



City of San José Board of Fair Campaign and Political Practices

Chair – Louis Silver
Vice Chair – Tom Pavel
Member – Baltazar Lopez
Member – Vasundhara Tadimeti
Member – Vacant

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
August 8, 2024
5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Louis Silver, Vice Chair Tom Pavel, Board Member 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 5:35 p.m.

Action: Upon motion by Vice Chair Tom Pavel and seconded by Board Member Vasundhara Tadimeti, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Orders of the Day. (3-0-1; Absent: Lopez)

II. Closed Session – None

III. Hearings – None

IV. Public Record – None

V. Consent Calendar

Action: Upon motion by Vice Chair Tom Pavel and seconded by Board Member Vasundhara Tadimeti, the Board approved the Minutes of the June 13, 2024 Regular Meeting. (3-0-1; Absent: Lopez)

VI. Reports

A. Chair – No report.

- B. City Attorney – Deputy City Attorney Matthew Tolnay noted that a special meeting was called by the City Council on August 6, 2024; the meeting was held to consider placing a proposed ballot measure on the November ballot regarding a parcel tax. The City Council voted to not place the measure on the ballot. There were no election or campaign guidance updates.

- C. City Clerk – City Clerk Toni Taber noted that the filing deadline for runoff candidates' campaign statements is 12:00 p.m. on August 9, 2024. Ballot designation changes were due in July. The City Clerk election webpage has been reorganized and is up-to-date. The deadline for all election material submissions to the Registrar of Voters is 5:00 p.m. on August 9, 2024 for the November election. There have been no Hanson Bridgett expenditures.

Chair Silver asked how many ballot submissions are expected to be submitted; City Clerk Taber responded that submissions are anticipated from all runoff candidates, from Districts 2, 6, 8, and 10. Board Member Tadimeti asked about size limits on campaign signs; Deputy City Attorney Tolnay described campaign guidance responses that were provided on the topic.

- D. Investigator/Evaluator – No report.

VII. Old Business

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

Discussion: It was confirmed that no scheduling of a special meeting is necessary.

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 - dropped

Discussion: The Board discussed topics listed on Vice Chair Pavel's memorandum, dated August 8, 2024, with Deputy City Matthew Tolnay and City Clerk Toni Taber. Item (1): Deputy City Attorney Tolnay provided analysis on this topic and the City Clerk described the process for how the Board's recommendations can be provided to the City Council. The Board discussed this topic with the City Clerk and Deputy City Attorney. Chair Silver directed that the item be added to the Biennial Review Matrix, for the Matrix to be circulated and added as a new agenda item on the next BFCPP agenda. Item (2): Deputy City Attorney Tolnay provided analysis on this topic; the topic is to be added to the Biennial Review Matrix as well. Item (3): the Board took no action on this item. Item (4): the Board took no action on this item. Item (5): the Board took no action on this item.

B. Discussion and Possible Action on Modification to the Regular Meeting Schedule.
(Board)

Discussion: Deputy City Attorney Matthew Tolnay described the meeting frequency requirements for the Board. The Board will meet next month on September 12, 2024 and directed that this item appear on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

IX. Public Comment

Public Comment: None

X. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 12, 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 6:21 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared, and Respectfully Submitted by,

Megan Roche

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Deputy City Clerk, City of San José