

MEMORANDUM

August 3, 2001

TO: Members of the City Ethics Commission

FROM: Mark L. Low, Policy Analyst

RE: **Staff Review of Appointed City Officials' Statements of Economic Interests**

At the August 8th Commission meeting, we recommend the approval of staff letters for the nominees listed below. Copies of Statements of Economic Interests for the nominees whose staff reviews have been completed are attached.

Commissioners and/or officials listed below have reported economic interests that fall under the disclosure category for their position. All commissioners and officials should seek the advice of the City Attorney before acting on matters that might affect their financial interests. The City Attorney will assist in determining whether participation in such a matter would be a conflict of interest or otherwise not in the public interest, and whether recusal is warranted.

Board of Airport Commissioners—manages and controls all airports, airport sites and all equipment and facilities for air commerce and navigation belonging to the City of Los Angeles. The Board regulates and controls all concessions, public service and public utilities operated upon or in any airport under its control.

NOMINEES RECEIVING STANDARD LETTERS - noting no potential conflicts

Armando Vergara
Leland Wong

NOMINEES RECEIVING CAUTIONARY LETTERS – noting potential conflicts

Eileen N. Levine--Ms. Levine reports an interest in the law firm of Greenberg, Glusker, Fields, Clemons & Machtinger, as well as investments in several companies that conduct business within the City.

Theodore O. Stein, Jr.—Mr. Stein reports investments in several companies that conduct business within the City.

Ruth Mahala Walter —Ms. Walter reports real property located approximately two miles from the Los Angeles International Airport.

Fire Commission— acts as oversight authority on Department activities. The Board sets policy, conducts public hearings regarding Fire Code changes, presides over brush clearance order appeals, sets fees for inspections, approves contracts and issues fire lane passes.

NOMINEES RECEIVING CAUTIONARY LETTERS – noting potential conflicts

Thomas J. Curry—Mr. Curry reports investments in several electronic and communications businesses that conduct business within the City.

Louise L. Frankel—Ms. Frankel reports investments in several electronic and communications businesses that conduct business within the City.

Jay H. Grodin—Mr. Grodin reports an investment in L.A. Mart, LLC/L.A. Mart Owners, LLC and an interest in and income from his position as President at Sun Leather Products.

NOMINEES WITH REVIEWS AWAITING REQUIRED INFORMATION

Corina R. Alarcon
Roland Coleman

Board of Harbor Commissioners— regulates and manages the Harbor Department. The Board manages, supervises and controls all navigable waters, tideland and submerged lands within the City limits. The Board makes and enforces all necessary rules and regulations governing the use and control of lands and waters in the Harbor District.

NOMINEES RECEIVING STANDARD LETTERS - noting no potential conflicts

Camilla T. Kocol

NOMINEES RECEIVING CAUTIONARY LETTERS – noting potential conflicts

James E. Acevedo—Mr. Acevedo reports interest in DCP, Inc., a business that performs campaign consulting and lobbying services within the City.

Elwood G. H. Lui—Mr. Lui reports an interest in the law firm of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue and investments in several companies that conduct business in the City.

Nicholas G. Tonsich—Mr. Tonsich reports an interest in the law firm of Glaser, Tonsich & Brajevich, LLP.

NOMINEES WITH REVIEWS AWAITING REQUIRED INFORMATION

Thomas H. Warren

Board of Police Commissioners—has the power to supervise, control, regulate and manage the Police Department. The Board sets the overall policy for the Department. The Board implements recommended reforms and initiates, implements and supports community policing programs.

NOMINEES RECEIVING STANDARD LETTERS - noting no potential conflicts

Rose Matsui Ochi

NOMINEES RECEIVING CAUTIONARY LETTERS – noting potential conflicts

Herbert F. Boeckmann, II—Mr. Boeckmann reports interests in several automobile dealerships, a security company, a computer translation business and other companies that conduct business within the City.

Rick J. Caruso—Mr. Caruso reports numerous investments in real property and in business entities that invest in, develop and manage real property within the City.

David S. Cunningham, III—Mr. Cunningham reports receipt of income as an Attorney-of-Counsel with the law firm of Jackson & Associates.

Silvia Saucedo—Ms. Saucedo reports receipt of income as an Associate with the law firm of Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliot, LLP.

Board of Water and Power Commissioners—controls, regulates and manages the Department of Water and Power. The Board controls all monies from the Water and Power Revenue Funds. The Board engages in the interchange and/or sale of surplus electric energy, or standby or emergency service, from sources of electric power, enters into contracts with any public agency for the exchange of water and generation of electric energy, fixes rates relative to reclaimed water, and regulates water and electric energy owned or controlled by the City.

NOMINEES RECEIVING CAUTIONARY LETTERS – noting potential conflicts

Annie Cho—Ms. Cho reports an interest in Jin Woo Communications Group, a public relations agency with numerous clients that conduct business within the City. Ms. Cho also reports an interest in John Yang and Associates, an asset based audit practice located within the City.

Sid C. Stolper—Mr. Stolper reports receipt of income from his position with the Southern California Pipes Trades union and from several technology and telecommunications firms that conduct business within the City.

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Mary E. Leslie