenance Coordinator B  
Water Quality Supervisor B  
Laboratory Supervisor B  
Environmental Compliance Inspector II B  
Environmental Compliance Inspector III B

~~Environmental Compliance Officer~~ C

Quality Assurance Coordinator CB

~~Materials Engineer~~ B

~~Development Review Coordinator~~ C

**Boards/Agencies/Commissions/Consultants**

**Disclosure Category**

Board of Building Regulation Appeals (Members)	C
Board of Public Utilities (Members)	A
Cultural Heritage Board (Members)	A
Design Review Board (Members)	A
Housing Authority/ <del>Redevelopment Agency</del> (Members & Attorneys)	A
Community Advisory Board (Members)	A
<del>Luther Burbank Home and Gardens Board</del>	
<u>Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Santa Rosa (Members and Attorneys)</u>	<u>A</u>
<u>Oversight Board to the City of Santa Rosa as Successor Agency (Members and Attorneys)</u>	<u>A</u>

**Consultants\***

TBD

\*The awarding authority of a particular consultant contract shall require a particular consultant to file a Statement of Economic Interests if the awarding authority finds that a consultant will:

(A) Make, or participate in making, a government decision to:

- (1) approve a rate, rule or regulation;
- (2) adopt or enforce a law;
- (3) issue, deny, suspend or revoke any permit, license, application, certificate, approval, order or similar authorization or entitlement;
- (4) authorize the City to enter into, modify or renew a contract provided it is the type of contract which requires City approval;
- (5) grant City approval to a contract which requires City approval and which the City is the party or to the specifications for such contract;
- (6) grant City approval to a plan, design, report, study or similar term; or
- (7) adopt or grant approval of policies, standards or guidelines for the City or for any subdivision thereof; or

(B) Serve in a staff capacity with the City and in that capacity performs the same or substantially all of the same duties for the City that would otherwise be performed by an individual holding a position specified in the City's Conflict of Interest Code.

Public Officials Who Manage Public Investments (Specified in Government Code Section

87200):

The positions listed below manage public investments and shall file a statement of economic interests pursuant to Government Code Section 87200. These positions are listed for informational purposes only.

1. Members of the Santa Rosa City Council
2. City Manager
3. City Attorney
4. Finance Director
5. Members of the Santa Rosa Planning Commission

**CITY OF SANTA ROSA CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**  
**APPENDIX B**  
**DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES**

A. Full Disclosure

Persons holding designated positions assigned **Disclosure Category A** shall disclose all income, investment interests, management positions and interests in real property within the City of Santa Rosa or within two miles of its boundaries, other than savings accounts, insurance policies, or government bonds and interest, premiums or dividends derived therefrom, and dividends or returns on securities registered with the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Nothing in this Conflict of Interest Code is intended to require the reporting of gifts from outside the agency's jurisdiction if the purpose of disclosure of the source of the gift does not have some connection with or bearing upon the functions or duties of the position for which the reporting is required.

B. Partial Disclosure, including Income and Investments

Persons holding designated positions assigned **Disclosure Category B** shall disclose all income, investment interests and management positions in any business entity or source of income which does business with the City of Santa Rosa, or has done business with the City during the two years prior to the time a statement is required to be filed hereunder, through the filer's department or agency; or which manufactures, sells, provides or furnishes goods or services of the type and character which the City might reasonably be expected to purchase, contract for or use through the filer's agency or department.

C. Partial Disclosure, including Real Property

Persons holding designated positions assigned **Disclosure Category C** shall disclose interests in real property and interest or management positions in any business entity which owns real property, if the property is located within the City of Santa Rosa or within two miles of its boundaries, or within two miles of any land owned by or used by the City.

(Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission, Title 2, Division 6, California Code of Regulations.)

§ 18730. Provisions of Conflict-of-Interest Codes.

(a) Incorporation by reference of the terms of this regulation along with the designation of employees and the formulation of disclosure categories in the Appendix referred to below constitute the adoption and promulgation of a conflict-of-interest code within the meaning of Section 87300 or the amendment of a conflict-of-interest code within the meaning of Section 87306 if the terms of this regulation are substituted for terms of a conflict-of-interest code already in effect. A code so amended or adopted and promulgated requires the reporting of reportable items in a manner substantially equivalent to the requirements of article 2 of chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act, Sections 81000, et seq. The requirements of a conflict-of-interest code are in addition to other requirements of the Political Reform Act, such as the general prohibition against conflicts of interest contained in Section 87100, and to other state or local laws pertaining to conflicts of interest.

(b) The terms of a conflict-of-interest code amended or adopted and promulgated pursuant to this regulation are as follows:

(1) Section 1. Definitions.

The definitions contained in the Political Reform Act of 1974, regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission (Regulations 18110, et seq.), and any amendments to the Act or regulations, are incorporated by reference into this conflict-of-interest code.

(2) Section 2. Designated Employees.

The persons holding positions listed in the Appendix are designated employees. It has been determined that these persons make or participate in the making of decisions which may foreseeably have a material effect on economic interests.

(3) Section 3. Disclosure Categories.

This code does not establish any disclosure obligation for those designated employees who are also specified in Section 87200 if they are designated in this code in that same capacity or if the geographical jurisdiction of this agency is the same as or is wholly included within the jurisdiction in which those persons must report their economic interests pursuant to article 2 of chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act, Sections 87200, et seq.

In addition, this code does not establish any disclosure obligation for any designated employees who are designated in a conflict-of-interest code for another agency, if all of the following apply:

(A) The geographical jurisdiction of this agency is the same as or is wholly included within the jurisdiction of the other agency;

(B) The disclosure assigned in the code of the other agency is the same as that required under article 2 of chapter 7 of the Political Reform Act, Section 87200; and

(C) The filing officer is the same for both agencies.<sup>1</sup>

Such persons are covered by this code for disqualification purposes only. With respect to all other designated employees, the disclosure categories set forth in the Appendix specify which kinds of economic interests are reportable. Such a designated employee shall disclose in his or her statement of economic interests those economic interests he or she has which are of the kind described in the disclosure categories to which he or she is assigned in the Appendix. It has been determined that the economic interests set forth in a designated employee's disclosure categories

are the kinds of economic interests which he or she foreseeably can affect materially through the conduct of his or her office.

(4) Section 4. Statements of Economic Interests: Place of Filing.

The code reviewing body shall instruct all designated employees within its code to file statements of economic interests with the agency or with the code reviewing body, as provided by the code reviewing body in the agency's conflict-of-interest code.<sup>2</sup>

(5) Section 5. Statements of Economic Interests: Time of Filing.

(A) Initial Statements. All designated employees employed by the agency on the effective date of this code, as originally adopted, promulgated and approved by the code reviewing body, shall file statements within 30 days after the effective date of this code. Thereafter, each person already in a position when it is designated by an amendment to this code shall file an initial statement within 30 days after the effective date of the amendment.

(B) Assuming Office Statements. All persons assuming designated positions after the effective date of this code shall file statements within 30 days after assuming the designated positions, or if subject to State Senate confirmation, 30 days after being nominated or appointed.

(C) Annual Statements. All designated employees shall file statements no later than April 1.

(D) Leaving Office Statements. All persons who leave designated positions shall file statements within 30 days after leaving office.

(5.5) Section 5.5. Statements for Persons Who Resign Prior to Assuming Office.

Any person who resigns within 12 months of initial appointment, or within 30 days of the date of notice provided by the filing officer to file an assuming office statement, is not deemed to have assumed office or left office, provided he or she did not make or participate in the making

of, or use his or her position to influence any decision and did not receive or become entitled to receive any form of payment as a result of his or her appointment. Such persons shall not file either an assuming or leaving office statement.

(A) Any person who resigns a position within 30 days of the date of a notice from the filing officer shall do both of the following:

(1) File a written resignation with the appointing power; and

(2) File a written statement with the filing officer declaring under penalty of perjury that during the period between appointment and resignation he or she did not make, participate in the making, or use the position to influence any decision of the agency or receive, or become entitled to receive, any form of payment by virtue of being appointed to the position.

(6) Section 6. Contents of and Period Covered by Statements of Economic Interests.

(A) Contents of Initial Statements.

Initial statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property and business positions held on the effective date of the code and income received during the 12 months prior to the effective date of the code.

(B) Contents of Assuming Office Statements.

Assuming office statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property and business positions held on the date of assuming office or, if subject to State Senate confirmation or appointment, on the date of nomination, and income received during the 12 months prior to the date of assuming office or the date of being appointed or nominated, respectively.

(C) Contents of Annual Statements. Annual statements shall disclose any reportable investments, interests in real property, income and business positions held or received during the

previous calendar year provided, however, that the period covered by an employee's first annual statement shall begin on the effective date of the code or the date of assuming office whichever is later, or for a board or commission member subject to Section 87302.6, the day after the closing date of the most recent statement filed by the member pursuant to Regulation 18754.

(D) Contents of Leaving Office Statements.

Leaving office statements shall disclose reportable investments, interests in real property, income and business positions held or received during the period between the closing date of the last statement filed and the date of leaving office.

(7) Section 7. Manner of Reporting.

Statements of economic interests shall be made on forms prescribed by the Fair Political Practices Commission and supplied by the agency, and shall contain the following information:

(A) Investment and Real Property Disclosure.

When an investment or an interest in real property<sup>3</sup> is required to be reported,<sup>4</sup> the statement shall contain the following:

1. A statement of the nature of the investment or interest;
2. The name of the business entity in which each investment is held, and a general description of the business activity in which the business entity is engaged;
3. The address or other precise location of the real property;
4. A statement whether the fair market value of the investment or interest in real property equals or exceeds \$2,000, exceeds \$10,000, exceeds \$100,000, or exceeds \$1,000,000.

(B) Personal Income Disclosure. When personal income is required to be reported,<sup>5</sup> the statement shall contain:

1. The name and address of each source of income aggregating \$500 or more in value, or \$50 or more in value if the income was a gift, and a general description of the business activity, if any, of each source;

2. A statement whether the aggregate value of income from each source, or in the case of a loan, the highest amount owed to each source, was \$1,000 or less, greater than \$1,000, greater than \$10,000, or greater than \$100,000;

3. A description of the consideration, if any, for which the income was received;

4. In the case of a gift, the name, address and business activity of the donor and any intermediary through which the gift was made; a description of the gift; the amount or value of the gift; and the date on which the gift was received;

5. In the case of a loan, the annual interest rate and the security, if any, given for the loan and the term of the loan.

(C) Business Entity Income Disclosure. When income of a business entity, including income of a sole proprietorship, is required to be reported,<sup>6</sup> the statement shall contain:

1. The name, address, and a general description of the business activity of the business entity;

2. The name of every person from whom the business entity received payments if the filer's pro rata share of gross receipts from such person was equal to or greater than \$10,000.

(D) Business Position Disclosure. When business positions are required to be reported, a designated employee shall list the name and address of each business entity in which he or she is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or in which he or she holds any position of management, a description of the business activity in which the business entity is engaged, and the designated employee's position with the business entity.

(E) Acquisition or Disposal During Reporting Period. In the case of an annual or leaving office statement, if an investment or an interest in real property was partially or wholly acquired or disposed of during the period covered by the statement, the statement shall contain the date of acquisition or disposal.

(8) Section 8. Prohibition on Receipt of Honoraria.

(A) No member of a state board or commission, and no designated employee of a state or local government agency, shall accept any honorarium from any source, if the member or employee would be required to report the receipt of income or gifts from that source on his or her statement of economic interests. This section shall not apply to any part-time member of the governing board of any public institution of higher education, unless the member is also an elected official.

Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of Section 89501 shall apply to the prohibitions in this section.

This section shall not limit or prohibit payments, advances, or reimbursements for travel and related lodging and subsistence authorized by Section 89506.

(8.1) Section 8.1. Prohibition on Receipt of Gifts in Excess of \$420.

(A) No member of a state board or commission, and no designated employee of a state or local government agency, shall accept gifts with a total value of more than \$420 in a calendar year from any single source, if the member or employee would be required to report the receipt of income or gifts from that source on his or her statement of economic interests. This section shall not apply to any part-time member of the governing board of any public institution of higher education, unless the member is also an elected official.

Subdivisions (e), (f), and (g) of Section 89503 shall apply to the prohibitions in this section.

(8.2) Section 8.2. Loans to Public Officials.

(A) No elected officer of a state or local government agency shall, from the date of his or her election to office through the date that he or she vacates office, receive a personal loan from any officer, employee, member, or consultant of the state or local government agency in which the elected officer holds office or over which the elected officer's agency has direction and control.

(B) No public official who is exempt from the state civil service system pursuant to subdivisions (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of Section 4 of Article VII of the Constitution shall, while he or she holds office, receive a personal loan from any officer, employee, member, or consultant of the state or local government agency in which the public official holds office or over which the public official's agency has direction and control. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made to a public official whose duties are solely secretarial, clerical, or manual.

(C) No elected officer of a state or local government agency shall, from the date of his or her election to office through the date that he or she vacates office, receive a personal loan from any person who has a contract with the state or local government agency to which that elected officer has been elected or over which that elected officer's agency has direction and control. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made by banks or other financial institutions or to any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, if the loan is made or the indebtedness created in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to the elected officer's official status.

(D) No public official who is exempt from the state civil service system pursuant to subdivisions (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of Section 4 of Article VII of the Constitution shall, while he or she holds office, receive a personal loan from any person who has a contract with the state or local government agency to which that elected officer has been elected or over which that elected officer's agency has direction and control. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made by banks or other financial institutions or to any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, if the loan is made or the indebtedness created in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to the elected officer's official status. This subdivision shall not apply to loans made to a public official whose duties are solely secretarial, clerical, or manual.

(E) This section shall not apply to the following:

1. Loans made to the campaign committee of an elected officer or candidate for elective office.

2. Loans made by a public official's spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin, or the spouse of any such persons, provided that the person making the loan is not acting as an agent or intermediary for any person not otherwise exempted under this section.

3. Loans from a person which, in the aggregate, do not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) at any given time.

4. Loans made, or offered in writing, before January 1, 1998.

(8.3) Section 8.3. Loan Terms.

(A) Except as set forth in subdivision (B), no elected officer of a state or local government agency shall, from the date of his or her election to office through the date he or she

vacates office, receive a personal loan of \$500 or more, except when the loan is in writing and clearly states the terms of the loan, including the parties to the loan agreement, date of the loan, amount of the loan, term of the loan, date or dates when payments shall be due on the loan and the amount of the payments, and the rate of interest paid on the loan.

(B) This section shall not apply to the following types of loans:

1. Loans made to the campaign committee of the elected officer.
2. Loans made to the elected officer by his or her spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle, or first cousin, or the spouse of any such person, provided that the person making the loan is not acting as an agent or intermediary for any person not otherwise exempted under this section.

3. Loans made, or offered in writing, before January 1, 1998.

(C) Nothing in this section shall exempt any person from any other provision of Title 9 of the Government Code.

(8.4) Section 8.4. Personal Loans.

(A) Except as set forth in subdivision (B), a personal loan received by any designated employee shall become a gift to the designated employee for the purposes of this section in the following circumstances:

1. If the loan has a defined date or dates for repayment, when the statute of limitations for filing an action for default has expired.

2. If the loan has no defined date or dates for repayment, when one year has elapsed from the later of the following:

- a. The date the loan was made.

b. The date the last payment of \$100 or more was made on the loan.

c. The date upon which the debtor has made payments on the loan aggregating to less than \$250 during the previous 12 months.

(B) This section shall not apply to the following types of loans:

1. A loan made to the campaign committee of an elected officer or a candidate for elective office.

2. A loan that would otherwise not be a gift as defined in this title.

3. A loan that would otherwise be a gift as set forth under subdivision (A), but on which the creditor has taken reasonable action to collect the balance due.

4. A loan that would otherwise be a gift as set forth under subdivision (A), but on which the creditor, based on reasonable business considerations, has not undertaken collection action. Except in a criminal action, a creditor who claims that a loan is not a gift on the basis of this paragraph has the burden of proving that the decision for not taking collection action was based on reasonable business considerations.

5. A loan made to a debtor who has filed for bankruptcy and the loan is ultimately discharged in bankruptcy.

(C) Nothing in this section shall exempt any person from any other provisions of Title 9 of the Government Code.

(9) Section 9. Disqualification.

No designated employee shall make, participate in making, or in any way attempt to use his or her official position to influence the making of any governmental decision which he or she knows or has reason to know will have a reasonably foreseeable material financial effect,

distinguishable from its effect on the public generally, on the official or a member of his or her immediate family or on:

(A) Any business entity in which the designated employee has a direct or indirect investment worth \$2,000 or more;

(B) Any real property in which the designated employee has a direct or indirect interest worth \$2,000 or more;

(C) Any source of income, other than gifts and other than loans by a commercial lending institution in the regular course of business on terms available to the public without regard to official status, aggregating \$500 or more in value provided to, received by or promised to the designated employee within 12 months prior to the time when the decision is made;

(D) Any business entity in which the designated employee is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or holds any position of management; or

(E) Any donor of, or any intermediary or agent for a donor of, a gift or gifts aggregating \$420 or more provided to, received by, or promised to the designated employee within 12 months prior to the time when the decision is made.

#### (9.3) Section 9.3. Legally Required Participation.

No designated employee shall be prevented from making or participating in the making of any decision to the extent his or her participation is legally required for the decision to be made. The fact that the vote of a designated employee who is on a voting body is needed to break a tie does not make his or her participation legally required for purposes of this section.

#### (9.5) Section 9.5. Disqualification of State Officers and Employees.

In addition to the general disqualification provisions of section 9, no state administrative official shall make, participate in making, or use his or her official position to influence any

governmental decision directly relating to any contract where the state administrative official knows or has reason to know that any party to the contract is a person with whom the state administrative official, or any member of his or her immediate family has, within 12 months prior to the time when the official action is to be taken:

(A) Engaged in a business transaction or transactions on terms not available to members of the public, regarding any investment or interest in real property; or

(B) Engaged in a business transaction or transactions on terms not available to members of the public regarding the rendering of goods or services totaling in value \$1,000 or more.

(10) Section 10. Disclosure of Disqualifying Interest.

When a designated employee determines that he or she should not make a governmental decision because he or she has a disqualifying interest in it, the determination not to act may be accompanied by disclosure of the disqualifying interest.

(11) Section 11. Assistance of the Commission and Counsel.

Any designated employee who is unsure of his or her duties under this code may request assistance from the Fair Political Practices Commission pursuant to Section 83114 and Regulations 18329 and 18329.5 or from the attorney for his or her agency, provided that nothing in this section requires the attorney for the agency to issue any formal or informal opinion.

(12) Section 12. Violations.

This code has the force and effect of law. Designated employees violating any provision of this code are subject to the administrative, criminal and civil sanctions provided in the Political Reform Act, Sections 81000-91014. In addition, a decision in relation to which a violation of the disqualification provisions of this code or of Section 87100 or 87450 has occurred may be set aside as void pursuant to Section 91003.

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<sup>1</sup>Designated employees who are required to file statements of economic interests under any other agency's conflict-of-interest code, or under article 2 for a different jurisdiction, may expand their statement of economic interests to cover reportable interests in both jurisdictions, and file copies of this expanded statement with both entities in lieu of filing separate and distinct statements, provided that each copy of such expanded statement filed in place of an original is signed and verified by the designated employee as if it were an original. See Section 81004.

<sup>2</sup>See Section 81010 and Regulation 18115 for the duties of filing officers and persons in agencies who make and retain copies of statements and forward the originals to the filing officer.

<sup>3</sup>For the purpose of disclosure only (not disqualification), an interest in real property does not include the principal residence of the filer.

<sup>4</sup>Investments and interests in real property which have a fair market value of less than \$2,000 are not investments and interests in real property within the meaning of the Political Reform Act. However, investments or interests in real property of an individual include those held by the individual's spouse and dependent children as well as a pro rata share of any investment or interest in real property of any business entity or trust in which the individual, spouse and dependent children own, in the aggregate, a direct, indirect or beneficial interest of 10 percent or greater.

<sup>5</sup>A designated employee's income includes his or her community property interest in the income of his or her spouse but does not include salary or reimbursement for expenses received from a state, local or federal government agency.

<sup>6</sup>Income of a business entity is reportable if the direct, indirect or beneficial interest of the filer and the filer's spouse in the business entity aggregates a 10 percent or greater interest. In

addition, the disclosure of persons who are clients or customers of a business entity is required only if the clients or customers are within one of the disclosure categories of the filer.

Note: Authority cited: Section 83112, Government Code. Reference: Sections 87103(e), 87300-87302, 89501, 89502 and 89503, Government Code.

### HISTORY

1. New section filed 4-2-80 as an emergency; effective upon filing (Register 80, No. 14).  
Certificate of Compliance included.
2. Editorial correction (Register 80, No. 29).
3. Amendment of subsection (b) filed 1-9-81; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 81, No. 2).
4. Amendment of subsection (b)(7)(B)1. filed 1-26-83; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 83, No. 5).
5. Amendment of subsection (b)(7)(A) filed 11-10-83; effective thirtieth day thereafter (Register 83, No. 46).
6. Amendment filed 4-13-87; operative 5-13-87 (Register 87, No. 16).
7. Amendment of subsection (b) filed 10-21-88; operative 11-20-88 (Register 88, No. 46).
8. Amendment of subsections (b)(8)(A) and (b)(8)(B) and numerous editorial changes filed 8-28-90; operative 9-27-90 (Reg. 90, No. 42).
9. Amendment of subsections (b)(3), (b)(8) and renumbering of following subsections and amendment of Note filed 8-7-92; operative 9-7-92 (Register 92, No. 32).
10. Amendment of subsection (b)(5.5) and new subsections (b)(5.5)(A)-(A)(2) filed 2-4-93; operative 2-4-93 (Register 93, No. 6).

11. Change without regulatory effect adopting Conflict of Interest Code for California Mental Health Planning Council filed 11-22-93 pursuant to title 1, section 100, California Code of Regulations (Register 93, No. 48). Approved by Fair Political Practices Commission 9-21-93.
12. Change without regulatory effect redesignating Conflict of Interest Code for California Mental Health Planning Council as chapter 62, section 55100 filed 1-4-94 pursuant to title 1, section 100, California Code of Regulations (Register 94, No. 1).
13. Editorial correction adding History 11 and 12 and deleting duplicate section number (Register 94, No. 17).
14. Amendment of subsection (b)(8), designation of subsection (b)(8)(A), new subsection (b)(8)(B), and amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(B), (b)(9)(E) and Note filed 3-14-95; operative 3-14-95 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 95, No. 11).
15. Editorial correction inserting inadvertently omitted language in footnote 4 (Register 96, No. 13).
16. Amendment of subsections (b)(8)(A)-(B) and (b)(8.1)(A), repealer of subsection (b)(8.1)(B), and amendment of subsection (b)(12) filed 10-23-96; operative 10-23-96 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 96, No. 43).
17. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1) and (9)(E) filed 4-9-97; operative 4-9-97 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 97, No. 15).
18. Amendment of subsections (b)(7)(B)5., new subsections (b)(8.2)-(b)(8.4)(C) and amendment of Note filed 8-24-98; operative 8-24-98 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 98, No. 35).
19. Editorial correction of subsection (a) (Register 98, No. 47).
20. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1), (b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) filed 5-11-99; operative

5-11-99 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d) (Register 99, No. 20).

21. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) filed 12-6-2000; operative 1-1-2001 pursuant to the 1974 version of Government Code section 11380.2 and Title 2, California Code of Regulations, section 18312(d) and (e) (Register 2000, No. 49).

22. Amendment of subsections (b)(3) and (b)(10) filed 1-10-2001; operative 2-1-2001.

Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2001, No. 2).

23. Amendment of subsections (b)(7)(A)4., (b)(7)(B)1.-2., (b)(8.2)(E)3., (b)(9)(A)-(C) and footnote 4. filed 2-13-2001. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2001, No. 7).

24. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A) filed 1-16-2003; operative 1-1-2003.

Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2003, No. 3).

25. Editorial correction of History 24 (Register 2003, No. 12).

26. Editorial correction removing extraneous phrase in subsection (b)(9.5)(B) (Register 2004, No. 33).

27. Amendment of subsections (b)(2)-(3), (b)(3)(C), (b)(6)(C), (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A), (b)(9)(E) and (b)(11)-(12) filed 1-4-2005; operative 1-1-2005 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4 (Register 2005, No. 1).

28. Amendment of subsection (b)(7)(A)4. filed 10-11-2005; operative 11-10-2005 (Register 2005, No. 41).

29. Amendment of subsections (a), (b)(1), (b)(3), (b)(8.1), (b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) filed 12-18-2006; operative 1-1-2007. Submitted to OAL pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements) (Register 2006, No. 51).

30. Amendment of subsections (b)(8.1)-(b)(8.1)(A) and (b)(9)(E) filed 10-31-2008; operative 11-30-2008. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2008, No. 44).

31. Amendment of section heading and section filed 11-15-2010; operative 12-15-2010. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2010, No. 47).

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(Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission, Title 2, Division 6, California Code of Regulations)

**§ 18730.1. Conflict of Interest Code: Reporting of Gifts.**

Nothing contained in an agency's conflict of interest code shall be interpreted to require the reporting of gifts from outside the agency's jurisdiction if the purpose of disclosure of the source of the gift does not have some connection with or bearing upon the functions or duties of the position for which the reporting is required. Nothing in this language is intended to create an inference that all gifts within the jurisdiction are reportable.

Note: Authority cited: Section 83112, Government Code. Reference: Sections 82028, 87100, 87103, 87207, 87300, 87302, 87309 and 89503, Government Code.

**HISTORY**

1. New section filed 10-3-2012; operative 11-2-2012. Submitted to OAL for filing pursuant to *Fair Political Practices Commission v. Office of Administrative Law*, 3 Civil C010924, California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, nonpublished decision, April 27, 1992 (FPPC regulations only subject to 1974 Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking requirements and not subject to procedural or substantive review by OAL) (Register 2012, No. 40).