

ELECTIONS COMMISSION
Special Meeting Minutes – Stakeholder Outreach
March 28, 2013

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Michael Smith, Vice-Chair Rolanda Pierre-Dixon, Commission Members Linda Edgeworth, Leon Louie and Chris Peacock

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Acting City Clerk Toni Taber and Deputy City Clerk Cecilia McDaniel

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The members of the San José Elections Commission convened at 5:49 p.m. in Committee Rooms W118-120 of City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, CA 95113.

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Action: Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Rolanda Pierre-Dixon, and seconded by Commissioner Leon Louie, the Commission approved the adoption of the March 28, 2013 agenda. Vote (5-0).

III. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

- A. Discussion and action regarding suggested San Jose Municipal Code Title 12 amendments.

Document Filed: 1) Suggested Title 12 Amendment Chart; 2) Title 12 Amendment PowerPoint presentation slides; 3) Referral by Mayor Chuck Reed; 4) Referral by Councilmember Kansen Chu; 5) Referral by Councilmember Donald Rocha; 6) Results of Elections Commission Outreach 2013 SurveyMonkey results; 7) Stakeholder letter entitled “San Jose Elections: Why Lifting Contribution Limits Would be a Bad Idea... And Some Alternatives”; 8) Stakeholder letter dated March 25, 2013 regarding Election Commission suggested amendments; and 9) Stakeholder e-mail dated March 26, 2013 regarding changes to SJMC Title 12.

Discussion: Chair Michael Smith introduced the Commission and background on the suggested amendments to Title 12 the San Jose Municipal Code. Chair Smith instructed the members of the public to fill out a speaker card and indicate which amendment number(s) as listed on the chart they would like to address. The following members of the public spoke on the following items:

Craig Dunkerley commented on item no. 10.
Brian Carr commented on item no. 10.
Tim Shaw commented on item no. 10.
Fred Rehauusser commented on item no. 10.
Steve Kline commented on item no. 10.
Lee Price commented on item nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 19.
Norman Kline commented on item no. 10.
Roma Dawson commented on item nos. 3, 10, 13, 15, 17 and 20.
Gloria Chun Hoo commented on item nos. 10, 13, 15 and 20.
Terry Reilly commented on item nos. 10 and 17.

The items were considered one-at-a-time, with speakers offering their comments and the Commissioners following up by asking clarifying questions and then discussing each proposed change.

Action: No action taken. The Commission requested that columns be added to the Suggested Title 12 Amendment Chart to include workload, priority and type of change (i.e., resolution, ordinance or administrative).

- B. Discussion and action on overall plan and schedule for taking suggested amendment to Council.

Document Filed: Draft Schedule for Identifying and Addressing Areas of Concern authored by Chair Michael Smith.

Discussion: The Commissioners reviewed and discussed the schedule.

Action: No action taken.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX. MEETING SCHEDULE AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next Regular Meeting is Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, Wing Room 262.

- Discussion and action on suggested Title 12 amendments
- Status of Commission resolutions
- Status of proposed changes to the Gift Ordinance

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:08 p.m.



MICHAEL SMITH, CHAIR

ATTEST:
ELECTIONS COMMISSION SECRETARY



TONI J. TABER, CMC
ACTING CITY CLERK