Atascadero City Council
Staff Report - City Clerk

Conflict of Interest Code - Biennial Review

RECOMMENDATION:

Council adopt the Draft Resolution, updating and amending the Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Atascadero.

DISCUSSION:

The Political Reform Act requires every local government agency to review its Conflict of Interest Code biennially (on the even years) to determine if it is accurate and, if needed, to make any necessary amendments. The Conflict of Interest Code is a document that designates the positions within an agency that make, or participate in making, governmental decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest. The Code further sets out, in paragraphs called disclosure categories, the specific types of investments, business positions, interest in real property and sources of income that must be reported by the designated positions. The City Council is the Code-reviewing body for the City of Atascadero. The Political Reform Act requires that this Council adopt any amendments no later than December 30, 2010.

This Conflict of Interest Code pertains only to the designated positions listed in Exhibit A. The following officials are exempt from this Code as they are otherwise required to file disclosure statements pursuant to State Law under Govt. Code 87200: Council Members, City Treasurer, Planning Commissioners, City Manager and City Attorney.

The City Clerk and the City Attorney have reviewed the current Code. The proposed amendments to the Conflict of Interest Code incorporate the basic provisions required by Government Code Section 87302 and comply with FPPC regulations. The revised list contains a list of designated positions that make, or participate in making, governmental decisions. The recommended changes reflect the current staffing of the City of Atascadero. The recommended new language is indicated by underlining and the recommended deleted language is indicated by strikeout. No substantive changes have been suggested.
FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Code must be updated. The Council is free to add positions to the Code or to suggest any other changes, so long as the changes comply with the Political Reform Act. Changing the disclosure requirements is not recommended. It is important that the current positions are accurately described.

ATTACHMENT:

Draft Resolution
DRAFT RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATASCADERO, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN AMENDED CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

WHEREAS, the Political Reform Act requires every local government agency to review its Conflict of Interest Code biennially (in even-numbered years) to determine if it is accurate and up-to-date, or, alternatively, that the Code must be amended; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Atascadero as follows:

SECTION 1. Resolution No. 2006-092, adopted on October 10, 2006, is hereby rescinded.

SECTION 2. That the Conflict of Interest Code attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A be, and hereby is, adopted as the Conflict of Interest Code for the City of Atascadero.

On motion by Council Member _____________ and seconded by Council Member _____________, the foregoing Resolution is hereby adopted in its entirety on the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED:

CITY OF ATASCADERO

By: __________________________
    Roberta Fonzi, Mayor

ATTEST:

_________________________
Marcia McClure Torgerson, C.M.C., City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_________________________
Brian A. Pierik, City Attorney
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE

OF THE

CITY OF ATASCADERO

The Political Reform Act, Government Code Section 81000, et. seg., requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation, 2 Cal. Code of Regs. Section 18730, which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code. It can be incorporated by reference and may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission after public notice and hearings to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 Cal. Code of Regs. Section 18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference and, along with the attached Appendix in which members and employees are designated and disclosure categories are set forth, constitute the conflict of interest code of the City of Atascadero.

Designated employees shall file their statements with the City of Atascadero who will make the statements available for public inspection and reproduction (Gov. Code Section 81008). Statements for all designated employees will be retained by the City of Atascadero.
**DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES AND DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES**

The following positions entail the making or participation in the making of decisions which foreseebly may have a material effect on financial interests:

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<th>Designated Position</th>
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<td>Technology Director</td>
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<td>Deputy Executive Director of Redevelopment Agency</td>
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<td>Public Works Director / City Engineer</td>
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<td>Members of all permanent City Commissions, Boards and Committees not otherwise required to file Conflict of Interest Statements</td>
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1 In the event that State law or regulations regarding the filing of Conflict of Interest Statements should be amended, this Exhibit shall be changed to include the designated position and category of each official as required by said amendment.

2 Consultants shall be included in the list of designated employees and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the code subject to the following limitations. The City Manager may determine in writing that a particular consultant, although a "designated position", is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to fully comply with the disclosure requirement described in this Section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant's duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The City Manager's determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection by the City Clerk in the same manner and location as this Conflict of Interest Code.
3. Exempt Officials include the Mayor, Members of the City Council, City Treasurer, Members of the Planning Commission, City Manager, and City Attorney, who are all otherwise required to file disclosure statements pursuant to State Law.

CATEGORIES OF REPORTABLE ECONOMIC INTERESTS

Designated Persons in Category "1" Must Report:

All investments, interests in real property, income, and any business entity in which the person is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or holds any position of management. These financial interests are reportable only if located within and subject to the jurisdiction of the City, or if the business entity is doing business or planning to do business in an area subject to the jurisdiction of the City, or has done business within an area subject to the jurisdiction of the City at any time during the two years prior to the filing of the statement.

Designated Persons in Category "2" Must Report:

(1) All investments in real property located within or subject to the jurisdiction of the City.

(2) Investments in any business entity which within the last two years has contracted or in the future foreseeably may contract with the City.

(3) Income from any source which within the last two years has contracted or in the future foreseeably may contract with the City.

(4) His or her status as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or holder of a position of management in any business entity which within the last two years has contracted or in the future foreseeably may contract with the City.

82030. INCOME.

(A) "Income" means (except as provided in subdivision B):

A payment received, including but not limited to any salary, wage, advance, dividend, interest, rent, proceeds from any sale, gift, including any gift of food or beverage, loan, forgiveness or payment of indebtedness received by the flier, reimbursement for expenses, per diem, or contribution to an insurance or pension program paid by any person other than an employer, and including any community property interest in the income of a spouse. Income also includes an outstanding loan. Income of an individual also includes a pro rata share of any income of any business entity or trust in which the individual or spouse owns, directly, indirectly or beneficially, a 10 percent interest or greater. "Income," other than a gift, does not include income received from any source outside the jurisdiction and not doing business within the jurisdiction, not planning to do business within the having done
business within the jurisdiction during the two years prior to the time any statement or other action is required under this title.

(B) "Income" does not include:

1. Campaign contributions required to be reported under Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 84100).

2. Salary and reimbursement for expenses or per diem received from a state, local, or federal government agency and reimbursement for travel expenses and per diem received from a bona fide educational, academic, or charitable organization.

3. Any devise or inheritance.

4. Interest, dividends, or premiums on a time or demand deposit in a financial institution, shares in a credit union or any insurance policy, payments received under any insurance policy, or any bond or other debt instrument issued by any government or government agency.

5. Dividends, interest, or any other return on a security which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission of the United States Government or a commodity future registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission of the United States Government, except proceeds from the sale of these securities and commodities futures.

6. Redemption of a mutual fund.

7. Alimony or child support payments.

8. Any loan or loans from a commercial lending institution which are made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to official status if:
   
   a. Used to purchase, refinance the purchase of, or for improvements to, the principal residence of flier; or
   
   b. The balance owed does not exceed ten thousand dollars ($10,000).

9. Any loan from an individual's spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, parent-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephew, niece, uncle, aunt, or first cousin, or the spouse of any such person, provided that a loan from any such person shall be considered income if the lender is acting as an agent or intermediary for any person not covered by this paragraph.

10. Any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction if made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to official status, so long as the balance owed to the creditor does not exceed ten thousand dollars ($10,000).
(11) Payments received under a defined benefit pension plan qualified under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a).

(12) Proceeds from the sale of securities registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission of the United States Government or from the sale of commodities futures registered with the Commodity Futures Trading commission of the United States Government if the flier sells the securities or the commodities futures on a stock or commodities exchange and does not know or have reason to know the identity of the purchaser.