

# City of San José Ethics Commission

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#### **AGENDA**

5:30 p.m. September 10, 2014

San José City Hall Wing – Room 262

# I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

#### II. Closed Session - None

#### III. Hearings

A. Hearing on Complaint filed by Ragan Henninger on August 11, 2014 alleging violations of San Jose Municipal Code by Dave Cortese for Mayor 2014 (Independent Investigator/Evaluator)

Supplemental Report

#### IV. Consent Calendar

- A. Approve the Mintues of May 14, 2014 Regular Meeting
- B. Approve the Minutes of July 23, 2014 Special Meeting

## V. Reports

- A. Chair
- B. City Attorney
  - 1. Legislative update
- C. City Clerk
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  - 2. Status of compliance with Commission resolutions
  - 3. Status report on filings (Form 700, Campaign Statements, Lobbyists)
  - 4. Elections update
- D. Investigator/Evaluator

#### VI. Old Business

- A. Status, review and possible action on Gift Ordinance and Frequently Asked Questions Sheet (City Attorney)
- B. Discussion and possible action on reporting requirements from staff to Commission regarding filings (City Clerk)
- C. Discussion and possible action on FY 2013-14 <u>Annual Report</u> and FY 2014-15 Workplan (Chair)
- D. Discussion and possible action on "dark money" issue, regulations and policies. (City Clerk)

## VII. New Business

- A. <u>Discussion and possible action on Open Government Legislation and the effects it</u> will have on the Ethics Commission. (City Attorney)
  - 1. Open Government (Item 3.3 on the 8/26/14 Council Agenda)
  - 2. Abstention/Appearance of Bias (Item 3.4 on the 8/26/14 Council Agenda)
- **VIII. Public Comment** (Members of the Public are invited to speak on any item that does not appear on today's Agenda and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission).

# IX. Future Agenda Items and Adjournment

The next regular meeting is October 8, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, Wing Room 262.

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On occasion the Commission may consider agenda items out of order.

The Ethics Commission meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. If you have any questions, please direct them to the Commission staff. Thank you for taking the time to attend today's meeting. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

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