

City of San José Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices

Chair – Louis Silver Vice Chair – Tom Pavel Member – Baltazar Lopez Member – Gregory Ebert Member – Vasundhara Tadimeti Matthew Tolnay, Deputy City Attorney—Staff
Toni Taber, City Clerk—Staff
Joy Rodriguez, Assistant City Clerk—Staff
Megan Roche, Deputy City Clerk—Staff

DRAFT MEETING Minutes March 14, 2024 5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Louis Silver, Vice Chair Tom Pavel, Board Members Gregory Ebert and Vasundhara Tadimeti

ABSENT: Board Member Baltazar Lopez

STAFF: Deputy City Attorney Matthew Tolnay, City Clerk Toni Taber, Assistant City Clerk Joy Rodriguez, Deputy City Clerk Megan Roche

The members of the San José Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices convened in person and virtually via remote teleconferencing at 5:36 p.m.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Chair Tom Pavel, seconded by Board Member Gregory Ebert, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Orders of the Day. (4-0-1; Absent: Lopez)

- II. Closed Session None
- III. Hearings None
- IV. Public Record None
- V. Consent Calendar

Action: Upon motion by Board Member Gregory Ebert, seconded by Vice Chair Tom Pavel, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Minutes of the February 8, 2024 Regular Meeting. (4-0-1; Absent: Lopez)

VI. Reports

A. Chair – No report.

- B. City Attorney Deputy City Attorney Matthew Tolnay noted that he responded to a number of questions that were asked before the election and that the transfer of funds was a topic on which multiple inquiries were based.
- C. City Clerk City Clerk Toni Taber announced that Form 700 filing notice reminders are being sent twice weekly and that reminders have been proven to result in increased filing compliance. The next campaign statement filing deadline is in July 2024. The Mayoral position and District 4 Councilmember positions were unofficially decided during the March 4, 2024 election; results we be made official on April 4, 2024. Unofficially, Matt Mahan won the Mayoral seat and David Cohen won the District 4 Councilmember position. The top two recipients of votes for the District 2 Councilmember position are Joe Lopez and Pamela Campos. The top two recipients of votes for the District 6 Councilmember position are Michael Mulcahey and Olivia Navarro. The top two recipients of votes for the District 8 Councilmember position are Domingo Candelas and Tam Truong. The top two recipients of votes for the District 10 Councilmember position are George Casey and Arjun Batra. The District 2, 6, 8, and 10 Councilmember positions will be voted upon during a runoff election in November 2024. Additionally, the revisions to the Title 12 Gift Ordinance to match State requirements failed; the City will continue to enforce stricter parameters on gifts than what the state requires. Vice Chair Pavel inquired about display options for campaign filings data; City Clerk Toni Taber responded to detail current staff capacity and future options.
- D. Investigator/Evaluator No report.

VII. Old Business

A. Scheduling of Special Board meeting if needed. (City Clerk)

<u>Discussion</u>: It was confirmed that no scheduling of a special meeting is necessary. Chair Louis Silver requested that the Board's regular meeting schedule be agendized for discussion during the next meeting.

VIII. New Business

- A. Discussion and Possible Action on Open Issues Regarding San Jose Municipal Code Title 12, City Council Resolution 79187 and Other Administrative Policies, Including the Complaint Intake Process. (Board)
 - (1) Additional Disclosure for Independent Committees
 - (2) Concerns about Candidate-Controlled Ballot Measure Committees
 - (3) Disclosure Requirements for Op-Eds dropped
 - (4) Disclosures for Telephone Solicitations dropped
 - (5) Ways to Publicize Existing Rules

<u>Discussion</u>: Chair Louis Silver directed the Clerk's office to list "dropped" after items VIII.A.3 and VIII.A.4 on future agendas. The Board discussed topics listed on Vice Chair Pavel's memorandum, dated March 14, 2024, with Deputy City Attorney Matthew Tolnay. Item (1): the Board directed the City Attorney's office to conduct further research on this topic. Item (2): this item was tabled but will be retained on

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future memos for discussion purposes. Item (3): the Board took no action on this item. Item (4): the Board took no action on this item. Item (5): The Board discussed this topic with City Clerk Toni Taber.

IX. Public Comment

Public Comment: None

X. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., to be held in City Hall 14th floor conference room T-1446.

XI. Adjournment

Chair Louis Silver adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared, and Respectfully Submitted by,

Megan Roche Deputy City Clerk, City of San José

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