

# City of Sunnyvale

# Agenda Item-No Attachments (PDF)

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## REPORT TO COUNCIL

#### **SUBJECT**

Adopt a Resolution Amending the City of Sunnyvale Local Conflict of Interest Code

#### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The Political Reform Act requires that every state and local agency adopt a local conflict of interest code that identifies all officials and employees within the agency who make governmental decisions based on the positions they hold. Those individuals in the designated positions must then disclose their financial interests as specified in the agency's conflict of interest code.

Every local government agency is required to review its Conflict of Interest Code biennially to determine if the Code is accurate, or alternatively, that the Code must be amended. Amendments are necessary to include new qualifying positions which have been added to or delete obsolete positions from the City's classification plan and salary resolution, to revise titles of existing positions, or to revise disclosure categories.

The City's Conflict of Interest Code applies to the City, as well as designated "City agencies" (i.e., the Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Sunnyvale and the Sunnyvale Financing Authority) and their officers and employees.

The City's Conflict of Interest Code was last amended on November 15, 2016. Consistent with requirements of the Political Reform Act, the City conducted a biennial review of its Conflict of Interest Code and determined that an amendment is necessary to reflect various changes to classifications that have occurred in the last two years.

Staff recommends Council adopt the proposed resolution (Attachment 1) amending the Conflict of Interest Code.

#### **EXISTING POLICY**

Council Policy 7.3.7 *Standard Conflict of Interest Code* addresses procedures developed in compliance with the Political Reform Act.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The action being considered does not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) in that it is a governmental, organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

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#### **PUBLIC CONTACT**

Public contact was made by posting the Council agenda on the City's official-notice bulletin board outside City Hall, at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, Community Center and Department of Public Safety; and by making the agenda and report available at the Sunnyvale Public Library, the Office of the City Clerk and on the City's website.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution amending the City of Sunnyvale Local Conflict of Interest Code.

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### **ATTACHMENT**

1. Proposed Resolution and Exhibit "A"